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That Famous Equation and You
By Brian Greene

During the summer of 1905, while fulfilling his duties in the patent office in Bern, Switzerland, Albert Einstein was fiddling with a tantalizing outcome of the special theory of relativity he'd published in June. His new insight, at once simple and startling, led him to wonder whether "the Lord might be laughing... and leading me around by the nose."

But by September, confident in the result, Einstein wrote a three-page supplement to the June paper, publishing perhaps the most profound afterthought in the history of science. A hundred years ago this month, the final equation of his short article gave the world $E = 3D mc=B2$.

In the century since, $E = 3D mc=B2$ has become the most recognized icon of the modern scientific era. Yet for all its symbolic worth, the equation's intimate presence in everyday life goes largely unnoticed. There is nothing you can do, not a move you can make, not a thought you can have, that doesn't tap directly into $E = 3D mc=B2$. Einstein's equation is constantly at work, providing an unseen hand that shapes the world into its familiar form. It's an equation that tells of matter, energy and a remarkable bridge between them.

Before $E = 3D mc=B2$, scientists described matter using two distinct attributes: how much the matter weighed (its mass) and how much change the matter could exert on its environment (its energy). A 19th century physicist would say that a baseball resting on the ground has the same mass as a baseball speeding along at 100 miles per hour. The key difference between the two balls, the physicist would emphasize, is that the fast-moving baseball has more energy: if sent ricocheting through a china shop, for example, it would surely break more dishes than the ball at rest. And once the moving ball has done its damage and stopped, the 19th-century physicist would say that it has exhausted its capacity for exerting change and hence contains no energy.

After $E = 3D mc=B2$, scientists realized that this reasoning, however sensible it once seemed, was deeply flawed. Mass and energy are not distinct. They are the same basic stuff packaged in forms that make them appear different. Just as solid ice can melt into liquid water, Einstein showed, mass is a frozen form of energy that can be converted into the more familiar energy of motion. The amount of energy (E) produced by the conversion is given by his formula: multiply the amount of mass converted (m) by the speed of light squared ($c=B2$). Since the speed of light is a few hundred million meters per second (fast enough to travel around the earth seven times in a single second), $c=B2$, in these familiar units, is a huge number, about 100,000,000,000,000,000.

A little bit of mass can thus yield enormous energy. The destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was fueled by converting less than an ounce of matter into energy; the energy consumed by New York City in a month is less than that contained in the newspaper you're holding. Far from having no energy, the baseball that has come to rest on the china shop's floor contains enough energy to keep an average car running continuously at 65 m.p.h. for about 5,000 years.

Before 1905, the common view of energy and matter thus resembled a man carrying around his money in a box of solid gold. After the man spends his last dollar, he thinks he's broke. But then someone alerts him to his miscalculation; a substantial part of his wealth is not what's in the box, but the box itself. Similarly, until Einstein's insight, everyone was aware that matter, by virtue of its motion or position, could possess energy. What everyone missed is the enormous energetic wealth contained in mass itself.

The standard illustrations of Einstein's equation - bombs and power stations - have perpetuated a belief that $E = mc^2$ has a special association with nuclear reactions and is thus removed from ordinary activity.

This isn't true. When you drive your car, $E = mc^2$ is at work. As the engine burns gasoline to produce energy in the form of motion, it does so by converting some of the gasoline's mass into energy, in accord with Einstein's formula. When you use your MP3 player, $E = mc^2$ is at work. As the player drains the battery to produce energy in the form of sound waves, it does so by converting some of the battery's mass into energy, as dictated by Einstein's formula. As you read this text, $E = mc^2$ is at work. The processes in the eye and brain, underlying perception and thought, rely on chemical reactions that interchange mass and energy, once again in accord with Einstein's formula.

The point is that although $E = mc^2$ expresses the interchangeability of mass and energy, it doesn't single out any particular reaction for executing the conversion. The distinguishing feature of nuclear reactions, compared with the chemical reactions involved in burning gasoline or running a battery, is that they generate less waste and thus produce more energy - by a factor of roughly a million. And when it comes to energy, a factor of a million justifiably commands attention. But don't let the spectacle of $E = mc^2$ in nuclear reactions inure you to its calmer but thoroughly pervasive incarnations in everyday life.

That's the content of Einstein's discovery. Why is it true?

Einstein's derivation of $E = mc^2$ was wholly mathematical. I know his derivation, as does just about anyone who has taken a course in modern physics. Nevertheless, I consider my understanding of a result incomplete if I rely solely on the math. Instead, I've found that thorough understanding requires a mental image - an analogy or a story - that may sacrifice some precision but captures the essence of the result.

Here's a story for $E = mc^2$. Two equally strong and skilled joustiers, riding identical horses and gripping identical (blunt) lances, head toward each other at an identical speed. As they pass, each thrusts his lance across his breastplate toward his opponent, slamming blunt end into blunt end. Because they're equally matched, neither lance pushes farther than the other, and so the referee calls it a draw.

This story contains the essence of Einstein's discovery. Let me explain.

Einstein's first relativity paper, the one in June 1905, shattered the idea that time elapses identically for everyone. Instead, Einstein showed that if from your perspective someone is moving, you will see time elapsing slower for him than it does for you. Everything he does - sipping his coffee, turning his head, blinking his eyes - will appear in slow motion.

This is hard to grasp because at everyday speeds the slowing is less than one part in a trillion and is thus imperceptibly small. Even so, using extraordinarily precise atomic clocks,

scientists have repeatedly confirmed that it happens just as Einstein predicted. If we lived in a world where things routinely traveled near the speed of light, the slowing of time would be obvious.

Let's see what the slowing of time means for the joust. To do so, think about the story not from the perspective of the referee, but instead imagine you are one of the jousters. From your perspective, it is your opponent - getting ever closer - who is moving. Imagine that he is approaching at nearly the speed of light so the slowing of all his movements - readying his joust, tightening his face - is obvious. When he shoves his lance toward you in slow motion, you naturally think he's no match for your swifter thrust; you expect to win. Yet we already know the outcome. The referee calls it a draw and no matter how strange relativity is, it can't change a draw into a win.

After the match, you naturally wonder how your opponent's slowly thrust lance hit with the same force as your own. There's only one answer. The force with which something hits depends not only on its speed but also on its mass. That's why you don't fear getting hit by a fast-moving Ping-Pong ball (tiny mass) but you do fear getting hit by a fast-moving Mack truck (big mass). Thus, the only explanation for how the slowly thrust lance hit with the same force as your own is that it's more massive.

This is astonishing. The lances are identically constructed. Yet you conclude that one of them - the one that from your point of view is in motion, being carried toward you by your opponent on his galloping horse - is more massive than the other. That's the essence of Einstein's discovery. Energy of motion contributes to an object's mass.

AS with the slowing of time, this is unfamiliar because at everyday speeds the effect is imperceptibly tiny. But if, from your viewpoint, your opponent were to approach at 99.99999999 percent of the speed of light, his lance would be about 70,000 times more massive than yours. Luckily, his thrusting speed would be 70,000 times slower than yours, and so the resulting force would equal your own.

Once Einstein realized that mass and energy were convertible, getting the exact formula relating them - $E = mc^2$ - was a fairly basic exercise, requiring nothing more than high school algebra. His genius was not in the math; it was in his ability to see beyond centuries of misunderstanding and recognize that there was a connection between mass and energy at all.

A little known fact about Einstein's September 1905 paper is that he didn't actually write $E = mc^2$; he wrote the mathematically equivalent (though less euphonious) $m = E/c^2$, placing greater emphasis on creating mass from energy (as in the joust) than on creating energy from mass (as in nuclear weapons and power stations).

Over the last couple of decades, this less familiar reading of Einstein's equation has helped physicists explain why everything ever encountered has the mass that it does. Experiments have shown that the subatomic particles making up matter have almost no mass of their own. But because of their motions and interactions inside of atoms, these particles contain substantial energy - and it's this energy that gives matter its heft. Take away Einstein's equation, and matter loses its mass. You can't get much more pervasive than that.

Its singular fame notwithstanding, $E = mc^2$ fits into the pattern of work and discovery that Einstein pursued with relentless passion throughout his entire life. Einstein believed that deep truths about the workings of the universe would always be "as simple as possible, but no simpler." And in his view, simplicity was epitomized by unifying concepts - like matter and energy - previously deemed separate. In 1916, Einstein simplified our understanding even further by combining gravity with space, time, matter and energy in his General Theory of Relativity. For my money, this is the most beautiful scientific synthesis ever achieved.

With these successes, Einstein's belief in unification grew ever stronger. But the sword of his success was double-edged. It allowed him to dream of a single theory encompassing all of nature's laws, but led him to expect that the methods that had

worked so well for him in the past would continue to work for him in the future.

It wasn't to be. For the better part of his last 30 years, Einstein pursued the "unified theory," but it stubbornly remained beyond his grasp. As the years passed, he became increasingly isolated; mainstream physics was concerned with prying apart the atom and paid little attention to Einstein's grandiose quest. In a 1942 letter, Einstein described himself as having become a "a lonely old man who is displayed now and then as a curiosity because he doesn't wear socks."

Today, Einstein's quest for unification is no curiosity - it is the driving force for many physicists of my generation. No one knows how close we've gotten. Maybe the unified theory will elude us just as it dodged Einstein last century. Or maybe the new approaches being developed by contemporary physics will finally prevail, giving us the ultimate explanation of the cosmos. Without a unified theory it's hard to imagine we will ever resolve the deepest of all mysteries - how the universe began- so the stakes are high and the motivation strong.

But even if our science proves unable to determine the origin of the universe, recent progress has already established beyond any doubt that a fraction of a second after creation (however that happened), the universe was filled with tremendous energy in the form of wildly moving exotic particles and radiation. Within a few minutes, this energy employed $E = 3D mc=B2$ to transform itself into more familiar matter - the simplest atoms - which, in the course of about a billion years, clumped into planets and stars.

During the 13 billion years that have followed, stars have used $E = 3D mc=B2$ to transform their mass back into energy in the form of heat and light; about five billion years ago, our closest star - the sun - began to shine, and the heat and light generated was essential to the formation of life on our planet. If prevailing theory and observations are correct, the conversion of matter to energy throughout the cosmos, mediated by stars, black holes and various forms of radioactive decay, will continue unabated.

In the far, far future, essentially all matter will have returned to energy. But because of the enormous expansion of space, this energy will be spread so thinly that it will hardly ever convert back to even the lightest particles of matter. Instead, a faint mist of light will fall for eternity through an ever colder and quieter cosmos.

The guiding hand of Einstein's $E = 3D mc=B2$ will have finally come to rest.

Brian Greene, a professor of physics and mathematics at Columbia, is the author of *The Elegant Universe* and *The Fabric of the Cosmos*.

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Last Of The Mohican

From: Carl W Feindt <waterufo.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 10:33:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 09:01:04 -0400
Subject: Last Of The Mohican

Hello list members,

I ve got all the info I could gather on J.V.'s 1908 British steamer Mohican case. See:

<http://www.waterufo.net/item.php?id=30>

Think you'll find it interesting.

Best

Carl H2(UF)O

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Re: Memory Without Class - Lehmbler

From: Alfred Lehmbler <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 10:39:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 09:02:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Memory Without Class - Lehmbler

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 18:20:16 -0400
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>>From: Alfred Lehmbler <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Sep 2005 07:52:27 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Sep 2005 12:40:56 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

<snip>

>>>Thank you, Mr. Lehmbler, for your expose of the
>>>meanness/negativity of Herr Klasshe. Among the dastardly
>>>deeds he'd committed back in the eighties was his telephonic
>>>brow-beating of officials at the University of Nebraska's
>>>(Lincoln) adult-education center when he got word that a
>>>MUFON-related conference was to be held there. He berated
>>>the attenders as communistic/subversive, and implored the
>>>officials to cancel the conference. As true
>>>academic-freedom champions, the officials chose to defy his
>>>attack.

>>>Who knows how much other such underhandedness he managed to
>>>orchestrate against UFO researchers/witnesses? May he be
>>>reincarnated upon some other (barren) planet besides
>>>Earth.... -- O-ver and O-ut

>>Also this, which Doc Maccabee can verify or not:

>>>One time Klass tried to (indirectly) sic Bruce Maccabee's
>>>employer on him for (allegedly) using some office
>>>supplies/duty time to pursue his UFO research.<
>I don't recall any such thing. Klass certainly knew where I
>worked. I don't recall that he ever contacted my employer. Even
>if he did, it had no affect on my UFO activities or my job.
>There is no doubt that Klass attempted to interfere in the
>activities of Dr. James McDonald in the late 1960's.

Ah - Klass redeemed! Pity... but truth will out, eh?

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Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 15:42:32 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 09:05:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Hall

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 19:41:44 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 23:54:38 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 11:34:11 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Mon, 26 Sep 2005 21:59:13 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>><snip>

>>>Sleep paralysis may explain a few cases reported as abductions.
>>>That certainly should be studied and cases should be screened
>>>for it. When they are, it turns out that the sleep paralysis
>>>explanation used so sweepingly by the Clancy's of the world is
>>>rather inadequate for the great bulk of cases.

>I hope you are not making this sweeping claim simply because
>many abductees allege that they were awake when their abduction
>took place.

What sweeping claim am I making, John? Repeat, I am citing
data. That's D-A-T-A. The findings of research show it to be the
case. Dispute my data if you can, but don't simply posture by
suggesting that I am a naif.

- Dick

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Re: Pandora's Box - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 15:54:11 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 09:06:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Pandora's Box - Hall

>From: Rob Kritkauskay <robkrit.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 11:46:07 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box - Kritkauskay

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 15:49:24 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box

>>>From: Joe Faccenda uforth.nul
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Sep 2005 22:56:09 EDT
>>>Subject: Pandora's Box

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>>>Can we comprehend the enormity of the changes such a
>>>revelation would bring? are we ready to open the box?

>>>The futile attempts of ufologist over the years to extract
>>>this information shown a naivety on our part, as to what
>>>exactly our comprehension of Government is, and our own
>>>comprehension of what we are trying to achieve.

>>>Disclosure would trigger a chain event that would run right
>>>across the pillars, feeble as they are, of our society.

>>>Government collapse, world-wide financial collapse, and
>>>perhaps world-wide religious upheaval.

>>>Are we ready for just such an event?

>>To put it in a nutshell, life on this planet would be forever
>>changed in such a fundamental way that truly very few of us (and
>>I exclude myself) can really envisage what it might be like. In
>>fact, I'm not sure that there's anybody that really knows as I
>>have found the "After Contact" literature and writings on the
>>subject to be devoid of any true depth and errr imagination.

>Stuart/Joe:

>I don't think there is much debate as to whether such a
>revelation would cause a disruption, the difference of opinion
>rests in the extent of the disruption and ultimately its net
>effect on the current human paradigm. So when push comes to
>shove, we are really talking about a question of whether or not
>to introduce a change component to a system without being able
>to accurately predict the positive and negative effects that
>change will have on the system.

<snip>

On this theme I suggest that interested parties read a
compilation of articles which I edited for the Fund for UFO
Research titled "Extraterrestrial Contact: What Will It Mean for
Humanity?" (FUFOR, 2000)

Contributors include specialists or professors in the history of

science, religion, sociology, psychology, and folklore. - Dick

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 12:18:52 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 11:49:33 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Randle

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Sep 2005 20:15:47 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 25 Sep 2005 17:28:44 +0200
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 22 Sep 2005 23:46:05 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>How does the US government manage to have the same
>>>control over crashing UFOs when such incidents can
>>>happen, unpredictably, anywhere in the world, at any
>>>time? Why do ETH believers always manage to avoid
>>>giving a sensible answer to this obvious question?

>>The idea that it would be impossible to control all UFO crashes,
>>in any part of the world, is worth consideration. For me, after
>>thinking about it, it does not sound all that impossible. The
>>first reason is that, contrary to many rumors, alleged crashes
>>have been probably in very limited numbers (and, yes, there have
>>been many false rumors of crashes). The second reason is that
>>there is no piece of land in the whole world which escapes
>>military control, by one nation or another. And I don't see any
>>government and military establishment willing to release such
>>information. Any crash of an unknown craft will fall
>>automatically under military control. The third reason is that
>>there is not one country in this world with a totally free and
>>independent press. They will keep quiet if they are asked to. If
>>a mall paper or radio does not conform, it will soon be in
>>serious trouble. Remember the call to KGFL radio in Roswell.

>>So, it is quite plausible that a few authentic crashes were
>>successfully controlled, and the information suppressed, or at
>>least severely limited, and impaired by debunking operations.
>>Still, what we see is a certain amount of independent
>>informations and testimonies coming out about some alleged
>>crashes. This is the case for Roswell and, recently, for
>>Varginha in Brazil, in spite of obvious military cover-up. In
>>short, for a UFO crash to be impossible to cover-up, it would
>>have to happen right in the middle of a big city, I imagine. In
>>any other place, it could probably be done.

>>In the case of Roswell, some testimonies have become fragile and
>>had to be discarded. But who knows why for sure? There are
>>several possibilities, from simple liars to real witnesses being
>>influenced to alter their testimony, for instance.

>But you are assuming a lot here. You take it for granted that
>those countries where the crashes occurred would want to cover
>up the fact. You assume that the military in each of these
>countries would get there first, before anyone else, and demand
>silence on the part of the civilian population, the press and
>other media. This is simply going along with Stan Friedman and

>his nonsensical 'cosmic Watergate'. Why on earth should such a
>vital scientific discovery as this be covered up at all? Can
>you name any other discovery that would be covered up in this
>way (and for six decades at that)?

I think we all are assuming a lot here. We assume that UFOs are filling the skies, that each country in the world takes notice of them and that cases that involve more than simple eyewitness testimony are frequent. But what if these assumptions are untrue. That changes the nature of the conspiracy.

If we assume that the Roswell crash was of an extraterrestrial craft, and that the military, though good fortune was the first of the government agencies to arrive on the scene, then we can draw a couple of conclusions.

First, while their initial response was to announce the recovery, within hours, that story took a backseat to the balloon retrieval. Even though they could not control what the aliens did, they would assume they could control the spread of the information. More than once I have seen this in operation. It means quite simply that those leaders who have taken control do not worry about possible future events, but instead worry about what they have in their hands at that time. They will classify the material and hope for the best. If it is compromised in other arenas, then so be it, but if not, then they have retained control.

Second, we look at the lists of possible other crashes. Some of them top two hundred and I have contributed to this with my books. However, we must also scan those lists for hoaxes (Aztec, Paradise Valley and Kalahari Desert), misidentifications (Roswell, 1949; San Diego Meteor 1947), and single witness cases (Cape Girardeau, 1941; Argentina 1950). We then see very few of these events which means there is very little need for a worldwide conspiracy to hide the facts.

Third, what if there has been but a single crash? Yes, I know there are some other interesting cases (Ubatuba 1957; Kecksburg 1965) but there could be other explanations for them. If so, then we have but one event that needs protecting and the problem is significantly reduced. That means that other countries have not had to retrieve the remains of a UFO and therefore have no need for a cover up. (This also impacts on the tales of crash retrieval teams roaming the world to recover the remains of UFOs.)

Fourth, for nearly 50 years there was an iron curtain that protected everything on the other side of it. UFO information from that side was difficult to get and today we know that they had actively hidden the data, just as the US has. NATO would have been an effective means of hiding information on our side. In other words, there really doesn't have to be a worldwide conspiracy, just the secrecy that grew out of the cold war that made it easy to hide secrets.

Fifth, although much of the rest of the world has had good UFO sightings, they have been given nothing concrete to prove the case. Given that they had eyewitness testimony, photographs that have not withstood the assault of skeptics and little if any other type of evidence, there isn't much they can do. Sometimes they announced their belief in UFOs, but it always falls back on the lack of multiple chains of evidence that would demonstrate the reality to all but the most skeptical.

Given all that, there really doesn't have to be a worldwide conspiracy to suppress the UFO information? just a lack of the elements needed to prove the case to all but the most hardened. Not a conspiracy, just a lack of proof so that even when the leader of a country makes a comment about UFOs, it boils down to the same problem. There is no absolutely convincing evidence.

Finally, it can be argued that the secret hasn't been kept because we are debating it. Yes, the best elements are hidden, if we accept the idea that Roswell was extraterrestrial, but we do have some solid eyewitness testimony, we do have limited documentation, and we do have some circumstantial evidence. What we lack, obviously, is the hard physical evidence that would underscore the importance of the rest of the evidence.

>Since we can take it that the US could not and would not manage

>to despatch their forces to every nation on earth in the event
>of a UFO crash, you now try to persuade us that these countries
>could, or would, do it themselves, and silence everyone in the
>process.

>I repeat my point that any nation would regard it as a great
>opportunity to be the first to announce the arrival of
>extraterrestrial beings on earth. Think of the tremendous boost
>to national prestige. But no, the conspiracists still insist
>that every nation would try to conceal the fact.

I'm not sure that any nation would want to announce the arrival
of the extraterrestrials, especially if it might compromise their
security, and I'm not sure that we need every nation to conceal
the facts for this control to work. Maybe it is as simple as the
number of visits and the lack of physical evidence.

>This is simply conspiracy theory gone mad.

I have to throw in with you on that. The world wide conspiracy
does not make good sense. The lack of proof positive and a low
number of true visits might simply accomplish the same thing.

KRandle

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>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
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>Date: Tue, 27 Sep 2005 12:25:24 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

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>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 25 Sep 2005 06:45:51 -0500
>>>Subject: Memory Without Klass

>>>Ref: SDI #361...

>>>Memory Without Klass

>>>In the early 1980s, Stanton Friedman decided to immigrate to
>>>Canada from the US. Forgetting how prescient he may have been,
>>>I've heard Mr. Friedman say he did it primarily to take
>>>advantage of the superior health system.

>>>Philip Klass got wind of it, somehow, and took it upon himself
>>>to write the Canadian National Research Council a confidential
>>>letter - don't say it was ME, Oh Canada - to warn them about
>>>the undesirable element they were getting ready to allow into
>>>their country. In effect, Klass was trying to poison Mr.
>>>Friedman's Canadian well before he got there, restrict Mr.
>>>Friedman's movements, and egregiously intrude on Mr. Friedman's
>>>civil rights. The scurrilous and unrepentant bastard!

>>>In this just discovered letter, by Richard Dolan, Klass warned
>>>Canada with regard an "insidious threat" it faced to the
>>>security and stability of their country were they to allow
>>>Stanton Freidman, a "clutching, octopus-like snake oil salesman
>>>and uber-charlatan... a destabilizing UFO believer" (!) ... to
>>>immigrate.

>>How has this letter just surfaced, and exactly how did Richard
>>Dolan get hold of it? I must say I find it very hard to believe
>>any such letter was ever written.

>>One question: What does Stan Friedman say about it?

>>It will not surprise me in the least if fake letters and other
>>documents implicating Klass in all sorts of underhand tactics
>>suddenly appear, now that he is dead. In fact it is entirely
>>predictable. Look at Menzel & MJ-12.

>Hi Christopher!

>Richard Dolan mentioned about this letter from Philip Klass in
>his presentation at Sunday's 'Exopolitics Toronto' conference at
>the University of Toronto where Stanton Friedman, one of the
>conference speakers, was present in the audience.

>Speaking with Dolan just before his talk, I can confirm that he
>found Klass' letter to NRC's Dr. Al McNamara was found at the
>National Archives in Ottawa during Dolan's visit there this
>summer. McNamara was the scientist responsible for the "UFO
>files" after Project Magnet, one of Canada's official and
>unclassified studies on UFOs, came to an end. Project Magnet was
>headed by McNamara's colleague, the late Dr. Peter Millman, who
>was also with NRC.

>I suspect that other Canadian researchers such as Grant Cameron,
>Chris Rutkowski, Palmiro Campagna and others (including myself)
>had seen this letter from Klass but I was surprised that
>Friedman and other researchers seemed unaware of it. This was
>not the only time that scientists, archivists, etc. had been
>"warned" in writing about certain curious UFO researchers in
>search of the truth by individuals or agencies.

Good Morning, All

This is too funny for words. Of course this is not the only time that others have been warned, in writing, about UFO researchers. Why, I have a letter from Stan Friedman, to my publisher, warning them about "factual mistakes, flights of fancy, lifting of my research much of which is unpublished." He wrote to Jim Moseley and said, "I wrote his publisher seeking assurance that my considerable research about crashed saucers would not be used without credit. I had good reason for the concern."

Dick Hall didn't like all the sniping (on both sides of the issue) and investigated the matter. The results were published in the May/ June 1993 issue of IUR. Dick wrote, "Randle alleged that Friedman and others [namely Bill Moore and Jaime Shandera] apparently acting in concert, had attempted to interfere with the publication of the book UFO Crash at Roswell by contacting the publisher, Avon Books, making charges of plagiarism and generally impugning Randle's character and integrity. I asked Randle for documentation, which he provided. I asked Friedman for an explanation, and he never replied."

Lest you believe this is just another snit between Friedman and me, I quote from a letter dated July 25, 1989 in which an attorney for Robert Hastings wrote to Friedman about Friedman's attacks on Hastings. The attorney wrote, "Ms. Kumer [the Director of Student Support Services of Central Florida Community College] unequivocally reports that you [Friedman] had previously informed her that Robert Hastings did not know what he was talking about, that he did not have the 'real facts' and that 'he was just another fraud.'"

Jim Moseley reports that while he was making the rounds of college lectures, Friedman would often call and try to get them to cancel his appearance and hire Friedman. When I had a presentation scheduled in Cincinnati, he called the hosts and asked why they had hired me and not him.

And, of course, there is his allegation in the MUFON JOURNAL in which he accuses Don Schmitt and me of being government agents. Jerry Clark wrote of this in July 1991, saying, "You suggest that both Randle and Schmitt are government agents 'desperately trying to attract attention away from the Plains [of San Agustin] where one of the aliens was alive.'" True, in the next paragraph you provisionally (as in 'I think') withdraw this outrageous charge, but only after raising it, distributing it, and planting the idea!"

So, we have Stan attacking UFO researchers, writing to their publishers, calling those who have booked them to speak and attempting to replace them on programs, and suggesting that they might be government agents.

This allegation, by the way, that I'm a government agent, has been hurled at me by others. Don Schmitt, while we still worked together told people on at least two occasions that he believed me to be a government agent planted on him. This strikes me as very funny. He invited me into the investigation, then, in an attempt to discredit me, tells others that I'm a government agent - this while he was claiming to be my friend.

So, if Phil Klass wrote the letter, and I have no real reason to suspect he didn't, he is in good company. Bill Moore and Jaime Shandera spent a great deal of time and effort trying to

undermine me. Stan joined right in. And, to my surprise, so did Don Schmitt. Is it any wonder that we have trouble with our credibility in the real world?

KRandle

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Skeptic Questions Famed UFO Enthusiast
By Aaron Sakulich

Aaron Sakulich: ... also, this is the first interview that I've done. I think that people are getting tired of just reading, well, this is the thing that happened, I can't explain it, here are the options, decide for yourself. So I figured I would try to start to get more interviews, things like that...

David Jacobs: Well, did you come with a prepared set of questions and I'll answer...

Aaron Sakulich: Well, I did. There's a handful of them, they're kind of out of order, not in any particular order, but, also, I'm sure when I ask one it will raise a question in your response. So the way that the interview is going to work... this is a terrible printer... but the way that the... that I guess the article will work is I'll probably be able to get a full page for it from the design people, because I've done it for so long, but it'll start with "last... " what is this... "last Thursday I sat down with, you know... "who wrote one of the first UFO related doctoral theses or, uh... doctoral theses is I guess how you would say it...

David Jacobs: Dissertations?

Aaron Sakulich: Yes, dissertations, that's the word I was thinking of. You also teach one of the only regularly scheduled courses on... uh...

David Jacobs: The only regularly scheduled course on the subject in the United States, most likely in the world.

Aaron Sakulich: Right. So the beginning will just be a general introduction. If you have a particular picture you'd want to use, I'll give you my email address, just send it along.

David Jacobs: Uh... okay. Well, I'm associate professor of history at Temple, I've been here since 1975, I specialize in 20th century US history, primarily culture and popular culture. I also of course have done most of my research in things strange, mainly UFOs and UFO abductions. I've published 4 books on the subject, UFOs and abductions, and God knows how many articles. I am continuing my work, I do hypnotic regressions of abductees, in my spare time and I continue to write on the subject and continue to do research.

Aaron Sakulich: Sounds good. So, for your work, when you do these, these hypnotic regressions, interviews, things like that,

I assume that the people find you somehow?

David Jacobs: I do not solicit. I try to maintain the standards of, or the ethics of the therapeutic community. So I do not solicit, and I do not advertise, and I do something very different than the therapeutic community - I do not charge for anything I do, which puts me in a very, very outside of that...

[Both talking at once. I seem to recall that I said "an abnormality" and Dr. Jacobs laughed]

... but yes, they do find me, in a lot of different ways. I'm of course, they seen me on television quite a bit, or word of mouth, or articles that I write, whatever, they know who I am. So I get solicitations, I get requests for hypnosis, virtually every day. From around the country, and of course I can only take people that live within... in a radius of around a hundred miles. Because, when a person wants to find out about their abduction experiences, and I take them on, we might have anywhere from one to twenty, or thirty or forty sessions together over a period of years, even. Until they want to stop. So in other words I go on for as long as they want to, not for as long as I want to. Of course the longer you go, the more you know about them, about what's going on with them, the more about the subject. My responsibility is to try to get their lives straightened out, try to make them aware of what's going on so that they don't have to fantasize about any number of things that are happening to them, so that they can get a grip on it, they can try to have emotional control over the situation, although I can't give them physical control, I can't keep this phenomenon from happening. Eventually they achieve that, and they go on to live a life free from obsessing about the subject, although not free from the subject certainly.

What people don't understand is that the abduction phenomenon begins in infancy, with great frequency, all the way through a person's life until they reach old age. We think it stops at somewhere, sometime but we're not exactly sure about the time that it stops. We do know it happens over and over and over and over and over again, so anytime anybody writes you and says 'I was abducted once in 1979', what they're saying is, 'I was abducted in 1979 and I remember part of that. All the other times that I've been abducted, I don't remember at all.' Is what...

Aaron Sakulich: [garbled sound]

David Jacobs: ... is what they usually say. And that these are chosen, only because their mother or their father was an abductee. There's no particular aspect of a persons' DNA we think that would cause them to be abducted other than the DNA that was given to them from their mother or their father, who was an abductee. There's nothing overtly different about these people, it is a global phenomenon. It is not, this is extremely important to understand, not strictly an American phenomenon. It spans the world, it spans cultures, it spans every conceivable kind of line you could put up. Educational, intellectual, geographic, political, economic, social, cultural, every line, religious, ethnic, racial, whatever it is, it cuts across these lines. And it is extremely widespread. So we're dealing with a very large phenomenon with a lot of people, people who are from... people who have never quite been able to get it together, people who have never held a job, who have dropped out of elementary school, to people who have PhDs and are in very high functioning positions throughout society, or other professional degrees. They all say the same thing, it doesn't matter who they are, they all say the same thing. And they say it in tremendous detail. It's not like 'I was abducted, and I really liked them, and they really liked me, and they put me back and I forgot about it.' There's a series of procedures that are administered to them, physical, mental and reproductive, there's a lot of other things that happen as well. This all happens in fairly narrow confines. If this were psychological, there wouldn't be these confines, and they are so precise and detailed that we know the function of instruments, we know what procedures lead to other procedures, we know that if they're having procedure labeled let's just say A through Z, if they're having procedure D, that procedure E will follow thereafter, whether they know it or not. Now, the problem here, of course, is that, you're dealing with human memory recovered through hypnosis...

Aaron Sakulich: Right...

David Jacobs: ... administered by amateurs.

Aaron Sakulich: I think that I have that exact quote right here... "human memories recovered through hypnosis administered by amateurs. It is difficult to imagine a weaker form of evidence." (from a webpage Dr. Jacobs wrote for the International Committee on Abduction Research.)

David Jacobs: And it is hard to imagine a weaker form of evidence, it's really at the bottom of the pile. Problem is that, we have such an enormous pile of it, and we have more than that. There is a physicality involved here, people are physically missing from their normal environments. There are no cases, there are no serious cases, of investigated abductions where a person is not missing. The Australians like to bring forward a case that happened 15 years ago, or longer, the Marine Putty case, where she said she was being abducted, and she was sitting in a car with a researcher, and the researcher had his eyes on her, and she wasn't abducted, therefore, they have said, well, you see, abductions happen when the person is really there. Well, Marine Putty obviously isn't an abductee. Because we have thousands, that's not hyperbole, of other cases, where people are... that [Marine Putty] was the exception that proves the rule, in a sense, where people are...

Aaron Sakulich: It's the black swan, the one that proves that...

David Jacobs: It proves that Marine Putty was not an abductee is what it proves. And that people have strange minds, and there's a lot of strange people out there. And people who are delusional, who think they are being abducted, who are not. I've had people who talked to me that were schizophrenic that think they're being abducted and are not. It's rare, believe me, that is rare. Most people don't know what's going on. Most people know that they have lived a life where strange events have happened. When I think of myself, my family, other people I know who are not abductees, basically, strange things do not happen. They don't have periods of an hour or two hours or three hours of missing time, where they don't know where they were during that time and no one else saw them during that time. They have that only if they've had a stroke, or a TIA, or there's a brain malfunction, and that's going to show up in an MRI generally speaking, not always, but often, if it's happening to them for that long. There's going to be a problem. There's going to be a medically obvious reason, a tumor, something is going to be wrong, neurologically. Now, this happens over and over again, and I've had people that have gone to neurologists, and they've had MRIs, and they've had neurological workups, and everything is fine. And everything is fine in every other aspect of their lives, except that they have these missing time experiences, they are traveling in a car, they pull the car over to the side of the road, there's a UFO waiting for them, they don't remember anything after that. Or they're 'traveling on the Astral Plane', they go out and they're traveling somewhere and they can see everything, including how dirty their gutters are, on the roof of their house. Which would be an odd thing to remember when you're on the Astral Plane, you know what I mean?

Aaron Sakulich: I'd be "hey, look at me, I'm on the Astral Plane! Woo!"

David Jacobs: Right, stuff like that, you wouldn't pay attention to a clogged gutter. [laughs] That's an actual case. And people tend to see deceased relatives who come back to say goodbye to them, even though the deceased relative died ten years ago and they can't imagine why they're coming back to say goodbye now. Or tell them everything is okay, or they see religious figures, angels, devils, you know, this sort of thing, and they have all of these sort of things, and yet they're perfectly normal. They're concerned about, what is this, what is going on, what is happening with me, and often times they sort of go to New Age organizations, they go to some therapists, they go to their ministers, they get diagnoses of what it is, their minister says 'it's demonic possession', therapists will say "well, it's sexual abuse in childhood, or it's temporal lobe instability, there's a million of these explanations for it. The latest one now is sleep paralysis. It's sort of the explanation du jour, that's going around, which of course totally ignores about maybe half, if not maybe 60% of all the abductions we have that take

place during the day, when the person isn't asleep, is driving or whatever it is. As my colleague Budd Hopkins likes to point out, the first 20 years of our knowledge of the abduction phenomenon and all the explanations that came forward, we didn't have a single case of an abduction that took place when the person was sleeping. Now it's all the rage, books are coming out about it, in Harvard University in print, or, it's false memory syndrome. The amount of explanations for this is so long it's literally staggering. Your jaw flies open when you hear all the explanations for this. And there can only be one explanation for this, the correct explanation, because it's so complicated and so precise, that only one thing will cause this kind of precision. That means that all the explanations for it, that 'this is not happening', all the explanations for this except for one will be wrong. But debunkers never, ever question other arguments, they never debate among themselves, it's a very bizarre group of people who dedicate their lives to trying to disprove this, it's a strange group, it's a far stranger group than abductees are, who come from everywhere and everything, who are university professors, I'll have you know, and physicians, and psychiatrists and psychologists themselves, and attorneys, and elementary school teachers, and...

Aaron Sakulich: I got an email from an elementary school teacher one time, "oh no, you're wrong I know that they're there, because they abducted me." I guess it was right after her husband died, and I couldn't tell if there really had been something, or if she was really upset about her husband dying, or if...

David Jacobs: That's possible, you can't rule that out.

Aaron Sakulich: And I have no background in psychology, so it's my best guess, but...

David Jacobs: Right. And that's typical of what people say, but you really can't tell, every one has to be investigated. There's a questionnaire on my website, and they fill it out and they expect me to give them a diagnosis as to whether they're an abductee or not.

Aaron Sakulich: Well you answered yes to 18 questions, therefore...

David Jacobs: Yeah, the way I look at it is, sometimes it's a sledgehammer between the eyes, obviously, this person is an abductee. You see how he's answering the questions, so you say it, but ethically you can't. You can't say anything. All you can say is that we can't really tell what has happened to you until it has been competently investigated by a person who knows both the abduction phenomenon and the problems of hypnosis, and then you can tell, and that's the best I can do. So the fact is that you don't know what happened to that woman, she might be an abductee, but remember that if she is this has happened over the course of her life. It wasn't just that one time, that you know is going to be wrong.

Aaron Sakulich: When you talk about the problem of hypnosis, which you just mentioned, I remember during your lecture at the free library, you had a picture of an alien wearing like a sweatshirt, or a hood or something like that, and you said that was an example of confabulation. I assume you're alluding to that when you say things like "hypnosis performed by amateurs". Do you believe that, obviously you do or you wouldn't be doing it, that the good parts of hypnosis outweigh the risks, as long as you're sure of it, and what are those risks?

David Jacobs: Let me just say that everybody in hypnosis, in abduction hypnosis, is an amateur. There are no professionals. My colleague Budd Hopkins and I are as close to professionals as you can get, and we're not professionals. We have trained hypnotists and psychologists and psychiatrists how to do hypnosis for abduction, because everybody can do hypnosis. You can do hypnosis. It takes place in the person you are hypnotizing' mind. If they want to be hypnotized, they will, and what you say can be skilled, can be unskilled, but whatever it is, you can still hypnotize. If they want to be.

Aaron Sakulich: Right. Is it like they show on TV, with the laying down, and the calm soothing voice, and the pocket watch going back and forth?

David Jacobs: No, that they don't do. But it's usually just relaxation techniques. But the fact is that, people tend to say things that are not true in hypnosis, all the time. And you've got to be very careful. It took me a long time... it didn't take me a long time to learn that, it took me a long time to separate out the wheat from the chaff. There are ways to do that. A competent hypnotist will do things like ask purposefully misleading questions that sound right, but aren't, things that we've never seen in the abduction phenomenon. And ask that question in a leading way, to see if they...

Aaron Sakulich: "Oh, so there's a gorilla standing in the corner of the room, what's he doing?"

David Jacobs: Or say something like, well, you know, people have reported that there's always an alien dressed as a gorilla that stands in the middle of the room, in every abduction we see that gorilla. What's he doing?

Aaron Sakulich: And if the guy says, no, there's no gorilla there, that lends credence to what he is saying?

David Jacobs: Yeah, exactly, if they're suggestive. And if they say, yes, that gorilla is there, everything that they say afterwards, you have to be either disbelief or you have to be super careful with. Because they just said yes to something that was not true. 99.9% of the time, they say no, I don't see any guy in a gorilla suit. Then you ask things like, as you're laying on the table and you look up, can you see where the ceiling meets the walls, at the corner, something like that. And they'll say, no, it's curved, there's no corner. That's a direct misleading question, and I am doing it for a reason. There's a lot of them. There's a million of them that we can ask. If they say something I've never heard before, I put it on the back burner and wait for confirmation.

Aaron Sakulich: And if more and more of them start showing up, you can...

David Jacobs: That are unaware of that testimony. Then there's this whole world of... we've built up a sort of a story, a database, an outline of what happens during an abduction, and dose it fit this outline that's been put together with hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of... it's like the MMPI, the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, what you do is see how people with a certain problem and illness answer these questions. Then you have normal people answer these questions and see how they stack up against it. With this phenomenon, it's similar to that, we've tried to see if fits or not, and if it doesn't, put it on the back burner and wait for more reports. There are a lot of things that over the years, and I've been doing this for over 20 years, 19 years, whatever, that did not fit in at all in the beginning. As the years went on, I realized that I was wrong.

Aaron Sakulich: Do you have any specific examples? Things that somebody said that you went, well that can't be right and then more and more people said it.

David Jacobs: Right. Well, for example, almost everything. I started out doing this research just based on the research that Budd Hopkins had done with a researcher in New York, he is a pioneer, one of the great researchers. I'd read some other books, but my knowledge of the subject as I look back on it, I started research into UFOs in the 1960s, about 1965, but I didn't start doing research into abductions until the early 1980s, and I didn't start doing my own hypnosis until 1986. But, our knowledge of it in 1986 was rudimentary to say the least. Our sense was that people are abducted, they are given physical examinations, and they are released. That there's some sort of a study going on here, it's an experiment, they're learning about us, that whole model didn't hold up. Yes, they were giving physical examinations, but for very different reasons. We didn't know anything about this subject other than that people are getting abducted, they're getting their clothes removed, put on a table, and then things are happening to them. Other than that, we just didn't know at all. My colleague Budd Hopkins in the early 1980s discovered the reproductive aspect of it, although it had been there before, but we never confirmed it, we didn't really know it. He discovered that people were shown odd looking babies from time to time, that looked like crosses between

humans and aliens. So when I began to look at this, I decided to start fresh, and start from zero, all bets were off, I didn't know what was true and wasn't true. I couldn't figure out what the hell was happening. I figured I'd just go slowly to one, and then to two, and let's just see what happens in an abduction event from the time that a person is aware it is happening to them until it is not happening to them. And when I began to do that, began to realize that people say things that are not true, which was a great gift given to me by the very first person that I worked with, who in their very first session told me things that turned out not to be true, that I discovered only through a fluke. The gods were with me, because my tape recorder did not work properly, and I had not understood that what she whispered in this session would not be picked up by the tape recorder, and so after several months of working with her, we re-did the first session and it came out very different than what I'd originally heard, and I was shocked to my very core. Because at that moment, at that instant, I realized that I did not have the slightest idea what I was doing. I had believed her when she told me things that were wrong. It's not because she was lying, she thought they were true, but they weren't. At that point I realized right away that I had to go back to the starting board and develop a set of controls like we already talked about. Most people don't know that, they take everything...

Aaron Sakulich: They assume that you take everything you're told you go "eh, that's got to be right."

David Jacobs: And that's a fatal error, and it leads to all sorts of things, religious things, all sorts of things, so I was far more careful than I had ever been, than I should have been, that I figured I'd err on the side of conservatism than on the side of acceptance. I probably should have used the word skepticism rather than the word conservatism. So over the years, I began to build up this information that matched and matched and matched until a general sort of picture emerged, and I understood that this phenomenon was falling into a sort of pattern that we hadn't yet realized, and that the more I delved into it, the more the whole concept of this being a study, or a learning situation, or an experiment, was not holding although even then in those days, the late 1980s early 1990s, I couldn't even talk about it without saying "they're experimenting on us." It was so ingrained in me and in my colleagues that it turned out not to be true. It was wrong. It was evidence-free.

Aaron Sakulich: Evidence free. I remember that phrase from your lecture at the free library.

David Jacobs: Oh, it's a great phrase to use, because it sums it up perfectly. I continued on and developed more and more information, and I realized that everything that was happening in this phenomenon was logical, rational, was pointed to a reason. It wasn't something that was so strange and so alien we could not understand it. It wasn't something that was beyond our mental abilities because it was so advanced we couldn't understand it. I realized that everything that was going on was in the realm of comprehension. I couldn't understand it. Other people couldn't. That it was technical in some way. I was able to discover things that I stumbled on completely by accident. The, 'Oh! That's what it is!' sort of phenomenon. For instance, early on, the abduction reports of Betty and Barney Hill and others, people would say they'd lay them on a table and they'd run their fingers down their backbone. I could never figure out what that was, or sense what it was. An examination of the spine, bony growths, how a person is developing, they'd spend particular attention on the coccyx, the tailbone, and go back up it again, and so forth. And I couldn't figure out, what is that? And one day I'm reading a book on how to conduct neurological exams... .

Aaron Sakulich: A little light reading for down the shore.

David Jacobs: Yeah, there was this examination of the sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous system that just went right down the spine, and I realized, oh, that's what they're doing, it's not a growth or development thing, it's a neurological thing. And that's what it is, we can tell. A person who was a neurologist would figure that out right away, but me, I'm an historian, I just stumbled on it. So everything turns out to be rational, reasonable, and logical, and usually not what we expected. People have accused us of, well, it's under hypnosis,

people are suggestible, vulnerable, we're putting things in their mind. And the reality is that it's the exact opposite. The reality of it is that they tell us things that we resist listening to or believing, things we've never even thought of before, and then force us, as the force of information and evidence comes, force us to believe that it is happening, through just the evidence that we've been given. It really is the opposite, almost everything that I've heard I've resisted, I don't like that, I don't want that, you know, and in fact it turns out to be true, from what we can tell. And what you have to understand here, this is little digression for you here, Aaron, just to make life more difficult, people are claiming that they're being abducted by little gray men from another world, or whatever, in order to claim something like that, and it's not happening, there's got to be a serious problem with you. In order to claim that you're being kidnapped by denizens of another world on a routine basis, brought on board their spaceship, and it's not happening, doesn't suggest a quirky personality. It doesn't suggest he just got mistaken one time. It suggests a serious thought processing problem.

Aaron Sakulich: A severe mental issue of some sort.

David Jacobs: A severe mental... this is not just scratching your arm because you think a junebug is biting you, as in the Georgia junebug mass hysteria event. This is massive delusion, complicated, long delusion, and if that is happening to you, it is going to affect everything in your life. It can't be limited to just that tiny, limited pathway. It's going to affect what you eat in the morning, it's going to affect all of your...

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Aaron Sakulich: There we go.

David Jacobs: These are going to affect your whole mentality. You're going to be nuts, to put it in the scientific vernacular. And these people are not nuts. That's one of the odd things about it. These people are perfectly sane. Well... there are people who are insane, and say these things, but I don't work with them. Because I am not competent to work with people who have serious mental problems. And I don't want to, because there's nothing I can learn from them. The fact is, though, that these people are not insane. They have taken tests, and they have taken MMPIs, and they have gone through a battery of whatever, and they're not. They're able to carry on high-functioning lives and have families and kids and no-body suspects, etcetera etcetera, it's not as though they're covering it up in a way nobody would suspect. Sometimes that does happen. This is a situation in which they are perfectly sane. And they are exquisitely aware of the fact that what they are telling me is completely crazy. They know that. They are well aware of that. They require anonymity, they don't want anyone to know they're with me, they don't want anyone to find out their names, they are aware of the enormous downside of talking to me about this. There is no upside. This is a no upside phenomenon, this is all downsides. It destroys their work situation, if they're working for somebody, everything is destroyed. But they are not crazy. Let's just say that they are not crazy and that everything is normal, and yet they are seeing these things, and this is happening to them at all times. We've dealt with hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of people, and they are all saying the same thing. None of them are crazy, none of them have serious mental problems- and this [alien abduction] is not happening. What are you left with, then, if this phenomenon is not happening, and these people are saying it is and they are not suffering from mental delusions? When you put it in that way, you start to suddenly float around in this never-never land of cognition, mentality, of a world of maybe collective unconscious... right now, sleep paralysis, well, it's not really happening, but...

Aaron Sakulich: They're mistaking something else that really is happening.

David Jacobs: Yeah, they are mistaking something else, but when they do that... see... I don't want to get into this, but all debunkers make one or all three of three mistakes: they don't know the data, they distort the data, or they ignore the data. They all do that. There are no exceptions to that, Aaron. There are no exceptions to this. This is the way it has developed, and

this is the way that it is. With sleep paralysis, they ignore all of the events that happen during the daytime when the person is not asleep. They also ignore... if the abduction phenomenon goes from A to Z, say, and there's Aprime and Asuper and this and that and forms of B and forms of C and it goes to Z. What they do, they take A. And in the first part of A, people get a sense of floating, and that there's a presence in their room, and they might even see what some people think is a light. I've solved the abduction phenomenon! They ignore all the others, they ignore B through Z. Just ignore it. Or they'll say that's just caused by popular culture and hypnosis; they've been affected by popular culture and bad hypnosis. There's no evidence for that. They just say that.

Aaron Sakulich: Do you find that the... I guess the word I want isn't popularity, but the... presence of facts about alien abductions, things like that, in TV shows and movies, you can go down to Kmart and get a backpack shaped like one of those alien light bulb-shaped heads, with the big eyes, do you feel that that taints, pollutes, or somehow effects your research? If you've been doing this for 20 years, you must have seen something. I think when the X-Files came on TV was the beginning of it.

David Jacobs: Actually, you have to go back a little bit further.

Aaron Sakulich: Well, I can't go back that much further. [note- I was 11 when the X-Files came on TV.]

David Jacobs: It really started around 1987.

Aaron Sakulich: So have you seen any difference in the work you did before 1987 and the work after people and culture became aware of it?

David Jacobs: What I have seen is change over time that has no relation to popular culture whatsoever. I've seen a change in the phenomenon. I've not seen any osmosis of popular culture into it. When people come to me, they know two things: I'm aware of the problems of hypnosis, I'm aware that people can be lead, they all know leading, they all know they don't want to be lead by me. And I can understand that too. That's the least of the problems of hypnosis, is leading. People don't understand that there are many more subtle problems to doing hypnosis with abductees than just leading. You can deal with that. But they know that. They also know that they don't want to pick up stuff from the popular culture and parrot it back to me as if it were true. Those are the two things they're all aware of. They don't want that to happen, they're all on guard about that. The fact is, in popular culture, the real knowledge of the abduction phenomenon is still very low.

Aaron Sakulich: Only for nerds and TV junkies like me.

David Jacobs: It's still extremely low, even then. When I watch things, there's a bunch of new alien shows on for some reason or another...

Aaron Sakulich: Yeah, there's like four.

David Jacobs. Probably because of War of the Worlds, but, though, the first one was Speilbergs' Taken a 13-part show on the Sci-fi channel that was... in my opinion, had some good points and some bad points, and on balance it was awful. And they had some abduction stuff too, and every once in a while, they'll get some tiny little concept that happens in the abduction phenomenon right. All the rest of the time when they're talking about them being abducted, it has no relation to what we know. That's the stuff that would be showing up, and we don't see that showing up. Now, I have to say that people who I deal with are screened fairly carefully as best I can. I talk with them, I have them fill out my questionnaire, and I only accept the ones who I think are the ones that have had a series of abductions and fit the model and all that. So I don't work with people who are not abductees. I try not to work with people that are not abductees. To the best of my knowledge. I can't really tell until I sit down with them and do some research. But I work with the ones that have a potentiality there that the other ones don't. We just haven't seen that. It would be interesting to see how that works, how that would work, how it

would fit in to these scenarios if we didn't have that screening, if people said things that didn't fit that scenario. Of course, I'm on guard for it. I've done things in hypnosis, I've taken to doing things, just to see if it will have any effect, of telling people 'what you're telling me really does sound like a dream, it really does sound like sleep paralysis and like a dream. THIS IS A DREAM.' Then I'll do my introduction and relax them, and see if the last words they heard, me commanding them that this is a dream, affects it. And it has no effect whatsoever. Absolutely none! Zero! Couldn't care less. Or I'll say, 'I think this is just a remembrance of a previous thing that might or might not have happened, it doesn't sound like it actually happened to you.' No effect whatsoever! 'You know, I don't want to hear anything bad, I don't want you to tell me anything bad... .'

Aaron Sakulich: 'Just tell me the good stuff.'

David Jacobs: Just fun, good stuff, how kind they are, how good they are, and it doesn't do any good. Nothing I say will affect them in that commanding way. But the problem with hypnosis is not that. The problem is that they will say things that are wrong. And if you don't catch it right then and there, what you can do is believe that it is true... there's a case that...

[At this point, a portion of the tape is 'off the record'. We're discussing something only obliquely related to abductions. Just a couple of old girls dishing on the neighbors. I'm new to giving interviews, so I've erred on the side of taking too much out rather than too little.]

Aaron Sakulich: Could you talk a little about where you believe your research has led you?

David Jacobs: Well, what people began to describe early on, even before I began to do my own hypnosis, was that they'd see these weird looking babies, that were sort of half-human, half-alien. Some looked quite human, some looked quite alien. They'd see them as toddlers, as little kids, and eventually we uncovered many many accounts of seeing older kids, adolescents, young adults, and as adults. And we would see them therefore in different roles onboard the ship; helping with abductions, doing this or doing that, depending on their age. And one of the great questions we always had was, if this is happening, and this is a capital I, if this is happening, why is it happening? What's the point here? It didn't seem to be a study or experiment, it seemed to be more of a program. It was almost assembly-line fashion. People being abducted over and over again, seeing these things that happened. It really was industrial, almost. And it was happening around the world, so you knew right away that there was a lot of time and energy being put into this program. As a program, it is therefore goal-directed. It has a reason, and it started at sometime. You figure if it's goal directed, there's a beginning, a middle and an end. If the goal is getting resources, the end will be when they use up all the resources. There's got to be a beginning, a middle and an end to most programs. And this one seemed to have that. And from time to time, people would have these experiences, and the first time I heard it I said "forget it", but I heard it enough times to take note. They'd be shown a screen, and on the screen would be, for example, and American style picnic. Bunch of people standing around, barbecue going, some people playing ball, throwing a ball back and forth, they'd see it on this screen. Maybe there's other abductees with them, that are seeing this too. In their minds, they hear somebody speaking to them, who says "can you tell the difference between us and you?" And the people will look at the screen, see these people standing around like everything's fine, and they'll say "no, I can't. Everybody looks the same to me, what are you talking about?" They're puzzled that this question is even being asked, because the screen shows just regular people. And the voice will go "see, isn't that wonderful? Isn't that great? Soon we will all be together. We'll all be living together, here, essentially, you can't tell the difference, and we'll just be here, and it'll all be wonderful." I began to hear that so many times that I began to realize that these hybrids, the ones who look more human than anything else, and who look like 'us', as they are (and there's a reason for this, and I've sort of discovered how they do this) this might be an integration program into this society for reasons we cannot understand. If we can understand these reasons, we will have solved the UFO and abduction mysteries, hands-down. But we

don't have those reasons yet. I would like to have that reasoning before I write my next book, but it doesn't look like I'm going to get it. In 1949, Enrico Fermi posited what he called the Fermi Paradox. At lunch, in an informal manner, with some other physicists he was sitting with, apparently, they were talking about life on other planets. At the time, no-one knew anything about UFOs. They were talking about what aliens would do if aliens were living in our proximity, and they used humans as a model. What we did was came out of Africa, and we spread around the world. We colonized the world, basically. Eventually, this will happen to humans, we'll expand to other planets, and we'll colonize those planets. If there are aliens out there that are very much more advanced than us, we would be seeing colonizations going on. We haven't seen that. If there are aliens, where are they? This is what we'd expect to see. That's the theory.

The fact is that we can't tell how much life there is out there. If there's us, then there's probably a whole lot of other life. If the UFO phenomenon is real, that makes two, if there's two there's two trillion. You can make a legitimate argument for one: us. But it's a dumb argument, a stupid argument, and all science is now showing that it's impossible, because they're finding other planets. If they're finding other planets, even if they're gas giants, they're going to find other ones, smaller ones, ones like earth, and there's going to be billions and billions of them. I can't say that for an absolute fact, but the chances are extremely high.

Aaron Sakulich: Once we get ourselves some better telescopes.

David Jacobs: Right. It's all technology. We can see the gas giants in various ways. But the fact is that this might indeed be a fulfillment of Fermi's paradox. This might be a colonization program of sorts. We might be seeing something that Fermi predicted, although he didn't know what he was talking about. But we might be involved in something like that. There's the "you can't get here from there" argument that all scientists get involved with, distances are so great, even at the speed of light blah blah blah. It doesn't matter. The question is, are they here or are they not? How they got here is an engineering question, a physics question, an astronomy question. It's something for the future. Are they here or not? That's the question we have to answer. It's not "we can't figure out how they got here, so they can't be here." The only thing you can do is go on the evidence we have now. That evidence shows that they are here now, in my opinion. It's a sledgehammer between the eyes. It's not a subtle body of evidence. This is not subtle. This is not something you have to tease out, 'oh, I think they might be here.' This is massive, this is overwhelming. It's mind boggling, once you get into the evidence. Most scientists will not get into the evidence, they think this is a nonsense subject and there's no sense in wasting any time on it. Most scientists just will not give it the time of day. Even if that time is relative, at the speed of light.

Aaron Sakulich: (groans a little.)

David Jacobs: The fact is that you cannot get here from there, therefore they can't be here is a non sequitur. It's based on ignorance. It's an ignorant argument. So, when you go to the real question, are they here or are they not here, you're in a different realm altogether, it's very different. But scientists don't think about those things. The SETI community, for example tries to distance itself from the UFOs, because the SETI community, which is the fringe of astronomy, they're all considered fringe people within the conservative astronomical world, they try to say "well, we might be off to the edge, but we're not crazy like those UFO people." It puts this whole thing off to the side, it's marginalized, you see it on television all of the time, it's not just a popular culture issue, it has a huge public history. I teach a course on it, and it's mostly public history, studies that were done by the air force and the scientific communities...

Aaron Sakulich: [The air force] had to keep the communists from having an advantage on us.

David Jacobs: Yeah, it got involved in the cold war, and that really destroyed the UFO phenomenon for science. The cold war really did it. They could never get off on the right foot after

the cold war, that this was somehow endangering American national security, because the Soviet Union could use bogus UFO reports to attack the country, and there were all sorts of other reasons why the Soviet Union got involved in this. We thought the Soviets were involved with this, anyway. The fact is that this is a phenomenon that is happening, it is a global phenomenon, it's not going to stop, it might even be accelerating now for what we know, everything is the same as it was before, only more so, and yet, we are swimming in evidence. We have evidence all over the place. You have people like SETI or cosmologists that are people that are into planetary studies, who have no evidence of life in outer space at all. Their knowledge of life in outer space is well below the zero range. They have found no evidence, at all, of evidence in outer space, other than markings on an asteroid, which is in debate. So their knowledge is zero. And here we are sitting with all this anecdotal evidence recovered through hypnosis, but we're seeing a picture that is astonishing, a world that is just incredible. A world that is so consistent, regardless of who the person is or where that person was born, or the upbringing of that person, that at least sociologically, you can look at this subject from that point of view, thousands of people seeing all these odd things, that match, you'd think it would interest social scientists in some way, and it only... .

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UFO Lights Up Florida's Skies

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 12:15:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 12:15:50 -0400
Subject: UFO Lights Up Florida's Skies

Source: The Tallahassee Democrat - Tallahassee, Florida

<http://www.tallahassee.com/mld/tallahassee/news/12778642.htm>

Fri, Sep. 30, 2005

UFO Lights Up Florida's Skies

Experts believe object was meteor
The Associated Press

Miami - Experts believe a meteor was visible along a large section of the Florida skyline Thursday night, although NASA officials have not confirmed what the intensely bright, fast object exactly was.

The glowing orb was spotted around 7 p.m.; some who saw it called county and state officials to ensure that it wasn't a crashing aircraft.

"This one could've been from a baseball- to a basketball-sized chunk of space rock that slammed into our Earth's atmosphere at a very high speed," Jack Horkheimer, director of the planetarium at the Miami Museum of Science, told The Miami Herald.

National Weather Service meteorologist Barry Baxter said he isn't sure if the object, which he believes was a meteor, was over Atlantic Ocean waters or the Florida peninsula.

Bob Cooper, 48, of Dania Beach was in his backyard throwing a Frisbee to his dog when the object - which he described as a flaming ball - caught his eye.

"All of a sudden this thing shot from my right," Cooper told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel. "And it was super fast, so you know it was in a hurry. It turned from orange to the-center-of-the-sun yellow then it disintegrated."

Residents from the state's Space Coast region all the way to South Florida reported seeing the object, officials said.

A meteor is a momentary flash of light produced when a space object penetrates Earth's atmosphere.

NASA will determine what direction the object was traveling, officials said.

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 14:26:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 12:18:17 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Reynolds

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 17:32:28 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 09:16:01 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 17:11:52 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

<snip>

>...is it reasonable to presume that said UFO in trouble
>would avoid crashing in built-up areas, if it had any remaining
>control at all... just to avoid the good citizens below who
>would try to catch him and cut off his head?

Alfred:

It all depends on where the UFO would crash. That is, if it were in New York City, it would probably go unnoticed.

In London, the populace would provide bandages and merthiolate for the hapless aliens.

In the foothills of Kentucky, they'd get their bums shot off.

In Russia, they'd be put on trial (for some bogus reason).

I imagine those piloting UFOs nowadays know where to crash and where not to.

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Toronto Symposium Report #02 - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 20:37:50 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 12:22:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Toronto Symposium Report #02 - Dickenson

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 17:50:17 -0400
>Subject: Re: Toronto Symposium Report #02

>>Source: Eye Magazine - Toronto
>>http://www.eye.net/eye/issue/issue_09.29.05/op/wanderingeye.html

>Do I remember a case on a UFO documentary a number of years
>ago now, in which a dead man, in circumstances suggesting he
>might have been an abductee, was discovered atop a huge pile
>of coal, with clothing on but arranged in ways suggesting whoever
>dressed him didn't know how clothing works?

>I believe there were activities prior to this, in that area,
>involving UFO craft in close proximity, but can't remember the
>details.

Hi Eleanor,

I remember something on that - searches might pay off.

- 1) It was a UK incident
- 2) Was featured as mystery murder, then just mystery
- 3) The man's body had chemical or heat scorch marks or some such
- 4) think he was a European? ex-refugee or some - maybe (from WWII?)
- 5) he had a wife? who'd been waiting up for him and maybe reported him missing
- 6) something strange about the police evidence - officer who was called admitted later he'd seen or heard something weird in the area previous to murder call-out
- 7) people had been collecting/delivering coal only shortly before the body was found but no earlier trace of him and no later sign of how come he came to be "dumped"
- 8) no criminal activity suggested/claimed/proven

Hope to know more later

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 14:39:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 14:43:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Reynolds

>From: Pavel Chichikov <fishhook.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 19:04:37 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 08:55:44 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>Pavel:

>>I don't know where you got the impression that my post was
>>positing Jesus as a Space Brother.

>>My point was that accounts of his resurrection, in the Gospels,
>>mimic some of the abduction (not contactee) accounts extant.

>>And to quote St. Paul (Corinthians) is interesting since he
>>seemed to have had a contactee/abductee kind of experience on
>>the road to Damascus.

>Rich,

>In a temporal and type sense, I'd put it the other way:

>some of the abduction accounts may mimic gospel and other
>biblical events. The closest and most meaningful of these
>mimicries or correspondences that I know of is the experience of
>Betty Andreasson. When she says after one of them: everything
>fits, everything is one, she seems to be describing the sort of
>thing that Christian mystics have felt. She is a self-described
>Christian.

>I'm very open to the reality of both abduction and contact
>experiences, but what the nature of that reality may be is yet
>to be determined, if ever.

<snip>

Pavel:

It seems that the abduction phenomenon has occurred in many
contexts over the years.

Socrates supposedly had a quasi-experience, and Malcolm X
more recently.

Jesus' resurrection was transcribed, as was Ezekiel's episode,
and other accounts in such a way that one can find parallels
with Will Bueche's account, even John Velez' less than
comforting experience.

My point was and remains that the episodes strike some
commentators as interdimensionable; that is, those bringing
about the experience are neither here nor there but traverse
space (maybe time) independent of the prosaic means we
all usually use and understand.

The experience is rife with quantum elements, the whole thing being tangible but not tangible. This is what keeps abduction events from being easily explained.

Rich Reynolds

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More On Bangkok Flying Saucer Report

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 14:48:09 -0400
Subject: More On Bangkok Flying Saucer Report

Flying Saucer 'Faantong' (Bangkok suburb), Professor 'Taht Phanom' says UFO for sure

Here is my description of the first event as seen on television:

Again, watching Thai television today saw a news report w/photo of a "jahn binh" or UFO. The photo was fuzzy, natch. It showed three orbs on the edge of an oval of a whitish-yellow color and tinge areas of red above and below.

The description given below is essentially the same.

I find the second event much more interesting. The marks on the ground consist of 92 right-only 'footprints' extending 300 meters and 2 meters apart. These depressions had a rusty red residue which, when touched, would not wash off in soap and water. Each 'footprint' was 30 centimeters in length.

There is some confabulation in the article. The 'footprints' may have been seen in Petchburi, a town in north central Thailand.

Terry

<http://www.dailynews.co.th/today/each.asp?newsid=67305>

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1st Edition Of Exopolitics Journal Online

From: Michael Salla <exopolitics.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 21:47:17 -1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 14:52:04 -0400
Subject: 1st Edition Of Exopolitics Journal Online

Aloha List,

I'm delighted to announce another exopolitics milestone. Now we have the first Exopolitics Journal online at:

www.exopoliticsjournal.com

I will be especially interested to hear feedback on my own effort to outline the evolution of exopolitics in the opening article. Also, there is the first part of an interview with Clifford Stone which is very revealing in outlining some of the mechanisms used by a 'shadow military' within the regular military to recruit personnel for covert projects involving ETVs and EBES.

What follows is the press release describing some of the themes in the various articles and reviews.

Enjoy

Michael Salla

Press Release: The 1st Edition of the Exopolitics Journal is Now Available Online

For those searching for quality information presented not only by diligent researchers, but by 'contactees', government and military 'whistleblowers' and other exceptional individuals, the Exopolitics Journal will become a thought provoking and reliable resource. Sponsored and fully funded by the Exopolitics Institute of Hawaii, the Exopolitics Journal is offered free to the public in a printable outline pdf format at:

<http://www.ExopoliticsJournal.com>

This month's inaugural issue features Part 1 of a two part interview with Sgt. Clifford Stone (ret), who openly discusses his US Army assignments on UFO crash retrieval teams. Hall McKenzie has contributed an article on Exopolitics and religion, examining the role of extraterrestrials in different religious traditions spanning back thousands of years. Another article by Donald Ware discusses the covert government acclimation program using a process of 'plausible deniability' to prepare the public for the extraterrestrial reality.

Exopolitics Institute founder Dr Michael Salla presents an overview of the history of how the extraterrestrial phenomena has been managed, and contactee Eric Julien discusses information he received during his extraterrestrial contacts - about the science of extraterrestrials. Also included in this edition are book reviews for "Top Secret/Majic: by Stanton Friedman and "The Body Snatchers" by Nick Renfern and more.

Just one of the numerous projects sponsored by the Exopolitics Institute, the Exopolitics Journal will be published quarterly with original articles and interviews featured. Yet in order to

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United, we can make a difference and gain the understanding to shape a truly extraordinary future.

In Peace,

Angelika Whitecliff
Citizen Diplomacy Program Coordinator
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Re: Pandora's Box - Miller

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Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 20:37:55 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 14:59:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Pandora's Box - Miller

>From: Rob Kritkauskay <robkrit.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 11:46:07 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box - Kritkauskay

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 15:49:24 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box

>>>From: Joe Faccenda uforth.nul
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Sep 2005 22:56:09 EDT
>>>Subject: Pandora's Box

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>Stuart/Joe:

>I don't think there is much debate as to whether such a
>revelation would cause a disruption, the difference of opinion
>rests in the extent of the disruption and ultimately its net
>effect on the current human paradigm. So when push comes to
>shove, we are really talking about a question of whether or
>not to introduce a change component to a system without being
>able to accurately predict the positive and negative effects
>that change will have on the system.

Absolutely correct. But what is a little bothersome is what I
consider to be the unrealistic attitude of, it seems, many here
who don't seem accept that they're going to be much disturbed.

The other problem, as Stan mentioned in another reply, is
"context". How it happens and why will largely determine Human
response. Even the way ET looks will have an impact. For
example, humanoids descending from a craft, while less scary,
would likely make a more profound spiritual impact than a
reptoid with 5 heads.

If you were to ask people what institutions might be affected,
one of the first words out of their mouths is "religion". I used
to think that religion might be crushed but now I'm not so sure.
I think mainstream religion will take it in its stride and those
that are a little "further out" will adapt it to suit their own
needs.

But... what if it is revealed, after contact, that Jesus was an
ET? Then we move into a completely different scenario
altogether.

>I think there is an important aspect to this that you are not
>considering, or at least you did not address it. That missing
>aspect comes in the form of an assessment. What is the current
>health of the system that will be changed?

>I think we would all agree that such a public disclosure would
>not be akin to tossing an apple into Eden. I am an advocate for
>the practice of "not messing with a good thing". In fact, I
>would have misgivings about disturbing a functional system,

>even if it was operating at mediocrity. Neither of these is
>synonymous with our current situation. Human population is
>increasing at an unhealthy rate and the social dysfunction
>within that population is increasing as well. The growing
>demands for limited resources is resulting in an escalation of
>tension between counties and cultures. Add to that, religious
>fundamentalism seems to be in vogue. Finally, where "mutually
>assured destruction" used to serve as a deterrent to war, we
>now have a movement that has it as a goal. There is a big
>difference between introducing change(as an uncertainty) into
>a system that is operating at a level of imbalance or
>dysfunction, then there is in incorporating it into a
>balanced functioning system.

You are arguably too much in the immediacy. Since when have we ever been a balanced system? It just seems worse now but pro rata, it was just as bad 200 years ago or 1,000 years ago. Coupled with that were different mindsets which would have made the acceptance of ET reality an even more difficult hurdle to clamber over than it would be now.

You express a nervousness about ET contact and the effect it will have, given our current situation as you see it. It would be asinine to disagree with you. Intuitively, I feel the reaction will not be clear cut and will be weighed with both positives and negatives. For instance, I think it is feasible that we might start to kill each other in smaller numbers but I also feel that there will be multifarious personal responses which, if they became commonly assumed, could lead to anarchy.

>One could say that humanity's biggest problem is its inability
>to see itself as humanity. Instead, we choose to view
>ourselves as members of social groups like Christians,
>Democrats or Jews.

You are teetering here on the Conspiracy/New Age border. On the one hand the "Illuminati" will keep us like this in order to hang on to political power and on the other, if we could all live as one big family, life would be a lot more... etc. If you removed all political systems and national borders, there would still be immense differences. You cannot remove religion or skin colour and while these factors should be irrelevant, we'd still group together. Remove Human Nature and you might crack it. Good luck!

>My friend Howard Bloom wrote, "Nothing can unite a
>people quite like the threat of an outside force on that
>people". I see this with my son and daughter who are more
>than willing to hit,scratch and fight with each other, but if
>someone from outside the family threatens to do such a thing >
>to one of them, they unite rather quickly to protect each
>other. If contact has been made, it would probably not pose
>such a threat, but it may prompt us to have an epiphany in
>which we realize we are individual humans that make up that
>which is humanity. We will know others are watching our
>interactions, advances, atrocities and achievements. This may
>be beneficial or perhaps it causes us to have a melt down. I >
>think you roll the dice.

I am a pessimist when it comes to the concept of self-generated human salvation. We simply cannot turn ourselves, by ourselves, into a socially cohesive unit that respects others and looks to other means to resolve disputes instead of killing. Our only hope would be some major international catastrophe and even then, it may come down to every man for himself.

But then I'm making assumptions here; that ET is disinterested in us because we're savages. That is a very commonly held belief but it's not a sequitor - unless you subscribe to the "Space Brothers" scenario.

It is fairly obvious that this is a subject that needs a working model, allowing for all the possible different permutations. I bet there's one somewhere in the Pentagon. At this stage I think we have to abandon the specifics and talk in generalities and I think that means even forgetting about whether contact is aggressive or peaceful as the reactions are likely to be similar but with different consequences.

On that basis, while I think we'll be scared witless, it's one challenge I'd like to take on, even allowing for the gamble. If

we get it right, we will have achieved salvation and if we get it wrong, well, damnation might be a better option than the present. At least we'd have answers even if we didn't have a planet. A fair exchange, I'm sure!

Stuart Miller

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Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Rimmer

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Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 20:51:06 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 15:00:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Rimmer

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 09:38:02 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>One might as well attribute the phenomena to
>>the action of malicious goblins.

>Which basically is what the 'alien abductors' brigade are
>doing.

Precisely ;-) You agree then, that alien abductors and sleep
paralysis are pretty much indistinguishable in terms of
plausibility (or implausibility)?

Cathy

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Re: Memory Without Klass - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 15:12:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 15:10:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass - Lehmborg

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 09:36:29 +0100
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 09:03:15 -0500
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>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 18:25:51 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

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>>I'm suspect he will, Mr. Harney, but as an ardent
>>klasskurtxian in your own right, I suspect that it is the lens
>>_you_ use that sees it as you obviously do.

>But as you will see elsewhere, Clark refuses to explain what he
>means.

Oh - I think you have performed your usually distortion on that.
Refusal is hardly accurate... I would have thought that it was
more a reaction to the tedium of trying to share information
with a person who is constitutionally unable to process it.
Maybe Mr. Clark will take the time to upbraid you... again.

>>A little intellectual squeegeeing, legitimate balance, and
>>karmic evenhandedness would fix you right up, I'm sure. Dig it,
>>Klass _still_ 'lives'.

>Have you actually read the Fortean Times obituary?

No Sir... is it required? I suspected Mr. Clark's, I'll bet too
kind, assessment as a balanced commentator was abundantly
adequate. It was enough for me. Some secondary references are
adequate to the task, Mr. Rimmer. Don't pretend the reading is
necessary - it's not.

If he reported it was dewy-eyed or some such - it very likely
was - and from both sides of the balanced aisle, I add.
Please e-mail me a copy here at UpDates and I'll review it
'line' by 'line' for you... 'K'?

As it was, was it a eulogy castigating Klass for serial meanness
and rampant sociopathy and crippling the rising and advancing of
the human spirit with ruined ethics, convenient morals, and
right-wing dirty tricks? No?

I suspect the review will be less than positive, then. As I
wrote earlier, I know ufologists, ufologists are friends of
mine. Klass was no ufologist. He shall not be remembered as
one if I have anything to do about it - and thanks.

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Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 15:32:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass - Lehmborg

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 09:36:39 +0100
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>>can't find anything "romantic" or "profoundly silly" about it.

>>Why am I not surprised?

>Why am I not surprised that, as usual, you refuse to answer a
>simple question?

Perhaps because, with you, it's like trying to milk a steer?
Your minds made up Mr. Rimmer. Everybody knows that.

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1980 Todmorden West Yorkshire Case [was: Toronto]

From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi2.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 21:33:15 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 15:35:49 -0400
Subject: 1980 Todmorden West Yorkshire Case [was: Toronto]

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 17:50:17 -0400
>Subject: Re: Toronto Symposium Report #02

>>Source: Eye Magazine - Toronto
>>http://www.eye.net/eye/issue/issue_09.29.05/op/wanderingeye.htm

>>09.29.05

>>Wandering Eye

>>U OF T -- Outside Convocation Hall, ...

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>>Still, not everyone views abduction as a major threat. Paul
>>Hellyer says he is unaware of anyone dying at the hands of
>>extraterrestrials.

>Do I remember a case on a UFO documentary a number of years
>ago now, in which a dead man, in circumstances suggesting he
>might have been an abductee, was discovered atop a huge pile
>of coal, with clothing on but arranged in ways suggesting
>whoever dressed him didn't know how clothing works?

>I believe there were activities prior to this, in that area,
>involving UFO craft in close proximity, but can't remember
>the details.

Hi Eleanor, List

I presume that have in mind the discovery of Zigmund Jan
Adamski's body on a coal tip in Todmorden, West Yorkshire on 11
June 1980. (I'm not sure about the spelling of his first name,
which various from source to source - Jenny Randles refers to
"Zigmund", Mantle refers to "Zygmund" and Blundell refers to
"Zygmunt").

Several authors have sought to link the discovery of his body to
UFO sightings in the area.

This incident is discussed on a number of websites, including at
the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/ahuyk>

A rather more skeptical discussion can be found at the end of
Magonia Supplement Number 36, which is in the Updates archive at
the link below:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/aug/m19-002.shtml>

That discussion notes the following:

"Remember Zigmund Adamski, who was found dead on a coal tip in
Todmorden in 1980? At the Exeter conference one of the attendees

had one explanation for it. Apparently some of Adamski's former work mates discovered he had been responsible for atrocities during World War Two; to scare him they locked him up (in a mine-related building?). When he tried escaping he fell over and killed himself. To cover their prank that back-fired, they dumped his body and kept silent. Like most rumours this needs to be taken at more than face value but it does sound more reasonable than a botched alien abduction."

The two longest discussions I've noted of the relevant events in books that are:

29 pages - Randles, Jenny and Hough, Peter in their "Death By Supernatural Causes?" (1988) at pages 8 (in the Introduction), 114-141 (Chapter 5 generally) of the Grafton paperback edition.

21 pages - Randles, Jenny in her "The Pennine UFO Mystery" (1983) at pages 15-23, 25-26, 25-26 (in Chapter 1), 87-88, 91-92, 93-94 (in Chapter 7), 123 (in Chapter 10), 194-195 (in Chapter 14) of the Granada paperback edition.

Since I've noted relatively few references for this event in my draft Chronology, I might as well cut and paste them all below in case they are of interest to you (particularly since several of the discussions of this incident are in the context of wider discussions of deaths allegedly caused by UFOs):

Baker, Alan in his "Sci-Fi Channel: True Life Encounters: UFO Sightings" (1997) at pages 127-130 (in Chapter 4) of the Orion softcover edition.

Baker, Alan in his "Destination Earth" (1998) at pages 5-7 (in the Introduction) of the Blandford softcover edition.

Blundell, Nigel in his "World's Most Amazing UFO Visits" (1996) at pages 163-164 of the Select softcover edition.

Blundell, Nigel and Boar, Roger in their "The World's Greatest UFO Mysteries" (1986) at pages 50-52 (in the chapter entitled "Encounters of the Closest Kind") of the Octopus hardback edition (with the same page numbering in the Hamlyn softcover edition).

Cawthorne, Nigel in his "The World's Greatest Alien Abductions" (1999) at pages 87-88 (in the chapter entitled "Abductions UK") of the Hamlyn softcover edition.

Cawthorne, Nigel in "The World's Greatest Alien Abduction Mysteries" (2001) at pages 113-114 (in the chapter entitled "Abductions UK") of the Chancellor Press softcover edition.

Christopher, Paul in his "Alien Intervention" (1998) at page 21 (in Chapter 1) of the Huntington House softcover edition.

Mantle, Philip and Nagaitis, Carl in their "Without Consent" (1994) at page 141 (in the unnumbered chapter entitled "Is it all in the mind?", sub-section entitled "PC Alan Godfrey") of the Ringpull hardback edition.

Owens, Andy in "Supernatural England" (2002) (edited by Betty Puttick) at pages 241-246 (in the chapter entitled "Yorkshire", in a section entitled "Close Encounters of a Deadly Kind") of the Countryside Books softcover edition.

Randles, Jenny and Hough, Peter in their "Death By Supernatural Causes?" (1988) at pages 8 (in the Introduction), 114-141 (Chapter 5 generally) of the Grafton paperback edition.

Randles, Jenny in her "The UFO Conspiracy" (1987) at pages 153-154 (in Chapter 25) of the Barnes & Noble hardback edition.

Randles, Jenny in her "The Pennine UFO Mystery" (1983) at pages 15-23, 25-26, 25-26 (in Chapter 1), 87-88, 91-92, 93-94 (in Chapter 7), 123 (in Chapter 10), 194-195 (in Chapter 14) of the Granada paperback edition.

These references also discuss various alleged UFO sightings in the area prior to the discovery of Mr Adamski's body (as well as

other theories concerning his death).

Probably the most famous incident in that area occurred very shortly thereafter - the alleged close encounter of Police Constable ("PC") Alan Godfrey (stationed in Todmorden, West Yorkshire) on 28 November 1980, during which he reportedly interacted with a human-like figure called "Joseph", some robots and a dog early in the morning (near the end of his night shift). I'll stop short of including references for that incident, since it is rather well known and discussed in a rather long list of books.

Kind Regards,

Isaac Koi

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Re: Pandora's Box - Jones

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Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 21:50:17 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 15:38:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Pandora's Box - Jones

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 14:39:08 -0300
>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box

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I was talking about Pandora's box one say to someone. I remarked once opened there is no going back. He said to me,

"Yes, but you can control just how much you open it and what you let out".

Read into that what you will.

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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Field Research & Images [was: Armstrong & Aldrin's

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 16:55:17 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 15:40:31 -0400
Subject: Field Research & Images [was: Armstrong & Aldrin's

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 08:29:38 +0200
>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 09:52:01 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>As I always say, we need some field research.

>>Look at TAPS and their ghost research. Can anyone say that the
>>state of the art in UFO field research cannot exceed the quality
>>of TAPS ghost investigations? If not, maybe we should all go
>>into ghost hunting instead. Plus the SciFi channel seems to have
>>gotten them alot of nice equipment and nice digs.

>Field research, of what sort? I presume you don't mean something
>as simple as a Sky-watch? or something as different as what the
>Cseti group used to do with bright lights and meditation? Or how
>about what they did in Florida where they went to a regular
>sighting spot on the beach and took photos? How would your
>'field research' differ? and to achieve what results different
>than those achieved by these other folk?

Ha! No, I mean stereo imagery and spectra as a minimum from one
site. Prefer two sites. Prefer continuous night operation.
Prefer automated data collection. Would like to build up
instrument collection to get precursor signals (VLF EMF?, VLF
sound?) Also, prefer mobile sites (get baseline observations and
then be able to go to flap areas). Prefer to use sychronized
telescopic computer tracking systems which amateur satellite
observers use to video satellites.

Photos alone aren't going to do it. Stereo imagery is a start to
get distance and spectra (with a good spectra database) can be
used to quickly rule out prosaic things.

The goal is to be able to follow (I.E. use the ranging data to
follow it to orbital altitude.) the damn thing either from space
to ground or visa versa thus proving that at least ONE UFO is
from space.

I think the problem with most folk who do UFO field research is
that they just want to prove they actually SAW something. We
know there are UFOs out there, but the problem is not trying to
prove to anyone that you really saw something. It is to show
they are alien (or super-secret human technology I suppose). You
can't do this with a nice photo shoot. You need some high speed
telescopic stereo video.

Of course, if it just appears/disappears, you get nowhere.
Pretty pictures get you nowhere. Even one stereo photo is
worth alot.

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Re: Apollo 11 UFO Encounter - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 17:28:06 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 15:42:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Apollo 11 UFO Encounter - Smith

>From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 23:29:01 -0400
>Subject: Re: Apollo 11 UFO Encounter

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 10:01:33 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Apollo 11 UFO Encounter

>>The later Apollo mission footage I would imagine (having not
>>seen the film clip they showed) had to have something "ringlike"
>>in it to make sense for the program so I bet its the old Apollo
>>16 'UFO' film footage which has been shown to be the Apollo
>>module EVA floodlight. That would be just like TV to show
>>something that was explained in lieu of non-existent footage.

>>If it was just a photo then there are lots of booster photos
>>they could use and simulate it to be a film by zooming in and
>>panning.

>So you are saying that Aldrin does not accurately remember
>what he saw back then?

No, I bet he remembers fine.

>I thought I heard him specifically speak about this in some of
>his narratives where he supported the fact the object was never
>identified. I would think he would have quizzed various NASA
>people regarding this before making the statement on film.

I am sure he asked about it and I am sure it could not be
absolutely identified.

>BTW, did they lose the floodlight on the Apollo 16? What they
>showed didn't look like it was attached to the Apollo.

No! I know of no lost floodlights. Instrument booms were
jettisoned and sub-satellites deployed though.

>Dave, did you happen to notice the number of rings on what they
>showed? Just wondering if this matches up with the floodlight
>mentioned.

After examining the show footage, I tend to agree that it is not
likely the floodlight. Could be the Saturn booster or
subsattellite. Or a alien spaceship. Hard to track down but I
don't remember seeing such video/film in my Apollo stash.

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Patient and gentle Listfolk:

One doesn't know which adjective better applies here:
disingenuous or childish. Ufologically literate Listfolk will be
familiar with my extended writings on Klass's, er, distinctive
approach to the UFO heresy, which I have zero intention of
reiterating here, especially when it's to so little purpose as
(and what could be less purpose than?) the edification of
pelicanists. One can only suppose that the Johns have lots of
time on their hands these days; either that, or they've chosen,
for inscrutable avian ends, to behave even more frivolously than
usual.

Another adjective comes to mind: hilarious. Listfolk with decent
memories will recall how, shortly after Uncle Phil died early in
August, I predicted that the obit in Magonia would be
hagiographic. Furious, indignant pelican squawking, wing-
flapping, and red-faced denial followed. They had barely
recovered their composure when the hagiographic, breathlessly
uncritical, and tellingly selective obit in Fortean Times was
published. Furious, indignant pelican squawking, wing-flapping,
and red-faced defense of the hagiographic, breathlessly
uncritical, and tellingly selective obit followed, or will in
another posting or two. Anybody care to place a small bet on how
slobbering the Magonia obit will be?

The Fortean Times obit is as it is because it expresses FT's
strange antipathy to UFOs and to American ufologists. (I have
lost track of the number of slaggings I've received in its
pages, and I am far from alone.) Reading it, one has no clue why
Klass had such a miserable reputation among American UFO
researchers and investigators (not to mention among many
skeptics as well, for example Marcello Truzzi, Dennis Rawlins,
Jim Lippard, Gordon Stein, and others). We can only infer the
usual unspoken Ameriphobic subtext, to wit: What would you
expect, after all, of those uncultured colonials? Only such

uncouth souls could fail to fall under the spell of the saintly Lord Pelican's profound wit and wisdom. We are to believe, I guess, that this was one of those rare instances in which a provincial was able to lay claim to the deepest secrets of feathered truth.

Having any number of more productive things to do with my life, knowing from long, tedious experience how long pelicanists can spin out nothing at all, I refuse to entertain further discussion with the Johns and, lest I be distracted from actually consequential matters, plan to delete e-mails from them on the topic. I don't mean all topics, of course; just this one, which is simply too boring to be the good, dirty fun of pelican-baiting which from time to time I allow myself, often to my subsequent chagrin, to indulge.

On the other hand, if there is any Listperson who is honestly unfamiliar with, and curious about, my Klass writings, who really does not know why the FT obit is so absurdly misleading and selective, he or she is free to contact me off-line for some citations. I will also have an obit in the soon-to-be-released next issue of International UFO Reporter. I hope it is my last word on Klass, who has already taken up too much of my - indeed, all of our - time. Besides, even a fanatical and unpleasant man has the right to his eternal rest.

Jerry Clark

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 09:26:33 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 15:44:53 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Allan

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 14:15:52 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 17:11:52 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>I would generally agree except that populated centers account
>>for less than 1% of the earth's surface. Chances of a UFO
>>crashing in a populated center are less than 1 in 100.

>Gee, last time I checked much of the world's skies were
>monitored by radar and since the early 1960s' by spy satellites.

>The data from these systems is born classified.

>Every country would want to recover stuff coming down from the
>sky whether it is somebody's spy satellite, one's own satellites
>or reentering rockets, foreign spy planes or a flying saucer.
>They ought to be worth quite a bit on the open world clandestine
>market.

>In addition I know of no country that wants its citizens to owe
>their allegiance to the planet instead of that country.

>May I remind Listers that 166 Americans were in recon planes
>that were shot down or captured without public admission until
>not many years ago. There were also a number of Soviet planes
>that we destroyed or captured... in silence.

>But then perhaps CDA can read all the stuff under the White-out
>on the NSA UFO documents and the blackout in the CIA UFO
>documents. I can't.

>There is a cosmic Watergate.. like it or not.

You just cannot or will not understand that the whited out NSA docs and the blacked out CIA docs do not in any way advance your 'Cosmic Watergate' thesis. Why should I or anyone else conclude that these censored portions are evidence of ET visits to earth? This has been pointed out to you several times, but you blithely ignore it, and continue to display these censored documents as evidence of the CW at your lectures, in your books, papers etc. ad nauseam.

I do not have to read any of this censored stuff to be 99.9 per cent certain that they have nothing whatever to do with extraterrestrial visits, contain zilch of interest to science and are merely to do with code deciphering and other boring matters relating to intelligence methods the authorities want to conceal. One day they will be published in full. When they are, I predict you will be bitterly disappointed. You can then claim there are lots of other classified papers (e.g. the Ike Library's zillions of papers) still lying about which remain under wraps. If and when these too are finally declassified, you can still point to numerous others. And so on and so on.

Finally, you can always regurgitate MJ-12.

There is no Cosmic Watergate and never has been. It is the stuff of the fantasists, fanatacists and conspiracy mongers.

All right, I'll concede you draw the line well short of what Michael Salla propounds. Let us be truly thankful for that.

CDA

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Re: Pandora's Box - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 03:33:24 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 16:23:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Pandora's Box - Hatch

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 11:39:50 +0200
>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 15:49:24 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box

<snip>

>BTW, the French government is now discretely reactivating
>an official group of UFO studies.

Hello Gildas:

Can you give any details? How did you learn about this, and what is known?

- Larry

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Re: Einstein's Equation At 100 - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 06:01:52 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 16:25:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Einstein's Equation At 100 - Hatch

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 13:25:37 +0200
>Subject: Einstein's Equation At 100

>Source: The New York Times

><http://www.nytimes.com/2005/09/30/opinion/30greene.html?th&emc=th>

>September 30, 2005

>NY Times, Op-Ed
>That Famous Equation and You By Brian Greene

>During the summer of 1905, while fulfilling his duties in the
>patent office in Bern, Switzerland, Albert Einstein was fiddling
>with a tantalizing outcome of the special theory of relativity
>he'd published in June. His new insight, at once simple and
>startling, led him to wonder whether "the Lord might be
>laughing... and leading me around by the nose."

Hello Diana: (and Brian Greene if you are looking in)

That is one of the best articles I have read in a good long time.

As a teen, one of the most astounding things I ever heard, (not sure if I believed it even then) was that a tank of gasoline, and the oxygen to burn it, weighs very slightly more than the sum total of the end products (exhaust).

The infinitesimal difference was equivalent to the energy given off of course, but who would have guessed?

I didn't know that A.E. wrote his famous equation in terms of mass rather than energy, thanks for that.

Such an admirable man, and still humble enough to give the zaniest crackpot his ear. To think that only accidents of history prevented him from being another of the millions of Hitler's victims.

My one small caveat is something people often overlook. Sometimes you will hear somebody say something like "There's more energy in my fingernail than all the oil in Texas" or the like. Technically correct by $E=MC^2$, but the energy is unavailable to us in any practical sense unless the person has plutonium fingernails.

Very well written Brian.

Thanks again.

-Larry

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Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Lehmberg

From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 08:22:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 16:28:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Lehmberg

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 15:42:32 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 19:41:44 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 23:54:38 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 11:34:11 +0000
>>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>>Date: Mon, 26 Sep 2005 21:59:13 +0100
>>>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

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>>I hope you are not making this sweeping claim simply because
>>many abductees allege that they were awake when their abduction
>>took place.

>What sweeping claim am I making, John? Repeat, I am citing
>data. That's D-A-T-A. The findings of research show it to be the
>case. Dispute my data if you can, but don't simply posture by
>suggesting that I am a naif.

I think it's duplicitous poseurs posture, Sir, like asking a
duck to stop quacking, or a true naif to admit his own
suffocating credulity.

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Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 07:16:58 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 16:29:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Hatch

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 15:42:32 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

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Hi Dick:

Not to hijack your important point above, but I have to add a
question. Is anybody here suggesting that Barney and Betty Hill
suffered from simultaneous sleep paralysis or anything like
that?

Best

-Larry

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Re: UFOs Gravity & Inertia - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skyman22.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 07:52:21 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 16:32:42 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Gravity & Inertia - Hamilton

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 13:41:26 +0100
>Subject: Re: UFOs Gravity & Inertia

>>From: Eugene Frison <eugene.frison.nul>
>>To: UFO Updates List <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Sep 2005 11:10:11 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Gravity & Inertia

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Sep 2005 12:18:17 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: UFOs Gravity & Inertia

>>>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Sep 2005 05:13:23 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: UFOs Gravity & Inertia

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>>Again, Bill, I'm no expert but I wonder if such a process could
>>really seperate, so to speak, a craft from inertia. I think the
>>property of inertia is an inherent one that couldn't be gotten
>>rid of through cavitation or supercavitation.

><snip>

>>But I'd like some input from others who know more about
>>aerodynamics and cavitation/supercavitation because, to be
>>honest, Bill, I don't know for sure if there is such a
>>connection between motion in fluids and motion in gases.

>Eugene,

>You've got to be right: inertia can't be separated from a mass
>simply by by altering its surface conditions; they only lessen
>effects of atmospheric or fluid drag.

I think my analogy has been misunderstood. In some new physics theories the source of inertia is the Zero-Point field and in others its a superfluid ether and is not inherent in matter. In fact in Machian theories it was never inherent in matter itself. The same inertial forces exerted against matter my also be the source of mass.

Bill

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From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 07:54:24 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 16:34:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Pandora's Box - Hatch

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 15:54:11 +0000
>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box

<snip>

Oh heck, I might as well toss in my 2 cents worth.

Lets say irrefutable evidence or proof comes in that we have been visited by alien craft etc.

I agree it would be a three day wonder, maybe 2 weeks of madness. After that, I see things a little differently than some here.

Sure, governments and their militaries, would go into a frenzy. Scientists would have field day once the inevitable bashing stopped, and these effects, though long lived, would start to trail off.

Without proof, I would bet a dollar or two that the great unwashed would be back to their sports and celebrity magazines before very long.

Clergymen would work these discoveries into their sermons, only to see the same faithful they always had, still nodding their heads in semi-slumber.

Capitalists would capitalize on the news, only to learn that fads die a terrible death.

Ufologists will crow "we told you so" only to hear "so did we" from their antagonists.

Several new brands of breakfast cereal will appear, only to vanish again, but more quietly.

The Middle East will remain an intractable mess.

A few contactees will disappear for 2 weeks, and reappear having reinvented themselves as 'spiritual guides'.

Fuel prices will continue their rise, occasionally dipping, only to find new peaks.

People you remember as being young, will appear older. Familiar old names will sadly appear in the obituaries.

I will discover that most of the listings in my database were crap.

Messages to the 'space aliens' will remain unanswered.

Chocolate bars will shrink in size, increase in price, or more likely both.

Enrollment in science courses will increase sharply, maybe the one real benefit.

In short, another big bump on the road, I'm not minimizing that.

Civilization did not fall apart after the discovery that we share a common ancestry with the great apes. We survived uncounted wars, famines, epidemics, even Prohibition, (Lord help us).

Over half the world believes in life elsewhere. So finally there is some proof?

Give it 2 months (more like 3 weeks?) The news-racks will be full of the latest Brittney Spears clone, Brad (whatzisname) and Jennifer (who-cares) and things are right back on track.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Memory Without Class - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 11:05:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 16:37:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Memory Without Class - Clark

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 12:22:15 EDT
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Sep 2005 12:25:24 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Sep 2005 20:48:59 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sun, 25 Sep 2005 06:45:51 -0500
>>>>Subject: Memory Without Class

Hi, Kevin,

>So, if Phil Klass wrote the letter, and I have no real reason to
>suspect he didn't, he is in good company. Bill Moore and Jaime
>Shandera spent a great deal of time and effort trying to
>undermine me. Stan joined right in. And, to my surprise, so did
>Don Schmitt. Is it any wonder that we have trouble with our
>credibility in the real world?

Without in any way defending the misdeeds you so wittily recount
(and they are, of course, indefensible), I quarrel only with
your last sentence. These sound not like sins unique to
ufologists but to human failings that show up in all walks of
life and conflict. We have a tendency in our field to judge
ourselves uniquely iniquitous, when in fact we're just all too
much like human beings. And in any event, I doubt that all but a
tiny handful of those who disdain ufologists have ever heard of
the back-stabbing episodes. That doesn't excuse them, obviously.

Jerry Clark

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Academic Throws Light On 40-Year-Old UFO Mystery

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 16:42:13 -0400
Subject: Academic Throws Light On 40-Year-Old UFO Mystery

Source: The Age - Melbourne, Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/74177>

October 2, 2005

[Picture at site]

Academic Throws Light On 40-Year-Old UFO Mystery

Just what did flash out of the sky and into the lives of hundreds that April day? Stephen Cauchi reports.

A Canberra academic is investigating one of Australia's most compelling UFO mysteries, a sighting by hundreds of people in the Melbourne suburb of Westall on April 6, 1966.

More than 200 students and staff from two schools watched as the object landed in a nearby paddock, lifted off and vanished.

Shane Ryan, an English lecturer at the University of Canberra, is interviewing dozens of witnesses for a book he hopes to publish on the 40th anniversary of the sighting.

Mr Ryan, 38, was alerted to the events in the 1980s by a housemate who was there. Unlike most UFO sightings, the Westall object had a large number of credible witnesses. It was viewed in daylight and attracted a forceful response from police and the RAAF.

"It had these rather interesting elements which indicated to me that, unlike some other so-called UFO stories, there was some substance to this," he told The Sunday Age.

"I knew the 40th anniversary was coming up next year, so I thought it was timely to do some research on it."

Mr Ryan has interviewed about 30 witnesses, mostly former staff and students from the Westall secondary and primary schools. He has tried obtaining police and RAAF reports, but so far with little luck. The story was covered then by Channel Nine, The Age and local newspapers.

On the UFO, everyone seems to agree, Mr Ryan says. It was a low-flying, silver/grey shining object, either of classical flying saucer shape or close to it, "a cup turned upside down on a saucer". The students were familiar with light aircraft because the schools were close to Moorabbin Airport. Although the UFO was of similar size, "everyone said straight away that they knew it was not a plane", Mr Ryan said, nor a weather balloon.

The object was in view for up to 20 minutes, and many saw it descend. Most agree it landed behind pine trees at the Grange Reserve. Dozens of students ran across what was then an open paddock to the reserve to investigate, but the object had lifted off and vanished.

Other details are sketchier. The UFO appears to have left a circle of scorched grass; others say several circles were left in paddocks bordering Grange Reserve.

Many witnesses, not all, report seeing aircraft, up to five, trailing the UFO. Some say it made no sound, others say it did.

Many reported that police/air force/military personnel inspected the site; some (not all) say the authorities burnt the site. The Dandenong Journal, for which the story was front-page news two weeks in a row, reported that "students and staff have been instructed to 'talk to no-one' about the incident". Nevertheless, one teacher, Andrew Greenwood, gave the paper a detailed account.

"It was silvery-grey and seemed to thicken at times," he said. "The thickening was similar to when a disc is turned a little to show the underside."

One of the closest witnesses was a boy whose family leased land at Grange Reserve for horses.

Shaun Matthews (not a student at Westall) was on holidays and spending time on the land.

"I saw the thing come across the horizon and drop down behind the pine trees," he told The Sunday Age this week. "I couldn't tell you what it was. It certainly wasn't a light aircraft or anything of the like =85

"I saw the thing drop down behind the pine trees and saw it leave again. I couldn't tell you how long it was there for, it was such a long time ago."

Mr Matthews, 51 and now living in Greenvale, said the object "went up and off very very rapidly".

"I went over and there was a circle in the clearing. It looked like it had been cooked or boiled, not burnt as I remember," he said. "A heap of kids from Westall primary and high school came charging through to see what had happened =97 'look at this, look at that, we saw it as well', that sort of thing. It was a bit of a talking point for a couple of days."

Mr Matthews said the object, about the size of "two family cars", passed him at a distance of about "four football fields". "It was silvery, but it had a sort-of purple hue to it, very bright, but not bright enough that you couldn't look at it," he said.

"I saw that it dropped down behind the trees, and I thought, 'hello, hang on'. A minute or so later, it went straight up, just gone."

He said police and other officials interviewed his mother. But he cannot remember them burning the landing site, as others have alleged. And he did not see any light aircraft trailing the object, as others did.

"The way this thing moved there is no way it could have been a weather balloon or a light aircraft," he said.

"A helicopter? No way =97 no noise, wrong shape, and it didn't move like it. It came out of the distance, stopped, and then just dropped.

"It didn't just sort of cruise and then slightly descend at an angle. It just stopped, dropped, and then went straight up."

The Victorian UFO Research Society investigated the incident. VUFORS secretary Tony Cook said Westall remained one of Australia's major unexplained UFO cases.

The top one was the case of Frederick Valentich, a 20-year-old Melbourne pilot whose light plane disappeared while flying over Bass Strait in 1978.

In the last minutes of radio communication, Valentich reported seeing a UFO hovering above his plane. He and his craft were never recovered.

"It's pretty well documented," Mr Cook said. "That's probably the most important one because it involves the disappearance of a person."

Mr Cook said the society's stance on UFOs was that, "there are people out there seeing unusual things in the sky at times and they can't be explained. But it's a very big leap to go from unexplained things in the sky to extraterrestrials."

Most witnesses, including Mr Matthews, say the UFO was not an aircraft or helicopter. But Westall is only six kilometres from Moorabbin Airport, and the object was roughly headed in that direction, travelling north to south.

"It sounds to me like some sort of experimental craft, very much Earth-based," Steve Roberts, of Australian Skeptics, said.

"It is an interesting event with lots of witnesses and what we now call a crop circle.

"Accounts are confused. Some have the object landing and taking off again, others say 'a paddock over which the object seemed to hover'."

As well, "if there was a whole swag of officials investigating it, there must be an official report in RAAF archives somewhere".

But Mr Ryan said that no one at the RAAF knew of the incident.

But given the history of the case =97 the way students and staff were told to keep quiet from the start =97 that was not surprising, he said.

"As I got a little bit older, I got a little more interested in the social and historical aspects of the story, how something like this could have happened and how it reflected society at the time, and how authorities responded to it," he said.

"There's been a layer of secrecy that was very, very prominent in this story from the beginning."

Contact Shane Ryan on shaneryan.nul

The internet discussion list of this incident is at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Westallhighschoolufo/>

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Black Vault's Work On US History Channel Tonight

From: John Greenewald <john.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 09:07:32 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 10:27:44 -0400
Subject: Black Vault's Work On US History Channel Tonight

For those of you who missed it, the most recent shows I worked on for The History Channel will be airing tomorrow, October 2nd.

I was credited as the Coordinating Producer of both, and also the writer of UFO Hunters. My supervisor, Jeffrey Willerth, long time friend and partner in The Black Vault TV Series.

Tune and, and let me know what you think!

The first, UFO Hunters:

UFO Hunters.
Airs on Sunday, October 2 at 3:00pm ET

They look to the stars, to Earth, and within the human body. They are the UFO research elite that seeks answers to the mysteries of the UFO phenomenon. Their determination, attitude, and methodologies stand strong against ridicule and disbelief. In the end, UFO hunters exhibit scientific evidence that pushes the boundary of modern-day thinking. At annual conferences, they share findings and are often stunned by the commonality of their cases. Follow UFO hunters as they search for UFOs and investigate crash sites. Their hunts for physical evidence of UFOs and alien life forms sometimes end up as global wild goose chases, but there are other times, when what they find is just too intriguing...and might just prove that it is possible that we are not alone in the universe. TVPG

and the second, UFOs and the White House:

UFOs and the White House.
Airs on Sunday, October 2 at 6:00pm ET

Did you know that the office of President of the United States has had a direct involvement with UFOs for over 50 years? Since WWII, every Chief Executive has publicly discussed, issued, or received documents from the White House pertaining to "Unidentified Flying Objects". Many of these documents have never been seen on television before and some of the stories surrounding these UFO-presidential encounters are broadcast for the first time. Find out which administrations had to defend our country from unidentified objects...who was sitting in the Oval Office during the biggest UFO sightings...and how the government's UFO files are handled, depending on political affiliations. We'll gather the facts and glean information from presidential libraries that reveal startling insight on UFOs and the White House.

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 17:10:10 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 10:29:10 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - McGonagle

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 12:18:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

<snip>

Hello Kevin, List,

I haven't had a great deal of time to take an active part on this List recently, but I have been keeping one eye on this thread.

>Third, what if there has been but a single crash? Yes, I know >there are some other interesting cases (Ubatuba 1957; Kecksburg >1965) but there could be other explanations for them. If so, >then we have but one event that needs protecting and the problem >is significantly reduced. That means that other countries have >not had to retrieve the remains of a UFO and therefore have no >need for a cover up. (This also impacts on the tales of crash >retrieval teams roaming the world to recover the remains of >UFOs.)

I would argue "what if there has never been any crash, including Roswell?". You appear to be willing to concede that those listed above may have other possible explanations, but seem to disallow the possibility of other explanations for Roswell?

>Fourth, for nearly 50 years there was an iron curtain that >protected everything on the other side of it. UFO information >from that side was difficult to get and today we know that they >had actively hidden the data, just as the US has. NATO would >have been an effective means of hiding information on our side.

If press reports are to be believed, there is a significant risk of a black-market trade in ex-soviet nuclear material. If such material can get on to the black market, I would expect that any knowledge of captured alien technology would also be accessible in the same way?

<snip>

>Fifth, although much of the rest of the world has had good UFO >sightings, they have been given nothing concrete to prove the >case. Given that they had eyewitness testimony, photographs that >have not withstood the assault of skeptics and little if any >other type of evidence, there isn't much they can do. Sometimes >they announced their belief in UFOs, but it always falls back on >the lack of multiple chains of evidence that would demonstrate >the reality to all but the most skeptical.

Is the USA any different in this respect?

<snip>

>I have to throw in with you on that. The world wide conspiracy >does not make good sense. The lack of proof positive and a low >number of true visits might simply accomplish the same thing.

I agree with that. I would also like to add in response to those that would claim that the USA uses it's financial clout and military might to intimidate other states into not disclosing anything relating to UFOs, that the same tactics do not appear to be working in relation to Iran's nuclear development programme. Why should they have more success when it comes to UFOs?

Cheers,

Joe

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Re: 1980 Todmorden West Yorkshire Case - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 17:50:03 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 10:31:58 -0400
Subject: Re: 1980 Todmorden West Yorkshire Case - McGonagle

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 20:37:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: Toronto Symposium Report #02

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 17:50:17 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Toronto Symposium Report #02

Hello Eleanor, Ray, List,

>>>Source: Eye Magazine - Toronto
>>>http://www.eye.net/eye/issue/issue_09.29.05/op/wanderingeye.html

>>Do I remember a case on a UFO documentary a number of years
>>ago now, in which a dead man, in circumstances suggesting he
>>might have been an abductee, was discovered atop a huge pile
>>of coal, with clothing on but arranged in ways suggesting whoever
>>dressed him didn't know how clothing works?

Ray is correct. This sounds like the Zygmund Adamski case (a search on his name should produce some links).

Adamski disappeared in June 1980 after leaving home near Leeds to buy potatoes from a local shop, and his body was discovered 5 days later and more than 20 miles away in a small town called Todmorden. His body was found on top of a heap of coal in a coal yard, with no obvious explanation as to how it got there. His shirt was missing, he had some minor injuries, including what appeared to be a chemical burn to the back of his head and neck area.

Jenny Randles was closely involved with the investigation, but has pointed out to me that any link between the case and UFOs is only circumstantial, and very tenuous. It does appear in "Death by Supernatural Causes" (Randles/Hough, 1988).

I have been in dialogue with a relative of the victim recently. He is still very disturbed by the case, and rejects any idea that it is related to UFOs, in fact, he finds this association very upsetting.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Memory Without Klass - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 11:54:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 10:34:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass - Lehmborg

>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 12:22:15 EDT
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Sep 2005 12:25:24 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Sep 2005 20:48:59 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sun, 25 Sep 2005 06:45:51 -0500
>>>>Subject: Memory Without Klass

>>>>Ref: SDI #361...

Dr. Randle;

In a seeming attempt, Sir, to provide consistency to balance in the discussion, you manage only to compare healthy worm-free apples with a moldy skunk cabbage, imo. You essay about the expected and even traditional infighting between democrats and compare it with attacks from the other side of the aisle used to deny civil rights, preclude a right to know, philosophically hamstringing a credulous humanity, and otherwise drive quality people to suicide.

It's the truthseeking side to the argument that can be expected to be fractious; it's the klasskurtxian side that is all lock-step and parroting identical talking points... I'd bet they don't call around behind each other's back and torpedo each others conferences... there's enough denialist swag there for all of 'them'. The mainstream pays them off handsomely, I'd surmise. Hell, they have their own publishing offices, don't they?

That said, Sir, with regard to the 'practice'... I'm not making my living on the lecture circuit and book sales so I hesitate... ..given I haven't walked in another man's shoes. When I aim to torpedo somebody... and it happened in the Army... I'd let 'em know it was coming. I think I can be shown to loath a sucker punch... and I don't snark around behind the scenes and try to turn people from others. Uh-uh.

Moreover, I'm willing to bet that Mr. Friedman was a tad more forthright with you than a Mr. Klass may have been, in any case... and was a tad more forthright, also, in your contention with him? ...Don't know that... but would be surprised if it wasn't so. Be that as it may, Friedman should not be mentioned in the same breath with Klass, and you get a hexbolt through the particle separator to so suggest.

Finally -- it's not ufologists squabbling between themselves

that keeps UFOs dodgy... it's the status quo of a jealous culture without 'sack' accomplishing that. You guys (all of us) are just bumping into each other in a fog that THEY provide.

All respect to you both, whom I hold in high regard.

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Alien Abduction Claims In Yorkshire

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 10:39:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 10:39:07 -0400
Subject: Alien Abduction Claims In Yorkshire

Source: BBC News - Inside Out - Yorkshire & Lincolnshire:

<http://tinyurl.com/9yxem>

Monday 3rd February, 2003

[Pictures at site]

Alien Abduction Claims In Yorkshire

A mysterious disappearance, a body with strange burns and an inexplicable substance that baffled scientists.

Inside Out investigates the presence of paranormal activity in the death of a Yorkshire miner.

Zigmund Adamski, a 56 year old miner, went missing from his home in Tingley, near Wakefield in June 1980. He had gone out to do some shopping.

To Zigmund's colleagues at Lofthouse Colliery, it was a complete mystery.

Grim discovery

Five days after he disappeared, Zigmund's body was discovered 20 miles from his home at a coal yard in Todmorden.

Zigmund's body was lying on top of a pile of coal. He was wearing a suit but his shirt, watch and wallet were missing.

On the back of his head, neck and shoulders were mysterious burns which attracted lots of attention. Baffled

James Turnbull, the coroner who dealt with Zigmund's death, says it's the biggest mystery of his career.

The coroner was baffled because although Zigmund had been missing for five days, he only had one day's growth of beard.

He says, "The question of where he was before he died and what led to his death just could not be answered."

James also said a strange ointment that appeared to have been used on Zigmund's burns could not be identified by forensic scientists.

Exhaustive checks failed to reveal any record of Zigmund having been treated at any hospital during his missing five days.

It was at this point that questions began occurring, regarding the origin of this inexplicable ointment and who applied it to Zigmund.

Alien abduction

It was not just the usual investigators, the police and coroners, who were attracted to this case.

One of the most famous UFOlogists of all time, also called Adamski offered his own amazing theories on the tragedy.

He believed aliens from outer space abducted the Yorkshire miner by mistake.

The speculation of an extraterrestrial encounter was fuelled by the policeman who originally found Zigmund's body, Alan Godfrey.

Six months after finding Zigmund's body, Alan was again on duty in Todmorden at 5 am.

He claims he also encounter a UFO, which made headlines all over the world.

Alan says, "I wish I'd never seen the UFO, particularly because of the effects on my children."

"It's not easy having a policeman as a father but when he's a policeman who saw a UFO its even worse."

This was a huge turning point in Alan Godfrey's life. He left the police force and has a new role as a speaker at charity fundraising events.

Verdict

In the past 20 years there has been many claimed sightings in the Pennine hills around Todmorden.

It's regarded as the Britain's UFO hotspot. But serious UFO watchers dismiss most of these Pennine sighting as just lights in the sky.

The corner is equally unconvinced about the presence of paranormal activity.

Although he still has a raft of unanswered questions regarding Zigmund's death, James is opting for an earthly rather than alien explanation at present.

But he does say, "In fifty years time, if we discover aliens have been visiting us and we didn't know about it, then that might give an answer."

But after all these years, Alan Godfrey still has no doubts, leaving thoughts of the extra terrestrial in the minds of all those involved.

[UFO UpDates thanks 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 18:01:25 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 10:40:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Rimmer

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 15:42:32 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 19:41:44 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>>>Sleep paralysis may explain a few cases reported as abductions.
>>>>That certainly should be studied and cases should be screened
>>>>for it. When they are, it turns out that the sleep paralysis
>>>>explanation used so sweepingly by the Clancy's of the world is
>>>>rather inadequate for the great bulk of cases.

>>I hope you are not making this sweeping claim simply because
>>many abductees allege that they were awake when their abduction
>>took place.

>What sweeping claim am I making, John? Repeat, I am citing
>data. That's D-A-T-A. The findings of research show it to be the
>case. Dispute my data if you can, but don't simply posture by
>suggesting that I am a naif.

What D-A-T-A? What research? And what evidence to confirm that
the abductee was wide awake?

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John Rimmer

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Re: UFO Lights Up Florida's Skies - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 17:11:08 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 10:41:08 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Lights Up Florida's Skies - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFO Lights Up Florida's Skies
>Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 12:15:50 -0400

>Source: The Tallahassee Democrat - Tallahassee, Florida

><http://www.tallahassee.com/mld/tallahassee/news/12778642.htm>

>Fri, Sep. 30, 2005

>UFO Lights Up Florida's Skies

>Experts believe object was meteor
>The Associated Press

>Miami - Experts believe a meteor was visible along a large
>section of the Florida skyline Thursday night, although NASA
>officials have not confirmed what the intensely bright, fast
>object exactly was.

>The glowing orb was spotted around 7 p.m.; some who saw it
>called county and state officials to ensure that it wasn't a
>crashing aircraft.

>"This one could've been from a baseball- to a basketball-sized
>chunk of space rock that slammed into our Earth's atmosphere at
>a very high speed," Jack Horkheimer, director of the planetarium
>at the Miami Museum of Science, told The Miami Herald.

>National Weather Service meteorologist Barry Baxter said he
>isn't sure if the object, which he believes was a meteor, was
>over Atlantic Ocean waters or the Florida peninsula.

>Bob Cooper, 48, of Dania Beach was in his backyard throwing a
>Frisbee to his dog when the object - which he described as a
>flaming ball - caught his eye.

>"All of a sudden this thing shot from my right," Cooper told the
>South Florida Sun-Sentinel. "And it was super fast, so you know
>it was in a hurry. It turned from orange to the-center-of-the-
>sun yellow then it disintegrated."

>Residents from the state's Space Coast region all the way to
>South Florida reported seeing the object, officials said.

>A meteor is a momentary flash of light produced when a space
>object penetrates Earth's atmosphere.

And a fireball meteor is a long-lasting, larger piece of debris
that can be seen for 5, 10, maybe 15 seconds and is so bright
that it typically is observed from several states (usually a
tip-off for a fireball).

>NASA will determine what direction the object was traveling,
>officials said.

Why do newspapers label obvious fireball meteors as UFOs?
Ignorance, I suppose.

- Dick

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Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 18:25:03 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 10:42:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Rimmer

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 07:04:03 EDT
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 19:36:22 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>So what are you saying? That all abduction reports are the
>>result of unknown and possibly extraterrestrial forces? No-one
>>seems to have any trouble with the idea that many UFO reports
>>have mundane explanations, so why the reluctance to accept this
>>in the case of abduction reports.

>>As for wanting specific cases, I paraphrase the reply that you
>>usually give to anyone who asks for details of cases you are
>>writing about - basically, work it out for yourself, why should
>>I do all the hard work.

>>OK?

>It's not "OK." If you don't have say, a Betty-Barney Hill-type
>abduction case, that can be explained as sleep paralysis or some
>such then you're just wasting our time. Do you have such a
>"mundane explanation" Hill-type case abduction? Or are all you
>have are some dream-like single-witness bedroom experiences?
>Let's see such a case laid out, that shouldn't be "hard work" if
>you know of such a case. Let's see it. You haven't even
>mentioned any specific cases.

No, of course not, because that is what I was asking for - an
'explained' abduction case, in the same way that there are
'explained' UFO cases.

Of course, you neatly side-step this by proclaiming:

>By the way I don't buy the "many UFO reports have mundane
>explanations" propaganda. Very few properly screened UFO
>cases, as in those put through a competent Hynek Screening, ever
>turn out to be IFO's or have "mundane explanation." Many so-
>called IFO's are falsely categorized as such and turn out to be
>UFO's after analysis and investigation. Most so-called "UFO"
>sightings are not in fact "UFO" sightings at all, but are in an
>indeterminate status neither UFO or IFO, where not even the
>witnesses have called them "UFO's" just strange lights or
>objects in the sky, and it's the reporting agencies that have
>wrongly slapped the "UFO" label on them.

There is a distinction between 'UFO Reports' and 'UFOs'. Please
note that I was talking about 'abduction reports'. I ask again,
do **no** abduction reports have mundane explanations?

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John Rimmer

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 16:34:14 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 10:44:42 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Sparks

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 09:26:33 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 14:15:52 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 17:11:52 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

<snip>

>>But then perhaps CDA can read all the stuff under the White-out
>>on the NSA UFO documents and the blackout in the CIA UFO
>>documents. I can't.

<snip>

>You just cannot or will not understand that the whited out NSA
>docs and the blacked out CIA docs do not in any way advance your
>'Cosmic Watergate' thesis. Why should I or anyone else conclude
>that these censored portions are evidence of ET visits to earth?

<snip>

>I do not have to read any of this censored stuff to be 99.9 per
>cent certain that they have nothing whatever to do with
>extraterrestrial visits, contain zilch of interest to science
>and are merely to do with code deciphering and other boring
>matters relating to intelligence methods the authorities want
>to conceal.

As I originally pointed out I can tell what is in the deleted portions of the NSA UFO documents. They are not I repeat not intercepts of encrypted communications but "in the clear" Soviet military messages reporting UFO or unidentified sightings (there is not enough info in any of them to tell if even a single actual UFO was sighted). There is no "code deciphering" involved, no "codes," just in the clear messages. NSA deleted the dates and locations of each incident, leaving in only the sketchy details of the sightings only. Dates and locations are what have been deleted. Got that now?

The fact these are "clear text" messages (and possibly radio voice transcripts though I doubt it from the way the messages are worded) that are not encrypted means they are low-level relatively unimportant messages. If they had been important messages the Soviets and Soviet bloc countries would have sent them with some form of encryption, the level of encryption indicating importance and sensitiveness. Not a single one of the NSA UFO-sighting report intercepts seems to have been encrypted by the Soviet bloc senders (possibly some messages are Chinese).

This indicates to me that the NSA has a huge collection of

encrypted UFO sighting reports it has intercepted from a variety of countries around the world including our own allies, plus "in the clear" UFO reports intercepted from our allies (which NSA does not want to tip off that we are intercepting them), all of which the NSA has never even searched for. There are probably thousands of such intercepts.

Now if some country, say Russia, had captured an ET spaceship, any messages sent concerning it would be of the highest level of security classification requiring the greatest level of crypto security, like one-time-pad type encryption multiply applied. These messages the NSA would not be able to "break." The NSA would not then have any intercepted messages telling of a recovery of an ET spaceship, even if such an event occurred, because NSA would not be able to read them to know what they reported. NSA has warehouses full of unbreakable messages.

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From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 22:25:20 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 10:52:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Rimmer

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 08:22:09 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explaine

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 15:42:32 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 19:41:44 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>>I hope you are not making this sweeping claim simply because
>>>many abductees allege that they were awake when their abduction
>>>took place.

>>What sweeping claim am I making, John? Repeat, I am citing
>>data. That's D-A-T-A. The findings of research show it to be the
>>case. Dispute my data if you can, but don't simply posture by
>>suggesting that I am a naif.

>I think it's duplicitous poseurs posture, Sir, like asking a
>duck to stop quacking, or a true naif to admit his own
>suffocating credulity.

I am always flattered, dear Alfred, by your inability to allow
any posting of mine, however meagre its content, to pass without
an exposition of one of your characteristic lucubrations.

--
John Rimmer

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Re: Puerto Rico UFO Landing Strip - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 22:50:58 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 10:53:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Puerto Rico UFO Landing Strip - Dickenson

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 19:59:02 +0200
>Subject: Puerto Rico UFO Landing Strip

>LAJAS, Puerto Rico (AP) -- People in this sleepy hamlet are so
>sure they have been receiving other-worldly visitors, they want
>to build a UFO landing strip to welcome them.

Hi Diana, not sure if these attract tourist dollars - maybe
they'd best check with mayor of Ar=E8s - "The world's first
landing field for UFOs was installed in Ar=E8s, [Bordeaux region]
France on 15th August 1976." -

<http://www.mumbai-central.com/nukkad/sep2001/msg00005.html>

Cheers
Ray D

~~~~~  
"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: Memory Without Class - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 23:03:07 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 10:55:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Memory Without Class - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 16:44:47 -0500
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 09:36:39 +0100
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 08:49:58 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>Patient and gentle Listfolk:

>One doesn't know which adjective better applies here:
>disingenuous or childish. Ufologically literate Listfolk will be
>familiar with my extended writings on Klass's, er, distinctive
>approach to the UFO heresy, which I have zero intention of
>reiterating here, especially when it's to so little purpose as
>(and what could be less purpose than?) the edification of
>pelicanists. One can only suppose that the Johns have lots of
>time on their hands these days; either that, or they've chosen,
>for inscrutable avian ends, to behave even more frivolously than
>usual.

>Another adjective comes to mind: hilarious. Listfolk with decent
>memories will recall how, shortly after Uncle Phil died early in
>August, I predicted that the obit in Magonia would be
>hagiographic. Furious, indignant pelican squawking, wing-
>flapping, and red-faced denial followed. They had barely
>recovered their composure when the hagiographic, breathlessly
>uncritical, and tellingly selective obit in Fortean Times was
>published. Furious, indignant pelican squawking, wing-flapping,
>and red-faced defense of the hagiographic, breathlessly
>uncritical, and tellingly selective obit followed, or will in
>another posting or two. Anybody care to place a small bet on how
>slobbering the Magonia obit will be?

It looks like you haven't received your copy of Magonia 89 yet,
which contains the Klass obit. Other American readers seem to
have got it, as they are all happily renewing their
subscriptions. Have a good look through your incoming mail
(check particularly the round container on the floor in the
corner of your office) and if it hasn't arrived I'll post
another copy, being careful to wipe the slobber off it first.

Incidentally can you tell me the address of the Fortean Times
which published the "hagiographic, breathlessly uncritical and
tellingly selective" obituary of Phil Klass? The one I have,
which is published from London, doesn't seem to contain it at
all.

The obituary I have read includes the comment "His
interpretation of individual cases were not always spot-on, and
as time went on he became increasingly and aggressively touchy
when his solutions to cases were questioned, even when those who

shared his generally sceptical outlook queried details or proffered alternative scenarios", most of the rest of it is a simple outline of his career.

I'll grant you it does not actually state that he had cloven hooves or ate babies for breakfast.

>The Fortean Times obit is as it is because it expresses FT's >strange antipathy to UFOs and to American ufologists. (I have >lost track of the number of slaggings I've received in its >pages, and I am far from alone.) Reading it, one has no clue why >Klass had such a miserable reputation among American UFO >researchers and investigators (not to mention among many >skeptics as well, for example Marcello Truzzi, Dennis Rawlins, >Jim Lippard, Gordon Stein, and others). We can only infer the >usual unspoken Ameriphobic subtext, to wit: What would you >expect, after all, of those uncultured colonials? Only such >uncouth souls could fail to fall under the spell of the saintly >Lord Pelican's profound wit and wisdom. We are to believe, I >guess, that this was one of those rare instances in which a >provincial was able to lay claim to the deepest secrets of >feathered truth.

One again, Jerry's strange belief that British Forteans and ufologists are part of some great Anti-American conspiracy seems to be colouring his view! There are of course a number of American ufologists, some of them contributors to this list, who take a more measured view, closer to that of Magonia and FT, rather than to Jerry's extremist attitude.

I do understand, though, that there are a number of personal issues between Clark and Klass which may have contributed towards Jerry's embittered outbursts.

>Having any number of more productive things to do with my life, >knowing from long, tedious experience how long pelicanists can >spin out nothing at all, I refuse to entertain further >discussion with the Johns and, lest I be distracted from >actually consequential matters, plan to delete e-mails from them >on the topic. I don't mean all topics, of course; just this >one, which is simply too boring to be the good, dirty fun of >pelican-baiting which from time to time I allow myself, often to >my subsequent chagrin, to indulge.

Whatever.

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John Rimmer

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South African UFO Case?

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 00:58:28 +0200 (CEST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 10:59:47 -0400
Subject: South African UFO Case?

In November 1988 a UFO was observed by multitudes over Pretoria (South Africa). On November 26th, the "Pretoria News" journal reported that it had been the flight of a two stratospheric balloons launched by the French NASA (CNES) a few days before.

Source is: <<http://stratocat.iespana.es/ovnis/za881100.htm>>

If there is any local UFO researcher from South Africa in this list, I would appreciate receiving -privately- some scans (or xerox copies by mail) of local press information, specially if there was any photograph taken by press reps, public or scientists.

Thank you very much and best regards,

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Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO - Cohen

From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 23:04:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 11:02:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO - Cohen

>From: Dave Stone <dlstone63.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 14:07:11 -0700
>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 09:40:47 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

><snip>

>>Because I'm not totally familiar with all the reported astronaut
>>sightings, I'd like confirmation from others that what Dave says
>>about the this particular UFO encounter never being spoken about
>>by Aldrin before is accurate.

><snip>

>After doing some more digging, I discovered that Aldrin, Collins
>and Armstrong did report the object in their technical
>debriefing after they returned to earth. And Aldrin apparently
>discussed this incident in his book "Return to Earth":

><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Hollow/8827/astonaut2.html>

>What is interesting is Armstrong's description of the object at
>the debriefing as having "two connected rings". The object
>displayed during the Science Channel program did have two
>connected rings.

Yes Dave,

Very interesting about the rings. A match is a match. Do you
care if I forward your comments to Brad Sparks. He sent me a
note saying he had poured through thousands of records and
didn't find data on this one.

I think this shows it is possible he may not be quite as
accurate as he thinks he is. He is a very sincere researcher
but, in my lifetime, I've learned you have to leave room for
error. Nobody is perfect. When you think you're perfect, that's
when you're in the most danger of screwing up. (Just a rule of
thumb not meant to demean any of his efforts.)

Jerry

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Re: Memory Without Klass - Hayakawa

From: **Norio Hayakawa** <Area51watch.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 23:47:01 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 11:05:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass - Hayakawa

Phil Klass does not deserve such a vitriolic treatment as was given recently in the posts here.

I have the highest respect for Phil, who, for more than 35 years, dedicated his life to Aviation Week & Space Technology, the nation's premier aviation weekly.

Phil was truly a gentleman and a scholar.

He was a very friendly, kind and warm-hearted individual. I had a chance to meet and talk with him during one of his many casual, unannounced attendances at past "UFO conferences", simply as an attendee.

He selflessly took the time to avail himself and mingled among the attendees at such conferences.

He truly was a courageous man, knowing that many (if not most) of those attendees at such gatherings were decidedly "pro-UFO" people and were highly antagonistic to his well-known skepticism. But when one actually met him and talked to him he impressed everyone with his congeniality, politeness and his humor.

He listened to people's "testimonies" with patience.

He also offered his alternative explanations to such accounts as recounted by such "witnesses".

I have read several of his well-written books and I concur totally with his assessment that from an empirical point of view, we have yet to come up with any single piece of solid, tangible, irrefutable physical evidence whatsoever to substantiate the claims of those who adamantly state that we have been or are being visited by space aliens in alien spacecraft.

That is the bottom line.

I am not saying that the "UFO phenomenon" doesn't exist or that the "UFO phenomenon" is unreal. Reality is a relative term. There is no universal definition of reality.

To me, the topics of "UFOs", "aliens" and "alien abductions" are bettered suited under the category of "faith", "beliefs" or "religious experiences" rather than under "nuts-and-bolts" empirical science.

I personally believe in God. I personally believe in angels. I personally believe that demons exist. Yes, I believe in the Bible in its entirety.

However, I have never and never will ever attempt to prove to anyone that they exist. It is simply my religious belief.

Phil Klass indeed brought to "ufology" a much needed "healthy skepticism" when it comes to proving the phenomenon through empirical methodology, the only existing standard by which to

evaluate the existence of any physical phenomenon.

Though villified by the majority in the so-called "UFO community", (an insignificant portion of the general populace), he deserves to be defended, especially after the barrages of unjust condemnation as was seen here recently.

We will sorely miss Phil, a true "Klass act".

- Norio Hayakawa

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Frison

From: **Eugene Frison** <eugene.frison.nul>
Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 01:14:50 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 11:06:32 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Frison

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 12:18:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 Sep 2005 20:15:47 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>Given all that, there really doesn't have to be a worldwide
>conspiracy to suppress the UFO information? just a lack of the
>elements needed to prove the case to all but the most hardened.
>Not a conspiracy, just a lack of proof so that even when the
>leader of a country makes a comment about UFOs, it boils down to
>the same problem. There is no absolutely convincing evidence.

>Finally, it can be argued that the secret hasn't been kept
>because we are debating it. Yes, the best elements are hidden,
>if we accept the idea that Roswell was extraterrestrial, but we
>do have some solid eyewitness testimony, we do have limited
>documentation, and we do have some circumstantial evidence. What
>we lack, obviously, is the hard physical evidence that would
>underscore the importance of the rest of the evidence.

<snip>

>I'm not sure that any nation would want to announce the arrival
>of the extraterrestrials, especially if it might compromise their
>security, and I'm not sure that we need every nation to conceal
>the facts for this control to work. Maybe it is as simple as the
>number of visits and the lack of physical evidence.

>>This is simply conspiracy theory gone mad.

>I have to throw in with you on that. The world wide conspiracy
>does not make good sense. The lack of proof positive and a low
>number of true visits might simply accomplish the same thing.

Kevin's post reflects my own long time position on this. First, let me say I have never been a fan of 'UFO crashes.' Not to say I'm not open to them but that I lean about eighty percent away from the idea. I believe there possibly may have been a very few - possibly Roswell, Shag Harbour (which I see as more of a UFO entering the water), maybe a small number of others. There are unanswered questions and some things that point to crashes having occurred, so I'm open to the idea. But I have big reservations while I allow for the possibility! For instance, if another civilization is here, it just may want to give us a little prod now and then for whatever reason - staging a crash and throwing in some already deceased representatives of their kind (some humans voluntarily sign up for 'organ donor', i.e. donate their bodies for a cause in the event of their deaths) - so who can rule out a mock 'UFO crash'? As to stuff like MJ-12 documents and everything that goes with it, well, I don't put any stock in that. That's not to say governments haven't lied or don't have some nice juicy stuff that they can contribute to the evidence pile. (Maybe even the elusive 'proof positive.')

Kevin's explanation of the lack of any real conspiracy - it being due to a low number of true anomalies present despite the large number of reports, and lack of proof positive - fits in with my views that a high percentage of unrecognized IFO reports are resulting in distorted 'pattern stamps' in our data, that we still have a way to go before we can claim we've solved this mystery, and that we've not amassed incontrovertible evidence yet.

Thanks, Kevin, for what I think is a rational, balanced perspective on this!

Eugene Frison

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Re: Pandora's Box - Bourdais

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 12:12:34 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 11:08:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Pandora's Box - Bourdais

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 03:33:24 -0700
>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box - Bourdais

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 11:39:50 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box

>>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 15:49:24 +0100 (BST)
>>>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box

><snip>

>>BTW, the French government is now discreetly reactivating
>>an official group of UFO studies.

>Can you give any details? How did you learn about this,
>and what is known?

Hello Larry and all,

I learned this from a well informed source, without much detail.
It should be announced very soon officially in a press release.

Gildas

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Investigator Has 'Visit' After Activity Report

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 11:13:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 11:13:44 -0400
Subject: Investigator Has 'Visit' After Activity Report

Source: ProFindSearch.Com

<http://www.profindsearch.com/news/2005/10/02/PFS1234.htm>

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[Pictures at site]

UFO Investigator Receives 'Visitor' After Reporting Strange Activity

Barb Campbell of UFO-Connection is one of the few people that actually takes the trouble to investigate the many UFO reports she receives. It is perhaps one of these reports that may account for some strange activity in the last 24 hours.

Her site published a report dated the 31st of August 2005 concerning sightings outside of Moricetown, British Columbia (see below):

I sort of drew what happened with the sighting that night. I can't remember the name of the mountain, but my sister believes the old Indian name for the area is Grizzly's Pass? It's located west of Moricetown along Highway 16 and off the reserve. Moricetown gets their water from Glacier Creek via the Moricetown Water Treatment Plant and you have to go through my parent's property to get to that. One of my sisters built that new plant which is standing now.

Anyway, I marked where the US war planes travel (according to my dad) and where the two sightings were that night. The night was partially clear with dark clouds. It was a tad lighter on the opposite side of the mountain allowing us to see the dark cloud formations against the night sky. A dark cloud formation hung just on top of the mountain's peak and that's where the strobing lights disappeared. It never came out the other side of the cloud.

This is also the location of where I used to live in a trailer less than a half mile from the mountain's base. This was where midnight turned to day through my bedroom window back in 1993. My husband and I must have been like a couple of deer staring into headlights. He had phoned someone that night and was told it was probably meteor showers. However, that would have been impossible. We were deep in the bush at the base of the mountain. There was approx 80 - 100 feet between the bedroom window and very tall thick forest. Something had to have come down low and directly near us to have shone that brightly. A meteor shower would not have affected us in the slightest and would have gone completely un-noticed.

The Military flights have been very regular near the mountain, usually around 5pm, but on the 12th of September this changed. "one of my sisters was waiting with her camera to take a photo of that US military jet. But it never appeared around 5pm so after a while she went back home. At 7:30pm the jet appeared.

Only this time, it dove down and flew telephone pole height over the ranch. My mom and other sister were able to see a seal on the jet with USA in black letters underneath the seal. It then climbed back up into the air, did a u-turn and then disappeared behind the mountain!"

Checks have been made to see if there are any military operations being carried out in the area, but "Search and rescue in Comox and the armed forces P.R. person in Ottawa both have no knowledge of any low level military stuff going on in the northwest" and "Both the US and Canadian Air Forces claim to have no knowledge of any such activity in the area."

Clearly something unusual is going on and yesterday (at around 3pm) Barb had a helicopter flying around her home in Maidstone Saskatchewan Canada. She took a number of photos of the helicopter as it left (see below), but in the second photo listed, not only the helicopter appears in the sky, but a number of other objects as well. If you click on the second image you will be able to see a much larger version. If you zoom in on this you will find at least 6 unusual objects in the sky. We have looked at this closely and they do not appear to be helicopters!

At the moment we have no idea what those other objects are, but they seem to be connected in some way with the Helicopter. Is the Helicopter providing some kind of escort for UFO's? Is there some ET base on the mountain which is responsible for the flashing lights and Military plane activity?

Strangely enough, the appearance of the Helicopter coincided with a meeting she had earlier with a man who may provide some answers to this (and many other unusual events). Unfortunately, we can not say too much about this at the moment, as the information is believed to be "explosive".

For those who believe that the U.S. government is covering up UFO sightings and Alien contact, they may find the following link of interest: Canadian UFO Researcher Blocked by U. S. Homeland Security

From Speaking at NUFOC Conference

We will keep you posted of any new developments on this. Further details can also be found on Barb's own site UFO-Connection.

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Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 10:13:03 -0500
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>From: Norio Hayakawa <Area51watch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 23:47:01 EDT
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>We will sorely miss Phil, a true "Klass act".

Yeah, right, and cheese is plentiful on the moon.

For a perspective on a Klass act in action from the point of view of a hard-core skeptic, see:

<http://cura.free.fr/xv/14starbb.html>

Jerry Clark

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Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 10:14:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 14:24:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Lehmborg

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 22:25:20 +0100
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>>duck to stop quacking, or a true naif to admit his own
>>suffocating credulity.

>I am always flattered, dear Alfred, by your inability to allow
>any posting of mine, however meagre its content,

Note the ironic admission, fellow Listers...

>to pass without
>an exposition of one of your characteristic lucubrations.

How convenient for both of us then, Sir, as you are one to bring
out the absolute best in me, and I can take some small
satisfaction in same. But flattered? I suspect not.

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 11:25:41 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 14:25:45 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Boone

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 17:10:10 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 12:18:52 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

<snip>

>>I have to throw in with you on that. The world wide conspiracy
>>does not make good sense. The lack of proof positive and a low
>>number of true visits might simply accomplish the same thing.

>I agree with that. I would also like to add in response to those
>that would claim that the USA uses it's financial clout and
>military might to intimidate other states into not disclosing
>anything relating to UFOs, that the same tactics do not appear
>to be working in relation to Iran's nuclear development
>programme. Why should they have more success when it comes to
>UFOs?

I dunno, it works with North Korea, Russia, China and even Cuba.

We've thrown so much money, altered trading and subsidized to
death these countries that engage in overt acts of human cruelty
and suppression.

Whenever they want more money they start beating their swords
and we just toss in more loot.

Iran will do the same. The U.S. hasn't given in to their demands
yet. Also, Iran is more afraid of Israel than us.

You can toss money and intimidate. It's called global policy.

Best,

Greg

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Biggest UFO Conference In Recent Years

From: **A. J. Gevaerd** <gevaerd.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 11:02:27 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 09:37:53 -0400
Subject: Biggest UFO Conference In Recent Years

Dear Folks:

For those of you who yet don't know - and specially for those of you who live nearby - the biggest UFO conference held in Europe in the last years is about to happen in Calabria, Italy, supported by the University of Cosenza.

It will be the I Simposio Internazionale Di Esobiologia, Ufologia Ed Esopolitica or First International Simposium of Exobiology, Ufology and exopolitics, organized by Italy=B4s National UFO Centre (CUN).

See details at:

<http://www.cun-italia.net/documenti/calabria/programma2.htm>

Best regards.

A. J. Gevaerd
Brazilian UFO Magazine
www.ufo.com.br
gevaerd.nul

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Re: Memory Without Klass - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 10:52:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 09:48:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass - Lehmborg

>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 23:47:01 EDT
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>Phil Klass does not deserve such a vitriolic treatment as was
>given recently in the posts here.

<snip>

>That is the bottom line.

All respect to you, Sir. We have never spoken or communicated in any way. But know, that to this point? At best there can only be agreement to disagreement. "That" is nowhere near the bottom line.

>I am not saying that the "UFO phenomenon" doesn't exist or that
>the "UFO phenomenon" is unreal. Reality is a relative term.
>There is no universal definition of reality.

Mr. Klass, I suspect, would have thought you a dismissible fool for even considering such a thing, while you and I would, ironically, agree.

>To me, the topics of "UFOs", "aliens" and "alien abductions" are
>bettered suited under the category of "faith", "beliefs" or
>"religious experiences" rather than under "nuts-and-bolts"
>empirical science.

Then with all respect, good SIR! You have not been paying attention, you have not done the minimal research, you have not read the seminal works, and you are awash in an insidious and ironic faith all your own. And this... "this" from the "Nuts and Bolts," Mr. Hayakawa!

Hall, Kasher, Sturrock, Haines, McDonald, Clark, Cohen, Friedman, Jacobs, Mack, et sig freaking al... my most suffering and beyond baragrugous ZOT...

>I personally believe in God. I personally believe in angels. I
>personally believe that demons exist. Yes, I believe in the
>Bible in its entirety.

You wouldn't consider, though, imposing any of that on me. That has never even entered your mind am I right? You wouldn't discount me or make me pay in any way in any way disrespect me in public, or private poison my well before I got there... nothing like that, I am confident

>However, I have never and never will ever attempt to prove to
>anyone that they exist. It is simply my religious belief.
>

Why then, Sir, make that testimony here at all?

>Phil Klass indeed brought to "ufology" a much needed "healthy
>skepticism"

No, Sir! A backstepping paradigm of unbrave denialism,

deliberate obfuscation, scurrilously unethical activity and
decidedly unhealthy!

>when it comes to proving the phenomenon through
>empirical methodology, the only existing standard by which to
>evaluate the existence of any physical phenomenon.

Then I think our cultural 'mainstream' should actually get off
it's Klass saddled _ass_ and actually _do_ some of that...
"...empirical methodology, the only existing standard by which
to evaluate the existence of any physical phenomenon..." Pretty
pompous and not a little dissembling, only, Mr. Hayakawa.

>Though villified by the majority in the so-called "UFO
>community", (an insignificant portion of the general populace),

Let's just see how "significant" all this _does_ get... shall we?

>he deserves to be defended, especially after the barrages of
>unjust condemnation as was seen here recently.

There is nothing more petulantly sad than the uninformed
defending the indefensible...

>We will sorely miss Phil, a true "Klass act".

Ummmm - no, with all respect to you, Sir. No. You are
egregiously mistaken. And I would hope, presumably, innocently
so. Why - I'd sooner celebrate the unifying memory of Vlad
Tepps!

alienview.nul
www.AlienView.net
AVG Blog - <http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>

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Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 16:35:42 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 09:49:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained - Hall

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 18:01:25 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 15:42:32 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 19:41:44 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Claims Explained

>>>>Sleep paralysis may explain a few cases reported as abductions.
>>>>That certainly should be studied and cases should be screened
>>>>for it. When they are, it turns out that the sleep paralysis
>>>>explanation used so sweepingly by the Clancy's of the world is
>>>>rather inadequate for the great bulk of cases.

>>>I hope you are not making this sweeping claim simply because
>>>many abductees allege that they were awake when their abduction
>>>took place.

>>What sweeping claim am I making, John? Repeat, I am citing
>>data. That's D-A-T-A. The findings of research show it to be the
>>case. Dispute my data if you can, but don't simply posture by
>>suggesting that I am a naif.

>What D-A-T-A? What research? And what evidence to confirm that
>the abductee was wide awake?

That which I and my colleagues have performed and reported
extensively in the literature. It's called field research, John.
Try it, you'll like it. Or maybe not since it will refute your
arm-chair theorizing.

- Dick

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Re: Toronto Symposium Report #02 - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 17:55:46 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 09:57:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Toronto Symposium Report #02 - Shough

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 20:37:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: Toronto Symposium Report #02

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 17:50:17 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Toronto Symposium Report #02

>>>Source: Eye Magazine - Toronto

>>http://www.eyenet.com/eye/issue/issue_09.29.05/op/wanderingeye.html

>>Do I remember a case on a UFO documentary a number of years
>>ago now, in which a dead man, in circumstances suggesting he
>>might have been an abductee, was discovered atop a huge pile
>>of coal, with clothing on but arranged in ways suggesting whoever
>>dressed him didn't know how clothing works?

>>I believe there were activities prior to this, in that area,
>>involving UFO craft in close proximity, but can't remember the
>>details.

>I remember something on that - searches might pay off.

>1) It was a UK incident

It was the Todmorden case discussed by Jenny Randles, I think in her book The Pennine UFO Mystery, back in about 1980 or so (?), and the UFO association was at least partly due to the dead man's name if I remember correctly - it was "Adamski".

Martin Shough

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Re: Pandora's Box - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 18:09:36 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 10:04:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Pandora's Box - Miller

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 12:12:34 +0200
>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 03:33:24 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box - Bourdais

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 11:39:50 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box

>>>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 15:49:24 +0100 (BST)
>>>>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box

>><snip>

>>>BTW, the French government is now discreetly reactivating
>>>an official group of UFO studies.

>>Can you give any details? How did you learn about this,
>>and what is known?

>Hello Larry and all,

>I learned this from a well informed source, without much
>detail.

>It should be announced very soon officially in a press
>release.

Larry,

Gildas is absolutely correct about this. As I understand it,
Jean-Jacques Velasco has retired and a new commission headed up
by Yves Sillard is being launched.

Below is an English translation (a very poor one) from a Dutch
site announcing the news.

<http://www.volkskrant.com/weblog/pub/blogs/blog.php?uid=3D227>

The French space travel agency CNES aims a commission at that
Ufo-waarnemingen will map, communicates to the Flemish newspaper
underground railway. THE CNES, collect the French equivalent of
the nasa for a long time Ufo-meldingen in a large file. These
are analysed experts from involved sectors. It answers also for
the communication policy, publication of periodic reports and
access to Ufo-archieven. A new commission under the guidance of
Yves Sillar, old the director-general of the agency, must send
now all these activities and check. _ beside own expert in the
commission member of the police force, gendarmerie, power,

M=E9t=E9o-Franse and other research worker seat oneself

Below is a NATO profile of the gentleman concerned.

Yves Sillard

<http://www.nato.int/cv/is/asg-sa/sillar-e.htm>

And here is the transcript of a radio interview Mr. Sillard gave to Radio France International on the 29th. September

Version originale, en Fran=E7ais:

http://www.rr0.org/Documents/Articles/2005-09-25_RFI_Sillard.html

English version courtesy of Google:

<http://tinyurl.com/aemyv>

Mon information vient a moi de mon bon ami, Christian Mace qui a par ailleurs eu apercevoir de fascination de ses propres juste il y a quelques jours.

<http://www.ufo-connection.com/hq/modules/articles/article.php?id=3D360>

Stuart Miller

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Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO - Stone

From: Dave Stone <dlstone63.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 10:48:25 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 10:05:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO - Stone

>From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 23:04:41 -0400
>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>From: Dave Stone <dlstone63.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 14:07:11 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>>From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 09:40:47 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>><snip>

>>>Because I'm not totally familiar with all the reported astronaut
>>>sightings, I'd like confirmation from others that what Dave says
>>>about the this particular UFO encounter never being spoken about
>>>by Aldrin before is accurate.

>><snip>

>>After doing some more digging, I discovered that Aldrin, Collins
>>and Armstrong did report the object in their technical
>>debriefing after they returned to earth. And Aldrin apparently
>>discussed this incident in his book "Return to Earth":

>><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Hollow/8827/astronaut2.html>

>>What is interesting is Armstrong's description of the object at
>>the debriefing as having "two connected rings". The object
>>displayed during the Science Channel program did have two
>>connected rings.

>Yes Dave,

>Very interesting about the rings. A match is a match. Do you
>care if I forward your comments to Brad Sparks. He sent me a
>note saying he had poured through thousands of records and
>didn't find data on this one.

<snip>

Not a problem. To get the above geocities.com link just do a
Google search with the following keywords: Aldrin S-IVB UFO.

For more on the Apollo 11 debriefing:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/jan/m13-008.shtml>

The actual Houston-Apollo 11 voice transcription (search on 6000):

http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/alsj/all/alltranscript_tec.html

- Dave Stone

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Fireball Over Britain March 24 1955?

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 19:54:47 +0200 (CEST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 10:08:09 -0400
Subject: Fireball Over Britain March 24 1955?

There was a bright fireball sighted from Britain on March 24, 1955, as reported by Arthur Constance in *The Inexplicable Sky*, (Citadel, New York, 1956), pages 237 to 254.

I am addressing British UFO researchers here to ask if there was any photograph taken of this fireball. In the affirmative, I will appreciate receiving -privately- any further information about it.

Thanks and best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
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46080 Valencia
Spain

<http://fotocat.blogspot.com>

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Gehrman

From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 11:03:59 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 10:09:30 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Gehrman

>From: Eugene Frison <eugene.frison.nul>
>To: UFO Updates List <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 01:14:50 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>... we
>still have a way to go before we can claim we've solved this
>mystery, and that we've not amassed incontrovertible evidence
>yet.

Hi Eugene,

There's plenty of "incontrovertible evidence", just a lack of open-minded folks to study it. Have you read my crash site report yet?

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/gehrman.htm>

Ed

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Re: Pandora's Box - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 14:19:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 10:11:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Pandora's Box - Aldrich

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It would be good to know where in which agency the investigation
is to be lodged.

A few of my questions about French official UFO investigations:

So few official military reports have come out. At Chicago when
we asked J. J. Velasco to discuss some, he fell back on the
ancient 1951 L'Orange incident. I am given to understand that
now that we have circulated a copy of the official L'Orange
report, the military is somewhat upset that this got out. What
is the problem with making these old reports public?

Why have so few French military sightings or sightings from the
French Air Force investigations come to light?

In 1954 a number of reports from French colonies and especially
from French colonial officials appeared in the press. Were such
reports submitted officially to Paris? What is the status of UFO
reporting from Franophone nations and overseas community? Do
former colonies submit reports to Paris?

What about French naval reports? Did the Hydrographic Office
keep track of such reports and reports at sea?

Are there files in Meteorological Offices as there were in the UK?

VSD had one detailed report of UFOs over a nuclear facility and indications that such reports have been made at military nuclear installations. Is that true?

Are there reports from the French satellite launching sites similar to the ones from Woomera, White Sands, etc.?

Jan Aldrich

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Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 10:12:33 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - McGonagle

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 17:10:10 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

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<snip>

I hope to avoid this thread developing into a party-political platform, but just taking your remark above, I think you missed the point - China and Russia are certainly already nuclear powers, the US policies have failed to prevent either from developing the technology. North Korea backed down I suspect because it expected China to back it. When China failed to do so (partly due to domestic concerns, but also no doubt to pressure from the USA and other countries), they had little choice. As far as I know, Cuba has never had a nuclear production programme of it's own, relying on support from Russia if the need arose.

In addition to Iran, you can also add Pakistan and India to the list of countries that decided to ignore USA pressure and developed their own nuclear capability. For a full list of nuclear capable states, visit:

http://www.thebulletin.org/nuclear_weapons_data/index.htm

The USA has resisted the spread of nuclear technology since WWII, and only allowed the UK access to it after they thought we had developed it independently (according to one account, the UK only pretended to have developed the technology in order to gain access to US research).

As I pointed out, in spite of US resistance, financial and military power, several states have developed nuclear weapons technology. This flies in the face of those who suggest that the USA suppresses information about UFOs from foreign states through intimidation.

Cheers,

Joe

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Re: Puerto Rico UFO Landing Strip - Friedman

From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 18:09:56 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 10:15:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Puerto Rico UFO Landing Strip - Friedman

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 22:50:58 +0100
>Subject: Re: Puerto Rico UFO Landing Strip

>>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 19:59:02 +0200
>>Subject: Puerto Rico UFO Landing Strip

>>LAJAS, Puerto Rico (AP) -- People in this sleepy hamlet are so
>>sure they have been receiving other-worldly visitors, they want
>>to build a UFO landing strip to welcome them.

>Hi Diana, not sure if these attract tourist dollars - maybe
>they'd best check with mayor of Ar=E8s - "The world's first
>landing field for UFOs was installed in Ares, [Bordeaux region]
>France on 15th August 1976." -

><http://www.mumbai-central.com/nukkad/sep2001/msg00005.html>

Sorry but St. Paul Alberta dedicated a UFO Landing site in 1967
in honor of Canada's 100th anniversary. Paul Hellyer was there
and noted it in his Toronto lecture. I have seen it.

Stan Friedman

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 18:27:36 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 10:18:56 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Friedman

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 16:34:14 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 09:26:33 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 14:15:52 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 17:11:52 EDT
>>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

><snip>

>>>But then perhaps CDA can read all the stuff under the White-out
>>>on the NSA UFO documents and the blackout in the CIA UFO
>>>documents. I can't.

><snip>

>>You just cannot or will not understand that the whited out NSA
>>docs and the blacked out CIA docs do not in any way advance your
>>'Cosmic Watergate' thesis. Why should I or anyone else conclude
>>that these censored portions are evidence of ET visits to earth?

><snip>

>>I do not have to read any of this censored stuff to be 99.9 per
>>cent certain that they have nothing whatever to do with
>>extraterrestrial visits, contain zilch of interest to science
>>and are merely to do with code deciphering and other boring
>>matters relating to intelligence methods the authorities want
>>to conceal.

>As I originally pointed out I can tell what is in the deleted
>portions of the NSA UFO documents. They are not I repeat not
>intercepts of encrypted communications but "in the clear" Soviet
>military messages reporting UFO or unidentified sightings (there
>is not enough info in any of them to tell if even a single
>actual UFO was sighted). There is no "code deciphering"
>involved, no "codes," just in the clear messages. NSA deleted
>the dates and locations of each incident, leaving in only the
>sketchy details of the sightings only. Dates and locations are
>what have been deleted. Got that now?

>The fact these are "clear text" messages (and possibly radio
>voice transcripts though I doubt it from the way the messages
>are worded) that are not encrypted means they are low-level
>relatively unimportant messages. If they had been important
>messages the Soviets and Soviet bloc countries would have sent
>them with some form of encryption, the level of encryption

>indicating importance and sensitiveness. Not a single one of the
>NSA UFO-sighting report intercepts seems to have been encrypted
>by the Soviet bloc senders (possibly some messages are Chinese).

>This indicates to me that the NSA has a huge collection of
>_encrypted_ UFO sighting reports it has intercepted from a
>variety of countries around the world including our own allies,
>plus "in the clear" UFO reports intercepted from our allies
>(which NSA does not want to tip off that we are intercepting
>them), all of which the NSA has never even searched for. There
>are probably thousands of such intercepts.

>Now if some country, say Russia, had captured an ET spaceship,
>any messages sent concerning it would be of the highest level of
>security classification requiring the greatest level of crypto
>security, like one-time-pad type encryption multiply applied.
>These messages the NSA would not be able to "break." The NSA
>would not then have any intercepted messages telling of a
>recovery of an ET spaceship, even if such an event occurred,
>because NSA would not be able to read them to know what they
>reported. NSA has warehouses full of unbreakable messages.

I don't disagree with Brad's views about unencrypted messages.
Clearly, however, he is in error in saying that all that has
been deleted is dates and locations. Better than 90% of each of
the 156 NSA UFO documents has been whited out. Surely that is
not all dates and locations, or sources and methods info as
claimed..

Furthermore, we must take note of the fact that the CIA found
only 18 NSA UFO documents which they listed by dates only in
their list of 57 other agency documents provided to CAUS. The
NSA found almost 9 times as many (156).

In addition they found 23 CIA UFO documents which the CIA had
supposedly not found.

It took me 2 years to get 9 of these which were press abstracts
of Eastern European Newspaper articles about UFOs which the
Soviets had the day they were published. It took me three more
years upon appeal to get 4 highly redacted CIA UFO documents
from this batch. The rest were withheld. In short, don't trust NSA
and CIA to talk to each other, or to be truthful about what they
find.

Similarly the FBI initially denied having a file on me even
though they had done three security clearances on me and later
admitted (after I sent a response from the CIA giving an FBI
file number and the fact that the FBI had made a negative name
check request on me) that they had a file on me which was
classified and whose size and classification were also
classified.

Stan Friedman

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Re: UFO Lights Up Florida's Skies - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 16:37:51 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 11:13:39 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Lights Up Florida's Skies - Hatch

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 17:11:08 +0000
>Subject: Re: UFO Lights Up Florida's Skies

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFO Lights Up Florida's Skies
>>Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 12:15:50 -0400

>>Source: The Tallahassee Democrat - Tallahassee, Florida
>><http://www.tallahassee.com/mld/tallahassee/news/12778642.htm>
>>Fri, Sep. 30, 2005

>>UFO Lights Up Florida's Skies Experts believe object was meteor
>>The Associated Press

>>Miami - Experts believe a meteor was visible along a large
>>section of the Florida skyline Thursday night, although NASA
>>officials have not confirmed what the intensely bright, fast
>>object exactly was.

>>The glowing orb was spotted around 7 p.m.; some who saw it
>>called county and state officials to ensure that it wasn't a
>>crashing aircraft.

>>"This one could've been from a baseball- to a basketball-sized
>>chunk of space rock that slammed into our Earth's atmosphere at
>>very high speed," Jack Horkheimer, director of the planetarium
>>at the Miami Museum of Science, told The Miami Herald.

<snip>

>>A meteor is a momentary flash of light produced when a space
>>object penetrates Earth's atmosphere.

>>And a fireball meteor is a long-lasting, larger piece of debris
that can be seen for 5, 10, maybe 15 seconds and is so bright
that it typically is observed from several states (usually a
tip-off for a fireball).

>>Why do newspapers label obvious fireball meteors as UFOs?
>>Ignorance, I suppose.

Hi Dick:

Ignorance maybe, could also be a way of spicing up a snoozer.

This is exactly the sort of event I do NOT catalog.

Best

- Larry

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Desert Glass An Enigma

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 17:08:00 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 11:26:31 -0400
Subject: Desert Glass An Enigma

Did it come from the moon?
Did it come from the depths of a volcano?
Or did a meteorite strike the earth?

Source: Aramco World Magazine

<http://tinyurl.com/8gnwv>

September/October 1979

pp. 2-5

Desert Glass: An Enigma
written by John W. Olsen with James R. Underwood

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In December 1932, an Egyptian Desert Survey expedition led by P.A. Clayton was sent southwest from Cairo to study the previously unexplored regions of the Egyptian Sand Sea, north of a broad plateau, the Gifl Kebir. On December 29 of that year, members of the expedition discovered, scattered about on the desert, transparent to translucent pieces of a pale yellow-green vitreous substance that has since become known as Libyan Desert glass.

Located in the Great Erg, or Sand Sea, on the Egyptian-Libyan frontier, the area where the glass is found measures roughly 80 miles north and south by 30 miles east and west in the corridors between a series of dunes (*saifs*) that rise abruptly above sharply contrasting weathered debris that overlies bedrock of the Nubian Sandstone deposited during the Early Cretaceous Epoch some 100 million years ago.

Although the glass was used for tools by Pleistocene man, and may have been discovered as early as 1846 by explorers, the inaccessibility of the region and the harshness of the terrain precluded any further investigation until Clayton went back in 1934 with L.J. Spencer, then Keeper of Minerals in the British Museum. And it was not until 1971, when a joint University of Texas-University of Libya team explored the western extremity of the area, that modern science had a look. Indeed, the terrain is so remote and inhospitable, that when the American-Libyan team neared the site of the glass deposits, they discovered an Egyptian plane, intact, with the remains of nine passengers scattered about, lying where they died of thirst several days after they landed, lost and out of fuel, more than three years earlier.

The glass has generated intense interest among scientists because its origin remains an enigma. Was it produced by the encounter of an extraterrestrial body with earth? Science isn't sure and, in fact, has come up with at least 10 theories to explain its origin.

Many researchers consider Libyan Desert glass to be a form of

tektite (from the Greek *tektos*, meaning molten), a natural black, dark green, or dark brown glassy stone, resembling the volcanic glass obsidian, that may possibly be of extraterrestrial or meteoritic origin. Tektites, which occur in four large associations of distinctly different ages throughout the world known as *strewn fields*, are similar to Libyan Desert glass in that both substances are composed chiefly of silica (SiO₂-silicon dioxide); the silica content of tektites ranges from 68-80 percent whereas that of Libyan Desert glass is approximately 98 percent. Both tektites and Libyan Desert glass are characterized by etched, pitted surfaces, which in the case of some of the silica glass may have been obscured by the scouring action of the fierce Saharan winds.

Tektites, first scientifically reported in 1788, have been the subject of investigation since that time. In 1844, for example, Charles Darwin, the great naturalist, described a specimen he was given in Australia while on the famous globe-circling voyage of *H.M.S. Beagle* from 1831-1836.

Undoubtedly of natural origin, tektites have been interpreted by various investigators as: (1) ejecta from terrestrial volcanoes, (2) meteorites, (3) ejecta from lunar volcanoes, (4) glassy material produced by lightning striking the earth, (5) glassy material produced by lightning discharge into the dusty, hot gases of a volcano's eruptive cloud, (6) the product of desiccating siliceous gels, (7) glassy debris from a disrupted planetary body with a glassy surface layer, (8) material produced by forest fires, (9) glassy material produced by meteorite impact on earth, or (10) similar material resulting from meteorite impact on the moon. It was even argued by some, for a time, that tektites had been produced by human activities such as furnace operations or as a by-product in the manufacture of glass.

The shape of tektites is varied; they may resemble buttons, teardrops, dumb-bells, rods, spheres, or disks. Some are blocky and layered. Although commonly about an inch in diameter, they range up to a maximum diameter of almost 12 inches and weigh as much as 28 pounds. Many tektites show the effects of surface etching and pitting - interpreted by most specialists as having developed through chemical action during burial on the earth's surface. Some tektites, especially those from Australia, show a distinctive surface sculpture almost certainly produced by aerodynamic ablation as the glassy object hurtled through the earth's atmosphere. It was this characteristic of some tektites that drew special attention to them as the pace of the U.S. space program to reach the moon quickened. Tektites provided a model for the design of heat shields with which to protect spacecraft returning to earth through the atmosphere. Suddenly these curious objects of heretofore relatively minor interest were center stage, because they had already journeyed through the earth's atmosphere, and many were readily available for study.

The chemical composition of tektites is similar to that of crustal rocks of the earth, and the discovery in some tektites of rare minerals produced only by extremely high pressure has led many to believe that tektites are a form of glass, *impactite*, produced by meteorite impact. This view was further enhanced by the discovery in some tektites of small spheres (spherules) of nickel-iron, the material of which many meteorites are composed.

Specialists were divided, however, on whether tektites were produced by impact on earth and were consequently splashed into their strewn fields, or whether the impact events occurred on the moon with some of the ejecta reaching lunar escape velocity and reaching earth as a form of meteorite. The hypothesis of lunar origin of tektites was dealt a severe blow by the failure of samples returned from the moon by the Apollo missions to contain any tektite-like material or plausible tektite parent material.

Some large terrestrial impact craters have been identified as being of the correct age and location to be the parent craters for some of the tektite-strewn fields, but for some strewn fields no parent craters have thus far been identified. Based on aerodynamic arguments however, some investigators feel that tektites cannot have a terrestrial origin and be distributed as they are in strewn fields. They further maintain that tektites

can only have come from certain lunar volcanoes that are believed to have erupted material at lunar escape velocity in the directions necessary to result in impact with the earth. And so the debate continues.

Is Libyan Desert glass a tektite? Although it usually is discussed in the same context as tektites and is considered by some investigators to be a variety of tektite, there exist some very distinct differences. Libyan Desert glass has a uniformly higher silica content than tektites, and it shows no evidence of aerodynamic sculpturing. Many of the fragments are tabular and layered, which is characteristic of only one kind of tektite, the so-called Muong-Nong tektites of southeast Asia. Libyan Desert glass never occurs in such distinctive shapes as dumb-bells, rods, spheres, disks, and teardrops as do tektites, and the color of the glass is rarely as dark as the color of typical tektites. In fact, some of the glass is quite colorless. It ranges in size from tiny flakes 0.01mm in diameter up to pieces the size of a person's head and weighing over 16 pounds. Both tektites and Libyan Desert glass are harder than the steel in a knife blade, but no harder than the mineral quartz. Fragments of Libyan Desert glass are somewhat lighter weight than tektites of equal size. Both tektites and Libyan Desert glass may contain bubbles; those in the glass tend either to be elliptical, indicating deformation of the bubble during flow, or elongated and pointed, suggesting deformation of original pore space in material that barely melted.

Analyses of both major and trace elements of the glass and of the Nubian Sandstone upon which it rests, together with the stratification visible in numerous pieces, have revealed that the Nubian Sandstone is a suitable parent material for Libyan Desert glass and suggest that the glass could be of impact origin. What is not yet understood is the mechanism that produced, momentarily, heat intense enough to melt surface rock or weathered debris. For the quartz-rich Nubian Sandstone, the melting temperature would be about 200F.

Although nickel-iron spherules have not been identified in the glass, it is still possible that it was formed by the impact of a stony meteorite (or aerolite). There are, for instance, two small craters in the desert glass area, and although there is no evidence relating the craters to the glass, it would be an unusual coincidence to find such rare material as Libyan Desert glass so close to such relatively rare structures as astroblemes (deeply eroded impact features) without some relationship.

Virgil Barnes has suggested that perhaps the glass was produced by the heat wave of a passing comet or by the intense heat generated by an exploding comet - neither of which would necessarily disrupt the surface rocks. Afterwards, the molten silica glass may have flowed into low areas, puddled and cooled - thus forming Libyan Desert glass. Later, it may have been broken up by weathering and then moved, either by running water, in an earlier, wetter climatic period, or by humans in prehistoric times.

On the other hand, most Libyan Desert glass is much more dense and homogeneous than the well described porous and impure "impact" glass (impactite) found in such craters as Henbury in central Australia, Wabar in the Rub'al-Khali of Saudi Arabia, or the nuclear test craters in Nevada.

The absence of an extremely large impact crater in the vicinity of the Libyan Desert glass, moreover, is not highly relevant. The glass has been reliably dated (by fission-track methods), as 28.5 million years old. That's so long ago that any impact crater may have been covered by shifting sands or erased by erosion. Opponents of the cometary or meteoritic origin of Libyan Desert glass say it is highly improbable that such large, homogeneous pieces of glass could be formed and freed of volatiles within the earth's atmosphere by any process of simple fusion of sand, while supporters contend that the chemical composition of Libyan Desert glass so closely resembles the Nubian Sandstone - upon which it rests - that the probability of finding two so similar yet unrelated materials together is extremely remote.

Obviously, the origin of Libyan Desert glass is unresolved and remains a topic of intense discussion among tektite specialists. But most scientists do agree that ancient man used the glass at

a time when the Sahara's climate was quite different.

For nearly 10,000 years, the Sahara, of which the Great Erg or Sand Sea is a part, has been a hot, forbidding land, unattractive in most regions to human habitation.

But 50,000 years ago, what is today the Sand Sea may have closely resembled the Mediterranean environment of modern Greece and was thus more habitable. As a result, in the latter phase of the Palaeolithic (or Old Stone Age) there appeared the Aterian culture, named after an archaeological site in eastern Algeria.

Appearing about 30,000 years ago and persisting until perhaps 18,000 years ago, the Aterian people were apparently the first to recognize Libyan Desert glass and make use of its special properties. Like many types of glass, that from the Libyan Desert flakes conchoidally. That is, by striking the material a glancing blow with another rock, or baton of wood or bone, flakes may be removed in a predictable fashion so as to produce a variety of efficient cutting edges. The Aterian people used this property of Libyan Desert glass to their advantage and produced an array of skillfully-flaked implements (See page 4, top). After their expeditions in the 1930's, Clayton and Spencer said that at least 10 percent of the Libyan Desert glass flakes recovered exhibited some sign of human workmanship and Virgil Barnes and James Underwood, who visited the Libyan Desert glass strewn field in 1971, reported that the largest specimen collected during their expedition - a tabular cobble weighing nearly two pounds - shows percussion marks that suggest the piece may have been used as a pounding tool. Flakes of Libyan Desert glass have also been found in localized concentrations suggesting the manufacture of implements on the spot. Other fragments of the glass have been located some 140 miles from the known field - and in a few instances on the top of the *saif* dunes, suggesting transport by man.

On the basis of the above evidence it is logical to conclude that by Aterian times, Libyan Desert glass was used for the manufacture of lithic tools. But there is still an enigma: although Libyan Desert glass has been dated as 28.5 million years old, there is no evidence that man used it *before* Aterian times even though much older Nubian Sandstone handaxes have been found.

One plausible solution to this problem, offered by Virgil Barnes, is that the area that is now the Sand Sea may have been covered by thick deposits of sand prior to the climatic perturbation of the late Pleistocene age that could have whipped the sand into *saif* dunes, thus exposing the Libyan Desert glass below.

On the other hand, the highly polished and faceted surface of many of the exposed Libyan Desert glass fragments indicates that *some* of them have been exposed to the abrasive actions of wind and sand for a good deal longer than 30,000 years. As Kenneth Oakley has pointed out in *Nature*, "...it is important to bear in mind that the glass was already corroded by sand-blast *before* it was worked into the [Aterian] bifaced points."

Naturally, it is possible that the Libyan Desert glass lay on the surface for some 26 million years or so before the arrival of humans on the scene and was then covered for a short period up to about 30,000 years ago when the Aterian people began to utilize the material. Nevertheless, it remains an important task for archeologists working in this region to investigate the possibility of pre-Aterian occurrences of Libyan Desert glass artifacts.

Since the time of the Aterian's utilization of the substance, humans have found no practical use for Libyan Desert glass.

From a scientific viewpoint, however, its existence continues to provoke intense curiosity regarding the formation of such unique material. Fundamental questions relating to the nature of Libyan Desert glass have yet to be adequately resolved. Can it be considered a true tektite? How did Libyan Desert glass come to be formed in such large, relatively homogeneous masses? Why the striking similarity between the silica glass and the Nubian Sandstone upon which it rests? Coincidence? Perhaps; perhaps not. One hopes that continued diligent research will provide us with answers to these questions and perhaps shed light upon the

origin of other tektites as well.

Image here:

<http://tinyurl.com/8o6bt>

Alternate source:

<http://tinyurl.com/dwef4>

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Re: Memory Without Class - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 22:39:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 11:31:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Memory Without Class - Aldrich

>From: Norio Hayakawa <Area51watch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 23:47:01 EDT
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>Phil Klass does not deserve such a vitriolic treatment as was
>given recently in the posts here.

>I have the highest respect for Phil, who, for more than 35
>years, dedicated his life to Aviation Week & Space Technology,
>the nation's premier aviation weekly.

>Phil was truly a gentleman and a scholar.

>He was a very friendly, kind and warm-hearted individual. I had
>a chance to meet and talk with him during one of his many
>casual, unannounced attendances at past "UFO conferences",
>simply as an attendee.

>He selflessly took the time to avail himself and mingled among
>the attendees at such conferences.

>He truly was a courageous man, knowing that many (if not most)
>of those attendees at such gatherings were decidedly "pro-UFO"
>people and were highly antagonistic to his well-known
>skepticism. But when one actually met him and talked to him he
>impressed everyone with his congeniality, politeness and his
>humor.

>He listened to people's "testimonies" with patience.

>He also offered his alternative explanations to such accounts as
>recounted by such "witnesses".

>I have read several of his well-written books and I concur
>totally with his assessment that from an empirical point of
>view, we have yet to come up with any single piece of solid,
>tangible, irrefutable physical evidence whatsoever to
>substantiate the claims of those who adamantly state that we
>have been or are being visited by space aliens in alien
>spacecraft.

>That is the bottom line.

>I am not saying that the "UFO phenomenon" doesn't exist or that
>the "UFO phenomenon" is unreal. Reality is a relative term.
>There is no universal definition of reality.

>To me, the topics of "UFOs", "aliens" and "alien abductions" are
>bettered suited under the category of "faith", "beliefs" or
>"religious experiences" rather than under "nuts-and-bolts"
>empirical science.

>I personally believe in God. I personally believe in angels. I
>personally believe that demons exist. Yes, I believe in the
>Bible in its entirety.

>However, I have never and never will ever attempt to prove to
>anyone that they exist. It is simply my religious belief.

>Phil Klass indeed brought to "ufology" a much needed "healthy
>skepticism" when it comes to proving the phenomenon through
>empirical methodology, the only existing standard by which to
>evaluate the existence of any physical phenomenon.

>Though villified by the majority in the so-called "UFO
>community", (an insignificant portion of the general populace),
>he deserves to be defended, especially after the barrages of
>unjust condemnation as was seen here recently.

>We will sorely miss Phil, a true "Klass act".

Hmmm, I wonder if there aren't two Phil Klassen. Seems the above
hardly applies to the one with whom I had contact.

I also think that one should read McCarthy's dissertation on
McDonald before making such statements.

Project 1947 is a closed UFO E-mail list. One day I started
getting letters from Klass making demands on me and its members
for the top ten cases which convinced people that UFOs
represented ET. (What are the top ten cases that convinced
scientists that ball lightning exist? Of course, there are no
such cases.)

I told Phil he seemed like someone who could not abide anyone
discussing UFOs anywhere. He was like a vigilante riding the
range and finding some few people sitting around a campfire
discussing something he did not approve. His actions were to
throw water on the campfire and tell those sitting around it to
disperse.

However, when some countered his argument that there must be ten
UFO cases which demonstrated UFOs existed with the idea the
there were evidence among unexplained cases which seemed to
contain patterns which could be studied such as EME. Klass
countered that EME especially the stopping and restarting of
vehicle engines was mystical clap trap.

When it was pointed out to him that a British firm had invented
a device which did stop car engines and the common phenomenon
known among vehicle maintenance people as "dieseling", he just
avoided any comment by saying he didn't have the time and
producing a new series of demands.

I never have theorized that UFOs are ET or anything else, but
have said they appear to deserve further study and far more
scientific attention than they have received thus far.

When someone challenges me on a whole range of things, I am not
going to let them off the hook, I challenged Klass on a number
of things including an article in Aviation Week. Again he evaded
answering. Tit for tat, I just put his demands at the bottom of
my jn box and waited for to surface again, then placed it at
the bottom of my in box. You have to give to get, I don't
believe it one-sided relationships.

When we placed, the Condon report on the Project 1947 website,
we asked CISCOP for permission to quote from their publication.
They denied us the use. I never want to hear again about how
they don't get the equal time they deserve. Klass was more
forthcoming and did grant such permission to use his article and
an earlier article on plasma, meteors and UFOs which is very
interesting. He was very gracious on this point.

As to the scientific basis for theories in his first book, it
doesn't exist. Although he was a hero to science writers and
aviation columnists, experts on atmospheric electricity did not
support his pseudo-scientific explanations. His first book
contended that UFO witnesses reported what they saw, but they
didn't understand what they reported were of atmospheric
electrical phenomena. Now even granting that Klass had hit on
some unique explanations for UFO reports, it would mean that the
phenomena then deserved further study. But no, that was not
Klass proposed, rather this was a way to consign the subject to
the scrap heap.

Early in the Condon Committee's deliberations, the opposite
happened. Klass got no support from the atmospheric electricity

Re: Memory Without Klass - Aldrich

experts assembled by the committee nor from Low. Blue Book, however, continued to use his pseudo-scientific explanations until its closure.

Jan Aldrich

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Re: Field Research & Images - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 22:25:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 11:37:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Maccabee

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 16:55:17 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 08:29:38 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 09:52:01 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>>As I always say, we need some field research.

>>Field research, of what sort? I presume you don't mean something
>>as simple as a Sky-watch? or something as different as what the
>>Cseti group used to do with bright lights and meditation? Or how
>>about what they did in Florida where they went to a regular
>>sighting spot on the beach and took photos?
CSETI went once to an area where the Gulf Breeze Research
Team had had literally dozens of sightings. CSETI portrayed
the event which they saw as unique... but it was one in a series
that began before and continued after....

>>>How would your
>>>'field research' differ? and to achieve what results different
>>>than those achieved by these other folk?

>Ha! No, I mean stereo imagery and spectra as a minimum from one
>site. Prefer two sites. Prefer continuous night operation.
>Prefer automated data collection. Would like to build up
>instrument collection to get precursor signals (VLF EMF?, VLF
>sound?) Also, prefer mobile sites (get baseline observations and
>then be able to go to flap areas). Prefer to use sychronized
>telescopic computer tracking systems which amateur satellite
>observers use to video satellites.

>Photos alone aren't going to do it. Stereo imagery is a start to
>get distance and spectra (with a good spectra database) can be
>used to quickly rule out prosaic things.

>The goal is to be able to follow (I.E. use the ranging data to
>follow it to orbital altitude.) the damn thing either from space
>to ground or visa versa thus proving that at least ONE UFO is
>from space.

>I think the problem with most folk who do UFO field research is
>that they just want to prove they actually SAW something. We
>know there are UFOs out there, but the problem is not trying to
>prove to anyone that you really saw something. It is to show
>they are alien (or super-secret human technology I suppose). You
>can't do this with a nice photo shoot. You need some high speed
>telescopic stereo video.

>Of course, if it just appears/disappears, you get nowhere.
>Pretty pictures get you nowhere. Even one stereo photo is
>worth alot.

Only if the camera lenses are at least several feet apart (capable of resolving distances out to a few thousand feet). Ed Walters is the only person I know who has ever obtained stereo photos with a camera capable of clearly distinguishing between a distance less than 100 ft (hoax distance) and a distance of several hundred to over 1000 ft (not a likely hoax distance, depending upon the context of the sighting.)

The above prescription for an instrumented skywatch is correct but, from the point of view of one of the few ufologists with experience in instrumented skywatch type of research, I would have to say it is of wishful thinking unless the finding is almost "unlimited."

If the funding is available it may be worth carrying out a skywatch in a "hotspot" area. One never knows until one tries.

The Gulf Breeze "phenomenon" between Nov. 1990 and July 1992 (this is post Ed-Walters famous sightings) was so frequent ("Bubba" sightings) that the Gulf Breeze Research Team (GBRT) went out almost every night (only cold Feb. weather stopped them; they were near Pensacola Florida where it DOES get cold). They started watching from after sunset to midnight or later in November, 1990 and continued for several years. The high rate red Bubba sightings started in Nov. 1990 (there were a few scattered bubba-type sightings earlier than this) and continued until July 4, 1992. The GBRT continued watching for another year or so. This is because it was not realized for a long time that July 4 was the end of Bubba sightings.

The GBRT was a "casually instrumented" but very sophisticated or "savvy" group of people when it came to recording Bubba sightings. They used home video cameras and still cameras, of course, and they had multiple witnesses (usually 4 - 10, but on occasion several dozen and once about 100). As the months went by after Nov 1990. they improved instrumentation and technique. They became adept at photographing the "impossible", using telescopic lenses, tripods, time exposures, video with and without zoom, etc. At my suggestion several of them placed a diffraction grating into their cameras. In one case (Feb. 1992) they got a spectrum of red "Bubba." Several times they had several groups of people with large separations and correlated sightings allowing for accurate triangulation to get distance and altitude.

All of the above was the setting for the real instrumented push that occurred in the spring and summer of 1992. This never-reported (in detail) research effort involved some Canadian scientists who were privately funded to construct an instrumented van and to take it to GBreeze. I was invited to go along and to supply a large sensitive telescope (f/11, 2000 mm, low light TV and video recording on a pan head Mitchell camera tripod with a home video camera boresighted with the telescope to act as a "tracking gate."). I would estimate that the total cost of the instrumentation that allowed for EM measurement and recording from low frequency (Hz) to microwave frequencies, plus image intensified visible, infrared, and spectrographic video recording, magnetic field, electrostatic field, etc. plus the van was on the order of 50-60K\$. We built up this van during the spring when GB was hot! (In May there were over a dozen Bubba sightings). We arrived in GB in the first week of August, 1992, not realizing that Bubba had flown the coop. We did have an amusing sighting resolved by the telescope I supplied (a military airplane throwing out flares), but no Bubba.

Point: A lot of \$\$ were spent to no avail. To really mount an assault on the UFO problem is going to require a lot more funding and continuous effort.

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Re: Memory Without Klass - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 11:38:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass - Maccabee

>From: Norio Hayakawa <Area51watch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 23:47:01 EDT
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>Phil Klass does not deserve such a vitriolic treatment as was
>given recently in the posts here.

>I have the highest respect for Phil, who, for more than 35
>years, dedicated his life to Aviation Week & Space Technology,
>the nation's premier aviation weekly.

>Phil was truly a gentleman and a scholar.

snip

>He listened to people's "testimonies" with patience.

>He also offered his alternative explanations to such accounts as
>recounted by such "witnesses".

>I have read several of his well-written books and I concur
>totally with his assessment that from an empirical point of
>view, we have yet to come up with any single piece of solid,
>tangible, irrefutable physical evidence whatsoever to
>substantiate the claims of those who adamantly state that we
>have been or are being visited by space aliens in alien
>spacecraft.

>That is the bottom line.

Sorry, but the bottom line is that he presented in his writings
"explanations" that were wrong or made no sense in the context
of the sightings. His propensity for proposing faulty
explanations is illustrated in my paper "Prosaic Explanations:
the Failure of UFO Skepticism"

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

<snip>

>Phil Klass indeed brought to "ufology" a much needed "healthy
>skepticism" when it comes to proving the phenomenon through
>empirical methodology, the only existing standard by which to
>evaluate the existence of any physical phenomenon.

>Though villified by the majority in the so-called "UFO
>community", (an insignificant portion of the general populace),
>he deserves to be defended, especially after the barrages of
>unjust condemnation as was seen here recently.

>We will sorely miss Phil, a true "Klass act".

Phil brought skepticism. But not necessarily "healthy
skepticism. He personified the debunker who obeys the rule "any
explanation in a storm" or Maccabee's First Rule for Debunkers:
any explanation is better than none. (The epitome of the

application of this rule is in his "explanation" of the color-changing, flashing light film of David Crockett obtained during the "formerly famous" (who remembers now?) New Zealand sightings of Dec 31, 1978 wherein Phil published his explanation that Crockett filmed the red flashing beacon light as reflected from the propellor (beacon is on top of the aircraft).)

Phil, with help from Menzel, managed to set by UFO research by 20 years or more with his books UFOs Explained and UFOs the Public Deceived (in which he deceived the public).

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Re: Einstein's Equation At 100 - Maccabee

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 06:01:52 -0700
>Subject: Re: Einstein's Equation At 100

>>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>>
>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 13:25:37 +0200
>>Subject: Einstein's Equation At 100

>>NY Times, Op-Ed
>>That Famous Equation and You By Brian Greene

>>During the summer of 1905, while fulfilling his duties in the
>>patent office in Bern, Switzerland, Albert Einstein was fiddling
>>with a tantalizing outcome of the special theory of relativity
>>he'd published in June. His new insight, at once simple and
>>startling, led him to wonder whether "the Lord might be
>>laughing... and leading me around by the nose."

>I didn't know that A.E. wrote his famous equation in terms of
>mass rather than energy, thanks for that.

>Such an admirable man, and still humble enough to give the
>zaniest crackpot his ear. To think that only accidents of
>history prevented him from being another of the millions of
>Hitler's victims.

>My one small caveat is something people often overlook.
>Sometimes you will hear somebody say something like "There's >>
>more energy in my fingernail than all the oil in Texas" or the
>like. Technically correct by $E=MC^2$, but the energy is
>unavailable to us in any practical sense unless the person has
>plutonium fingernails.

I recall that when I was about 10 years old and wanted to be a
scientist I had a picture of Einstein on the wall at the head of
my bed and I had carefully copied $E = MC^2$ onto a piece of paper
and posted that next to the picture of Einstein. I didn't know
what it meant but I knew it was important. I also knew it was
connected with atomic bombs.

People less than 40 years old don't have a "feel" for the world
of the 50's when atomic energy and bombs were something people
thought about and worried about. (It was also a time of flying
saucer sightings and numerous space movies with the aliens-
landing type of theme.)

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The End Of The Beginning

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ASTRONOMY

The end of the beginning

At least once a year we select the Big Bang as a bloated paradigm worth trying to puncture. Our darts and those of others always seem to glance harmlessly off cosmological orthodoxy.

Much to our surprise and delight, the July 2, 2005, issue of *New Scientist* launched an armor-piercing rocket at the Big Bang that may inflict some damage.

"This isn't science," says Eric Lerner, who is president of Lawrenceville Plasma Physics in West Orange, New Jersey. "Big Bang predictions are consistently wrong and are being fixed after the event." So much so, that today's "standard model" of cosmology has become an ugly mishmash comprising the basic Big Bang theory, inflation and a generous helping of dark matter and dark energy.

Lerner is not alone in his doubts for he spoke at the first *Crisis-in-Cosmology Conference* in June 2005, held in Portugal.

There, the consensus was that the Big Bang fails to explain certain crucial observations and that the universe is a lot weirder than anyone imagined. In particular dark matter was denigrated as a band-aid applied to save the Big Bang but which, in fact, serves only to cover up deep theoretical deficiencies.

Of the many Big-Bang deficiencies, three in particular are in the spotting scope of the *New Scientist* article.

(1) Some stars in galaxies are older than the widely accepted 13.7-billion-year age of the universe, hinting that there may never have been a Big Bang.

(2) In tightly condensed globular clusters, the standard model assures us that dark matter is absent, but the motions of stars in the clusters tell us that it must be there, because gravity alone is insufficient to explain observations.

(3) The map of the cosmic microwave background, contrary to centuries-old cosmological assumptions, suggests that the universe is *not* uniform in all directions. In fact, microwave patterns tend to line up in the same direction that J. Magueijo dubs the "axis of evil."

Clearly, the Big Bang, even with its layer of band-aids, does

not model the real universe well.

(Chown, Marcus; "End of the Beginning," *New Scientist*, p. 30, July 2, 2005)

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 17:10:10 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 12:18:52 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

><snip>

>Hello Kevin, List,

<snip>

>I would argue "what if there has never been any crash,
>including Roswell?". You appear to be willing to concede
>that those listed above may have other possible
>explanations, but seem to disallow the possibility of
>other explanations for Roswell?

Yes, why don't we accept, at last, that Marcel and Cavitt spent the whole day in the field collecting balsa wood sticks? And that Cavitt failed to explain it to Marcel, and the next morning to Col. Blanchard?

<snip>

>I agree with that. I would also like to add in response to
>those that would claim that the USA uses it's financial
>clout and military might to intimidate other states into
>not disclosing anything relating to UFOs, that the same
>tactics do not appear to be working in relation to Iran's
>nuclear development programme. Why should they have more
>success when it comes to UFOs?

So, the proof that the United States don't have UFO secrets is that they cannot stop the Iranian nuclear program. Do I understand you correctly?

Gildas Bourdais

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'We Saw A Disc In The Sky... Our Jaws Dropped'
by Chris Bond

Recent reports claim that UFO-spotting is in crisis. But as Chris Bond discovered at the Great British UFO Show at the weekend, there is more to the phenomenon than meets the eye.

There were far more people queuing for Leeds Rhinos tickets outside than attended the Great British UFO Show.

Not that the 120 or so who filled Leeds Rugby Supporters Club for this inaugural event were remotely bothered.

These ufologists, as they are known, made their way to Headingley from all over the country where they listened to talks by paranormal experts and a man who claims to have been abducted by aliens.

If you believe recent newspaper reports these are difficult times for UFO enthusiasts. Only last month, the Cumbrian branch of the British UFO Hunters reported no sightings so far this year, compared to 40 last year and 60 the year before that.

It seems the idea of little green men from Mars and intergalactic visitors from Alfa-Centuri may have lost its lustre.

Russel Callaghan, who organised the event, and runs a UFO website www.ufodata.co.uk disagrees.

"The UFO subject is alive and well," he says. "There are hundreds and hundreds of websites dedicated to the subject so I don't think the interest is waning, it's still there you just have to look for it in different areas.

"Websites now make it so much easier for groups to pool information and internet forums have taken over from UFO meetings," he says.

The whole notion of flying saucers and extra-terrestrial beings has always sailed close to the wind in terms of credibility, though.

It is deemed perfectly acceptable to watch films like Close Encounters of the Third Kind or War of the Worlds and believe in the possibility of alien life, but mention you are a UFO-spotter and you'll probably be met with the kind of response that greeted Copernicus when he suggested the world was round.

Callaghan, who lives in Kippax, near Castleford, admits there

are a few oddballs but insists they are outweighed by more serious-minded ufologists.

"Yes there's a few kooks out there, we know that, but we've got doctors, we've got professors, nuclear physicists, people with PhDs, pilots and policeman and they're not afraid to come forward," he says.

"All the pundits tell us that 95 per cent of what goes on can be explained and fair enough, accepted, but that still leaves a small portion that were unknown aircraft or don't have a logical explanation.

"We're not saying that aliens are landing in fields all over the place and maybe it's not ever happened, but something is happening that makes people believe that this subject is founded on reality."

Callaghan himself has been fascinated by UFOs ever since he spotted something hovering over Bradford in 1980.

"I was working at the time as a bus conductor, I was only a teenager and the driver and myself were a little bit early one day and we parked up at Odsal Top.

"It was October time and it was about quarter-to-four, it wasn't dark but the sun had gone in and we were stood having a ciggie and we were looking out towards Emley Moor and in front of us a thousand feet up in the sky was a silver spinning disc, there was no sound and both our jaws just dropped.

"We both said 'what the hell's that?' It was only there for about eight seconds and it took off and that was me convinced. I had seen something that I couldn't explain."

He has experienced other UFO sightings since but says there is a general lack of interest among today's media.

"All you ever see in the TV clips is the out of focus ball of light in the sky and there's far better evidence out there than that, but why this footage, which does exist, isn't taken up I don't know.

"I think we've grown out of mass hysteria these days and I think if one actually landed tomorrow it might make the six o'clock news but I don't think the impact would be fantastic and I'm not sure people would be that shocked."

But Callaghan believes sightings should be taken more seriously.

"We've all seen satellites before and you know when an aircraft is going over and we're all aware of what's going on in the skies and what's normal and what isn't.

"Satellites in the sky look like moving stars they move in a straight line, it's the things that don't move in straight lines that are interesting."

Rob Whitehead, of the Lancashire Aerial Phenomena Investigation Society (Lapis), also disagrees that UFO enthusiasts are a dying breed.

"The grassroots are thriving and there's at least a dozen conferences a year around the country so people are still interested without a doubt."

He admits that interest generated by TV shows like the X-Files has levelled off but believes there will be a resurgence in the future.

"It's been going on for thousands of years, stuff was reported in Ancient Rome and Ancient Greece and the Bible talks about heavenly objects that some people have interpreted as sightings, so it won't go away."

Whitehead, a graphic designer by trade, became hooked as a youngster after spotting a UFO while walking along the Durham coastline.

"I was out with a few friends walking along the cliffs one day with my metal detector and I suddenly noticed a black cigar-

shaped object quite low and it seemed to follow the coastline as we watched it. The following day in the local paper there was a headline on the front page 'UFO sightings across the North-East' and that got me into it."

He readily admits that most sightings can be explained as either atmospheric phenomena, mis-identified airplanes or temperature inversions, but says it is the remaining fraction that tantalises people.

"Everybody loves a mystery and once you have seen something unusual it stays with you."

One of the guest speakers at the weekend UFO show was Jason Andrews who, apart from an overload of "bling", could pass as any normal 22-year-old. His claims, though, are anything but ordinary.

Andrews says he's a multiple alien abductee and calls himself a "walk-in" also known as a wanderer =96 an extraterrestrial soul that has been incarnated in a human body.

"I have been getting abduction experiences since I can remember," he says. "There was the obvious abduction which is laying in bed, they come for me and then it progressed to them teaching me how to astrally project, showing me things, telling me things about the possible future."

Such as? "Such as I'm not going to tell you."

He goes on: "Imagine being a child and you're laying in bed at night and then these beings come along and they take you away, so you're obviously scared of that because it's the unknown and everyone's scared of the unknown at first.

"I tried screaming out and tried moving even though I was paralysed and every time I screamed nothing came out, no one ever came to my aid."

Andrews, who is training to be an HGV driver, says initially he thought the aliens were teaching him things like telepathy, healing and astral projection, but realised they were simply helping him to remember the past.

Despite being terrified initially he says he gradually learned to trust the aliens and still claims to have abduction experiences nearly every night when he is taken to different places.

At this point his story, if it

hasn't already, begins to lose credibility.

"I can remember every single existence I've ever had. This is only my second life as a human, as far as dying goes I have never died and neither have you because nobody and nothing can ever die, everything is energy in one form or another and you can never completely destroy it, all it can do is change its form. Which when I say I can remember previous existences it's just remembering previous forms which everyone is capable of doing."

He insists he is here to help and hopes if he can teach others what he has learned then it can spread the galactic word.

"I know what I am and I know everything in my head is real, if other people chose not to believe that, then that's fine."

Callaghan, who invited him to speak, defends Andrews and others who have come forward.

"It takes a lot of bottle to get up on a stage and talk about alien abductions to a room full of people and if you listen to the abduction stories you feel there is something happening. I mean it might turn out to be over the counter medicines that trigger something, but these people are having real experiences," he says.

It seems that UFOs and little green men haven't disappeared off the radar just yet and you never know, one day they might just pay us a visit.

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Queensland

Springwood Community Center
Location: Cinderella Drive, Springwood.
Start Time: 7.30 p.m
Cost: \$7.00

Seating is limited so please email or call to make a booking.

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We have a great night organized for you this coming Friday.

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- Mexico footage Nevada Conference 2005

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Author of the book

"The Psychic Child"
Susan Van De Luecht

Susan will talk about her book and her experience with a family with a supernatural inheritance/psychic powers. Its going to be an interesting evening.

Introduction:

This book is based on a true story. It deals with supernatural inheritance or psychic powers passed on to each successive generation. The events described actually happened and are told by the people involved.

Encounters with dark forces, supernatural protection, and even futuristic dreams have occurred, which, even now, seem so bizarre that one could only imagine them to be science fiction.

Many people have claimed to be endowed with the gift of what has been called the 'third eye' or 'second sight' or a 'sixth sense'. It has been claimed that clairvoyants are able to transcend the normal channels of their senses and catch a glimpse of the future.

There are many ways that psychic powers work, for instance through dreams, visions, mediums, or even an aroma associated with a particular event. They are able to move objects through telekinesis, or communicate through telepathy (to read minds and convey thoughts), precognition (perceiving an event before it happens) and retro-cognition (the ability to see past events).

Regards Diane Harrison

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AUFORN & UFOESA CONFERENCE GOLD COAST & SYDNEY

Hi Everyone

I would like to thank everyone who attended or participated in Queensland's AUFORN conference and the AUFORN combined UFOESA conference in Sydney.

Gold Coast:

What a wonderful time we all had, the audiences exceeded our expectations, we thought maybe around 50 to 60 but it exceeded the 120 mark which meant we had to be moved during the day to the auditorium of the Robina Town community center with seating set for 150. To Adan & staff thank you for all your help.

In Sydney:

To the UFOESA team & Peter Khoury I have to say it was a pleasure working with you all and to Peter you excelled in everything you did and thank you for a great event. The arrival of a limo at the airport was a WOW "the speakers want to know if they can come back in 3 weeks time". A thank you must go to Peters mate who loaned us the Limo it was a great way to travel around Sydney and I'm sure the speakers felt rather star struck.

The audience in Sydney also excelled in numbers to over 150 with the room set for 200. To the staff at Lidcombe Workmen's Club who went out of their way to accommodate everyone, thank you.

The Audiences:

Since arriving in Australia speakers Freddy Silva - Alfred Weber - Michael Horn - have spoken to over 550 people this is great going - information - information and networking. To Duncan Roads of Nexus thank you for the opportunity of hosting these 3 great speakers it was much appreciated we had a great time sharing ideas and networking.

Next year:

UFOESA & AUFORN will work towards bringing you another exciting conference.

A full conference review will be posted in the next few days.

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http://www.wwaytv3.com/Global/story.asp?S=3341654&nav=menu70_7

July 27, 2005

Are There UFOs In The NC Sky?

By Jack Madison
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It's part of the human curiosity. Many of us wonder ... are we alone?

A Gallup poll shows that 72 percent of Americans believe there is life on other planets. And one in five of us believe aliens have been in contact with human beings. Our own curiosity made us want to find out what evidence, if any, there is of alien spacecraft flying over North Carolina's skies. And why do people believe in, and explore, life from beyond. That quest took us to the central part of the state.

At a farm, in an undisclosed location, west of High Point in Davidson County, independent UFO researchers like Alan Caviness look to the sky, looking for signs of life. Life unlike anything we know. We sat down with Caviness to talk about his experiences.

"Earth has always been visited. We've never been alone. I think this is a gradual awakening that we're all in the middle of. And I believe I'm a part of that. And so are many other people."

Using digital cameras, Caviness takes pictures, hundreds of them, and video. He says the cameras pick up objects unseen to the naked eye. Caviness said, "We do know that our cameras can pick up in the near infrared part the light spectrum, which is beyond human visibility."

Caviness says some UFO's can be seen without high technology-if the aliens on board want you to see them. He and other believers in High Point say the space crafts only come here from the middle of March through early August. "These UFO's are conducting some kind of annual operations. We know that because we just don't see anything in the winter months when it's coldest. March 11, out of 400 photographs, we got six UFO's. So, we know that they're back."

In one account, Caviness and a companion saw two UFO's approaching. They took these pictures. Then, whatever it was, was gone. "We looked up, and they had to be right over our heads because they were approaching us, and there were just not visible. But they clearly showed up in the photos."

Caviness does not just believe these unidentified flying objects are alien crafts, but that aliens are part of human life. He said, "There are a lot more people being abducted by these UFO's

then you would ever dream."

People like Alan Caviness himself. "I know I've been abducted before."

Once, he says, he heard a strange clicking noise in open air. On the way from his mailbox to his home, something happened. Caviness recounted, "I walked to my front door-about 30 feet over short grass-and I no longer had my house key, my car key, in my hand. I think I was taken and returned, minus my keys. These things are happening."

Like many who claim to be abducted by aliens, Caviness says he doesn't remember anything. After entering his home, he found a scar on his chest, a hole through his shirt. He claims, within hours, the scar was gone. He also claims what many other so-called 'experiencers' do; sleep paralysis before and after an abduction. He said, "They can't move their arms and legs, and sometimes they feel a presence in the room, but they can't look over to see it."

And there are countless others who swear they have seen something not from this world. There are web sites dedicated to UFO sightings, filled with accounts from southeastern North Carolina. In Carolina Beach; "I was a little startled to see several fairly bright lights in the sky..."

Holden Beach; "...one of several red lights emitted a beam."

Chadbourn; "We thought it was a military aircraft, but my husband built aircraft, and said that is not one of ours, including those at area 51."

Dr. Bob Brown teaches courses in pseudo science at UNCW. We showed him the Caviness collection of pictures and video. As he mullied over the still pictures, he remarked, "This could be a piece of fabric that someone had taken or cardboard. That looks like to me that could be an automobile tire that's been played with."

Brown says it's not that these aren't unidentified flying objects, but that in itself does not make them extraterrestrial. He said, "If it's a UFO, it's not an alien spaceship."

Dr. Brown says those who claim to see ships from out of this world aren't out of their minds. Often though, he says, they see what they want to believe. Brown said, "Not only are they not a little crazy, but they are essentially within the normal range on most personality dimensions."

Brown admits the unknown is exactly that; unknown. Anything is possible. Nothing, for him, is confirmed. He said, "These things could exist? In the case of the alien spaceships, of course. But, we need verifiable evidence."

Alan Caviness says he knows what he's seeing. "If I'm hallucinating, then so is my camera."

He says it's time for the science community to acknowledge there's something out there so that we, the human race, can learn, not about aliens as much as about ourselves. He said, "These beings understand what human thought is. We don't. They also understand what life actually is. We don't. They understand what our existence here on earth is all about. We don't. There's a lot we don't understand. That's why we need to explore this phenomenon."

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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12 Things that Science Can't Explain

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<http://tinyurl.com/duv3y>

12 Things that Science Can't Explain... But That Happen Anyway

Dr. Claude Swanson
Author of The Synchronized Universe

A new book, The Synchronized Universe, reveals that the tapestry of modern science is showing a few tatters...There are many things modern science cannot explain, and yet they occur anyway. This includes phenomena in the "hard sciences" as well as in the paranormal. These effects are now being proven in the laboratory, even though they defy present scientific theory. These unfolding mysteries point the way to a new, deeper science, a science which no longer denies spirit and consciousness, but acknowledges and embraces them.

In the past three decades scientific evidence has accumulated showing that the present scientific paradigm is broken. In the hard sciences:

1. DARK MATTER of an unknown form makes up most of the matter of the universe. This matter is not predicted by the standard physics models. The so-called "Theory of Everything" does not predict and does not understand what this substance is.

2. THE LAW OF GRAVITY appears to be seriously broken. Experiments by Saxl and Allais found that Foucault pendulums veer off in strange directions during solar eclipses. Interplanetary NASA satellites are showing persistent errors in trajectory. Neither of these is explained or predicted by the standard theory of gravity known as Einstein's General Relativity.

3. COLD FUSION. The Cold Fusion phenomenon violates physics as we understand it, and yet it has been duplicated in various forms in over 500 laboratories around the world. Recent studies by the Electric Power Research Institute, a large non-profit research organization funded by the nation's power companies, found that Cold Fusion works. A recent Navy study also verified the reality of Cold Fusion, and the original MIT study which supposedly disproved Cold Fusion has been found to have doctored its data. Present day physics has no explanation for how it works, but it does work.

4. CHARGE CLUSTERS. Under certain conditions, billions of electrons can "stick together" in close proximity, despite the law of electromagnetism that like charges repel. Charge clusters are small, one millionth of a meter in diameter, and are composed of tens or hundreds of billions of electrons. They should fly apart at enormous speed, but they do not. This indicates that our laws of electromagnetism are missing something important.

5. COSMOLOGY. Quasars, which are supposed to be the most distant astronomical objects in the sky, are often found connected to nearby galaxies by jets of gas. This suggests that they may not be as far away as previously thought, and their red shifts are due to some other, more unusual physics which is not yet fully understood.

6. SPEED OF LIGHT, once thought unbreakable, has been exceeded in several recent experiments. Our notion of what is possible in terms of propagation speed has been changing as a result. Certain phenomena, such as solar disturbances on the sun which take more than eight minutes to be visible on the earth, are registered instantaneously on the acupuncture points of instrumented subjects. Acupuncture points apparently respond to solar events by some other force which travels through space at a much higher speed than light.

This covers just a few of the more glaring anomalies in the "hard sciences." Evidence has also accumulated in the laboratory that many paranormal effects are real, and can be verified and studied scientifically. Among these are the following:

7. ESP. Large-scale experiments by the Princeton PEAR Lab as well as other laboratories have proven that ESP is a real, statistically verifiable scientific phenomenon. Thousands of experiments have been conducted with dozens of subjects, which demonstrate that this form of communication is real, and that it does not weaken measurably with distance. This makes it unlike any known physical force.

8. PSYCHOKINESIS, OR MIND OVER MATTER. The ability to exert psychic force over objects at a distance has also been demonstrated in large-scale experiments. Even over distances of thousands of miles, the behavior of certain machines, called REGs for Random Event Generators, have been altered by the intention, or the psychic force of a distant person. The odds that these effects are real, and not due to chance, is now measured in billions to one. In other words, this phenomenon is real.

9. REMOTE VIEWING. The American military conducted a secret remote viewing program for almost two decades. It was supported because it worked, and evidence of its success has now become public. The remote viewers have demonstrated that it is possible to view "targets" which are remote in space and time. In many cases details which were unavailable any other way were acquired by the viewers. Rigorous statistical experiments have confirmed that remote viewing has accuracy far above chance, and represents a real phenomenon which defies present science.

10. TIME AND PROPHECY. One unusual aspect of ESP, Remote Viewing and Psychokinesis is that "time" doesn't seem to matter. One can exert an influence or acquire information in the past and in the future, almost as easily as in the present. In conventional physics, the order of events is very important, but in the realm of psychic phenomena there seems to be a flexibility to move in time that defies current physics.

11. OUT-OF-BODY EXPERIENCE. Experiments have been performed which show that, during some out-of-body experiences, the "astral body" or center of consciousness of the individual can be detected at remote locations. When individuals go "out of body" and focus their consciousness at another location, physical disturbances have been measured at that remote location. These include anomalous light, electrical, magnetic and other physical forces which indicate the "astral body" sometimes has physically measurable properties.

12. GHOSTS. Modern scientific ghost hunters use magnetic, electrical, optical and thermal sensors when they survey supposedly haunted sites. In hundreds of cases, technically trained researchers have found measurable physical anomalies when ghosts are said to be present. Although some people have claimed to see ghosts, and many have reported anomalous cold spots and described a strange chill on their skin, modern ghost hunters have shown that unusual magnetic fields and strong voltages also occur in these same haunted locations. Unusual orbs have been photographed at the same time that magnetic and electrical disturbances are measured. None of these can be explained by conventional science.

Source: SynchronizedUniverse.com

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Secrecy News -- 10/03/05

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Subject: Secrecy News -- 10/03/05

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** CONGRESS PUSHES BACK ON "SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION"
** THE FRANKLIN/AIPAC CASE AND THE PRESS
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CONGRESS PUSHES BACK ON "SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION"

In a rare defense of public access to government information, Congress has instructed the Department of Homeland Security to clarify and tighten its procedures for generating so-called "sensitive security information" (SSI), to reduce subjective factors in marking documents as SSI, and to provide Congress with the titles of all documents that are so designated.

SSI refers generally to transportation security information that is exempt by law from public disclosure. It includes airport security plans, vulnerability assessments, and related airline security data, but also undefined "other" information that may be considered too sensitive for public release.

"Because of insufficient management controls, information that should be in the public domain may be unnecessarily withheld from public scrutiny," members of Congress wrote in the new conference report on the 2006 Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

The congressional conferees directed DHS to "promulgate guidance that includes common but extensive examples of SSI" so as to "eliminate judgment ... in the application of the SSI marking."

See the report language here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2005/dhs-ssi.html>

SSI has been a source of controversy because it has been invoked in seemingly arbitrary ways to deflect public requests for information.

For examples of some SSI disputes and for further background, see my article "The Secrets of Flight" in Slate, November 18, 2004:

<http://slate.msn.com/id/2109922/>

SSI is only one of several dozen types of controls on unclassified information, and not the most common. Because they are mostly informal and discretionary, such controls are also more susceptible to abuse than the comparatively rigorous classification system.

Lately, the Centers for Disease Control has been criticized for

withholding data needed for flu vaccine production and for adopting aggressive controls on "sensitive but unclassified" information.

See "CDC locks up flu data" by Rebecca Carr, Cox News, in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, October 3:

<http://www.ajc.com/news/content/news/stories/1005/03natcdc.htm>

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THE FRANKLIN/AIPAC CASE AND THE PRESS

The recent indictment of two former employees of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) for mishandling classified information is an abrupt departure from established practice because it treats members of the public as if they were cleared government employees who are obliged to protect classified secrets.

For the same reason, it poses an extraordinary challenge to the ability of the press to report on national security affairs.

"Steve Rosen and Keith Weissman repeatedly sought and received sensitive information, both classified and unclassified, and then passed it on to others in order to advance their policy agenda and professional standing," said U.S. attorney Paul McNulty at a press conference announcing their indictment (along with former defense official Larry Franklin, who will reportedly plead guilty).

"But," writes Eli Lake in The New Republic, "if it's illegal for Rosen and Weissman to seek and receive 'classified information,' then many investigative journalists are also criminals."

"While most administrations have tried to crack down on leaks, they have almost always shied away from going after those who receive them--until now."

"At a time when a growing amount of information is being classified, the prosecution of Rosen and Weissman threatens to have a chilling effect--not on the ability of foreign agents to influence U.S. policy, but on the ability of the American public to understand it," writes Lake.

See "Low Clearance" by Eli J. Lake, The New Republic, October 10 (subscription required):

<http://www.tnr.com/doc.mhtml?i051010&s=lake101005>

See also "Israeli lobby spy case suggests new push to keep leaks from reporters" by John Byrne, Raw Story, September 30:

<http://rawstory.com/admin/dbscripts/printstory.php?story=1250>

SSCI MARKUP OF 2006 INTEL AUTHORIZATION ACT

The authority of the Director of National Intelligence over U.S. intelligence policy would be further consolidated under the 2006 intelligence authorization act as marked up by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

Among other notable provisions, the new bill would assign authority to the DNI to manage access to human intelligence information (sec. 403), previously a function of the Director of Central Intelligence.

The bill would authorize defense intelligence officers to conduct intelligence "assessment contacts" within the United States without disclosing their own identity (sec. 431).

The bill would exempt "operational files" of the Defense Intelligence Agency from the Freedom of Information Act (sec. 434). Such an exemption was rejected by a less compliant Congress when it was first requested by DIA in 2000.

The 2006 intelligence authorization act, S. 1803, as marked up by the Senate Intelligence Committee, is available here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2005_cr/s1803.html

COURT ORDERS RELEASE OF ABU GHRAIB IMAGES

In a decision full of ruminative commentary on the pitfalls of unchecked secrecy, a federal judge last week ruled that photographic images of abuses committed by American military personnel at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq are not exempt from the Freedom of Information Act.

Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein decided in favor of the ACLU, which had sought the images, and against the Department of Defense, which opposed their release.

"Suppression of information is the surest way to cause its significance to grow and persist," the judge opined. "Clarity and openness are the best antidotes, either to dispel criticism if not merited or, if merited, to correct such errors as may be found."

"The fight to extend freedom has never been easy, and we are once again challenged, in Iraq and Afghanistan, by terrorists who engage in violence to intimidate our will and to force us to retreat. Our struggle to prevail must be without sacrificing the transparency and accountability of government and military officials. These are the values FOIA was intended to advance, and they are at the very heart of the values for which we fight in Afghanistan and Iraq."

The 50 page ruling includes discussions of the Glomar response (i.e. neither confirming nor denying the existence of requested information), the consequences of unwarranted secrecy, and the state of FOIA law. A copy of the decision, which is likely to be appealed, is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/aclu092905.pdf>

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Some recent reports of the Congressional Research Service obtained by Secrecy News include the following:

"The Middle East Peace Talks," updated September 29, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mideast/IB91137.pdf>

"Air Force Aerial Refueling," updated September 19, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/weapons/RS20941.pdf>

"Material Support of Terrorists and Foreign Terrorist Organizations: Expiring Amendments in Brief," August 16, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/terror/RS22222.pdf>

"Material Support of Terrorists and Foreign Terrorist Organizations: Sunset Amendments," August 11, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/terror/RL33035.pdf>

"Free Mail for Troops Overseas," July 22, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RS22203.pdf>

"Detainees at Guantanamo Bay," updated July 20, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RS22173.pdf>

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New French Official UFO Study

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 17:23:47 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 08:34:15 -0400
Subject: New French Official UFO Study

List,

There is a bit of a strange mystery here which I do not understand. Errol is not able to throw any light on it either.

My post on the changes within France regarding the newly proposed UFO study was sent to UpDates on the evening of Sunday October 2nd and posted on the List on Monday, October 3rd.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/oct/m03-005.shtml>

Prior to that, I had never made any public comment about this subject matter and so no one knew of my interest.

However, on the morning of Monday 3rd., when I turned my computer on and before my UpDates post had appeared, there was what appeared to be a reply to my post from none other than Jacques Vallee. That message had in fact been sent to Brad Sparks and Larry Hatch and myself were copied in.

My point is, I do not understand why Jacques Vallee would have presumed to have copied me in on this when I cannot see how he would have been aware of my interest. Don't misunderstand - I'm certainly not complaining and am indeed extremely flattered. But I don't understand it.

On further thought, it is arguable that what is written is actually a reply to my post as it seems to repeat the same sort of information I forwarded. Nevertheless, it doesn't resolve the main issue.

Are you able to throw any light on this Brad?

This is Jacques mail:

Actually this has been brewing for over a year. On Sept.22 the CNES announced that the project was being re-activated under the direction of Yves Sillard.

Here is his background:

Mr. Sillard was born on 5 January 1936 in Coutances, France. He joined the Flight Test Centre in 1960 as Ingenieur de l'Armement after studying at the Institut Polytechnique and the Ecole Sup=E9rieure d'Aerotechnique. In 1964 he took charge of the Concorde programme in the French Civil Aviation General Secretariat. The following year he was made responsible for the construction of the Guyana Space Centre and then for the development of the Ariane rocket programme, and finally became general manager of the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES) from 1976 to 1982.

=46rom 1982 to 1988 he was Chairman and Manager of the Institut Fran=E7ais pour l'Exploitation de la Mer. He then became Delegate General for Armaments (1989-1993), then Chairman and General Manager of the "Defense Conseil International" group of

France(1994-1997). From April 1997 until his appointment to NATO he was the official representative for space policy attached to the Ministry of Defence. Mr. Sillard holds an Air Force pilot's licence, with 1200 flying hours.

In connection with this reorganization, Jean-Jacques Velasco is no longer with GEPAN-SEPRa, and a new manager is being brought in.

All the best,

Jacques
www.jacquesvallee.com

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Re: Memory Without Class - Kaeser

From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 12:38:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 08:37:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Memory Without Class - Kaeser

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 22:39:36 -0400
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>>From: Norio Hayakawa <Area51watch.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 23:47:01 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>>Phil Klass does not deserve such a vitriolic treatment as was
>>given recently in the posts here.

>>I have the highest respect for Phil, who, for more than 35
>>years, dedicated his life to Aviation Week & Space Technology,
>>the nation's premier aviation weekly.

>>Phil was truly a gentleman and a scholar.

<snip>

>Hmmm, I wonder if there aren't two Phil Classes. Seems the above
>hardly applies to the one with whom I had contact.

>I also think that one should read McCarthy's dissertation on
>McDonald before making such statements.

>Project 1947 is a closed UFO E-mail list. One day I started
>getting letters from Klass making demands on me and its members
>for the top ten cases which convinced people that UFOs
>represented ET. (What are the top ten cases that convinced
>scientists that ball lightning exist? Of course, there are no
>such cases.)

I would agree that it seems like we're discussing two different people. Phil Klass was unable to accept the concept of UFOs being alien craft and expressed complete skepticism whenever the subject was brought up. In many cases, he seemed to "shoot from the hip" without any actual research, which left him scrambling for clarifications or substitute explanations.

If a UFO researcher were to waffle and generate un-supported theories that "sound good", skeptical scientists would tear them apart. But it would seem that the skeptical community only holds "believers" accountable, and skeptics are given a free ride.

When I wrote a comment (a number of years ago) about Phil's having to retract his initial explanation after he later found that it was flawed, he requested that I name five such occurrences. I think he felt that this put me on the defensive and left me in a position of having to prove my case, but it also seemd to imply that he could only remember four reversals. Once can perhaps understand a single incident in which a theory is too quickly formed, based on little more than faith and belief. But he didn't seem to learn from this mistake and felt the greater good was served by refuting UFOs as a rational field of study.

Steve

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 18:10:40 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 08:41:23 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Allan

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 16:34:14 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 09:26:33 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>I do not have to read any of this censored stuff to be 99.9 per
>>cent certain that they have nothing whatever to do with
>>extraterrestrial visits, contain zilch of interest to science
>>and are merely to do with code deciphering and other boring
>>matters relating to intelligence methods the authorities want
>>to conceal.

>As I originally pointed out I can tell what is in the deleted
>portions of the NSA UFO documents. They are not I repeat not
>intercepts of encrypted communications but "in the clear" Soviet
>military messages reporting UFO or unidentified sightings (there
>is not enough info in any of them to tell if even a single
>actual UFO was sighted). There is no "code deciphering"
>involved, no "codes," just in the clear messages. NSA deleted
>the dates and locations of each incident, leaving in only the
>sketchy details of the sightings only. Dates and locations are
>what have been deleted. Got that now?

If that is all that has been deleted why does Stan Friedman
continually display these NSA documents as proof of a "Cosmic
Watergate"? Does he know of your findings? Does he accept them?

By the way, do you have an idea why they should still be
censored after between 25 and 40 years?

>The fact these are "clear text" messages (and possibly radio
>voice transcripts though I doubt it from the way the messages
>are worded) that are not encrypted means they are low-level
>relatively unimportant messages. If they had been important
>messages the Soviets and Soviet bloc countries would have sent
>them with some form of encryption, the level of encryption
>indicating importance and sensitiveness. Not a single one of the
>NSA UFO-sighting report intercepts seems to have been encrypted
>by the Soviet bloc senders (possibly some messages are Chinese).

>This indicates to me that the NSA has a huge collection of
>encrypted UFO sighting reports it has intercepted from a
>variety of countries around the world including our own allies,
>plus "in the clear" UFO reports intercepted from our allies
>(which NSA does not want to tip off that we are intercepting
>them), all of which the NSA has never even searched for. There
>are probably thousands of such intercepts.

>Now if some country, say Russia, had captured an ET spaceship,
>any messages sent concerning it would be of the highest level of
>security classification requiring the greatest level of crypto
>security, like one-time-pad type encryption multiply applied.
>These messages the NSA would not be able to "break." The NSA
>would not then have any intercepted messages telling of a

>recovery of an ET spaceship, even if such an event occurred,
>because NSA would not be able to read them to know what they
>reported. NSA has warehouses full of unbreakable messages.

What you are saying is exactly what I wrote. There is zilch in these intercepted messages to indicate ETs are visiting the earth. Yet STF pins his "Cosmic Watergate" thesis mainly on these censored messages.

CDA

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Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 14:14:59 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 08:51:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 22:25:07 -0400
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 16:55:17 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
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>but, from the point of view of one of the few ufologists with
>experience in instrumented skywatch type of research, I would
>have to say it is of wishful thinking unless the finding is
>almost "unlimited."

Please expand your remarks. I do not understand about the
"wishful thinking" aspect. What do you mean "unless the finding
is almost unlimited"? Do you mean UFO distance is unlimited? Of
did you mean "funding" unlimited? If you mean funding, I
disagree. I think that using triangulation instead of
traditional stereo distance estimation should be very cheap and
more accurate if you have a good baseline.

>The GBRT was a "casually instrumented" but very sophisticated or
>"savvy" group of people when it came to recording Bubba
>sightings. They used home video cameras and still cameras, of
>course, and they had multiple witnesses (usually 4 - 10, but on
>occasion several dozen and once about 100). As the months went
>by after Nov 1990. they improved instrumentation and technique.
>They became adept at photographing the "impossible", using
>telescopic lenses, tripods, time exposures, video with and
>without zoom, etc.

Sounds laudable, but unless they were filming with timetags and
simultaneously, with good camera position/angles what we would
get would be the same old thing of more UFO pictures. We
know there are UFOs. Who are we trying to convince? It is the
next step of what they are (tied to where do they come from)
that we must be working on.

>At my suggestion several of them placed a
>diffraction grating into their cameras. In one case (Feb. 1992)
>they got a spectrum of red "Bubba."

Good. And did the spectrum match anything? Did the group
generate baseline spectrum for known objects? Is there a
database?

>Several times they had
>several groups of people with large separations and correlated

>sightings allowing for accurate triangulation to get distance
>and altitude.

That's helpful, but, of course, just the first phase. If they got even three data points to draw a trajectory then we have a major finding. For instance, one low level altitude, one moderate and one above the stratosphere. If the UFO is just going to fly by at a fixed altitude then that does not provide much data to answer the question if it comes from space or not. It would provide other data, but just not what I think is the key question. We must depend on a certain fraction of UFO sightings (maybe small) in which one "takes off" or one appears from a distance and moves to closer proximity. Only these will provide data that they are coming from or going to space.

Of course, equipment that could measure gravity waves or EMF (radio/magnetic/electric) or sound provide good data, but it really doesn't prove the point of origin. These provide some potentially nice precursors or tell-tales to indicate a non-prosaic UFO is in the area, but it doesn't help us determine what the UFO is. And we can't count on the government to tell us.

Lets say we, after 100's of UFO sightings, were finally able to come up with the absolute UFO signature which all UFO generate and which are measurable by way of sensors. This would still not tell us what UFOs are. It would just help us to filter out all the prosaic stuff (remove the noise) and allow us to focus on the "real thang".

A field installation would have to monitor continuously and would be triggered by the "signature" to taken data in high stream mode. Or better, the facility would always be recording, but would overwrite the stored data if the trigger signal was not seen.

Until we get this signature, we need to record everything (unfortunately) and weed through it (hopefully with substantial help from computer algorithms). I am sure of meteors (from high to low"er" altitude) would show up in such a dataset, but hopefully with spectral measurements, these can be weeded out. Satellites and most aircraft would be relatively easy to weed out (our criteria-going into space or coming from space- is stringent enough to eliminate most of these.

>... summer of 1992. This never-
>reported (in detail) research effort involved some Canadian
>scientists who were privately funded to construct an
>instrumented van and to take it to GBreeze. I was invited to go
>along and to supply a large sensitive telescope (f/11, 2000 mm,
>low light TV and video recording on a pan head Mitchell camera
>tripod with a home video camera boresighted with the telescope
>to act as a "tracking gate."). I would estimate that the total
>cost of the instrumentation that allowed for EM measurement and
>recording from low frequency (Hz) to microwave frequencies, plus
>image intensified visible, infrared, and spectrographic video
>recording, magnetic field, electrostatic field, etc. plus the
>van was on the order of 50-60K\$.

I don't think LF would cut it, you need ELF based on Stanford's work.

Its great that they assembled this equipment. Can you let us know who these folk were?

>Point: A lot of \$\$ were spent to no avail. To really mount an
>assault on the UFO problem is going to require a lot more
>funding and continuous effort.

But what became of the van and equipment? Surely it has been used alot since? Amortized over time (10-20yrs), the cost seems relatively small. The main cost should be scientist pay. I would think that to justify the assembly of the equipment they must have used it at numerous hot spots in Canada and the US. Was it too costly to pay the researchers? Or did the sponsoring group drop them and take back the equipment? Or was the equipment leased thus could only be kept during the brief Gulf Breeze time period?

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New Entry At SKEPTIC Bibliography

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 11:32:17 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 09:00:32 -0400
Subject: New Entry At SKEPTIC Bibliography

Source: SKEPTIC Bibliography

<http://www.csicop.org/bib/692>

Abducted: How People Come to
Believe They Were Kidnapped by Aliens
Susan Clancy

<http://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog/CLAABD.html>

2005, Harvard University Press; 192p. psychology, religion, UFO

Reviewed by Rob Hardy
robhardy.nul

Susan Clancy, a psychologist, explains alien abductions in a skeptical manner.

However, Clancy also shows respect for the abductees she investigated, appreciating their viewpoints and explaining without condescension how such ideas came to be.

The book will convert few abductees from their belief system (and Clancy shows why such a belief system is so satisfying and firmly held), but it goes far to show that they are not stupid or psychotic and they are not just seeking publicity.

Abductees have first hand experiences of abduction that registered in their minds as surely as last night's dinner. That doesn't mean that the memories are of things that physically happened; the memories seem to come from sleep paralysis. In about 5% of such cases, there are sensations of extraordinary sights and sounds, levitation, and even alien intrusion.

The objection is often made that if sleep paralysis and false memories are the cause of such reports, then there would be no consistency of the reports. Clancy's response is succinct: "Abduction reports are not consistent with one another." But why would someone want to foster memories that are so obviously painful? "The contact these people have had with aliens doesn't just feel real - it feels transformative."

The abductees reported that their abductions were the most traumatic experiences in their lives, but also the most positive.

Clancy even demonstrates that Saint Teresa's account of her encounter with an angel is very close to accounts abductees give of their own encounters. She shows that abductees get the same benefits of meaning, reassurance, and spirituality that believers in ordinary religions do.

Clancy writes with wit and with genuine sympathy and understanding of her subjects, and readers will find them far less strange than they had initially seemed.

Visit the full bibliography at:
<http://www.csicop.org/bibliography/>

Please consider submitting an entry yourself.

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Re: The End Of The Beginning - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 15:11:15 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 09:02:29 -0400
Subject: Re: The End Of The Beginning - Balaskas

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2005 21:16:01 -0700
>Subject: The End Of The Beginning

<snip>

>Source: Science Frontiers - No. 161

><http://www.science-frontiers.com>

>Sep-Oct 2005

<snip>

>"This isn't science," says Eric Lerner, who is president of
>Lawrenceville Plasma Physics in West Orange, New Jersey. "Big
>Bang predictions are consistently wrong and are being fixed
>after the event." So much so, that today's "standard model" of
>cosmology has become an ugly mishmash comprising the basic Big
>Bang theory, inflation and a generous helping of dark matter and
>dark energy.

>Lerner is not alone in his doubts for he spoke at the first
>'Crisis-in-Cosmology Conference' in June 2005, held in Portugal.

>There, the consensus was that the Big Bang fails to explain
>certain crucial observations and that the universe is a lot
>weirder than anyone imagined. In particular dark matter was
>denigrated as a band-aid applied to save the Big Bang but which,
>in fact, serves only to cover up deep theoretical deficiencies.

>Of the many Big-Bang deficiencies, three in particular are in
>the spotting scope of the 'New Scientist' article.

<snip>

Hi Everyone!

Everything we know about the universe, including answers about
UFOs and ETs is through "Special Revelation" (eg. knowledge
obtained directly from God or "higher" beings which have been
recorded in holy books and which include cosmologies that remain
unchanged after withstanding the test of time and generations of
critical academic scrutiny) and "General Revelation" (eg. facts
or observations interpreted in light of our current human
knowledge and beliefs or "science", which is not an absolute
authority since science changes or evolves with time). The
reason why these two revelations are not in total harmony is
largely because of what we want to believe and what we refuse to
accept.

From the many scientific articles I have read and the many
talks I have attended by scientists during the past few years,
it is has been clear that the "Big Bang" is not a theory in
crisis but a theory that is hopelessly dead. The reason we still
find it in our textbooks or mentioned in popular articles is
simply because we are still searching for something better to

replace it and because we refuse to examine the evidence in Special Revelation. Science is not always what scientists do, otherwise we would not continue to teach other outdated concepts such as the Newtonian theory of gravity that invokes fictitious "forces", the mechanism for which we have failed to discover or understand.

>Clearly, the Big Bang, even with its layer of band-aids, does >not model the real universe well.

<snip>

While working on the "Incompleteness Theorem" at Princeton University (an institution which has recently provided very compelling evidence that the human mind does effect matter), Albert Einstein (who is credited with the equation $E=mc^2$ but in fact "borrowed" it without credit from another colleague) said the following:

"As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain; and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality."

Once we set aside all of our biases, preconceptions and beliefs - and this includes ufologists - we won't be as stubborn as other fellow scientists that will not even entertain certain ideas and reject outright everything associated with them. As Paul Hellyer, who was once Canada's Minister of Defense, pointed out at the 'Exopolitics Toronto' symposium here recently, there were just too many names of credible people and actual places and too many dates of real events to summarily dismiss Corso's book outright. Based on what Hellyer was already aware of about UFOs and the findings from further inquiries he made about Corso's book with people he trusted that were in positions to know the truth, he confirmed what he suspected about the ET presence here.

If ufologists would behave less than our more stubborn scientist friends who rely on their own biases, preconceptions and beliefs to come to there conclusions, we may find that the truth we have been searching for (including the revelations in Corso's book?) was staring us in our face all along but had refused to accept it. If that is in fact the case, the world may be ready for UFO disclosure but not the ufologists.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Fireball Over Britain March 24 1955? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2005 14:52:26 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 09:04:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Fireball Over Britain March 24 1955? - Hatch

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul, euroufo.nul
>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 19:54:47 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Fireball Over Britain March 24 1955?

>There was a bright fireball sighted from Britain on March 24,
>1955, as reported by Arthur Constance in The Inexplicable Sky,
>(Citadel, New York, 1956), pages 237 to 254.

>I am addressing British UFO researchers here to ask if there
>was any photograph taken of this fireball. In the affirmative, I
>will appreciate receiving -privately- any further information
>about it.

Hi VJ:

I don't usually include fireballs here, but I had this one.

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#4619: 1955/03/24 19:10h d=45m 05:40W 50:05N 3333 WEU GBI ENG  
LANDS END>>GLASGOW:1000s/OBS:FBL ZIGZAGS >N ACRS BRITAIN/45min:  
JETS CHASE..  
/r195 FLYING SAUCER REVIEW: (UK) Volume 1 Issue 2
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The very second issue of FSR! What made it interesting
was the perceived zig-zag trajectory, long duration and
possible jets chasing.

I don't recall any photos, but they don't seem at all
unlikely. Coordinates above are for Lands End in Cornwall
where the FBL was first seen.

Best

-Larry

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Re: Field Research & Images - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 18:41:14 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 09:05:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Sparks

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 22:25:07 -0400
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 16:55:17 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 08:29:38 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Thu, 29 Sep 2005 09:52:01 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>>>As I always say, we need some field research.

Field research can only cover a tiny fraction of the volume of space above the earth's surface and is limited by terrain obstacles, the earth's horizon, pollution and weather limiting optical visibility. It's hopeless. The AF abandoned such limited plans in the 50's and downgraded the nearly useless accumulation of anecdotal reports. We haven't learned from the AF.

However Peter Davenport's Passive Radar plan would use the ubiquitous radio-tv broadcast and cell phone radio transmissions as radar filling virtually the entire volume of space above a continent out to a few thousand miles. The technique is being used to track meteors a hundred miles up. All it requires is the computing equipment and receivers to process data fast.

Objects tracked with Passive Radar that have unconventional speeds and trajectories can be tracked optically and with other instruments tied in to the Passive Radar system, just like the unmanned camera traps used by wildlife photographers.

<snip>

>>The goal is to be able to follow (I.E. use the ranging data to >>follow it to orbital altitude.) the damn thing either from space >>to ground or visa versa thus proving that at least ONE UFO is >>from space.

There are quite a number of triangulation cases in the Blue Book files including some with phototheodolites where the objects were triangulated at extremely high altitudes on the borders of space traveling at high speeds. In some cases the objects apparently reached escape velocity on trajectories heading away from earth.

I have cataloged a number of such cases in my Comprehensive Catalog of 1,500 Blue Book Unknowns which is available online, though in earlier versions which may not have all the details subsequently derived or calculated.

On Jan. 31, 1949, thousands of witnesses across several states observed a green fireball which Lincoln LaPax was able to triangulate from interviews with more than 100 of the witnesses, using surveyor's transits and stopwatch timed reenactments. The object traveled at about 25,000 to 50,000 mph along a nearly horizontal 143-mile long path at an altitude of about 60,000 to 40,000 feet.

On April 27, 1950, missile tracking theodolite camera teams photographed four UFO's triangulated at 150,000 foot altitude traveling at high speed.

On Dec. 16, 1953, the world's leading aircraft designer Clarence "Kelly" Johnson and an independent team of his top Lockheed test pilots, flight engineers and Cal Tech trained aerodynamicist aboard an aircraft sighted a large 200-foot object hovering for five minutes at about 15,000 feet then took off in a shallow climb. Johnson on the ground with his wife used binoculars and did not know of the observations by his aircraft team. The two groups of witnesses provided data enabling triangulation, showing the object accelerated at about 130 g's to an altitude of at least 90 miles over the Pacific when it disappeared due to distance.

On Jan. 1, 1954, dozens of witnesses in New Jersey sighted maneuvering objects along a baseline of 12 miles, many using binoculars, which enabled Hynek to triangulate the UFOs' hovering altitude at about 4 miles, then their sudden extremely high speed departure at 90,000 mph (his numbers).

On Oct. 7, 1958, the Defense Dept's chief R&D official, John R. Townsend, and a Capitol airline pilot independently sighted a hovering or slow-moving object. Their independent data gathered by AF investigators provide triangulation at right angles showing that the 500-600-foot metallic Saturn-shaped object hovered at about 3,000 feet (for 10 seconds according to Townsend). It then suddenly took off at a steep angle accelerating at about 80 g's to a terminal velocity of roughly 72,000 mph at about 200 miles altitude after about 40 seconds.

There are many other triangulation cases of less than aerospace velocities and altitudes in the BB files, including world renowned meteoriticist-astronomer Lincoln LaPax's personal multiple sighting of a supersonic highly maneuverable 200-foot white ellipsoid, numerous sightings made by the Army's real-time UFO triangulation network, plus the AF's Holloman-White Sands UFO triangulation network which later incorporated Project Twinkle.

>>Of course, if it just appears/disappears, you get nowhere.
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Paul Trent took a stereo pair of UFO photos in 1950 where he stepped 5 feet to the right to take the second shot. You and I have been stereo triangulating the Trent photos for decades now Bruce. The Trent photos may not triangulate out to "several hundred" feet but certainly up to around 100 feet, and down to a few feet where the hyperfocal distance would blur the images. This is the "hoax distance" range and the stereo data eliminate a hoax object nearby. The stereo data by the way are in all 3 dimensions, X, Y and Z, not just laterally, because Trent was on uneven ground and is about a half foot lower in the second shot, if I recall correctly. The third or depth/distance dimension is defined by the interactive images effects of angular size as well as the stereoscopic effects on the other axes.

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Agreed but see above on Davenports' Passive Radar plan.

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 20:45:06 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 09:06:44 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Sparks

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 20:11:57 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 11:25:41 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 17:10:10 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

<snip>

>>>I agree with that. I would also like to add in response to those
>>>that would claim that the USA uses it's financial clout and
>>>military might to intimidate other states into not disclosing
>>>anything relating to UFOs, that the same tactics do not appear
>>>to be working in relation to Iran's nuclear development
>>>programme. Why should they have more success when it comes to
>>>UFOs?

>>I dunno, it works with North Korea, Russia, China and even Cuba.

<snip>

>As I pointed out, in spite of US resistance, financial and
>military power, several states have developed nuclear weapons
>technology. This flies in the face of those who suggest that the
>USA suppresses information about UFOs from foreign states through
>intimidation.

You're mixing two different tactics together. You are saying
that US resistance and intimidation does not work too well. Yet
you seem to think that intimidation is the same thing as
suppressing and withholding information. But clearly the
suppression of information such as nuclear secrets works pretty
well. Few nations have succeeded in obtaining US nuclear
secrets. Most nations that have developed nuclear weapons
capability have done it on their own by independent invention
without the need for US secrets.

How many nuclear nations have released their nuclear secrets to
the public? Any at all? I don't think a single one has. Why is
that? Apparently it's not in their interest to release secrets
and that fact has little or nothing to do with US pressure or
intimidation or wishes (as see for example how some adversary
nuclear nations that the US has little or no power over share
their nuclear secrets with other adversary nations but don't
release anything to the public). Same goes for UFO's. Doesn't
need any heavy-handed US "intimidation" for other nations to
keep their own secrets secret - assuming they have secrets.

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Re: Japanese A-Bomb? - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 21:05:01 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 09:08:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Japanese A-Bomb? - Balaskas

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 27 Sep 2005 00:22:00 -0300
>Subject: Japanese A-Bomb?

<snip>

>In keeping with some of the oddities that have shown up recently
>on this list re Japan's secret war activities, I recently watched
>a History Channel [Canada] program of an American History
>Channel Documentary with an interesting story; that being that
>Japan had been very close to having their own A-bomb and
>exploded a non-transportable device on a barge in a bay in North
>Korea at about the same time period that the U.S. was bombing
>Nagasaki.

>Here's the URL for History USA and the DVD.

><http://tinyurl.com/bvgkw>

<snip>

Hi Don!

I watched caught this incredible documentary twice on the History Channel while visiting my family in Ottawa this summer. Interestingly, this was around the same time of the 60th anniversary of the A-bomb (with Uranium mined and refined in Canada) that the U.S. dropped on Hiroshima which many consider an unnecessary and immoral act...

In case you did not see this Guardian news story about how the Germans too also detonated an A-bomb of their own before the end of WWII (I noticed it today on rense.com), here it is below.

<http://tinyurl.com/cvugl>

You may recall hearing on this History Channel documentary that the Japanese were considering using a submarine to deliver and detonate their A-bomb in San Francisco Bay. Maybe this happened too (see URL below)!.
<http://www.sonic.net/sentinel/usa4.html>

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If such major incidents can be kept secret for so long, then one wonders just how much more there is to know about flying saucers which also go back to the same era.

Nick Balaskas

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Locals Look for Aliens

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 11:28:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 11:28:46 -0400
Subject: Locals Look for Aliens

Source: The Cornell Daily Sun - Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York

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Locals Look for Aliens

by Nandita Garud
Sun Contributor

Images of Ithaca are on their way to Messier 13, a cluster of stars where aliens may possibly live.

Larry Klaes, a lifelong amateur astronomer and freelance writer, gave a seminar on Friday evening at the Cornell Observatory to offer evidence in support of the existence of aliens.

According to Klaes, many attempts have been made to contact aliens, such as a three-minute message with images of Ithaca relayed in 1974 to Messier 13, 24,000 light years away.

=93I=92m trying to introduce science in a fun way to society,=94 Klaes said. In an hour-long in-depth talk on aliens, Klaes tried to dispel popular myths about aliens and discuss the plausibility of life existing on another planet.

=93The media doesn't really depict how scientists view aliens. Aliens are not going to look like humans with funny noses,=94 he said.

Klaes stressed that aliens, should they exist, are most likely quite unrecognizable from anything living on earth.

Klaes drew many parallels between Earth and other planets and moons to illustrate why aliens may exist. Even though there are many extreme physical conditions characterizing other planets, such as 900=B0C temperatures on Venus and thick sheets of ice covering Europa =97 one of Jupiter=92s many moons =97 there still remains a real possibility of organisms thriving under such conditions.

=93Can organisms actually exist in water depths of more than two miles with no sunlight? Yes, it happens on Earth,=94 Klaes said.

According to Klaes, there is a wide variety of organisms of Earth living in extreme environments, lending support to the possibility that aliens may exist in harsh environments on other planets.

The talk, organized by the Cornell Astronomical Society (CAS), attracted an audience of students, professors and even children.

=93It=92s really interesting that there is a possibility that life on other planets can exist,=94 said Jennifer Bailard =9209, a member

of CAS.

Klaes has been trying to bring space explorations to the attention of general public for some years now. This year was the second time he has given this talk on aliens.

=93Cornell needs to do a better job of spreading the knowledge. Cornell has so many of the top scientists in the world, but the [general public] knows so little about them. I=92d like to see it get out there,=94 he said.

=93There are stereotypes about aliens generated by the media, such as inaccurate science-fiction shows. It=92s all this nonsense that I want to dispel,=94 he added.

David Eisler =9207 said of the talk, =93It was very informative and very interesting. This kind of seminar enables science to be brought to a popular audience.=94

However, seven-year-old Sage Hurta remained unconvinced. Aspiring to be the first person to land on Mars, she laughed at the possibility of aliens existing on other planets.

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University Of Glamorgan Talking ET

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Talking ET

Publicity for our BSc Astrobiology continues unabated. I've received further calls and emails from as far afield as Spain, France and Australia, and have a scheduled spot tomorrow evening on, among all things, TalkSport Radio

By the way, during this recent flurry of web publicity for CASE I came across this Wikipedia entry for the University, which not only mentions our Astrobiology degree, but also links to our CASE web site

Currently working on a Top 20 list of science fictional myths which appear to have factoid status in the public imagination. You know the kind of thing: alien abductions, UFOs, Moon hoaxes, and so on.

Any contributions would be gladly accepted. Within reason.

posted by markbrake, category of "Science Communication"

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Mark runs CASE: the University of Glamorgan's Centre for Astronomy and Science Education. He is, it says here, the Professor of Science Communication at CASE!

CASE is a group of around a dozen staff known globally for innovative cross-curricular degrees, such as the BSc in Science and Science Fiction (the first degree of its kind in worldwide), BSc Astronomy & Space, and the imminent BSc Astrobiology!

Much of Marks's work involves the communication of science; helping to run SETPOINT Wales, sitting on the NASA Astrobiology Science Communication Board, working with the world's first Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame in Seattle, or making radio and TV appearances on topics ranging from the politics of science communication to the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

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Movie Puts Paul Allen In An Alien Environment

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Business - The Insider

Movie Puts Paul Allen In An Alien Environment

The rich are very different from you and me, it has been said.

But who imagined that America's third-wealthiest man, Mercer Island resident Paul Allen, was so different as to be the front man for aliens bent on conquering Earth?

Perhaps only Alex Mayer, the Seward Park-based creator of "Paul Alien," a new movie that he said proves Allen is collaborating with 2-foot-tall aliens known as Skoolabugs, from the planet Zorkon.

"In a rare interview, media-shy Paul Allen admits that he plans to turn Seattle's South Lake Union neighborhood into an intergalactic launch pad," Mayer says on his direct-to-DVD movie's Web site, www.paulalien.com.

The movie, a mock documentary, will be available soon through Amazon.com.

Mayer, 39, a freelance graphic designer and the publisher of the free monthly "Belltown Messenger," said he got the idea for the film when "its name just popped into my head."

He said he doesn't know whether Allen has seen the spoof or, if so, what he thought of it.

Allen didn't respond to a request for comment.

"The best response would be that he gets upset and I get publicity out of it," Mayer said. "If you're an independent filmmaker without a marketing budget, you need to get attention somehow."

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Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

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Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 11:43:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 18:41:14 EDT
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 22:25:07 -0400
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 16:55:17 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>>As I always say, we need some field research.

>Field research can only cover a tiny fraction of the volume of
>space above the earth's surface and is limited by terrain
>obstacles, the earth's horizon, pollution and weather limiting
>optical visibility. It's hopeless. The AF abandoned such limited
>plans in the 50's and downgraded the nearly useless accumulation
>of anecdotal reports. We haven't learned from the AF.

Right. It does cover a small volume. But it is not hopeless. The AF has the great benefit of vast taxpayer dollars to buy nice DSP, DMSP and other satellites to observe the planet. They also have lots of nice radar systems normally for use of tracking satellites and missiles. They don't really need optical tracking systems, but also have those for satellite observations. So you are right that having giant expensive systems are the smart way to go, but these data come at a price, namely the government can edit them to their heart's content.

>However Peter Davenport's Passive Radar plan would use the
>ubiquitous radio-tv broadcast and cell phone radio transmissions
>as radar filling virtually the entire volume of space above a
>continent out to a few thousand miles. The technique is being
>used to track meteors a hundred miles up. All it requires is the
>computing equipment and receivers to process data fast.

Theoretically it can work, but it has many problems which are not easily answered. The devil is in the details.

I think that when you look at the resolution at 1000's of miles you will find it doesn't seem so applicable as you would like. You are detecting ion trails, not the object, thus you must assume the object you want to track (a non-prosaic UFO) will generate such trails. If they don't generate sonic booms then perhaps ion trails are also up to question. Also, these cell phone towers don't like to shoot much signal into space since they have few customers in orbit yet. Also, you have ionospheric effects to worry about and given our wretched signal propagation recently (sunspots), I think I would prefer optical observations through "chemtrails".

Also, you assume the non-prosaic UFOs are nice enough to be radar opaque. This has not been shown to be the case in various field research sightings (it seems to be an option - a UFO value

package add-on includes radar stealth??) Even if an active radar signal is not bounced off such a craft, the thing may be such that no RF signal is affected by its presence. So, passive radar requires a lot of faith that what you are looking for will give you the data you want. The same DOES NOT apply to optical observations since the main reason we are all so enthralled by UFOs is that they ARE visible.

Another reason passive radar will not take off is the very limiting (on the public) fear of the government and especially military to have "cheap" non-trackable (how can you target such a system with your on-board anti-radar missiles?) radar systems allowing terrorist groups (and foreign powers) the great benefit of tracking military targets and allowing them to fire missiles at such. No, it is very likely that if passive radar does get some momentum, it will be bought out by the military or otherwise crushed before deployment. Especially if the non-prosaic UFOs are "ours".

>Objects tracked with Passive Radar that have
>unconventional speeds and trajectories can be tracked
>optically and with other instruments tied in to the
>Passive Radar system, just like the unmanned camera
>traps used by wildlife photographers.

Yes, but the same is true for optical observations only. Again, you assume that the trigger is valid. I am not so sanguine. I bet non-prosaic UFOs are too canny to be so easily tracked.

The thing is that we can wait for the passive radar (which my bets are will not come, unless regulated by the government) or use "hobbyist" state-of-the-art satellite tracking equipment today. What is cheaper? Clearly passive radar is not ubiquitous so will be expensive. The optical satellite equipment can be bought at the mall (some mods needed of course).

>>>The goal is to be able to follow (I.E. use the ranging data to
>>>follow it to orbital altitude.) the damn thing either from space
>>>to ground or visa versa thus proving that at least ONE UFO is
>>>from space.

>There are quite a number of triangulation cases in the Blue Book
>files including some with phototheodolites where the objects
>were triangulated at extremely high altitudes on the borders of
>space traveling at high speeds. In some cases the objects
>apparently reached escape velocity on trajectories heading away
>from earth.

Thanks. These are interesting, if old.

>On Jan. 31, 1949, thousands of witnesses across several states
>observed a green fireball which Lincoln LaPax was able to
>triangulate from interviews with more than 100 of the witnesses,
>using surveyor's transits and stopwatch timed reenactments. The
>object traveled at about 25,000 to 50,000 mph along a nearly
>horizontal 143-mile long path at an altitude of about 60,000 to
>40,000 feet.

Meteor?

>On April 27, 1950, missile tracking theodolite camera teams
>photographed four UFO's triangulated at 150,000 foot altitude
>traveling at high speed.

Meteor?

>On Dec. 16, 1953, the world's leading aircraft designer Clarence
>"Kelly" Johnson and an independent team of his top Lockheed test
>pilots, flight engineers and Cal Tech trained aerodynamicist
>aboard an aircraft sighted a large 200-foot object hovering for
>five minutes at about 15,000 feet then took off in a shallow
>climb. Johnson on the ground with his wife used binoculars and
>did not know of the observations by his aircraft team. The two
>groups of witnesses provided data enabling triangulation,
>showing the object accelerated at about 130 g's to an altitude
>of at least 90 miles over the Pacific when it disappeared due to
>distance.

Now this is a good report. I wonder how much error was in the triangulation. This is the kind of sighting that I am looking for. Was it written off because it had no photos or what? It had

good witnesses. I would think this report would have been enough to cause a more alarming conclusion to the Blue Book report.

>On Jan. 1, 1954, dozens of witnesses in New Jersey sighted
>maneuvering objects along a baseline of 12 miles, many using
>binoculars, which enabled Hynek to triangulate the UFOs'
>hovering altitude at about 4 miles, then their sudden extremely
>high speed departure at 90,000 mph (his numbers).

Well, I guess I was omitting the high speed departure or complex high speed maneuvers from my field research objective because I am asking if it comes from or goes off planet, not if it behaves in a way that cannot be man-made. Because in that case, it could be some odd ball-lightning, plasma, electric effect, in which case g-forces make little difference. A concern is the behavior of high altitude sprites and elves and how to differentiate them from non-prosaic UFOs. I guess spectra could be used.

>On Oct. 7, 1958, the Defense Dept's chief R&D official, John R. Townsend, and a Capitol airline pilot independently sighted a hovering or slow-moving object. Their independent data gathered by AF investigators provide triangulation at right angles showing that the 500-600-foot metallic Saturn-shaped object hovered at about 3,000 feet (for 10 seconds according to Townsend). It then suddenly took off at a steep angle accelerating at about 80 g's to a terminal velocity of roughly 72,000 mph at about 200 miles altitude after about 40 seconds.

Another good report. Wonder how Blue Book could be so lackadaisical in their findings? No photos? What the hell did they need?

>There are many other triangulation cases of less than aerospace velocities and altitudes in the BB files, including world renowned meteoriticist-astronomer Lincoln LaPaz's personal multiple sighting of a supersonic highly maneuverable 200-foot white ellipsoid, numerous sightings made by the Army's real-time UFO triangulation network, plus the AF's Holloman-White Sands UFO triangulation network which later incorporated Project Twinkle.

Good stuff!

>Paul Trent took a stereo pair of UFO photos in 1950 where he stepped 5 feet to the right to take the second shot. You and I have been stereo triangulating the Trent photos for decades now >Bruce.

Wow! You guys need some more stereo photos!!! Shouldn't have to use the same old ones over such a long period!!!

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Important Announcenent

The next issue of the bulletin will be delayed.

Joseph Trainor, the editor of UFO Roundup is moving from his current home in Duluth, Minnesota and heading back east, probably to one of the New England states.

As long as Joe's aging computer survives the trip he hopes to be back online within a week or two and will continue with the bulletin.

Best wishes,

John

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Boone

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>>>>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 17:10:10 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

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>>>>I agree with that. I would also like to add in response to those
>>>>that would claim that the USA uses it's financial clout and
>>>>military might to intimidate other states into not disclosing
>>>>anything relating to UFOs, that the same tactics do not appear
>>>>to be working in relation to Iran's nuclear development
>>>>programme. Why should they have more success when it comes to
>>>>UFOs?

>>>>I dunno, it works with North Korea, Russia, China and even Cuba.

><snip>

>>As I pointed out, in spite of US resistance, financial and
>>military power, several states have developed nuclear weapons
>>technology. This flies in the face of those who suggest that the
>>USA suppresses information about UFOs from foreign states through
>>intimidation.

>You're mixing two different tactics together. You are saying
>that US resistance and intimidation does not work too well. Yet
>you seem to think that intimidation is the same thing as
>suppressing and withholding information. But clearly the
>suppression of information such as nuclear secrets works >pretty
>well. Few nations have succeeded in obtaining US nuclear
>secrets. Most nations that have developed nuclear weapons
>capability have done it on their own by independent invention
>without the need for US secrets.

>How many nuclear nations have released their nuclear secrets >to
>the public? Any at all? I don't think a single one has. Why is
>that? Apparently it's not in their interest to release secrets
>and that fact has little or nothing to do with US pressure or
>intimidation or wishes (as see for example how some adversary
>nuclear nations that the US has little or no power over share
>their nuclear secrets with other adversary nations but don't
>release anything to the public). Same goes for UFO's. Doesn't
>need any heavy-handed US "intimidation" for other nations to

>keep their own secrets secret - assuming they have secrets.

Agreed Brad.

The reason I started this thread was because I've had more communication and insight into the workings of government, intelligence, private industry.

It is so complex in some places and so simple in others it can make one's head spin.

Often the simplest thing is blown out of proportion and in other cases the most complex is ignored.

We're thinking the U.S. has some secret tactical group that oversees all UFO stuff globally. Plausible deniability reigns here. It may not just be the government offices we're aware of but sub contractors, much like those used by the government.

Often private industry can do the better job especially if they're to get a lion's share of the goodies. I'm surprised at how much leverage corporations have in other countries that our own government doesn't. Money and a strong arm go a long way.

That network is complex enough. A cursory glance at contracting shows that.

Regarding 'crashes' there may or may not be that many that even the men behind the curtain are aware of. The surface of our world is covered by mostly water. No telling how many artifacts are buried under centuries or millenia of silt and water. I asked a Navy pal about it and of course it shivered his timbers and he told me something surprising in his response. Something I'd never heard before regarding what the powers would cover up.

He said if there was a discovery that had military/security/moral implications it would be hushed up.

Moral?

That rang the chimes. Now why would moral implications have to do with covering up a discovery?

If the discovery invalidated the belief system that supports the military industrial complex it would be hushed up. That's a big amount of hushing up. No telling what the swabbies have discovered and put in a warehouse.

Religious people make money and can't have that tree shaken I guess.

It's been said that there's no way foreign powers would keep a UFO secret if they could glean and make a profit off the technology. Sounds reasonable to me, but reason is the last thing you'll find in UFOlogy as any UFOlogist can tell you and that's on both sides of the fence. Only good detective skills gather the solid data whether pro or con.

Let's suppose the technology gleaned isn't efficacious for the proprietary domination we're accustomed to. Let's say we humans are a bit sharper at finding out how things work and the technologies behind these artifacts is simple and easily copied. Not saying it is, just suppose some of it is. Once out in the public arena I'm sure a bunch of fellas at any garage or lab named Bubba and Junior might whip up their own versions of these contraptions and have their own hover devices or death beams.

Can't have that!

Can't have crackheads and terrorists running around with that kind of technology. We're in it bad enough as it is. Which is why we don't have our flying cars and portable laser guns.

We can only suppose here and look for data to support or invalidate it.

I had to explore this because I found myself making a major mistake which was assuming and convicting. Common sense says no one could possibly cover up all the UFO data but that was a generalization on my part and I can admit a mistake and look at the issue again.

There's tons of UFO data that the public has the hasn't been covered up. Keeping a secret is a tough thing to do but it can be done.

Intimidation? For sure! I have three UFO cases that would end this debate right here and now except the witnesses, photos, artifacts are not going to see the light of day because those who were at the scene, as was I, will_not_talk. Even though if they did they would be rich from books and royalties. These people will not talk. They're not living high on the hog either by any means and they could be living the life of Riley if they came forward but no_freaking_way will they talk. I was told by them they were told not to talk and these are people I've known for three decades and broken bread with. Saw their kids born and we faced many dangers together.

Yet if you brought up any other topic that raised their ire these same people would fight to the last. Yet the UFO issue is a no-no to them.

I think basic fears are what's keeping some of the best evidence pro and con from reaching the public.

I'll stick with what I originally posted and be more precise this time with that you can have a global cover up of some of the best info.

What we really need is to emphasize on the physical evidence to bring to light and mark that trail to that physical evidence as that too will shed light on why any physical evidence is not accessible to us.

One thing I won't do is only emphasize the ETH stuff. That would cloud any look at other explanations like private/experimental craft that I've already run into but since that story doesn't have little green men people aren't interested save the aircraft afficianados.

There's lots of secrets. Some can be kept quiet and some not.

Best,

Greg

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10 Years Of Scientific Research On Hessdalen

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10 Years of Scientific Research of the Hessdalen Phenomena

By Bj=F8rn Gitle Hauge, Assistant professor,
Ostfold University College,
Norway

Courtesy of Renzo Cabassi, Italian Committee for
Project Hessdalen

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Abstract

The author has been a member of the Hessdalen project research team for the last decade, and he has participated in the development of the Hessdalen interactive observatory, also called the "blue box". The author has a master degree in electronics and specializes in electromagnetic transmission. He has a long experience with radar and radio transmission from the Royal Norwegian Navy. Assistant professor Erling Strand, the founder of the Hessdalen project, conducted together with the author the first international congress of the Hessdalen phenomena in 1994. This congress attracted scientists from all over the world and boosted the scientific research in Hessdalen. Statements from the congress indicated that explanation of the phenomena could lead to new concepts in physics.

This congress also started the collaboration between =D8stfold University College in Norway and CNR in Italy. Together with Dr. Stelio Montebugnoli the author started the EMBLA project, with the purpose of studying the electromagnetic radiation and behaviour of the Hessdalen phenomena in 1999. The author has participated in a number of investigations in Hessdalen, the last with the Italian Committee for Project Hessdalen winter mission in 2004. Since 1998 automatic surveillance of the valley has been done by the Hessdalen interactive observatory. Despite of 24-hour surveillance and well manned and equipped research campaigns in the EMBLA project, no mayor breakthrough has been done. Spectacular pictures and video recordings have been obtained, but correlation with other scientific measurements is hard to find. No "fingerprint" of electromagnetic radiation from the phenomena has been obtained which can identify an unknown light source as the real Hessdalen phenomena. The research has so far demonstrated that the Hessdalen phenomena is difficult to investigate, and explanations hard to find. Despite of this, the EMBLA/CIPH team has gained significant experience in this kind of scientific study and it is possibly the most competent team to carry out such expeditions in the world. The key to the solution lies in scientific knowledge and economic resources, and this solution may show us the way to a new storing mechanism for energy.

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>Of course, if it just appears/disappears, you get nowhere.
>Pretty pictures get you nowhere. Even one stereo photo is
>worth alot.

James:

As you know, I am in agreement with you and I am quite miffed as to this allergy Ufology seems to have for the scientific method. At first, I thought it was based on a fear of discovery that might contradict past assertions or current theory. However, I now feel it's more of a matter of getting sidetracked. This is understandable, as the field is heavily populated with fantastic stories, intriguing documentation, and interesting exopolitical posturing. However, following this path can often draw a researcher or enthusiast deep into a wilderness of abstractions where they become lost as to their original destination.

Is the goal of Ufology to positively identify the source of this phenomenon and obtain the evidence necessary to provide documented proof of such a finding? If so, I would think a relevant question to ask oneself before committing the time, energy and money to a specific research opportunity, might be as follows: Could the information gained from pursuing this particular avenue of research potentially facilitate(or help to) the achievement of the goal as stated above? The truth is, I cannot think of many scenarios where researching events that have already taken place, could provide such evidence.

I have an addition to the wish-list of instruments we might find of use in such a field lab:

http://vision.gel.ulaval.ca/en/Projects/Id_177/Projet.php

Regards,

Rob

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Boylan!

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 06:46:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 06:46:28 -0400
Subject: Boylan!

[FYI Only - not for discussion.

For more on Boylan see:

The UFO UpDates Archive search results at:

<http://tinyurl.com/8udn4> --ebk]

From: William Hamilton <astroexplorer.nul>
To: <Skyopen.nul>
Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 16:33:13 -0700
Subject: [SO] Boylan - High Commander?

If you ever needed it, here is Proof Positive that Boylan has flipped out and fancies himself a star visitor from the High Council - does that make him a High Commander as portrayed by John Lithgow in Third Rock From the Sun? Somebody needs to get this guy some help fast before he ends up talking to a real counselor.....

Sent Oct. 02, 2005

Report on the Formal Hearing (Sept. 29, 2005) on Reported Cabal Violations of Universal Laws by Richard Boylan, Ph.D.

Dear Friends and Star Kids,

What you are about to read concerns an event which took place on Thursday, September 29, (2005), one of the most historic dates in modern human history. While previously much of the detail of this event had to be kept confidential to prevent Cabal sabotage, now the entire story can be revealed.

A month ago I sent out a bulletin entitled "Star Visitors' Plan to hold the Cabal accountable for violations of Universal Laws". In that message I reported how the Star Nations have long been monitoring Earth, and have watched with concern when global threats arose to such proportions as to threaten human survivability as a free species. That report recounted how the Star Nations conducted a previous Formal Hearing in 1937, to deal with the then-threat of the Cabal in its Nazi-Stalinist-Fascist incarnation, but that the Cabal objected successfully that there was no representation from Earth on the High Council of the Star Nations, and so thus cosmic law did not allow the Star Nations to intervene under those circumstance.

That report also told of how "the Star Nations have not lost sight of the grave danger the Cabal represent to the survivability of the human race. The Star Nations have also been tracking the growing numbers of monstrous abuses of Earth and human rights by the Cabal. And so, the Star Nations have determined that it is time for a new Hearing." (See that

earlier bulletin below.) That new Formal Hearing on Reported Cabal Violations of Universal Laws took place on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005.

This time the outcome was different.

This time Earth was represented on the Star Nations High Council by a Councillor of Earth. This time an updated report of Cabal violations was presented by a Star Visitor Watcher, at a Hearing at which the Councillor of Earth, a Witness for Earth, and a Witness for the Star Nations also participated. Members of the High Council of the Star Nations were also in attendance, not visible on this dimension, but their energy signatures were readily detectable. The charges which the Watcher presented against the Cabal included their multiple serious and heinous violations of the 11 (cosmic) Universal Laws, as well as human laws and the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights. (See the 11 Universal Laws on:

<http://www.star-knowledge.net/eleven.htm>

The Watcher brought up various instances of Cabal violations of the Universal Law of Free Will, particularly across the life of former mind-control slave, Wendi Powers.

The Councillor of Earth presented Cabal violations of the following Universal Laws: Law of Free Will (citing the hundreds of victims of intimidation and coercion he has interviewed), Law of Change (citing Cabal obstruction of Earth's progress), Law of Movement and Balance (citing the emotional, mental and spiritual imbalances caused by Cabal torture and information suppression), Law of Innocence, Truth and Family (citing especially the wholesale Cabal sexual and psychological abuse of children to turn them into mind-control sex and psychic slaves and intelligence couriers, and the wholesale Cabal disinformation campaigns), Law of Life (citing Cabal murders and harvesting the life energies of ritual victims), and the Law of Love (citing wholesale perversions and MILABS gang-rapes of kidnapped civilian victims during faked "alien abductions").

The Witness for Earth concurred that the charges against the Cabal were consistent with her information and experience. The Witness for the Star Nations also concurred, and added his observation about how the Earth being (Mother Earth) has suffered environmentally at Cabal hands.

In the interest of the kind of transparency which dawning Fifth World society shall be known by, the identities of the Hearing participants are hereby revealed, as agreed to by the parties involved.

The Watcher is Byrd, a Star Visitor consciousness who has co-incarnated into the body-mind space of Wendi Powers, and takes turns being the forefront personality/speaker. Byrd also provides communication link to his adoptive race, the Zeta, who thus at times utilize the Wendi vehicle to speak on their own. Byrd's Mentor, a Reptoid Star Visitor, also on occasion uses Wendi's body to communicate through. Ms. Powers is a Star Seed human computer technician residing in Nashville, TN.
blackfootturtle.nul

The Earth member of the High Council of the Star Nations, the Councillor of Earth, is Dr. Richard Boylan. In a previous incarnation he was a Star Visitor member of the High Council, but, in view of Earth's devolving plight, chose to incarnate this time as a human (a Star Seed human) in order to be fully of Earth and authentically provide representation for Earth on High Council. He was reappointed to High Council, this time as Earth's representative, about a year ago. He lives in Sacramento, CA. drboylan.nul

The Witness for Earth is Marja Roberts, a Star Seed human who lives in New York. marjaa.nul

The Witness for Star Nations is Frank Feliccia, a Star Seed human artist in Nashville, TN. hotgridl.nul

The Councillor of Earth requested of Star Nations an expedited decision, in view of the desperate situation on Earth. It did not take long for High Council to render a verdict. Within a few minutes the Zeta reported that High Council had accepted all the

charges. The Cabal stood convicted of multiple counts of violations of Universal Laws.

Following the Hearing the Cabal tried to present some flimsy Objections to the High Council. The Councillor of Earth was designated to respond to them. He dealt with these hypocritical Objections in a lengthy legal brief presented to High Council, who on Saturday (Oct. 1) promptly dismissed the Objections as without merit, and ordered their Decision reactivated for being carried out.

What is the practical consequence of this Cabal conviction?

As I wrote a month ago, "If they are in violation, and the collective High Council agrees on these things, then 'action can be taken to handle the energy pattern of Cabal members as not being the same as other humans,' as one Star Visitor put it. In other words, the Cabal will be treated differently than other humans. Very differently. If convicted, the Cabal will not have any interactions with the Star Visitors, and will be screened from any technical assistance the Star Nations offer other humans. Other substantial consequences will also ensue, which will not be spelled out at this time. Suffice to say, a substantial part of what the Cabal have built their power base on will be removed.

"One Star Visitor has told me that the consequences of the Cabal's conviction will mean "a whole new ball game" as to how things will soon start going on Earth.

"The news of the Star Nations holding the Cabal accountable soon is shared with you so that you may understand that we have concerned allies "out there", who are far from indifferent to the terrible plight of Earth being and her beloved children, us humans, at this time. And that the Star Nations are anxious, within the parameters of the cosmic laws of Supreme Source, to do what they can to remove a major obstacle to humanity's having a viable future." The Zeta have now, for example, begun a new practice of presenting their reports noting the negative deeds and energy signatures (of the Cabal) in contrast to the positive deeds and energy signatures of regular humans: sort of Black Hats versus White Hats reports (to borrow an old cowboy-movies metaphor.)

It is my view that the result of the Star Visitors being now legally able to deal with the Cabal with proper discrimination is that this will result in the gradual and accelerating dismantling of the Cabal's empire. It is my expectation that signs of Cabal devolution should become apparent within the next two years, if not sooner. I do not think it prudent to go into further details at this point, but am confident that the reader can use his/her own acumen to foresee how this can take place.

What will Earth be like after the Cabal are gone? There will be no more obstacle to our task of ushering in the long-prophecied Fifth World, a cosmic, just, non-materialistic, peaceable, "extended-family" society. Such a Fifth World will incorporate the soon-to-be-liberated benefits of such elements as clean non-petroleum energy, psychotronic healing machines, ZPE-powered hydroponic food-growing machines, gravity-shielded superfast airliners and sea freighters, and the immense store of spiritual, metaphysical and scientific knowledge that the Star Visitors wish to have publicly shared with the people of Earth.

But the Zeta also point out that the Cabal will not go down without a fight, and that, following this legal conviction, will accelerate their actions in a desperate attempt to consolidate power and neutralize perceived adversaries. Prudent humans will need to be mindful of such a climate of desperation, and circumvent situations of danger. As one Star Visitor put it: "The war has begun."

From: "Richard Boylan PhD" <drboylan.nul>
Date: Tue Aug 30, 2005 2:21 pm
Subject: Most Important: Star Visitors' Plan to hold the Cabal accountable for violations of universal laws

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Friends and Star Kids,

The Star Nations have observed the machinations of the Cabal (geoplutocratic "elite") for a long time. A very long time. Some humans, who imagine that the Star Visitors are sort of like guardian angels, wonder why the Visitors do not swoop down and stop the Cabal from continuing their abuses. But in general, the cosmic Laws established by Supreme Source do not permit gratuitous interference by outside civilizations in the development of civilization on another planet, (such as Earth). This has prevented the Star Nations from stepping in just whenever major segments of Earth society went down morally wrong paths.

But in the 1930s it became obvious to the Star Nations that the way things on Earth were headed, the then-leaders of the Cabal were pushing events towards an unprecedented, totally-monstrous, global fascist totalitarian regime. Remember your history: In Germany, Hitler had taken over and installed a Nazi state, with aims at world conquest. In Russia, Stalin was in charge as a brutal dictator, who also sought vast territorial expansion. In Italy, Mussolini exercised brutal dictatorial power not only over his own country but in northern Africa as well. Generalissimo Franco set up an oppressive fascistic regime in Spain. Meanwhile, on the other side of the globe, the Japanese War Generals invaded China, Manchuria, etc. and set out to create a Greater East Asia Empire by force. Furthermore, Hitler welded Italy and Japan into an "Axis" military alliance. Hitler then forged an alliance with Stalin, while also helping Franco to establish a dictatorship in Spain and forged ties together with Franco.

With the United States inactivated by an isolationist political stance, it looked like an alliance of fascist dictators was going to take over the world.

In 1937 the Star Nations set up a formal Hearing on human rights violations. Charges against these Cabal dictators were presented to the High Council of the Star Nations by a Watcher [Star Visitor observer stationed on Earth]. Then the High Council ruled that the Cabal were in violation of the Law of Free Will, (a principal cosmic law) (1). But the Cabal said that there was no human on the High Council, so therefore they (Cabal) did not have proper representation. Because Humans were not represented, how could any charges be heard or even considered? This was correct by the cosmic Laws. And so the Star Nations were not able to intervene against the Cabal under those circumstances.

Shortly following this 1937 Hearing's disastrous stalemate, an Elder Councillor of the High Council of the Star Nations determined to reincarnate as a completely human being and grow up on Earth, and thus to be in a position to serve at the next Hearing as the previously-missing Human Representative on the High Council of the Star Nations.

Meanwhile the Cabal dictators of the 1930s came and went, dying off and replaced by more sophisticated fascists. Many of these are in pin-striped suits, elected or hereditary heads of state, officers of international planning councils, and international financiers. Their iron fists are often masked by the velvet glove of cultural sophistication and powerful connections behind the scene. Their power has been vastly increased by utilizing mind-control techniques refined from Nazi research, as well as anti-gravity and directed-energy technology back-engineered from recovered Star Visitor craft. The modern-day Cabal are well along in their plans to utterly rule the world, and to reach out into space for additional conquest there.

The Star Nations have not lost sight of the grave danger the Cabal represent to the survivability of the human race. The Star Nations have also been tracking the growing numbers of monstrous abuses of Earth and human rights by the Cabal. And so, the Star Nations have determined that it is time for a new Hearing.

A Formal Hearing on Reported Cabal Violations of Universal Laws (2) is scheduled to take place before the year is out! Only this time the Cabal will not evade answerability for their misdeeds because of non-representation. For the High Council Elder who

Boylan!

reincarnated as a human is fully grown now, and stands ready to serve as the human representative, as the Councillor of Earth.

Once again, at this Hearing charges will be presented to the Councillor of Earth in front of the entire High Council. The charges will consist of rights violations that the Star Nations have observed. These charges concern whether the Cabal were in violation of the Law of Free Will in their treatment of fellow humans.

[snip]Lend your thought energy or prayer that the Hearing holding of the Cabal accountable may go well, as it unfolds later on this year, with consequences into the following years.

In the light,

Richard J. Boylan, Ph.D.

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Footnotes

1. See: <http://www.star-knowledge.net/TOC.htm>
2. Idem.

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 15:12:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 06:49:11 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Reynolds

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 13:00:31 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 20:45:06 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

<snip>

>Regarding 'crashes' there may or may not be that many that even
>the men behind the curtain are aware of. The surface of our
>world is covered by mostly water. No telling how many artifacts
>are buried under centuries or millenia of silt and water. I
>asked a Navy pal about it and of course it shivered his timbers
>and he told me something surprising in his response. Something
>I'd never heard before regarding what the powers would cover up.

>He said if there was a discovery that had
>military/security/moral implications it would be hushed up.

>Moral?

>That rang the chimes. Now why would moral implications have to
>do with covering up a discovery?

>If the discovery invalidated the belief system that supports the
>military industrial complex it would be hushed up. That's a big
>amount of hushing up. No telling what the swabbies have
>discovered and put in a warehouse.

>Religious people make money and can't have that tree shaken I
>guess.

<snip>

Greg (and others):

This is insensate! Just because a Navy pal says something
doesn't mean it's ex cathedra.

Moral implications? The military does not and never has used
morality as a criterion for action or procedure. That's
nonsense.

Some individuals in the military may act within ethical and/or
moral parameters but that's not a policy of the military
establishment.

And the idea that some people are sitting on mountains of
irrefutable UFO evidence or happenings but won't talk about it
begs incredulity.

Being in the military or having been doesn't provide an
impimatur for truth. Military types are just as prone to
exaggerate (moreso maybe) than the general population about
knowledge and activity that is much less than what they purport

it to be.

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Field Research & Images - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 16:26:32 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 06:50:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Sparks

>From: Rob Kritkauskus <robkrit.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 12:18:46 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: James Smith
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 16:55:17 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>Of course, if it just appears/disappears, you get nowhere.
>>Pretty pictures get you nowhere. Even one stereo photo is
>>worth alot.

>James:

>As you know, I am in agreement with you and I am quite miffed as
>to this allergy Ufology seems to have for the scientific method.
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>particular avenue of research potentially facilitate(or help to)
>the achievement of the goal as stated above? The truth is, I
>cannot think of many scenarios where researching events that
>have already taken place, could provide such evidence.

Instead of disparaging past events, consider that you're not
going to get any substantial funding for instrumentated UFO
detection and tracking projects without past data of solid UFO
cases demonstrating the need and the performance characteristics
of UFOs. Scientific method does not disparage analysis of past
events.

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Re: New French Official UFO Study - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 16:45:44 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 06:53:17 -0400
Subject: Re: New French Official UFO Study - Sparks

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 17:23:47 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: New French Official UFO Study

>List,

>There is a bit of a strange mystery here which I do not
>understand. Errol is not able to throw any light on it either.

>My post on the changes within France regarding the newly
>proposed UFO study was sent to UpDates on the evening of Sunday
>October 2nd and posted on the List on Monday, October 3rd.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/oct/m03-005.shtml>

>Prior to that, I had never made any public comment about this
>subject matter and so no one knew of my interest.

>However, on the morning of Monday 3rd., when I turned my
>computer on and before my UpDates post had appeared, there was
>what appeared to be a reply to my post from none other than
>Jacques Vallee. That message had in fact been sent to Brad
>Sparks and Larry Hatch and myself were copied in.

>My point is, I do not understand why Jacques Vallee would have
>presumed to have copied me in on this when I cannot see how he
>would have been aware of my interest. Don't misunderstand - I'm
>certainly not complaining and am indeed extremely flattered. But
>I don't understand it.

>On further thought, it is arguable that what is written is
>actually a reply to my post as it seems to repeat the same sort
>of information I forwarded. Nevertheless, it doesn't resolve the
>main issue.

>Are you able to throw any light on this Brad?

<snip>

There is no mystery here. Your name and email were on the thread
back to Sept 28 that Gildas responded to with the news on the
new French official study in his Sept 30 post. And so was Larry
Hatch.

As I understand it, based on info I have been sent from various
sources, a Steering Committee for Unidentified Aerospace
Phenomena, or in French, Comit=E9 de pilotage sur les Ph=E9nom=E8nes
A=E9rospatiaux Non-identifi=E9s (PAN) of the French national space
agency, CNES, was recently formed by order of the recently
appointed (Feb. 19, 2003) new CNES Director Yannick d'Escatha.
D'Escatha appointed Yves Sillard, the former CNES Director, to
be President of the PAN Steering Committee.

The first meeting of the PAN Steering Committee was held on Sept
22, 2005. Sillard was interviewed about it on Radio France
International (RFI) on Sept 29, 2005. Sillard said that an
"audit" of the now defunct SEPRA UFO study in 2001-2 (could this
be the 1999 COMETA Report after review?) had recommended

continued UFO study with moderate funding.

Sillard said that as head of the PAN Steering Committee he would have a policy of transparency, info would be provided on a website, etc. He said there were many aircraft cases (200) on file, radar cases, landing traces with vegetation damage, highly maneuverable object cases, all of which required serious study by scientific researchers in a number of appropriate disciplines. He said they had 25% Unexplained cases and 15% Insufficient Data, the rest in varying degrees of IFO identification.

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New Unified Theory Of The Universe

From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 22:19:51 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 06:57:32 -0400
Subject: New Unified Theory Of The Universe

Various discussions over time with Colsweb led to publication of this page 5th October 2005.

Discussions of the ExtraCosmos God, recycles of the Universe and theoretical proof of the existence of its Creator.

for text and graphics;

<http://tinyurl.com/7n2ug>

Text extracts.

The Chaotic Balance Seesaw Theory

Each side of the zero or perception/balance pivot there would be logic one side in balance with illogic the other side. Examples; (1) If nothing happens for a long enough time then something will happen to achieve balance (2) For each action there is an equal and opposite reaction [Newton] which may not be locally and may not be at the same time.

The 3 Perceived Realities At Earth Point Theory

Which are Super Reality (Heaven), Our Normal Reality plus the Opposing balancing Reality (Hell). Existence equals the completeness (chaotic balance) of the three forces (Realities).
 $E = OF*F*F$

Other Possible Realities

Visualize a large cube composed of 27 small cubes. Our Reality at the center, Heaven above, and Hell below. The type and number of perceived realities is governed by where you are in the Universe and the number of previous cycles of the Universe perceived at the spherical overlaps. The realities perceived would be in chaotic balance.

The Universe Creation Cycle

Big Bang, expansion, now creation of black holes to super Black Hole, Time wait to next Big Bang. Because of the length of time the Universe is in being the corresponding Black Hole state has to chaotically balance. Because nothing much happens during the black hole state for such a long time then the big bang occurs and creation as chaotic balance to that. The process repeats with each cycle producing a Reality which may or may not overlap previous ones due to lumping at the Big Bang.

Possible Creation And Recreation Points In The Universe

The probable point of the present Universe creation may be where there is 'nothing much' surrounded by the oldest Galaxies. The probable point of the next Universe creation may be the first black hole which would move as further black holes occur and are swallowed.

The Recycling Universe

(27 times 2) minus one plus God. Number of realities increases to 27 then decreases back to God. Chaotic balance occurs each side of center line between God and the 27th cycle. The God indicated here may have a creator himself who is outside the Universe and we ourselves may be God to beings upon Atoms or parts thereof.

So above, so below.

Please note that colswab neither agrees nor disagrees with the above theories which were discussed with him via various sources. Actual truth on these matters seems immaterial when we all live our lives according to taught belief and principle. What really matters is our Humanity (and care) to God/s, between ourselves and our different races, including Extraterrestrials and others with a knowledge we should continue to prolong and care for the Earth as our Habitat.

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Re: 10 Years Of Scientific Research On Hessdalen -

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 18:11:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 06:59:20 -0400
Subject: Re: 10 Years Of Scientific Research On Hessdalen -

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 10:20:27 -0700
>Subject: 10 Years Of Scientific Research On Hessdalen

<snip>

>No "fingerprint" of electromagnetic radiation from the phenomena
>has been obtained which can identify an unknown light source as
>the real Hessdalen phenomena.

Interesting. Over here in the advanced electronic harassment arena, we find that the powerful mind/body/object-moving attacks penetrate top quality electromagnetic shielding as if it weren't there. We find that sometimes there are electromagnetic signals associated with the attacks, other times not (similar situation to EM activity during ghost manifestations.)

We find that on occasion, shielding makes the attacks worse.

One target of e-harassment actually bought the MRI-room shielding material from a hospital undergoing renovation, and had the room reconstructed and certified by a professional EM signal detective.

But staying in this room sometimes seems to help, yet at other times, it provides no help at all.

What all this adds up to, as I see it, is there are signal types which affect both living things and objects which are advanced beyond what is taught in today's universities. The Hessdalen observations appear to back that up powerfully.

Eleanor White

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Reed!

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 07:06:23 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 07:06:23 -0400
Subject: Reed!

Source: ABC-TV News - USA

<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory?id=3D1183995>

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UFO-Spotters Tell Tales Of The Extra-Terrestrial Reuters

By Jude Webber
Reuters

LIMA, Peru (Reuters) - One minute Jonathan Reed was hiking with his golden retriever in a forest in Seattle. The next, his pet was being torn apart by a "gray" =97 an alien being with an elongated head, smelling of rotting fruit.

A scene from a sci-fi film? No, maintains Reed, a former child-developmental psychologist who says he took the alien home and lived with it for nine days in which it communicated via telepathy and was able to pull thoughts from his mind.

Reed and others =97 including Uruguayan Rafael Ulloa who says aliens in spaceships spirited away people from New York's twin towers in the September 11, 2001, attacks =97 gather in Lima this week for a world extra-terrestrial congress.

Peru has long been a mecca for mystics and there have been abundant reports of flying saucers, especially over the southern town of Chilca. Some locals reckon aliens imbued mud springs there with special curative and fertility powers.

The congress, organized by the Alfa y Omega group that believes a fleet of UFOs will fly to Earth at the end of the world and Christ could use one for his second coming, during its October 6-9 run will pore over photos and grainy films of bright flashes and spooky shapes they say point to alien life forms.

Retired U.S. air force Lt. Col Donald Ware, 69, told a news conference on Tuesday his first contact with aliens was in 1953, when he saw seven spacecraft flying over Washington, D.C.

He spotted no signs of extra-terrestrial life during his service, but said he had seen alien craft eight times since retiring in 1982.

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Seeing isn't always believing. Wendelle Stevens, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, said he believed in aliens after having investigated 100 cases, despite never having seen any himself.

Stevens, thought to have the largest archive of photographs of alleged UFOs in the world, says he worked from 1947-49 in Alaska with B-29 planes fitted with special scientific instruments to "detect the visitors."

Reed!

His work there began the year the U.S. military is believed by some to have hushed up two purported crashes of alien spacecraft within a month. The Air Force denies the stories.

Stevens, who said he did not believe in aliens before his work, said it was his job to debrief the crews of the B-29s and recounted how "the radio frequency spectrum went completely haywire =85 and the temperature in the airplane increased. (The crew) looked out and there's a disc next door," he said.

He said the crew shot photographs with four different types of camera, but the military suppressed the pictures. No Air Force spokespersons could immediately comment on his remarks.

One of the most unusual testimonies comes from Reed on his 1996 experience with the alien he came to call Freddie.

Reed, who says he has a bracelet belonging to the extra-terrestrial, said Freddie had skin "almost like that of a pig." It breathed and had red blood, but did not speak. Tests showed he had 46 chromosomes, like humans, but 9 were different and resembled those of dolphins and sea turtles, Reed added.

Aliens enthusiasts and UFO spotters are used to raised eyebrows, ridicule and worse. Reed says he was shot after his alien encounter and blames a "government faction which doesn't want this information out."

But his close encounter with the alien with slanting eyes and a slit mouth "proved to me we are living in a much bigger universe," he said.

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Re: Field Research & Images - Rudiak

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>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
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>>Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 18:41:14 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 22:25:07 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 16:55:17 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>On Jan. 31, 1949, thousands of witnesses across several states
>>observed a green fireball which Lincoln LaPax was able to
>>triangulate from interviews with more than 100 of the witnesses,
>>using surveyor's transits and stopwatch timed reenactments. The
>>object traveled at about 25,000 to 50,000 mph along a nearly
>>horizontal 143-mile long path at an altitude of about 60,000 to
>>40,000 feet.

>Meteor?

Maybe at 40-60 miles. But a meteor at 40,000-60,000 feet
traveling 25,000-50,000 mph? No way.

The green fireballs had a number of other anomalous characteristics that clearly distinguished them from ordinary meteors. They flew at low altitudes but never made a sound, they typically flew in straight (usually horizontal) rather than arced trajectories, they were sometimes seen to change directions, they were geographically concentrated in the northern New Mexico region (with a propensity to fly directly over sensitive nuclear installations like Los Alamos or Sandia Base), they turned on and off like a light switch, they had a lime green color, and they never left any fragments behind despite extensive searches by La Paz with aid from the military (the whole point of triangulating their trajectories to begin with.)

For a primer on the green fireball phenomenon, see:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_Fireballs

>>On April 27, 1950, missile tracking theodolite camera teams
>>photographed four UFO's triangulated at 150,000 foot altitude
>>traveling at high speed.

>Meteor?

Four meteors in formation with no trails? I personally doubt it.
But see Bruce Maccabee's detailed account and judge for

yourself:

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

>>On Dec. 16, 1953, the world's leading aircraft designer Clarence
>>"Kelly" Johnson and an independent team of his top Lockheed test
>>pilots, flight engineers and Cal Tech trained aerodynamicist
>>aboard an aircraft sighted a large 200-foot object hovering for
>>five minutes at about 15,000 feet then took off in a shallow
>>climb. Johnson on the ground with his wife used binoculars and
>>did not know of the observations by his aircraft team. The two
>>groups of witnesses provided data enabling triangulation,
>>showing the object accelerated at about 130 g's to an altitude
>>of at least 90 miles over the Pacific when it disappeared due to
>>distance.

>Now this is an good report. I wonder how much error was in the
>triangulation. This is the kind of sighting that I am looking
>for. Was it written off because it had no photos or what? It had
>good witnesses. I would think this report would have been enough
>to cause a more alarming conclusion to the Blue Book report.

One would think. This sighting has similarities to the one by
aeronautical engineer Paul Hill on July 16, 1952, described in
detail in his book, "Unconventional Flying Objects.". Two amber
lights rapidly approached from the horizon, then rapidly circled
each other overhead. Hill was able to triangulate the altitude
at 15,000 to 18,000 feet with an object size of 13 to 20 feet in
diameter. The centripetal acceleration he calculated to be 122
g's, with the uncertainties he rounded down to 100 g's. (pp. 44-
49)

In another sighting by Hill from 1962 of a huge, dirigible
shaped UFO, Hill calculated an estimated linear acceleration of
100 g's and a last seen departure speed of around 9000 mph. (pp.
174-176)

You'll notice that the around 100 g's acceleration figure keeps
popping in these various calculations.

>>On Jan. 1, 1954, dozens of witnesses in New Jersey sighted
>>maneuvering objects along a baseline of 12 miles, many using
>>binoculars, which enabled Hynes to triangulate the UFOs'
>>hovering altitude at about 4 miles, then their sudden extremely
>>high speed departure at 90,000 mph (his numbers).

>Well, I guess I was omitting the high speed departure or complex
>high speed maneuvers from my field research objective because I
>am asking if it comes from or goes off planet, not if it behaves
>in a way that cannot be man-made. Because in that case, it could
>be some odd ball-lightning, plasma, electric effect, in which
>case g-forces make little difference. A concern is the behavior
>of high altitude sprites and elves and how to differentiate them
>from non-prosaic UFOs. I guess spectra could be used.

I'm not familiar with this particular case, but sprites and
elves (basically high altitude electrical discharges much like
lightning) are highly diffuse, not discrete electrical
phenomena. Ball lightning is discrete, but I've never heard of
it exhibiting high acceleration and velocity.

>>On Oct. 7, 1958, the Defense Dept's chief R&D official, John R.
>>Townsend, and a Capitol airline pilot independently sighted a
>>hovering or slow-moving object. Their independent data gathered
>>by AF investigators provide triangulation at right angles
>>showing that the 500-600-foot metallic Saturn-shaped object
>>hovered at about 3,000 feet (for 10 seconds according to
>>Townsend). It then suddenly took off at a steep angle
>>accelerating at about 80 g's to a terminal velocity of roughly
>>72,000 mph at about 200 miles altitude after about 40 seconds.

Again, note the ~100 g's acceleration. Another report where
acceleration worked out to about 80 g's is the famous Charles
Moore sighting of April 24, 1949. The object climbed about 25
miles in 10 seconds, which works out to about 80 g's. The speed
when it faded out worked out to about 25,000 mph.

Yet another instance of around 80 g's came in a case from June
24, 1950. A rocket-shaped object was seen by numerous witnesses
speeding over southern California and central and northern
Nevada, leaving behind a huge spiral trail visible for several

hundred miles. One witness near Reno, Nevada, said the object made three circles, estimated at about 10 miles in diameter, in only about a minute. Again this works out to roughly 80 g's centripetal acceleration. I describe this case in detail on my website:

http://www.roswellproof.com/UFO_CalNev_1950.html

>Another good report. Wonder how Blue Book could be so
>lackadaisical in their findings? No photos? What the hell did
>they need?

Orders from the top to properly investigate instead of covering up or debunking.

>>There are many other triangulation cases of less than
>>aerospace velocities and altitudes in the BB files, including
>>world renowned meteoriticist-astronomer Lincoln LaPaz's personal
>>multiple sighting of a supersonic highly maneuverable 200-foot
>>white ellipsoid, numerous sightings made by the Army's real-time
>>UFO triangulation network, plus the AF's Holloman-White Sands
>>UFO triangulation network which later incorporated Project
>>Twinkle.

>>Paul Trent took a stereo pair of UFO photos in 1950 where he
>>stepped 5 feet to the right to take the second shot. You and I
>>have been stereo triangulating the Trent photos for decades now
>>Bruce.

Unfortunately, the object was moving, so this isn't really a true stereoscopic pair taken simultaneously, which could be used to triangulate distance and size.

>Wow! You guys need some more stereo photos!!! Shouldn't have to
>use the same old ones over such a long period!!!

Stereo photos are a poor man's radar system for determining range and size. Human stereo vision with the eyes separated by only 6 cm can still gauge distance out to about 200 to 300 meters. Two good cameras or video cameras separated by a meter or so and properly calibrated should be able to gauge distance to at least a mile or more. (Greater separations would increase the range, but would also become increasingly cumbersome.) Even if the object is well beyond this range, you still learn a lot because one can still use the large distance to distinguish between something like a near hoax model and a true distant and large object. A lower limit to size and distance can also be set.

Ideally I would like to see a standardized portable instrument with good quality stereo cameras for basic ranging and size determination coupled with a high resolution camera with at least a 10x zoom lens for closeups plus a high resolution digital video camera for recording dynamic behavior. Additional desirable instrumentation would be GPS for exact position and some sophisticated sensors and optics to automatically overlay azimuth and elevation information for reconstructing the trajectory and other information such as velocities and accelerations.

Or maybe there are some old stereo phototheodolites lying around at Army surplus somewhere that could be adapted for this, instead of reinventing the wheel.

David Rudiak

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Re: Japanese A-Bomb? - Aldrich

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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 07:18:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Japanese A-Bomb? - Aldrich

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
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>Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 21:05:01 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Japanese A-Bomb?

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 27 Sep 2005 00:22:00 -0300
>>Subject: Japanese A-Bomb?

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>>In keeping with some of the oddities that have shown up recently
>>on this list re Japan's secret war activites, I recently watched
>>a History Channel [Canada] program of an American History
>>Channel Documentary with an interesting story; that being that
>>Japan had been very close to having their own A-bomb and
>>exploded a non-transportable device on a barge in a bay in North
>>Korea at about the same time period that the U.S. was bombing
>>Nagasaki.

>>Here's the URL for History USA and the DVD.

>><http://tinyurl.com/bvgkw>

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>I watched caught this incredible documentary twice on the
>History Channel while visiting my family in Ottawa this summer.
>Interestingly, this was around the same time of the 60th
>anniversary of the A-bomb (with Uranium mined and refined in
>Canada) that the U.S. dropped on Hiroshima which many consider
>an unnecessary and immoral act...

>In case you did not see this Guardian news story about how the
>Germans too also detonated an A-bomb of their own before the end
>of WWII (I noticed it today on reense.com), here it is below.

><http://tinyurl.com/cvugl>

>You may recall hearing on this History Channel documentary that
>the Japanese were consdiering using a submarine to deliver and
>detonate their A-bomb in San Francisco Bay. Maybe this happened
>too (see URL below)!.
>

><http://www.sonic.net/sentinel/usa4.html>

>If such major incidents can be kept secret for so long, then one
>wonders just how much more there is to know about flying saucers
>which also go back to the same era.

The Japanese had two atomic bomb projects, Army and Navy. Talk
about inter-service rivalry!

Richard Greenwell had done some research on the topic and
was quite knowledgeable. We discussed this several times.

The Germans apparently had plans to marry their atomic bomb

with a delivery system.

From about Nov 1944 to Jan 1945 what I term "a Nazi secret weapons flap" existed. Both the media and the military were under its spell. The Germans talked about soon using an atom bomb which was picked up in the New York Times.

After the War, LTC Seashore, at Wright Field apparently headed Project Abstract. The context indicates that it was an investigation of Nazi intention on the use of and delivery systems for an atomic bomb. I suspect that Seashore's September 1947 trip to Europe was part of his investigation. During his trip he hand carried the request from Wright Field for CIC, Europe and/or USAF, Europe intelligence units to find and again interview the Horton Brothers and their associates about their designs as a possible origin of UFOs. (A previous intelligence report in June 1947 prior to Arnold and not yet found stated that the Soviets were were constructing long range Horton aircraft in eastern Siberia. At the rate of construction they would have a huge fleet of over 1000 by the 1952. (A Russian informant told me that the factories and air fields identified in the US intel documents, were only working on construction and upgrading of the ME-262 and nothing as exotic as Horton aircraft.))

In any case, I think that both Abstract and SIGN might have had intersections in certain areas, especially prior to August 1948 when there was still factions at SIGN and AF intelligence who thought the Soviets might have had a major aviation break through.

Thus far neither FOIAs nor conversations with USAF historians have revealed any further information about Project Abstract.

Jan Aldrich

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Re: Puerto Rico UFO Landing Strip - Smith

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>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 18:09:56 -0300
>Subject: Re: Puerto Rico UFO Landing Strip

>>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 22:50:58 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Puerto Rico UFO Landing Strip

>>>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2005 19:59:02 +0200
>>>Subject: Puerto Rico UFO Landing Strip

>>>LAJAS, Puerto Rico (AP) -- People in this sleepy hamlet are so
>>>sure they have been receiving other-worldly visitors, they want
>>>to build a UFO landing strip to welcome them.

>>Hi Diana, not sure if these attract tourist dollars - maybe
>>they'd best check with mayor of Ar=E8s - "The world's first
>>landing field for UFOs was installed in Ares, [Bordeaux region]
>>France on 15th August 1976." -

>Sorry but St. Paul Alberta dedicated a UFO Landing site in 1967
>in honor of Canada's 100th anniversary. Paul Hellyer was there
>and noted it in his Toronto lecture. I have seen it.

Hi Stanton,

That's good to know.

Someone probably should keep an intermittent eye on these places
- just in case.

Cheers
Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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What Was That UFO Seen In NorthCot

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<http://www.mindanews.com/2005/10/04nws-UFO.htm>

04 October 2005

What was that unidentified flying object seen in NorthCot?

By Williamor A. Magbanua
MindaNews

KIDAPAWAN CITY -- Thousands of residents in the towns of M=92lang, Midsayap, Pikit and Alamada and Kidapawan City craned their necks Monday night to witness what many believe was an unidentified flying object (UFO).

Vice mayor Joselito Pi=Flol of M=92lang personally saw the flying object while on his way home from his farm in Barangay Dugong.

Pi=Flol told the Notre Dame Broadcasting Corporation (NDBC) radio stations DXND and DXMS that the object was flying for almost 45 minutes.

The vice mayor described the flying object as a vertical line, almost a meter long, looking like a wiper for a four-wheel drive vehicle. "I thought this was only seen in our place but I was amazed when my friends in other towns of the province called me and informed the same object flying in their respective areas," Pi=Flol said.

The vice mayor said he was convinced the flying object was not a spy plane, satellite or light reflection.

"Kung spy plane ina, malipong na ang driver ana e. Kaganina pa nga nagabalik-balik kag pasirko-sirko Sa ire ang flying object na, gani imposible nga plane, satellite o reflection sang suga lang ina," (If that were a spy plane, the pilot would have been dizzy. The object was moving around several times. It is not possible that it was a plane, satellite or reflection), Pi=Flol said.

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Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/9dbqj>

5 October 2005

Believe It Or Not

You couldn't be sceptical about their generosity.

The Australian Skeptics presented The Age of Fishes Museum with a very welcome financial present last month of \$10,000.

The Australian Skeptics Inc. is a group that investigates the paranormal and pseudo-science from a responsible scientific viewpoint.

Most people are familiar with the more popular subjects that it investigates such as astrology, fortune telling, UFOs and crop circles, but it also investigates topics like fundamentalism, Feng Shui, sublaxations and vitamin supplements.

Proof and scientific evidence is what it wants to see, explained Barry Williams, one of several Skeptics representatives visiting the museum last month, and support of science, like their gift to the Museum, is a natural continuation of their aims.

The Association has contributed to the Age of Fishes Museum before, with this latest gift specifically for a new display detailing the uniqueness of the Canowindra fish fossils.

The story of the Age of Fishes was important to the theory of evolution, Mr Williams said, because of the Canowindra Grossi was able to breathe air through lungs.

"With displays like this, we can support evolution, science and proof," Mr Williams said,

"This is a lovely example, like our support of the Chinese Feathered Dinosaurs exhibition at the Australian Museum only a few years ago, of evolution, because birds evolved from dinosaurs.

Palaeontologist Alex Richie, the man behind the major Canowindra fossil excavation in 1993, said the donation would kickstart plans behind the display, and was another step forward in the dream behind the creation of one of only two museum specialising in fish fossils in the world.

Dr Richie said the Museum was unable to rely on major financial support from the Australian Museum, or government funding, such as that enjoyed by the Western Plains Zoo at Dubbo.

While admitting the project is not at the stage he would like to see it, he agreed that the search for secure, longterm support

was crucial to the eventual dream behind the Age of Fishes.

"This museum, as an attraction, has the potential to bring more people here for a long time.

"The trick is to encourage them to stay here overnight, which would be of even more benefit to the local community.

"Next March will be the 50th year of since the fossils were first uncovered. Wouldn't it be great to see even more progress made before we mark that date."

"Now that we have some money, we can start working on creating the display. The first step will involve an artistic creation."

For Age of Fishes Museum manager Fiona Ferguson, the generous gift came only a week after another \$1,000 donation, from a Sydney based company, Gwynvill Pty Ltd, which has strong interest in the Cabonne Shire.

Ms Ferguson said the financial situation of the museum was looking positive, making its first substantial profit in its history last financial year.

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 15:12:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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>>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 13:00:31 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 20:45:06 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

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>>Regarding 'crashes' there may or may not be that many that even
>>the men behind the curtain are aware of. The surface of our
>>world is covered by mostly water. No telling how many artifacts
>>are buried under centuries or millenia of silt and water. I
>>asked a Navy pal about it and of course it shivered his timbers
>>and he told me something surprising in his response. Something
>>I'd never heard before regarding what the powers would cover up.

>>He said if there was a discovery that had
>>military/security/moral implications it would be hushed up.

>>Moral?

>>That rang the chimes. Now why would moral implications have to
>>do with covering up a discovery?

>>If the discovery invalidated the belief system that supports the
>>military industrial complex it would be hushed up. That's a big
>>amount of hushing up. No telling what the swabbies have
>>discovered and put in a warehouse.

>>Religious people make money and can't have that tree shaken I
>>guess.

><snip>

>Greg (and others):

>This is insensate!

Go Rich! Feel the hyperbole flowing through you... bask in the
richness of its... insensate? ...reaches...<g>. Besides, in this
time of illegitimate government, creeping theocracy and blooming
fascism our common culture includes "a predatory, insensate
society in which innocence and decency can prove fatal" (Peter
S. Prescott). What hides in there_?

>Just because a Navy pal says something
>doesn't mean it's ex cathedra.

I don't know from Navy pals but on career military persons
alternate facets get inordinately rubbed and polished...

providing a reflection of something generally not seen on civilians (?) ...a sense of teamwork, a pragmatism, a goal orientation... a warrior spirit. Not better perhaps... but a little more focused perhaps? Threat to life and limb will do that.

These Military are not incapable of lying, to be sure... there are just as many serial sociopaths there as anywhere... more I suspect... but I submit that there is an honor and morality there not found elsewhere...

For example... there is much discussion (or was when I was on active duty) regarding when an order by a superior officer shall not be obeyed. Where's a similar ideal in the corporate world?

>Moral implications? The military does not and never has used
>morality as a criterion for action or procedure. That's
>nonsense.

Bottom line... the military will do what it must to accomplish the mission, secure the objective, adapt and overcome... but to say that it does not use a morality or ethics to guide its actions paints an erred portrait.

As close to the bone as a military blade is expected to get, it is a focus of 'moral' and 'ethical' questions, actually, and is examined as no corporate entity is ever examined. "Abu Garib" et al got out (gets out) is because guys on the ground took pictures...

Didn't it puzzle you why they were taking 'pictures' of all things... posing for them, even? It was a moral/ethical authority who got those charming snapshots passed along so the rest of us could be appropriately outraged and be otherwise alerted to the grievous activities of an illegitimate administration busily prosecuting for ways to 'legally' torture human beings and then let junior troops take the fall for it when it blew up in there faces. ...Bush misusing Excalibur and so damaging that blade... I digress.

The point is, I suppose, that professional persons, persons with something to lose (?), of any stripe have a potentiality for the 'ex cathedra' the protected don't generally know, and maybe even the pope won't have that kind of authority, or shouldn't... or where has he been ufologically these past ten centuries?

>Some individuals in the military may act within ethical and/or
>moral parameters but that's not a policy of the military
>establishment.

Well, actually there are and it is, Rich. As the Senior Training and Counseling Officer of the Army's only Warrant Officer Candidate School I contributed to and administered the design just such a program of instruction... blocks of it. Most if not all Service schools have these instruction blocks in their academies and schools... and the failure to adhere to same has been the downfall of many. Soldiers, especially officers, have a responsibility to refrain from dodgy ethics and morals his civilian equivalent only has to pay lip service to, has been my experience.

>And the idea that some people are sitting on mountains of
>irrefutable UFO evidence or happenings but won't talk about it
>begs incredulity.

Still you'd be the first to admit that knowledge is power and shared knowledge must be a delusion of same. That doesn't beg credulity too, does it, and if not, why not?

>Being in the military or having been doesn't provide an
>impimatur for truth.

No, but it provides a format for same in clearer command lines and a published standard operating procedure Civilians don't know. Even "General Orders" have been interpreted to support this for the lowest ranking troops. Whatever a military involves itself in it wants to be successful, that is to say, survive. It can get very pragmatic about that, and truth supports the paradigm. Exposed then in training to whats accepted as ethical, a military person may be more prone to be same. History indicates that they find a way to report on themselves when

things go wrong... Ever hear of "Mi Lai" ... now Abu Garib...

>Military types are just as prone to
>exaggerate (moreso maybe)

I'd allow "just as", at best. "Moreso" is not indicated for the reasons stated above. I wonder why you would thing so.

>than the general population about
>knowledge and activity that is much less than what they purport
>it to be.

Huh? Just kidding. I know where you were going with that. Still, much 'more' is likely given the evidence everywhere else (Six levels of same?). A ruling elite has quite a bit to lose to an alien alternative... I suspect. Don't dis the military, dude, we know too many ways to kill you. lol!

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Re: Reed! - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 07:32:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 15:36:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Reed! - Lehmborg

>Source: ABC-TV News - USA

><http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory?id=1183995>

>Oct 4, 2005

>UFO-Spotters Tell Tales Of The Extra-Terrestrial Reuters

>By Jude Webber
>Reuters

>LIMA, Peru (Reuters) - One minute Jonathan Reed was hiking with
>his golden retriever in a forest in Seattle. The next, his pet
>was being torn apart by a "gray" - an alien being with an
>elongated head, smelling of rotting fruit.

What is the provenance of this I wonder?

...a dime will get you a freakin' dollar that a scurvy
klasskurtxian leaked this so it could be discredited, again, and
so then sully the macrocosm with the microcosm. False arguments
all around... Reed is an example of what goes on in ufology,
Reed is a fake... UFOs are fake. Thanks Uncle Phil!

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Re: Field Research & Images - Kritkausky

From: Rob Kritkausky <robkrit.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 05:57:38 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 15:38:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Kritkausky

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 18:41:14 EDT
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 16:55:17 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>As I always say, we need some field research.

>Field research can only cover a tiny fraction of the volume of
>space above the earth's surface and is limited by terrain
>obstacles, the earth's horizon, pollution and weather limiting
>optical visibility. It's hopeless. The AF abandoned such limited
>plans in the 50's and downgraded the nearly useless accumulation
>of anecdotal reports. We haven't learned from the AF.

I can tell you with a high degree of confidence that such efforts are certainly not hopeless and in fact in terms of potential for discovery, the merits of this approach cannot be equaled... IMO. This opinion is not based merely on speculation, but results from experience. This experience includes both my own personal data collection and that done by a respected research group affiliated with an organization mentioned in a recent post on this subject.

I know of two sites in Phoenix that would merit a visit by such a lab. In fact, there is an interesting characteristic shared by both sites that may suggest a long history of anomalous phenomenon at these locations. Both sites contain prolific displays of ancient rock art (petroglyphs) dated as old as 8000-10,000 years. The images portrayed in these ancient accounts are strikingly similar to phenomenon that has been reported/filmed today.

<http://tinyurl.com/bxrhn>
<http://tinyurl.com/5qgxg>

Examples: While installing a surveillance system at the site in North Phoenix on Sept 11th, 2005, I took this video of lights over the site in South Phoenix. This happens to be at approximately the coordinates estimated by Bill Hamilton for the 97 Phoenix Lights.

On Jan 26th, an event that could have provided key data about the nature of this phenomenon occurred at the N. Phoenix site.

<http://tinyurl.com/ddnaj>

I think everyone would agree that the information/data collected by a professionally designed, properly equipped and well positioned mobile field observatory is preferable to that which can be salvaged from the remnants of a past-tense sighting. In fact, it's debateable as to whether the later could even produce the proof necessary to support such claims. This does not mean that effort and research invested elsewhere constitutes senseless toil or that information gained as a result of such

labor is without practical utility. The work has validity and usefulness. It just seems to me, some effort should be committed to this method if success is truly a goal here.

Regards,

Rob

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Re: Field Research & Images - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22.nul>
Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 05:42:39 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 15:40:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Hamilton

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 16:38:39 -0700
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 10:15:32 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 18:41:14 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 22:25:07 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 16:55:17 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>>On Jan. 31, 1949, thousands of witnesses across several states
>>>observed a green fireball which Lincoln LaPax was able to
>>>triangulate from interviews with more than 100 of the witnesses,
>>>using surveyor's transits and stopwatch timed reenactments. The
>>>object traveled at about 25,000 to 50,000 mph along a nearly
>>>horizontal 143-mile long path at an altitude of about 60,000 to
>>>40,000 feet.

>>Meteor?

>Maybe at 40-60 miles. But a meteor at 40,000-60,000 feet
>traveling 25,000-50,000 mph? No way.

>The green fireballs had a number of other anomalous
>characteristics that clearly distinguished them from ordinary
>meteors. They flew at low altitudes but never made a sound, they
>typically flew in straight (usually horizontal) rather than
>arced trajectories, they were sometimes seen to change
>directions, they were geographically concentrated in the
>northern New Mexico region (with a propensity to fly directly
>over sensitive nuclear installations like Los Alamos or Sandia
>Base), they turned on and off like a light switch, they had a
>lime green color, and they never left any fragments behind
>despite extensive searches by La Paz with aid from the military
>(the whole point of triangulating their trajectories to begin
>with.)

>For a primer on the green fireball phenomenon, see:

>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_Fireballs

<snip>

If the kelly green fireball I saw a few years ago that shot out over the Pacific Ocean at low altitude (I believe it was in 1977) was the same as the the green fireballs of the 1940s, then I can add one more peculiarity. The one I saw was pulsating.

-Bill Hamilton

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Re: 10 Years Of Scientific Research On Hessdalen -

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 09:29:21 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 15:44:48 -0400
Subject: Re: 10 Years Of Scientific Research On Hessdalen -

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 04 Oct 2005 10:20:27 -0700
>Subject: 10 Years Of Scientific Research On Hessdalen

>10 Years of Scientific Research of the Hessdalen Phenomena

>The author has been a member of the Hessdalen project research
>team for the last decade, and he has participated in the
>development of the Hessdalen interactive observatory, also
>called the "blue box". The author has a master degree in
>electronics and specializes in electromagnetic transmission.

>Since 1998 automatic surveillance of the valley
>has been done by the Hessdalen interactive observatory. Despite
>of 24-hour surveillance and well manned and equipped research
>campaigns in the EMBLA project, no major breakthrough has been
>done.

Okay, here we have a case intensive UFO field research such as I
was discussing with lots of funding and lots of instruments for
over 7 years and even then "No major breakthrough..." has been
found!

I would like to think they are clever enough to compose
the instruments and assemble them into a facility
and methodology based on scientific methods (since
most seem involed in academic research). But even so
they get zip results.

Now I think its fair to say that the Hessdalen phenomena,
although UFOs in the technical sense, may only be a small subset
of the UFO phenonema thus it there may still be hope that the
space travelling UFOs could be detected with appropriate
instrumentation. No one said all non- prosaic UFOs behaving
would be from the same cause and the Hessdalen ones may be
"terrestrially" oriented types (tectonic electric effects, ball
lightning, or even ghosts, but not spacefaring vehicles).

>Spectacular pictures and video recordings have been
>obtained, but correlation with other scientific measurements is
>hard to find. No "fingerprint" of electromagnetic radiation from
>the phenomena has been obtained which can identify an unknown
>light source as the real Hessdalen phenomena.

This is very disappointing too. Again, hopefully, the Hessdalen
light is non-representative of most "non-prosaic" UFOs. Its
basic behavior of hanging around one area seems to indicate this
to be the case. Typical UFOs don't seem to do this generally
(except for the standard "Spooksville" ghost light locations),
but ghosts and "natural" phenomena seem to.

>The research has
>so far demonstrated that the Hessdalen phenomena is difficult to
>investigate, and explanations hard to find. Despite of this, the
>EMBLA/CIPH team has gained significant experience in this kind
>of scientific study and it is possibly the most competent team
>to carry out such expeditions in the world.

Yes, they seem to be and hats off to them!

>The key to the
>solution lies in scientific knowledge and economic resources,
>and this solution may show us the way to a new storing
>mechanism for energy.

Interesting. Yes, this was the angle I thought would be useful for getting research funding. You must show your research can make someone money. If a subset of the UFO phenomena does represent electrical or plasma energy moving around in self contained "spheres", then understanding exactly how could revolutionize energy storage technology.

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Re: New French Official UFO Study - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 14:41:40 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 15:46:36 -0400
Subject: Re: New French Official UFO Study - Miller

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 16:45:44 EDT
>Subject: Re: New French Official UFO Study

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 17:23:47 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: New French Official UFO Study

><snip>

>There is no mystery here. Your name and email were on the
>thread back to Sept 28 that Gildas responded to with the news
>on the new French official study in his Sept 30 post. And so >
was Larry Hatch.

Thanks Brad. I did consider this but discounted it on the basis
that I thought everyone in that thread would have been copied.

Anyway, mystery over.

Two further points on French Ufology. While on holiday there in
August, I was "instructed" to visit Rennes-le-Chateau and was
intrigued to find in the inevitable book shop what seemed like a
reasonable variety of Ufological newstand magazines. While the
content wasn't exactly gripping, I was nevertheless quite
jealous of the fact that France is able to support at least one
publication while we in the UK currently have nothing.

And while not wishing to conflict with A.J. Gevaerd's claim that
the upcoming conference in Italy is the biggest in Europe, the
one taking place at Chalons en Champagne from the 14th to 16th
October is simply immense with around 40 speakers at least,
including Budd Hopkins and Max Burns. There is a despairing
story behind Max's appearance, the conference flyers claim that
he represents BUFORA, and former and current members of this
List. You can guess the rest.

Stuart Miller

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Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 09:52:45 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 15:48:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 16:38:39 -0700
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 10:15:32 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

Thanks for the green fireball info.

And I agree that the sprites and elves phenomena do not explain many UFO sightings. Some do seem diffuse, but I think some can be discrete, although I don't see how ground observers can view them easily. I mean to say by all this that they are a recently discovered (little understood) phenomena which indicates that other such electrical phenomena may exist. Since these phenomena do move from cloud level to ionosphere (?), they may seem to be going into space.

Ball lightning may explain a number of sightings, but it too is a very little understood phenomena. It at least has the potential of very fast acceleration and speed (since it has low mass).

You make a good point about the accelerations and that data could be used to indicate a non-prosaic UFO but it would not really help explain what it is or where it comes from. Would it?

About the excellent unexplained Blue Book sightings reports, didn't they release all these unexplained sightings in their report? If so, then by their very existence, they demand a certain statement such as "these reports indicate objects capable of space travel which have not been made by the US". Sure they wouldn't want to say this, but unless they write off those reports as "observer error" or "hoax", what else could they do?

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Re: Field Research & Images - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 08:47:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 15:49:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Reynolds

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 16:26:32 EDT
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Rob Kritkauskay <robkrit.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 12:18:46 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>From: James Smith
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 16:55:17 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

<snip>

>Instead of disparaging past events, consider that you're not
>going to get any substantial funding for instrumentated UFO
>detection and tracking projects without past data of solid UFO
>cases demonstrating the need and the performance characteristics
>of UFOs. Scientific method does not disparage analysis of past
>events.

Brad Sparks is exactly right, as usual.

Archeology, history, psychology, astronomy, et cetera, all deal
with past events.

Cold cases do the same for law enforcement.

While new UFO events should be pursued diligently, past episodes
may contain information that explains everything but was missed
the first time around because of incompetence, primitive
technology, or other reasons.

Rich Reynolds

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From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 10:09:44 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 15:51:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 16:26:32 EDT
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Rob Kritkauskay <robkrit.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 12:18:46 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>Is the goal of Ufology to positively identify the source of this
>>phenomenon and obtain the evidence necessary to provide
>>documented proof of such a finding?

>>The truth is, I cannot think of many scenarios where
>>researching events that have already taken place, could
>>provide such evidence.

>Instead of disparaging past events, consider that you're not
>going to get any substantial funding for instrumentated UFO
>detection and tracking projects without past data of solid UFO
>cases demonstrating the need and the performance characteristics
>of UFOs. Scientific method does not disparage analysis of past
>events.

I doubt funding of UFOs per se is possible at all unless couched
in prosaic terms and relating to unknown (but prosaic)
phenomena. Past events could be used to back up this kind of
need for research.

But you are right, if you are lucky enough to find some
Hollywood type to fund field work, then past cases are an
essential element to the rationale.

Past events provide clues as to likely useful instrumentation.
Past events can help in the design of the required resolution
and sensitivity and range and speed (slew rate) and quality of
the instrumentation and method of using the instrumentation.

One can look at each case and ask, "if we had such and such
instrumentation instead of eyes and maybe a camera in the UFO
case, what could have been accomplished?"

But maybe Rob means that ufology has gathered alot of UFO
witness data and analyzed some of it and it has not been able to
come up with an "answer". So field research is needed to
test hypotheses that the past UFO reports/analyses have
provided.

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Re: Pandora's Box - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 16:23:55 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 16:00:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Pandora's Box - Bourdais

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 14:19:21 -0400
>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 12:12:34 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Pandora's Box

>It would be good to know where in which agency the
>investigation is to be lodged.

>A few of my questions about French official UFO
>investigations:

<snip>

Jan and all,

I am sorry but I am going to disappoint you, because I have few or no answers to your questions. Actually, I don't even know the people who could possibly answer them.

I do have a bit of documentation on testimonies about UFO sightings over the former nuclear missile launch site of the Plateau d'Albion. It is a series of six articles which were published in the regional newspaper "La Provence" in 2000. These are not official accounts, just private testimonies.

Since you refer to the last special issue of VSD, four of them appear as small illustrations in the article signed by Richard Nolane (page 9). I sent them to the editor Bernard Thouanel at his request, and I will send them to you if you are interested (either as readable image files, or as paper copies at the address you will give me). As for the contents of the article, please ask Thouanel and Nolane.

As a general comment on this question of eventual undisclosed French files on UFOs, my opinion is that, yes, there are some, probably. Like in all the countries in the world, most likely. However, in that context, the United States seem to have a very outstanding position: on one hand, a great amount of information, presumably, but on the other hand a persistent official denial of the mere existence of UFOs. So, there is a widening gap, compared with the situation in a growing number of smaller countries which, while detaining probably some secret files, have at least begun a policy of official recognition of the the UFO reality.

In short, there is a problem of "attitude and of magnitude" regarding the UFO problem in the USA. And probably, BTW, in a few other big countries such as Russia and China. For my part, I try to be realist and I understand that solving this global problem will take time. Maybe the reactivation of the French commission will help a bit.

I am not going to be able to answer other questions until next Monday because I am going to the conference in

Calabria.

See the program at the CUN website:

<http://www.cun-italia.net/>

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 12:36:41 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 16:02:10 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Friedman

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 18:10:40 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 16:34:14 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 09:26:33 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>What you are saying is exactly what I wrote. There is zilch in
>these intercepted messages to indicate ETs are visiting the
>earth. Yet STF pins his "Cosmic Watergate" thesis mainly on
>these censored messages.

The censored NSA UFO messages could easily have been released
ages ago by censoring the dates and locations. Obviously there
was much more to them. (More than 90% of the pages).

Please note saying there is a Cosmic Watergate is not the same
as saying some UFOs are alien spacecraft.

Do note Bolender's memo.

Do note the fact that CIA UFO documents were also very heavily
censored.

Where are the rest of the TOP SECRET+ UFO messages found by the
NSA but generated by the CIA and withheld by the CIA?

For that matter where are the Navy's UFO files?

Stan Friedman

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Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 17:39:22 +0200
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>The first meeting of the PAN Steering Committee was held on Sept
>22, 2005. Sillard was interviewed about it on Radio France
>International (RFI) on Sept 29, 2005. Sillard said that an
>"audit" of the now defunct SEPRA UFO study in 2001-2 (could this
>be the 1999 COMETA Report after review?) had recommended
>continued UFO study with moderate funding.

Brad,

I think your information is correct, except for this last point.
The audit was made by engineer Francois Louange, Director of the
company "Fleximage". He is a specialist of image analysis who
had already worked for GEPAN and SEPRA. As for the COMETA
report, I keep thinking that it probably helped, behind doors,
the present evolution of the situation. But that's just a
personal opinion.

That being said, Jacques Vallee has just demonstrated that he is
still following the situation very closely, which is not a
surprise to me.

Gildas

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UFOs Cause Electrical Interference In Peru

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Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2005

Peru: Residents Of Puente Piedra And Ventanilla See UFOs;
Electrical Interference

Residents of the Puente Piedra and Ventanilla districts were witnesses to an unusual event: two unidentified flying objects were reported in both areas. A camera crew from Panamericana Noticias recorded this event.

The [objects] appeared in the firmament over one of the many settlements along the Chillón River between Puente Piedra and Ventanilla on Friday [September 30] at 10:00 pm.

They were two powerful lights that could not be mistaken with airplanes, helicopters or aerostats. They descended with such swiftness toward the town that they absorbed energy from several light posts, causing them to go off.

"Those were UFOs and they caused the blackout and interference with artifacts," opined Mario Zegarra.

The area is a chosen location where these strange lights appear constantly. Justo is a gorge near an old mineshaft and the San Diego lagoon. But why has a new UFO sighting wave unleashed itself just as the earth is shaking in various parts of the country?

"They tend to appear when disasters approach [...]. They are warning us of these tragedies," Zegarra added.

For more information: www.24horas.com.pe

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'Entity' Photographed Near Mexican Power Station

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Subject: 'Entity' Photographed Near Mexican Power Station

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Source: Diario Hoy Extramex
Date: October 5, 2005

Mexico: Alleged Alien Entity Photographed Near Power Station

Mr. Arturo Calcano Zapata has informed Prof. Ana Luisa Cid that the watchmen of a thermoelectrical power station in Altamira, Tamaulipas managed to capture an alleged alien entity on videotape, employing the power plant's security cameras.

The likely dates for this incident are variously given as September 25 and 26 of this year.

Mr. Calcano undertook his own research into the matter and managed to obtain the news item that appeared in the local newspaper "Hoy Extramex" dated September 28, 2005, in which the photographic evidence is shown.

This is the text as it appeared on the paper's headlines:

EXTRATERRESTRIALS INVADE ALTAMIRA -- widespread panic has been unleashed in Altamira after a strange creature was videotaped in the section containing the energy-producing turbines of that city's thermoelectric plant, spreading once more the theory that there is an extraterrestrial base in the area, presumably with designs on invading the territory.

There are two major thermoelectric stations in Altamira: Altamira III and IV in agreement with the Federal Electric Commission. At this time the exact location in which the events occurred has not been confirmed.

According to Arturo Calcano, this newspaper also published a report provided by fishermen who claimed having cast their nets in the open sea and saw, to their astonishment, how they did not sink and remained floating on the water's surface. Frightened, they reached into the water and managed to touch an object that could not be seen with the naked eye.

I hope to provide you with more information on this subject.
Best regards from Mexico,

Sincerely,

Prof. Ana Luisa Cid
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Filer's Files #41 - 2005

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Filer's Files #41 -- 2005

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Vice President of Skywatch International

October 5, 2005, Web: www.georgefiler.com

UFO over Los Angeles

Filer's Files this week discusses: Report astronaut saw alien bodies, Canadian Minister of Defense says ET is visiting us. Find missing girl..

Reports of sightings from California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Sightings were reported in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the UK.

Astronaut saw alien bodies

Clark C. McClelland, former ScO, Space Shuttle Fleet, Kennedy Space Center, Florida (1958-1992) writes, "Every generation has the obligation to free men's minds for a look at new worlds=E2=80=A6.to look out from a higher plateau than the last generation." Astronaut Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka USAF. Prior to the fateful launch of the space shuttle Challenger on January 28, 1986, I had the honor and pleasure of sharing conversations with several members of that crew.

During one of many pre-mission preps for the Challenger mission, I came upon Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka in the Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB) at launch complex 39. Many astronauts at the KSC knew of my interest in the study of possible ET intelligence. Another evening while off-site, I once again accidentally came upon Ellison. He asked if I could give him an opinion regarding a topic that was sparking his curiosity. Ellison had a great interest in ET life and asked me my belief concerning aliens, and if I believed they have been here on earth? His question caught me by surprise. As we walked slowly, I briefly related what I knew regarding the Roswell case. Onizuka asked me if my surname had any connection with McClellan Air Force Base in California? I said not as far as I was aware. I asked him why?

Ellison said he had a surprising experience along with other USAF pilots while on military training duty at McClellan AFB, about eight or nine years prior to his astronaut training. He and this group were at this base for specialized training when they were directed to report to a viewing room. As they were seated, the room darkened and a movie began without the usual official introduction by a USAF officer. They were all startled when a view of a facility similar to a medical examination room appeared on the screen and small bodies were observed lying on slabs. He heard several excited comments by the other officers seated near him. The small, strange looking creatures were humanoid in shape, and appeared similar to those described by alleged witnesses at the well-known Roswell site in the Southwest USA in 1947. They all had large heads, large eyes, slight torsos, arms, and legs. They did not appear to be of

earthly origin. Ellison then said, " Clark, my God, these highly trained officers and I were shocked by what we saw. We were not made privy to what we would see until it happened. We were all caught off guard. Perhaps it was a test of our psyche to determine our overall reaction. Well, we were all caught by surprise ". Thanks to Clark C. McClelland and Skywatch International

Editor's Note: Several Air Force officers have told me they also saw this movie.

Deputy Prime Minister says ET is here

On September 25, 2005, the former Canadian Deputy Prime Minister under Trudeau, and former Canadian Minister for National Defense Paul Hellyer gave a speech in Toronto at an event titled: "Exopolitics Toronto. Paul Hellyer described his time as Minister for Defense from 1963-1967 where the occasional UFO sighting report crossed his desk. He claims to never have had time for what he considered to be a "flight of fancy", but nevertheless retained an interest in the UFO phenomenon. While Minister for Defense, he was guest of honor at the opening of the world's first UFO landing pad at Alberta, Canada in 1967. He thought it an innovative idea from a progressive Canadian community willing to pay for his helicopter ride, but did not give much thought to UFOs as having serious policy implications.

He also describes a private UFO sighting he later had with family and guests, but once again attributed it to a 'flight of fancy.' Hellyer's position on UFOs dramatically changed after watching the late Peter Jennings documentary special, "Seeing is Believing" in February 2005. Hellyer decided to read Philip Corso's, "The Day After Roswell." Corso named real people, institutions and events. Hellyer decided to confirm whether Corso's book was real or a "work of fiction".

He contacted a retired United States Air Force General and spoke to him directly to verify Corso's claims. The unnamed General simply said: "every word is true and more". UFOs and the extraterrestrials are interplanetary visitors have been here since at least 1947." Finally convinced that the UFO phenomenon was real Hellyer decided to come forward and speak at Exopolitics Toronto about some of the "most profoundly important policy questions that must be addressed." (for speech go to: www.checktheevidence.com/video/). Michael Salla, PhD <http://www.exopolitics.org/Exo-Comment-38.htm>

California UFO disc photo

LOS ANGELES -- This image was detected after being uploaded from the camera to the computer. Interestingly, there was no indication of anything in the sky during the time the photograph was taken on September 24, 2005. Thanks to Timothy and Skywatch-International Web Site <http://www.skywatch-international.org/>

Editor's Note: A Minotaur Missile was launched on September 24, 2005, at 7:25 PM, from Vandenberg Air Force Base ten minutes after this photo was taken. Jeff Rense felt the photo looked like a missile launch. .

Florida meteor lights up

MIAMI - Experts believe a meteor was visible along a large section of the Florida coast skyline Thursday night, September 30, 2005 although NASA officials have not confirmed what the intensely bright, fast object exactly was. The glowing orb was spotted around 7 p.m.; some who saw it called county and state officials to ensure that it wasn't a crashing aircraft. Residents from the state's Space Coast region all the way to South Florida reported seeing the object, officials said. A meteor is a momentary flash of light produced when a space object penetrates Earth's atmosphere.

Illinois red lights

CHICAGO SUBURBS -- Dozens of people called local radio and TV stations reporting two mysterious red lights over several southern Chicago suburbs on September 30, 2005, including Tinley Park where they were seen last year on more than one occasion. One caller said they appeared to stop at one point. Apparently, they were moving south to north. The sightings were reported

around 11:00 P.M.

ORLAND PARK -- Brian Vike received several reports from the area as well.

TINLEY PARK -- NUFORC also reports it has received a number of reports from the Tinley Park, IL, area of three red lights seen hovering in the night sky. We just received a somewhat bizarre telephoned query from a law enforcement 9-1-1 center, which refused to identify itself (!), but which reported cryptically that their center had received a number of reports about the anomalous objects. Something very similar occurred in the same area on August 21st and October 31st of 2004. Those cases were extensively investigated by Mr. Sam Maranto, who is a MUFON FI in that area. Based on his analysis of a number of videos of the objects, which were made available to him, he concluded that the objects seen last year were unexplainable in terms of any terrestrial object or event that he could think of. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOcenter.com

Georgia MUFON Skywatch sighting

BRASSTOWN BALD (BTB) -- On August 13, 2005, Georgia MUFON Director Mark Ausmus was holding a Skywatch atop the highest point in Georgia at 4,784 feet. BTB is located 82 miles NNW of Atlanta. Walter T. Sheets, writes, "I arrived on BTB at about 10 PM and met with Mark and four of his MUFON staff. This local surveillance began from the large parking and picnic area atop the mountain. There were crystal clear dark skies overhead, and calm winds at 60 degrees. The post-peak Perseid meteor activity was consistent and rather "busy" at times. At 3:57 PM, this writer turned toward the east to scan and a bright light was approaching from the NNE appearing to be traveling generally south. This light made an obvious swerving motion which seemed to make it bigger and brighter closer, as veering toward our location. It is estimated that this light was about 20 or so degrees above the horizon. The writer quickly trained 7 X 50 binoculars on the light and alerted the other members of the party.

Upon viewing with magnification, the light appeared to be a TINY PEARL-LIKE GLOWING ORB that was proceeding quickly on a generally N to S course, it's movements being several rapid "swerves" upward and then leveling off, then repeating this.....swerving upward and leveling off, as it traveled N to S. The light was "snake-like", especially in the first few seconds. As the ORB continued past, it seemed to get smaller and dimmer and veered away. This continued until the ORB vanished among the LOW background of stars This ORB was also very low down toward the horizon and seemed to be traveling MUCH faster than any satellite. Thanks to Walter Sheets-GUFOG

Michigan bright light at top of the trees

GOODRICH -- There was a bright light from the top of the trees in the wooded area near our subdivision on September 27, 2005, at 9:PM. A couple noticed the light from the window. It somehow caught my eye because I was not looking out the window originally.

The light was too bright to be a star, but it seemed to be a white color. Slowly the light descended into the trees so that it no longer could be seen. There was also another light in the distance that slowly hovered in the sky. This light or craft had different colored lights, like blue, green, red, yellow and they sort of flashed or changed color constantly for an hour or so.. This craft eventually could not be seen as it descended down into the trees/wooded area. There is a lake in that area as well.

Thanks to Brian Vike.

Minnesota bright light splits into six

WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA --. It started as a single, bright white light in the western sky on September 14, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. It grew bigger fifteen minutes later and split into six lights, like a triangle within a triangle. I grabbed the camera and went outside. I got two shots in a row before it burst, sending all six lights in various directions and out of sight. Just gone and

beyond fast! As if it was never there, it went that fast. 7:50 p.m. God knows I've seen a lot of them and I have photographed close to a hundred, all various shapes and sizes and different maneuvers. Then, became six lights in the shape of a triangle within a triangle. Then the six burst off in different directions.

A woman and her friend who live about 6 miles west of me called me to tell me, "She and her friend were overlooking their lake and noticed a big white light low in the west." The light grew larger and was alarming. She said, "It was as big as a full moon when it split into smaller Blue-green, red-magenta, and amber lights." They were frightened, but the lights went separate ways and all was back to normal. The photos are c. Anna-n-Moss 2005.

To view photos:

<http://www.hbccufo.org/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D3212>

North Carolina

There was continuing orb activity in central North Carolina on September 22, 2005. The Carolina Group Research Project field team again photographed orb images. Photographs taken around power lines once again suggest that orbs are attracted to them. Some of these orb photos as well as lights, and UFOs are available in a free CD by obtaining a subscription to these files. Thanks to Alan Caviness

Ohio -- UFOs continue to be filmed

AKRON -- I would like to send you the video, I have 5 different days with activity from the September 22 to 27, 2005. I talked to George Ritter and he suggested I leave my camcorder recording and it worked, I filmed one yesterday afternoon, one last night and one this evening about 5:00. Here are stills from the one this afternoon, it looked like a glowing white light with colors around it. It had a floating quality about it. I will send out the videos. Thanks to Amy McCrary

FOSTORIA -- George Ritter in good weather takes video almost daily of unusual UFOs in his country setting. He has encouraged Amy who lives about fifty miles away to do the same.

They are both picking up high speed UFOs. This image is a still from his video taken on September 25, 2005. Notice a similar image taken at an Air Show in England of a US B-2 bomber. Thanks to George Ritter

Nevada huge disc

FALLON -- The witness and his sister started to return to their car at dusk on the east side of Lake Laotian saw a huge object with red pulsating red lights on it's side and a large red light on its top. It was flying across the desert at a very slow rate of speed, no sound could be heard. This was a huge disk less than and eighth of a mile from us. It could be clearly seen as it moved slowly just above the high voltage towers that ran along the dirt road where we were parked. We watched it move across the tops of the few houses for about five minutes. I'm not sure what happened to it, but it seems to have just gone into the mountain or perhaps into the lake itself, I'm not sure. This whole sighting lasted about thirty minutes and we waited for about another half hour to see if it would appear again.

A week later we went out to the same place hoping to see it again. There was no UFO but we watched a car driving from house to house parking around the back of nine houses for a few minutes then going on to the next place. When he got to the tenth and last house he set up a bright green light and placed it in the front yard of the last house. It lit up the entire place and I could not for the life of me figure out what the heck he was doing or what the light was. He left the light in this front yard and got back into his car and drove over to the last house on the right which is where the UFO seemed to disappear and he got out of his car and produced a huge red light which glowed so bright I at first thought he had set fire to the house. Both lights glowed for about 1/2 hour or so and then went out. We left soon after the lights went out and never saw anything more. All this took place in April 2003 and to this day I still wonder if I really did see what I thought I saw. If

you go out to this same place today you will find it all but deserted, and the houses empty like a ghost town. I would like to know what happened to all the people but another part of me doesn't really want to know. Thanks to Toni R.

LAS VEGAS -- It would really be hard for me to tell of my experiences, for I have some almost every day with the craft. I know it's a bold statement but it's true.

You were in the military. Have you heard references to spinning tops? That is mainly what I see, although I have seen quite a few different types of craft. They continuously monitor me and know where I am at all times. I'm not really sure why they run surveillance on me. I have seen allot! I think you will like my photos. Let me know what you think. Thanks to Scott

Wisconsin triangular

COLFAX --On September 18, 2005, I looked out my window and saw this object that I have seen now for many days. Each night it crosses the sky slowly about 10:30 p.m. Last night, I looked out the window and again I saw an object with flashing lights 45 degrees off the horizon. The main object seemed to be flashing multi colored lights, and its form at least initially was difficult to determine. Arcs of light radiated from this object into other areas of the sky, with a smaller reddish object flashing off to the right. Around the flashing red object, bright spirals of light were visible as well as intermittent arcs of light that went between that object and the main object. Some of the light forms appeared as if someone had a sparkler on the fourth of July and was waving it in the air in circles.

I have been nursing my dog Boo all week who suddenly came down with a rapid onset of cancer after my previous sighting alongside the Red Cedar River. I was outside town about four miles, when an object slowly followed my car, and I flashed my lights. I noticed almost a haze in front of it, and it appeared to be a triangular shape, but it also appeared to split, the back end of the triangle seemed to separate from the front. The object would blur like things are blurred behind a jet engine by the release heat. It followed me, and I pulled over several times, watching this object. I flashed my car lights intermittently as it hovered and flew slowly. This was no plane, believe me. Thanks to Brian Vike

Australia photos

ADELAID -- On October 1, 2005, this photo was taken by Kathy. She says others will follow..

Thanks to Kathy

GRANGE RESERVE -- Stephen Cauchi reports. A Canberra academic, Shaun Ryan, visited Westall and is investigating one of Australia's most compelling UFO mysteries, a sighting by hundreds of people in the Melbourne suburb on April 6, 1966. More than 200 students and staff from two schools watched as the object landed in a nearby paddock, lifted off and vanished. Shane Ryan, an English lecturer at the University of Canberra, is interviewing dozens of witnesses for a book he hopes to publish on the 40th anniversary of the sighting.

Mr. Ryan, 38, was alerted to the events in the 1980s by a housemate who was there. Unlike most UFO sightings, the Westall object had a large number of credible witnesses. It was viewed in daylight and attracted a forceful response from police and the RAAF. "It had these rather interesting elements, there was some substance to this," he told The Sunday Age. Mr. Ryan has interviewed about 30 witnesses, mostly former staff and students. The story was covered then by Channel Nine, The Age and local newspapers.

On the UFO, everyone seems to agree, Mr Ryan says. It was a low-flying, silver/gray shining object, either of classical flying saucer shape or close to it, "a cup turned upside down on a saucer". "Everyone said straight away that they knew it was not a plane". The object was in view for up to 20 minutes, and many saw it descend. Most agree it landed behind pine trees at the

Grange Reserve. Dozens of students ran across to investigate, but the object had lifted off and vanished but left a circle of scorched grass. The police and military personnel inspected the site; some (not all) say the authorities burnt the site. The Dandenong Journal, claims "students and staff have been instructed to 'talk to no-one' about the incident". Snip Photo by Craig Sillitoe Thanks to <http://www.theage.com.au/news/national/academic-throws-light-on-40yearold-ufo-mystery/2005/10/01/1127804696941.html>

Canada sightings

TORONTO -- Paul Shishis writes, I would like to report a multiple sighting of white and dark objects on Sunday, September 25, 2005 at lunch break from the Exopolitics/Disclosure Conference held at Convocation Hall, at the University of Toronto. I observed brilliant white colored objects about a mile away to the north. I first pointed out the objects to one person. Then he, too, could see them as well as about 20 or more witnesses gathering. These witnesses who had camera with them, started to photograph these strange white objects.

Fortunately, a cameraman from the Discovery Channel filmed them, as I raced to get his tripod for proper filming. He had filmed them for a couple of minutes. One of the white objects was actually shown on Discovery Channel [Daily Planet] with Mr. Paul Hellyer. Thanks to Paul Michael Shishis

MCBRIDE BC -- The witness was half an hour east of McBride traveling on Highway 16 when the sky on his left side flashed a bright blue, pink, orange and green on September 25, 2005. The flashes lasted 10 to 15 seconds per color with the colors blending into one another. Square kilometers of the sky had been lit up. He grabbed his video camera and began filming.

Upon reaching McBride he discovered that the power had gone out. An emergency light appeared to be glowing inside a building he figured was a school. The town was completely desolate without another vehicle or person around. It would be another two hours before he would meet up with another vehicle. He was very, very scared. At home when he viewed his video the flashes did not appear on the film.

Thanks to Barb Campbell

Northwest Saskatchewan UFO Research Center (NWSURC www.ufo-connection.com)

France UFO photographed

COGOLIN -- This Thursday September 29, 2005, on my terrace beside Saint-Tropez at 6 PM, the witness noticed lenticular clouds in the shape of a flying saucer so he took photographs with his digital camera. I, then, uploaded the photographs to my computer (PC), and to my amazement, I discovered this blackish object in the sky about the middle of the photograph. I am perplexed. Thanks to Christian Mac=C3=A9 and UFO Casebook <http://www.ufocasebook.com/cogolin.html>

Mexico multiple photos of UFO

CHAPALA JALISCO -- On September 11, 2004, at about 3:30 PM, a family went to dinner, and then relaxed next to the pool at the Real Chapala Hotel. The witness states, "I saw an object with a shape like a saucer with an American-ball inside." I said, "Look a UFO!" It moved up and down near the surface of the lake with an exhaust coming from the object. It would suddenly go down to the surface of the lake and navigate on the water. It maneuvered for fifty minutes then disappeared. We took multiple photos.

Thanks to Brian Vike

<http://www.hbccufo.org/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D2102>

Germany unknown object

FRANKFURT -- On September 18, 2005, we had a trip in to the nearest Forrest and I've made some shots from Frankfurt. Today, when I took a look at the images, I found a kind of spot or something which I can't explain, you can see it in front of the cloud in the middle left over the Maintower. Photos can be viewed at:

Puerto Rico may build UFO airport

LAJAS -- Mayor Marcos Irizarry's is supporting the building of a UFO landing strip to welcome extraterrestrials that are frequently seen over the area. A green sign in southwestern Puerto Rico proudly displays a silhouette of a flying saucer and two words: "Extraterrestrial Route," for Route 303.

Mr. Rios at ET Highway. Thanks to China Daily

Lajas support for the idea has provoked outrage among islanders who complained it would be a waste of money. Mayor Irizarry quickly clarified that his municipal government would not invest in the project but would help Reynaldo Rios get the proper building permits to attract tourists to his small town. The majority of the people in the town have seen UFOs and other strange phenomenon. "It's a very mysterious place," said Irizarry, who says he once saw red lights zigzagging above the hills. Francisco Negron, the farmer who put up the sign and allows UFO watchers to gather at his ranch, volunteered his property for the landing strip. They estimate the project could cost up to \$100,000. They claim they heard a boom and saw the hill go up in flames when a UFO crashed on the hill in 1997.. The mayor hopes that UFO enthusiasts will flock to Lajas. Hundreds of visitors have already come to check out the Extraterrestrial Route since the new sign went up, Irizarry said.

Lajas is unique because of its numerous UFO sightings and Laguna Cartagena National Wildlife Refuge and lagoon that is known for bird watching.

Besides UFOs, 127 different types of birds have been observed as well as balls of light coming and going into the water. At 10:30 PM, on May 30, 1987, a large red buzzing ball of light was seen descending into the lagoon. At 2:AM on May 31st, people in the area were awakened by a blinding white light and saw a huge disc shaped object with brilliant lights circle slowly over the water, as if looking for something. The following afternoon at 1:55 a huge underground explosion followed by a tremor shook the area. Cracks opened in the ground and cobalt blue smoke issued from them.

As if an earthquake followed by blue smoke wasn't jarring enough, residents whose houses bordered the lagoon were forcibly evacuated by members of the U.S. military in grey HUMVEE's and tan four-wheel drive vehicles sporting radar-like rotating antennae on their tops. As they were being herded away from their homes, residents saw men in what appeared to be decontamination suits sweeping the ground with long-handled devices reminiscent of metal detectors and taking samples of water, plants, mud and grass. The next day a helicopter lowered an instrument package into the lagoon. For the next several days witnesses saw a strange flying dumbbell come in from over the sea and hover over the lagoon. It was a metallic cylinder with large balls of greenish-white light on the ends and a beacon-like red and blue light on its underside. During the next several days reports of UFO activity in the area increased dramatically, but also a large four engine commercial jet made a low pass over the lagoon.

Lajas is also unique in having its main highway designated as an Extraterrestrial Route. To add to the mystery the U.S. military has set up an aerostat tethered blimp with a radar system on the edge of town. A similar blimp is at Cudjoe Key near Key West, Florida. The military says the radar is to detect low-flying drug smuggling planes.

The aerostat is a large fabric envelope filled with helium. It can rise up to 15,000 feet while tethered by a single cable, which has a maximum breaking strength of 26,000 pounds. For security and safety reasons, the air space around Air Force aerostats is restricted for a radius of at least two statute miles and an altitude up to 15,000 feet. The smallest aerostat is about twice the size of the Goodyear Blimp. The 275,000 cubic foot, aerodynamically shaped balloon measures 175 feet long by 58 feet across the hull, with a tip-to-tip tail span of 81 feet. The aerostat system lifts a 1,200 pound payload to operating altitude for low-level radar coverage. Many people believe the true purpose of the radars are to detect UFOs rather than drug runners. It is likely both drug runners and UFOs are detected.

Reports of multiple sightings of UFO's, bigfoot-like creatures, entity encounters, abductions, grass circles, and animal mutilations have been reported in the area.

GUAYNABO -- About 7:06 AM, on October 1, 2005,

I saw a cigar shaped UFO traveling south that was the size of a commercial jet. I thought it could've been an airplane, but there were no wings. The craft was of a polished silver when the sun's light was reflected. The sighting lasted 15 to 20 seconds before I lost sight of the craft when it crossed through huge cumulus clouds. Thanks to Brian Vike www.hbccufo.com

U. K. objects seen on various nights

IVINGHOE BEACON -- It was a cloudless blue sky, a silver sphere was seen flying very high, heading west on July 9, 2005 at 7:20 p.m. The craft was witnessed by my husband and I for twenty seconds.

DUNSTABLE -- The following day at 10:30 PM, my husband, twenty year old daughter and myself observed a bright orange orb fly silently and smoothly over our house. I got the video camera and filmed for about a minute. It seemed to slow down for a few seconds.

In mid August 2005, 9:30 PM, another bright orange orb/light was spotted. It got smaller then disappeared.

Late August around the 28th from the back garden at 9 PM, I saw a bright orange orb/light flew over the house, and out of sight.

On September 10, 2005 at 9:20 PM, looking out of the conservatory door both of us saw a bright orange/orb approaching from the west, it veered to the left and disappeared. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director www.hbccufo.com

LOUGHTON, ESSEX -- My Husband and neighbors saw three strange like orange orbs on September 10, 2005, around 8:30/ 8.45 PM. My husband shouted "look at them 3 strange orange orb lights in the sky" we ran to the front of our property and called our neighbors out to look. My husband has a digital camera with quite a good zoom so he ran in to get it. The orb shaped objects were in a triangle formation and then they broke away and two of them followed the 1st one quite closely. They seemed to hover without any sound whatsoever. We stood in complete amazement. The pictures show a "jelly fish" like UFOs. Thanks Brian Vike. www.hbccufo.com

UK B-2 and UFO airshow

RAF FAIRFORD AIRSHOW -- Anthony J. Hicks took a video of the B-2 Spirit doing a fly-by at the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) at RAF Fairford that he forwarded to Brian Vike. A couple RAF Tornado aircraft also are flying in formation. When Anthony took the video he did not see the cigar shaped object fly just behind the formation on July 21, 2002. Thanks to c. 2005 Anthony J. Hicks and Brian Vike. Notice the similarity to George Ritter's Postoria, Ohio cigar shaped craft above.

Video clip - Video: RIAT Airshow 2002 Highlights B-2 Spirit Fly-By And Unknown Video clip can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.org/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D3285>

Please stop-by Anthony J. Hicks website as the gentleman has some fantastic video footage of military aircraft. His site is a must see: <http://anthonyjhicks.com/>

Missing Child

I was asked to carry the picture of missing North Carolina children. Many children are missing after the Katrina Hurricane.

BRITTANY DENYSE DIETZEL

Missing Since: 7/13/05

Age Now: 14

Missing from:
JACKSONVILLE, NC

24-Hour Hotline
1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) National Center for Missing & Exploited=Children

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
<http://www.missingkids.com/>

UFO Defense Tactics: Weather Shield to Chemtrails by A.K. Johnstone.

"Finally a book that answers the hard questions about UFOs" according to French Amazon; Science Daily.com designates UFO Defense Tactics a collectible. Chosen as one of ten best UFO books in 2002 by Anomalous Book List, it is available at amazon.com, barnes&noble.com, [Sales.nul](#) or 1-800-938-1114. I personally highly recommend this book. George Filer

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Oval-Shaped Objects Over Peru

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 12:53:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 07:14:12 -0400
Subject: Oval-Shaped Objects Over Peru

INEXPLICATA
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
October 5, 2005

Source: www.astroufo.tripod.com.pe
Date: 10.05.05

Peru: "We Saw Them In The Sky"

"They were two oval-shaped objects. They flashed, but at a given moment we were able to see them clearly, and they were definitely neither airplanes nor anything remotely similar. We saw them in the sky."

Those were the words of Isabel Tafur, a local resident. Her eyewitness testimony was corroborated by the custodians of public school 2081, who were able to specify the time of the sighting and offered details on it, despite having been several kilometers away from the event.

Electrical devices failed along a section of the La Ensenada Highway due to a phenomenon known as static, said some parties consulted on this matter. It is known that the areas where sightings may next take place could be Chilca, Chancay, Huaral, Huacho, La Molina and Cieneguilla, where hundreds of UFO sightings and recordings have taken place in recent years.

A similar situation involving "flying saucers" also occurs in other parts of Peru, such as Cusco and Puno.

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UFOs Reported Over Lurigancho Peru

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 13:01:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 07:16:53 -0400
Subject: UFOs Reported Over Lurigancho Peru

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
October 5, 2005

SOURCE: www.astroufo.tripod.com.pe DATE: 10.05.05

PERU: UFOs ALSO REPORTED IN LURIGANCHO

Residents of the very end of Wiese Avenue in the town of San Juan de Lurigancho have also seen UFOs in recent days. These witnesses indicated that the saucers remained motionless for several minutes before taking off toward Chosica.

With regard to this subject, and purely coincidentally, the 2nd World Congress on Ufology, Extraterrestrial Life and Man in Space is being held in Lima on October 7, 8 and 9 at which Russian cosmonauts Gennay Padalka, Anatoli Berezoboi and Marina Popovich will be present, discussing their experiences aboard the MIR Space Station. Also appearing are Antonio Cordova of the Asociacion Alfa y Omega, Miguel Azcueta, former mayor of Villa El Salvador, and retired USAF colonels Donald M. Ware and Wendelle Stevens.

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Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO - Cohen

From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen.nul>
Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 16:17:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 08:09:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO - Cohen

Re:

>From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 01 Oct 2005 23:04:41 -0400
>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO - Cohen

Copy of a couple of e-mails exchanged off-line that explain 1) why I made the comment I did in my accidental posting of

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/oct/m02-014.shtml>

and 2) why Dave and I think Aldrin's comment on the Science Channel's "First to the Moon" and the UFO video shown might be significant.

>Jan,

>I may mail a portion of this to the List to explain what happened >and why.

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>At 01:56 PM 10/2/2005, Jan Aldrich wrote:

>Hi Jerry,

>>Who is Dave Stone, and how does his research trump Brad going >>back to the original transcripts? Brad and regularly disagree about >>UFO research, but I would say he is one of the most thorough >>researcher going...He unlike so many others does go back to >>original sources, something greatly lacking in ufology.

>>Regards,

>>Jan

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>My answer to Jan:

>Humbly,

>Nobody's "trumping" anyone. Yes you are 100% correct about >what you said, but... >nobody's perfect, myself included. The note I sent was to Dave >alone and wasn't meant to be posted. It was accidentally sent at >11 PM on a Saturday eve. after a really grinding week. My choice >of words was poor in trying to express what I was really trying >to say. As soon as I saw that it wound up on-line I immediately >sent Brad a note of apology. I'm sure he may possibly be angry >with me right now, but no malice was really intended.

>When I saw it posted I immediately knew it would create a small >incident. I am in the process of digging out facts on that >Apollo 11 case for myself. I believe anyone can reserve the >right to look at all the evidence more than once, no matter how

>positive we are that something has been settled. After seeing
>what Aldrin had to say regarding the Apollo 11 UFO in the "First
>to the Moon" documentary on the Science Channel, and the video
>of the UFO, I felt it was definitely worth taking another
>serious look at it. Dave did too. We both posted at the same
>time. Then, we began exchanging letters to pull some information
>together before posting to the list.

>Dave had written to me he was extremely disappointed people
>didn't appear to be considering what he posted. I got the
>feeling he was afraid to challenge Brad's view on this. I said
>to him that we have some homework to do to see if it was
>possible Brad may have missed something regarding this case. I
>was trying to give Dave some inspiration to forge ahead with it
>but I used a really bad choice of words. For that I'm sorry. It
>was late at night and I wasn't composing
>a post to the List. (jc 10/5/2005: Brad, again I'm sorry.)

>Just prior to that, Brad had sent me a note. His note spurred my
>comment.

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>>OFF LIST

>>Hi Jerry,

>>You should not be labeling this bogus Apollo 11 story (on your
>>website) as "verified fact." As far as I know it's a bunch of garbage,
>>based on story themes taken from Apollo 13 (where the astronauts
>>were in danger) and Apollo 12 (where there was an unexplained
>>sighting for over a day on the way to the moon). I investigated the
>>alleged Apollo UFO incidents back in the 70's and read something
>>like 150,000 pages of Apollo air-ground communication transcripts
>>(have you ever tried reading 150,000 pages?? it's no walk in the
>>park), reviewed numerous documents and reports, conducted
>>extensive analyses of mission parameters, and recently (2003-4)
>>re-reviewed my early work to update it, etc. There were only two
>>genuinely unexplained incidents in all of the Apollo missions, one of
>>which was not even seen by astronauts but videotaped and
>>discovered only after landing, and this latest hogwash which I never
>>heard of before was not among the two incidents.

>>Brad

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>I thought I noticed something wrong right away and wrote Brad a note
>to say so. (He's welcome to post what I wrote if he would like.) I just
>discovered the astronauts _had_ mentioned their sighting at their
>debriefing when they came back from the Apollo 11 flight. If that is
>definitely the case, it may not be just "garbage based on themes from
>the Apollo 13." To me, that fact right there makes this worth my looking
>at it. From what Brad wrote (above), I'm also wondering exactly what
>happened on Apollo 12 and whether the film they showed was possibly
>taken from that mission. (He said "where there was an unexplained
>sighting for over a day on the way to the moon.")

>I've looked at the video of the UFO in that documentary and I find it to
>be highly interesting and have a lot of questions about it and I know
>Dave most likely does as well. I've been trying to get time to sit down,
>get it all together and post it. Some other work I do has been getting
>in the way but we've made some progress. (jc 10/5/2005: I was also
>wondering whether anyone had seen this video before and whether
>they had made any attempts to analyze it. The video shown wasn't
>from the Apollo 11 mission.)

>BTW, a person can have gone though 10,000,000,000,000 etc.
>documents but this doesn't mean that it is not possible something
>may have been missed in the process. As a matter of fact, the
>more you've read through, the easier it is to have missed something
>just by the law of averages. Brad was very adamant about how
>positive he was that this was nothing. But if you turn off all possibility
>of looking at something a second or third time, who knows what you
>could be missing. That was all I meant about the "perfect" part even
>if my choice of words expressing it was really off.

>I absolutely respect Brad's work (10/5/2005: I have a lot of it on my
>web-site) but, there are no God's in this UFO business; excellent

>researchers, yes, but sometimes being positive about something
>can throw us off. I know it's happened to me. Any one of us can
>make a mistake or miss something, and it's no big deal. What's
>important is keeping our minds open if new data were to come in
>on an old case. It's also important no one be worshiped as perfect,
>no matter how excellent a job they've done all along. (and I most
>certainly include myself right at the top of that list, or that dumb
>note wouldn't have wound up been posted in the first place.)

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>Note I sent Errol as soon as I saw the UFO UpDates address on
>the mailed letter I had meant for Dave: (Dave's original letter was
>forwarded to me from UFO UpDates. My reply sent it back to Errol.)

>>Errol,

>>I just accidentally sent you a post that was meant strictly for Dave
>>Stone.

>>Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO - Stone

>>I'd deeply appreciate it if you wouldn't post that to the world. I was
>>going to send Dave's response to Brad for his comments but that
>>part I could post. I have to read what's on your board first so that it
>>all makes sense.

>>Duh!

>>Thanks, Jerry

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>Errol must have missed my note. He's always been a total
>gentleman when it's come to "holding a post" because I pressed
>the button too fast.

>So please forgive that post. It wasn't exactly what I was trying to
>say. If you could explain this to others quietly, I'd appreciate it. Dave
>and I are both trying to gather whatever information we can that may
>prove useful. Then we need to figure out how to post it all in a
>respectful manner and, if people think it makes some sense,
>perhaps they'll give it a little more thought.

>I have a whole bunch of questions about this UFO incident. I didn't
>go out of my way to look for this astronaut case because it definitely
>is not one of my strong areas, but I think I see something we may
>have missed here. If I can figure out the right questions to ask, we'll
>find out if I'm nuts or not. (jc 10/5/2005: If I am we simply move onward.
>to something else.)

>Eating some humble pie, but still digging through the rubble,

>Jerry

Respectfully,

Jerry Cohen

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 15:56:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 08:15:25 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Reynolds

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 07:26:54 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 15:12:15 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

<snip>

>>Military types are just as prone to
>>exaggerate (moreso maybe)

>I'd allow "just as", at best. "Moreso" is not indicated for the
>reasons stated above. I wonder why you would thing so.

>>than the general population about
>>knowledge and activity that is much less than what they purport
>>it to be.

>Huh? Just kidding. I know where you were going with that. Still,
>much 'more' is likely given the evidence everywhere else (Six
>levels of same?). A ruling elite has quite a bit to lose to an
>alien alternative... I suspect. Don't dis the military, dude, we
>know too many ways to kill you. lol!

Alfred:

I thought you might respond...

Being an exemplary military guy yourself, with a Bronze Star,
you still take an objective view.

My reply to Greg Boone's post was about how the military policy
makers (the military establishment) operates without a moral
code to give them bearings.

The whole UFO cover-up denotes that, and the My Lai and Abu
Ghraib scandals tell us how military higher-ups handle things,
until the grunts come forth and expose their mendacity.

Morality doesn't factor into why the military lies about UFOs.
That the military thinks such a disclosure would sink
established religion is hogwash.

Moreover, I want to make it clear that I'm not bashing those who
are in or have been in the military, not even those whom Greg
says won't talk about their UFO evidence or experience(s).

Why, I was in the Civil Air Patrol myself! (Do I put a <LOL> in
here?)

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Field Research & Images - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 17:06:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 10:08:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Maccabee

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 10:15:32 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 18:41:14 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 22:25:07 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

<snip>

>>On April 27, 1950, missile tracking theodilite camera teams
>>photographed four UFO's triangulated at 150,000 foot altitude
>>traveling at high speed.

>Meteor?

Estimated at 30 ft in diameter.

You can read the "rest of the story" at:

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

<snip>

>Wow! You guys need some more stereo photos!!! Shouldn't have to
>use the same old ones over such a long period!!!

Even old ones are better than none. But this gives an idea of
the "best data" available since sightings are sporadic and
notpredictable. The Army got lucky several times and knew it.

The Air Force got lucky too (Project Twinkle; see the above web
site) and, apparently _intentionally_ rejected the data they
obtained.

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Re: Field Research & Images - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 16:53:35 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 08:12:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Balaskas

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 09:52:45 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 16:38:39 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

<snip>

>Thanks for the green fireball info.

>And I agree that the sprites and elves phenomena do not explain
>many UFO sightings. Some do seem diffuse, but I think some can
>be discrete, although I don't see how ground observers can view
>them easily. I mean to say by all this that they are a recently
>discovered (little understood) phenomena which indicates that
>_other_ such electrical phenomena may exist. Since these
>phenemena _do_ move from cloud level to ionosphere (?), they may
>seem to be going into space.

Hi James and David!

Although Red Sprites, Blue Jets and Elves were reported by
observers on or near the surface of the Earth (eg. farmers,
pilots, etc.) for decades, it was not until they were captured
on a video taken from the Space Shuttle that scientists
identified them as new, previously unknown electrical phenomena.

Although the light intensity of these can be as bright as the
aurora, the sky must be transparent and very dark and the eyes
of the observer must be dark adapted if one hopes to see them
visually. As for Red Sprites, Blue Jets or Elves being mistaken
for UFOs, this is highly unlikely since they are a short lived
phenomena in the order of a few milliseconds. They can and have
been captured on video though.

Below are two video clips of a Sprite and a Jet rising quickly
above the Earth towards space as seen from orbit.

<http://elf.gi.alaska.edu/movies/wf3541.mpg>

<http://elf.gi.alaska.edu/movies/output.mpg>

As for fireballs (meteoroids burning and breaking up in the
Earth's upper atmosphere) that seemed to pulse like the one Bill
Hamilton witnessed over the Pacific Ocean sometime in or about
1977, when one looks at the long exposures of bright meteor
trails on film, the trails are often lumpy. This suggests that
these fireballs too were pulsating probably from bright flashes
of the small explosions as the meteoroid was breaking up or
because of an uneven rate of burning of the various volatile
materials the meteoroid is made. Some elements and compounds
give off greenish light when burned.

Like Elves, even bright daylight fireballs of long duration (such

as the massive meteoroid (or small asteroid?) of August 10, 1972 which entered the Earth's atmosphere over the U.S. at a very shallow angle and came very low over the surface of the Earth before skipping back into space over Canada) are rarely mistaken for UFOs (unless they are tracked and are observed making it all the way to the ground such as the 1965 Kecksburg and the 1967 Shag Harbour UFOs).

Nick Balaskas

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 17:07:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 10:14:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Maccabee

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 14:14:59 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 22:25:07 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>The above prescription for an instrumented skywatch is correct
>>but, from the point of view of one of the few ufologists with
>>experience in instrumented skywatch type of research, I would
>>have to say it is of wishful thinking unless the finding is
>>almost "unlimited."

Oops. Typo. "unless the funding is almost 'unlimited'."

>Please expand your remarks. I do not understand about the
>"wishful thinking" aspect. What do you mean "unless the finding
>is almost unlimited"? Do you mean UFO distance is unlimited? Of
>did you mean "funding" unlimited? If you mean funding, I
>disagree. I think that using triangulation instead of
>traditional stereo distance estimation should be very cheap and
>more accurate if you have a good baseline.

The funding being "unlimited" would mean that one could maintain a long duration skywatch while paying someone a living wage to do do it. Sure triangulation is cheap. What is expensive is having someone or som "instrumented machine" available at amoment's notice to do the triangulation. In the case of the Gulf Breeze Research Team (GBRT) effort during the period Nov. 1990 through the summer of 1992, the "funding" was provided by the volunteers who all had day jobs, of course. These people were sufficient to mount a 5/7 skywatch (5 hrs per day typical for 7 days a week) as long as the sightings were occurring in their neighborhood. If repeated sightings had suddenly popped up in any area more than 50 miles from where they lived they probably would not have been able to maintain askywatch and , of course, if the distance had been a hundred miles to sightings, probably none of the GBRT would have responded.

>>The GBRT was a "casually instrumented" but very sophisticated or >>"savvy" group of people when it came to recording Bubba >>sightings. They used home video cameras and still cameras, of >>course, and they had multiple witnesses (usually 4 - 10, but on >>occasion several dozen and once about 100). As the months went >>by after Nov 1990. they improved instrumentation and technique. >>They became adept at photographing the "impossible", using >>telescopic lenses, tripods, time exposures, video with and >>without zoom, etc.

>Sounds laudable, but unless they were filming with timetags and >simulataneously, with good camera position/angles what we would >get would be the same old thing of more UFO pictures.

They in fact did have "time tags" in the video cameras and recorded verbal descriptions of the appearances of the lights as well as what the video itself showed. In one important case in

Sept 1991 (if I recall correctly) you can watch the video of a ring of lights moving through the sky. The video is not "excellent" but you can see the ring faintly and you can hear the verbal description and watch it "flipover" as it travels along. Also, a lady standing near the videographer is looking through binoculars and she says, "Let's see if it blocks the stars as it travels" or something like that. One cannot see the stars in the video (lost in the video noise). She then is heard saying something like this (I forget the exact wording, but I can replay the video and find out): "Yup, its blocking out stars as it travels along."

True, this didn't tell us what the UFO WAS, but it did indicate an opaque body associated with the lighted ring. Perhaps if they had had a low light sensitive large telescope on that night they could have recorded the stars being blocked and may one could infer a shape from the blockage. (Unfortunately there was no triangulation that night so the distance and altitude not known, but it was nearly overhead when it passed by.)

>We know there are UFOs. Who are we trying to convince? It is the
>next step of what they are (tied to where do they come from)
>that we must be working on.

This is exactly the reason for "unlimited funding" (or at least large funding). What would it have taken to accomplish an identification in this case? Perhaps a combination of radar (distance, if there is a radar reflection)? Large telescope? Electromagnetic sensors? Gravitational sensor? Here you are talking big bux.

How about hiring an airplane to fly around the Gulf Breeze skies very night? The GBRT was criticized for not hiring an airplane. Their response: sorry, we can afford to pay once for a camera or video camera, but we can't afford to pay for a 5/7 airplane watch. (Radar was also proposed, but no one wanted to fork over for a shipboard or other type of civilian radar.)

>>At my suggestion several of them placed a
>.>diffraction grating into their cameras. In one case (Feb. 1992) >
>>they got a spectrum of red "Bubba."

>Good. And did the spectrum match anything? Did the group
>generate baseline spectrum for known objects? Is there a
>database?

This was an experiment directed at answering the question: is "red Bubba" merely a red road flare hanging from a balloon (or motorised blimp or some other support mechanism). This question had arisen in early 1991 as the red Bubba sightings continued. Rejection of the flare hypothesis had been based on things like the danger in doing such a thing over a populated area (flying an incendiary device that could fall on a house, etc.) and the fact that no residue had ever been found. Also "red Bubba" had the characteristic of suddenly turning white and flashing very brilliantly at a high rate before dimming and then either continuing as red or fading out. A typical road flare does not do that. But, anyway, in Feb. 1992 the GBRT "got it all together" and were fortunate to have a diffraction grating in a camera when Bubba went by. A photo was taken. Then to complete the experiment, with the same film and diffraction grating in the camera they took a picture of a red road flare at a distance of a mile or so (their estimated distance to Bubba). So we had the Bubba and flare comparison on one piece of film. Analysis of the spectrum showed that they differed. Of course they were both predominantly red, but Bubba had more blue and green and the flare had more green than blue (if I recall correctly). I should point out that the videotape of the sighting recorded the voices of the witnesses who immediately detected a difference in color when they saw the flare about half an hour after seeing the Bubba.

>>Several times they had
>>several groups of people with large separations and correlated
>>sightings allowing for accurate triangulation to get distance
>>and altitude.

>That's helpful, but, of course, just the first phase. If they
>got even three data points to draw a trajectory then we have a
>major finding. For instance, one low level altitude, one

>moderate and one above the stratosphere.

There were a couple of sightings for which there were separated groups of witnesses and videography and photography that allowed correlations that produced trajectories. The trajectories or tracks of the Bubba were against or across the wind (another reason to question the "flare-balloon" hypothesis). There were no triangulations resulting in a high altitude. Altitudes were on the order of a few thousand feet.

>If the UFO is just
>going to fly by at a fixed altitude then that does not provide
>much data to answer the question if it comes from space or not.
>It would provide other data, but just not what I think is the
>key question. We must depend on a certain fraction of UFO
>sightings (maybe small) in which one "takes off" or one appears
>from a distance and moves to closer proximity. Only these will
>provide data that they are coming from or going to space.

What you have written here provides further reason for large funding: it requires at least two instrumented sites with some separation (mile or more) to allow for accurate distance measure up to many miles. Alternatively perhaps a combination of RF and laser radar. And these have to be available wherever and whenever sightings are occurring.

>Of course, equipment that could measure gravity waves or EMF
>(radio/magnetic/electric) or sound provide good data, but it
>really doesn't prove the point of origin. These provide some
>potentially nice precursors or tell-tales to indicate a non-
>prosaic UFO is in the area, but it doesn't help us determine
>what the UFO is. And we can't count on the government to tell
>us.

I suppose one could answer the question: what do we need to be able to identify the UFO or determine where it is coming from. Then add up the expenses for equipment and for operation and transportation.

>Lets say we, after 100's of UFO sightings, were finally able to
>come up with the absolute UFO signature which all UFO generate
>and which are measurable by way of sensors. This would still not
>tell us what UFOs are. It would just help us to filter out all
>the prosaic stuff (remove the noise) and allow us to focus on
>the "real thang".

>A field installation would have to monitor continuously and
>would be triggered by the "signature" to taken data in high
>stream mode. Or better, the facility would always be recording,
>but would overwrite the stored data if the trigger signal was
>not seen.

>Until we get this signature, we need to record everything
>(unfortunately) and weed through it (hopefully with substantial
>help from computer algorithms). I am sure of meteors (from high
>to low"er" altitude) would show up in such a dataset, but >
>hopefully with spectral measurements, these can be weeded out.
>Satellites and most aircraft would be relatively easy to weed
>out (our criteria-going into space or coming from space- is
>stringent enough to eliminate most of these.

I hear the sound of the cash register.....

>>... summer of 1992. This never-
>>reported (in detail) research effort involved some Canadian
>>scientists who were privately funded to construct an
>>instrumented van and to take it to GBreeze. I was invited to go
>>along and to supply a large sensitive telescope (f/11, 2000 mm,
>>low light TV and video recording on a pan head Mitchell camera
>>tripod with a home video camera boresighted with the telescope
>>to act as a "tracking gate."). I would estimate that the total
>>cost of the instrumentation that allowed for EM measurement and
>>recording from low frequency (Hz) to microwave frequencies, plus
>>image intensified visible, infrared, and spectrographic video
>>recording, magnetic field, electrostatic field, etc. plus the
>>van was on the order of 50-60K\$.

>I don't think LF would cut it, you need ELF based on Stanford's
>work.

They may have had an ELF sensor also, I don't remember

everything they had.

>Its great that they assembled this equipment. Can you let us
>know who these folk were?

Assembled by George Hathaway of Ontario

>>Point: A lot of \$\$ were spent to no avail. To really mount an
>>assault on the UFO problem is going to require a lot more
>>funding and continuous effort.

>But what became of the van and equipment? Surely it has been
>used alot since?

After leaving Gulf Breeze it went to Marfa Tx to look at the
"Marfa Lights" Don't recall whether or not they had any luck
there. Subsequently, since there was no funding to maintain it
operation and no other UFO hotspot at the time (late 1992), it
was disassembled and the part scattered or stored or whatever.
George told me a few years later, when I decided to check on the
telescope I had assembled, that he had rebuilt the the telescope
mount but that everything was either in storage or was being
used in laboratoy research (un-UFO-related).

>Amortized over time (10-20yrs), the cost seems
>relatively small. The main cost should be scientist pay. I would
>think that to justify the assembly of the equipment they must
>have used it at numerous hot spots in Canada and the US. Was it
>too costly to pay the researchers? Or did the sponsoring group
>drop them and take back the equipment? Or was the equipment
l>eased thus could only be kept during the brief Gulf Breeze time
>period?

This equipment was owned but there wasn't funding to keep it in
the van and ready to go. Other experiments needed some of the
equipment so, since there was no \$\$\$ to buy more equipment
(duplicate what is in the van), the van equipment was
"cannibalized."

Find an angel with a 10-20 year attention span, capable of
keeping things in a state of standby, with "burst funding"
available (thousands of dollars?) to ship an especially
instrumented package(or drive a van) to a promising sighting
area and then to maintain the skywatch at some rate (5/7 ?) for
weeks or months until there is some 'joy'.

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 16:16:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 10:17:27 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Reynolds

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 12:36:41 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

<snip>

>Where are the rest of the TOP SECRET+ UFO messages found by the
>NSA but generated by the CIA and withheld by the CIA?

>For that matter where are the Navy's UFO files?

Stan hits the nail right on the head! Where are the Navy's UFO files?

The Navy has been involved in the UFO mess from day one, and before. (I keep finding Navy detritus all over the place: in Roswell, the Arnold sighting, and other episodes that you readers can locate by a Google Scholar search where a plethora of Navy projects show up with a UFO connection.)

Ufologists have let the Navy fly under the radar. Why indeed?

Rich Reynolds

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Re: New French Official UFO Study - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 17:23:40 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 10:29:22 -0400
Subject: Re: New French Official UFO Study - Sparks

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 17:39:22 +0200
>Subject: Re: New French Official UFO Study

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 16:45:44 EDT
>>Subject: Re: New French Official UFO Study

>>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 17:23:47 +0100 (BST)
>>>Subject: New French Official UFO Study

<snip>

>>The first meeting of the PAN Steering Committee was held on Sept
>>22, 2005. Sillard was interviewed about it on Radio France
>>International (RFI) on Sept 29, 2005. Sillard said that an
>>"audit" of the now defunct SEPRA UFO study in 2001-2 (could this
>>be the 1999 COMETA Report after review?) had recommended
>>continued UFO study with moderate funding.

>Brad,

>I think your information is correct, except for this last point.
>The audit was made by engineer Francois Louange, Director of the
>company "Fleximage". He is a specialist of image analysis who
>had already worked for GEPAN and SEPRA.

Thanks for the correction. Louange was also a member of the
Sturrock UFO Panel at Pocantico and SF in 1997.

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Re: Reed! - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog.nul>
Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 14:41:44 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 10:34:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Reed! - Myers

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 07:06:23 -0400
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Reed!

>Source: ABC-TV News - USA

><http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory?id=3D1183995>

>Oct 4, 2005

>UFO-Spotters Tell Tales Of The Extra-Terrestrial Reuters

>By Jude Webber
>Reuters

>LIMA, Peru (Reuters) - One minute Jonathan Reed was hiking with
>his golden retriever in a forest in Seattle. The next, his pet
>was being torn apart by a "gray" =97 an alien being with an
>elongated head, smelling of rotting fruit.

>A scene from a sci-fi film? No, maintains Reed, a former child-
>developmental psychologist who says he took the alien home and
>lived with it for nine days in which it communicated via
>telepathy and was able to pull thoughts from his mind.

No surprise that 'Dr.Reed' is still operating somewhere in the world and we can thank those past supporters of his, who in spite of all evidence and common sense to the contrary continue to faithfully believe this absurd alien adventure and/or continue to capitalize on it personally and financially.

Let's thank all those folks who helped 'Dr.Reed' rise from his humble beginnings to the UFO hoax star he is today: Art Bell, Dan Iaria, Dan McEvoy, Jaime Maussan, and Daniel Munoz among others. And don't forget those presently promoting 'Dr.Reed', such as Don Ware.

UFOlogy is its own worst enemy.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
UFOWATCHDOG.COM
"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind"

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Re: Field Research & Images - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 18:49:25 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 10:37:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Friedman

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 10:09:44 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 16:26:32 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>From: Rob Kritkausky <robkrit.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 12:18:46 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>Is the goal of Ufology to positively identify the source of this
>>>phenomenon and obtain the evidence necessary to provide
>>>documented proof of such a finding?

>>>The truth is, I cannot think of many scenarios where
>>>researching events that have already taken place, could
>>>provide such evidence.

>>Instead of disparaging past events, consider that you're not
>>going to get any substantial funding for instrumentated UFO
>>detection and tracking projects without past data of solid UFO
>>cases demonstrating the need and the performance characteristics
>>of UFOs. Scientific method does not disparage analysis of past
>>events.

>I doubt funding of UFOs per se is possible at all unless couched
>in prosaic terms and relating to unknown (but prosaic)
>phenomena. Past events could be used to back up this kind of
>need for research.

>But you are right, if you are lucky enough to find some
>Hollywood type to fund field work, then past cases are an
>essential element to the rationale.

>Past events provide clues as to likely useful instrumentation.
>Past events can help in the design of the required resolution
>and sensitivity and range and speed (slew rate) and quality of
>the instrumentation and method of using the instrumentation.

>One can look at each case and ask, "if we had such and such
>instrumentation instead of eyes and maybe a camera in the UFO
>case, what could have been accomplished?"

>But maybe Rob means that ufology has gathered alot of UFO
>witness data and analyzed some of it and it has not been able to
>come up with an "answer". So field research is needed to
>test hypotheses that the past UFO reports/analyses have
>provided.

Aren't we forgetting that governments around the world have
already established three excellent systems for obtaining very
solid evidence that some UFOs have an ET origin?

1. Ground radar used to monitor the skies and able to measure

velocity and direction and probably acceleration of Uncorrelated Targets. They call it Air or Aerospace Defense systems such as the Joint Canadian-American NORAD.

2. Sophisticated aircraft carrying airborne radar, cameras, other devices for measuring velocities, accelerations, EM and other signatures. These can be vectored towards UNKNOWNS established by System 1. They can pursue and monitor.

3. A large variety of military and intelligence Community listening posts on the ground and Satellites in the skies such as the recently revealed POPPY satellites which monitored electronic emissions from Soviet ships.

The total cost of establishing systems 1,2,3 is certainly at least in the tens of billions of dollars. The operating costs of the NRO, NSA, etc and their Soviet Chinese, Brazilian, Israeli etc satellites is certainly in the billions of dollars per year range. Please note that all this data is born classified.

NOTE CDA this data is not released, is not a matter of public record, includes all kinds of sources and methods information.....

I see no hope of competing with these systems in terms of hardware and manpower. Many years ago a request for all reports of uncorrelated targets noted by NORAD or ADC in a particular 6 month period received the response of "please send a certified check for over \$100,000, to cover search fees."

I think it may be easier to pry this data loose than to duplicate all the systems.

Stan Friedman

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 19:28:33 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 10:39:43 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Sparks

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 12:36:41 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 18:10:40 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 16:34:14 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2005 09:26:33 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>What you are saying is exactly what I wrote. There is zilch in
>>these intercepted messages to indicate ETs are visiting the
>>earth. Yet STF pins his "Cosmic Watergate" thesis mainly on
>>these censored messages.

>The censored NSA UFO messages could easily have been released
>ages ago by censoring the dates and locations. Obviously there
>was much more to them.(More than 90% of the pages).

Instead of making proclamations without investigation, why not
look at a representative sampling of some of these NSA UFO
reports intercepted from Soviet bloc and Chinese/Asian areas?
There is no basis for saying or implying that "More than 90%"
UFO-related material is deleted, that this must be "much more"
than merely UFO sighting "dates and locations." Or else this is
semantic game-playing.

I cannot find a single NSA intercept with "More than 90%" UFO
report text deleted and even if I did it would not affect the
overall average I estimate of only roughly 30% to 50% UFO
subject text that I find sanitized, and most of this is teletype
addressing, intercept site identifications (plus NON-UFO
reporting that is deleted) not UFO-related message text.

Non-UFO subject material is whited out whereas material
pertinent to FOIA request and sanitized is blacked out. You
can read actual DoD FOIA regulations explaining the difference
in procedure.

Let's look at a randomly selected example of an NSA UFO sighting
report intercept. This is from the NSA website in its UFO COMINT
collection E about half way down on p. 110 of this collection of
dozens of released documents. Note first off that the messages
are routinely headed "TOP SECRET UMBRA" yet most if not all of
them say in their message bodies that the NSA message is
classified and compartmented as only "SECRET
SPOKE" "in its entirety."

TOP SECRET UMBRA [lined through]

CATEGORY = 400 M = 92

MESSAGE = 03740570

LH #0014 348 0647

ZNY MMNSH

ZKZK PP [blacked out] DE

[teletype address blacked out]

[ditto]

[ditto]

[about 1-1/2 lines blacked out probably internal NSA message distribution list and date-time group]

ZEM

SECRET SPOKE [lined through] [probable internal NSA codeword blacked out] (WNINTEL) [lined through] SECTION EIGHT [means Warning-Intelligence Sources and Methods are in Section 8 only] [1/3 line blacked out] THIS MESSAGE IS CLASSIFIED SECRET SPOKE IN ITS ENTIRETY. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED [1-1/2 lines blacked out explaining the interagency distribution] THIS MESSAGE IS CLASSIFIED SECRET SPOKE IN ITS ENTIRETY.

[about 6-12 lines whited out of evidently non-UFO content in Sections 1-5 of the message]

6. RADAR TRACKING OF

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO): 1038-1056. FOUR UFO (PROBABLY BALLOONS) MOVED OVER [location blacked out] AND [location blacked out]. ALT 79,000- 83,000 FT.

[several lines whited out including the Section 8 with WNINTEL noticed material, evidently non-UFO subjects are in 7 and 8]

Notice that "UFO" has to be explained and introduced as a term "UFO" in Section 6 of the message so UFO has clearly not been discussed earlier in the message, in Sections 1-5. Got that?

Before anyone goes off half-cocked about "TOP SECRET UMBRA" it was not I repeat not the "highest classification" of the NSA or some such rot you usually read in mindless UFO literature. In fact it was one of the lowest levels of NSA's compartmentation system as witness the routine contradiction of the TOP SECRET UMBRA header with the lower SECRET SPOKE, since it really did not matter to the NSA, which waxed rather careless here, for the reason that UMBRA and SPOKE were NSA's interagency and external liaison compartments for sending sanitized material outside the NSA to other agencies, so it didn't matter much to NSA whether it went out as TS/UMBRA or S/SPOKE.

This is material that NSA has already "cleaned up" for non-NSA use by the DIA, CIA, White House, Congress and sometimes the Courts. It's already downgraded material. Whenever you see TOP SECRET UMBRA and SECRET SPOKE you know this is bowdlerized for non-NSA use, removing all sensitive cryptanalysis data. The "good stuff" is kept within NSA and only rarely shared outside the agency and then under extreme compartmented access rules and caveats, etc. These NSA UFO intercepts are the lowest of the low level product.

NSA like most agencies seem very inconsistent in what they do or do not delete, probably because multiple reviewers are not closely coordinating with each other on the tedious business of sanitizing documents for FOIA release, and they just don't give a damn whether they are consistent or not. Some NSA UFO report intercepts leave in the DIA in the external distribution paragraph (and probably CIA and NMCC as well, etc.) where others seem to have DIA blacked out. Obviously there is nothing sinister or supersecret about this, it's just annoying for historical researchers trying to trace the history of NSA's activities and operations.

Some messages may have "FM DIRNSA" (From Director of NSA) blacked out but left in on others, in this inconsistent application of whatever policy on sanitization. ("FM DIRNSA" is not literally from the NSA Director but is the shorthand for "NSA HQ" and it could be any staff member at any level sending or re-sending a message to new distribution list recipients or

replying to a question from an NSA unit in the field.)

As for percentages, in the example above, there is just over 2 lines of text on the UFO report of which about 1/2 line is blacked, for a percentage deletion of less than 25%. Only by including non-UFO portions whited out in this 8-paragraph message (of which only 1 paragraph is UFO-related) and some blacked out headers can one inflate this number to around 70%. It still is not "more than 90%."

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Re: Field Research & Images - Kritkausky

From: Rob Kritkausky <robkrit.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 18:16:18 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 10:43:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Kritkausky

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 16:26:32 EDT
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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 12:18:46 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>From: James Smith
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 16:55:17 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>>>Of course, if it just appears/disappears, you get nowhere.
>>>Pretty pictures get you nowhere. Even one stereo photo is
>>>worth alot.

>>James:

>>As you know, I am in agreement with you and I am quite miffed as
>>to this allergy Ufology seems to have for the scientific method.
>>At first, I thought it was based on a fear of discovery that
>>might contradict past assertions or current theory. However, I
>>now feel it's more of a matter of getting sidetracked. This is
>>understandable, as the field is heavily populated with fantastic
>>stories, intriguing documentation, and interesting exopolitical
>>posturing. However, following this path can often draw a
>>researcher or enthusiast deep into a wilderness of abstractions
>>where they become lost as to their original destination.

>>Is the goal of Ufology to positively identify the source of this
>>phenomenon and obtain the evidence necessary to provide
>>documented proof of such a finding? If so, I would think a
>>relevant question to ask oneself before committing the time,
>>energy and money to a specific research opportunity, might be as
>>follows: Could the information gained from pursuing this
>>particular avenue of research potentially facilitate(or help to)
>>the achievement of the goal as stated above? The truth is, I
>>cannot think of many scenarios where researching events that
>>have already taken place, could provide such evidence.

>>Instead of disparaging past events, consider that you're not
>>going to get any substantial funding for instrumentated UFO
>>detection and tracking projects without past data of solid UFO
>>cases demonstrating the need and the performance characteristics
>>of UFOs. Scientific method does not disparage analysis of past
>>events.

Brad:

I agree with your statements above. Research of past events does
have merit and in fact should probably constitute the majority
of work done in this field. This is simply due to the fact that
not everyone would have the experience or opportunity to man
what would surely be a very limited number of field lab
locations. (very limited = 0 in our case) Similarly, Astronomers

spend little time actually at the Observatory. However, the field of Astronomy is always looking to see farther, see more and increase the granularity of their data. This motivation is noticeably absent (or at least misdirected) from Ufology. A scientific approach with the potential to increase the granularity of data in this field is readily accessible... implementation is all that is missing here. Believe me, I am not suggesting the implementation of one at the exclusion of the other, because it is that exact scenario that exists in the "now" which I see as detrimental.

I personally don't have a desire to obtain proof of ETI as a source of UFO Phenomenon. My goals are more local, but may indeed involve the same source. In addition, I am by no means an expert in this field and in fact prior to a year and a half ago, my only prior interaction/exposure to Ufology consisted of occasional offerings of sarcastic commentary/mockery in science discussion forums or in my company cafeteria or lab. This is just a critique from someone relatively new to this field who has had exposure to the methodologies used for research and discovery by other scientific disciplines

I have come to like/respect many of the people doing research in this field and I enjoy my interactions with them. Subsequently, I don't necessarily enjoy the jokes or unfair treatment offered by media or colleagues regarding Ufology. IMO the implementation of a Field Research approach has the potential to obtain the data desired, while also serving to put a more scientific face on a field that has certain segments which operate under "different" (kindest possible terminology) less structured guidelines.

Note: I omitted a link that was referenced as an example in my prior post: Here it is... video from 09/11/05:

<http://tinyurl.com/bg62j>

Rob

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Microsoft's UFO Competition

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Microsoft's Space Race competition, which invited people to fake a UFO photo, is now over. Here's a link to the winning photos:

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

Here's a link to Microsoft's press release:

<http://advertising.msn.co.uk/Home/Article.aspx?pageid=171&linkid=1007>

Conspiracy theorists had a field day with this, on the basis that the competition was run by Microsoft, the star prize was donated by NASA, both competition judges (I was one) had a Ministry of Defence background, and the PR company was called Thin Martian:

<http://www.thinmartian.com/newdirections.php>

Some people genuinely believed this was an official attempt to gain personal information about ufologists, to get hold of genuine UFO photographs held privately, or to discredit ufology by trivialising it. Nothing could be further from the truth. This wasn't an official venture but a commercial one.

Perhaps all this is encouraging, in a way. It shows that ufology is not dead, as some have claimed, but is again part of the Zeitgeist. Witness the fact that The 4400, Invasion, Surface and Threshold are running simultaneously.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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They're Here Maybe

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They're Here, Maybe

UFO buffs say soil samples and video prove ETs walk among us
By Stephen Humphrey

A clump of people stand and point, talking excitedly on the steps of U of T's Convocation Hall, training their eyes on the space above a pale yellow building to the north, where tiny things flit about. I see little white dots moving erratically against clouds. I can only confirm that they are white dots.

"Anyone want to see a UFO?" says a man to the other people on the steps.

"Have you ever seen a UFO?" asks a guy to my right. Unless I did just now, I haven't. He tells me he witnessed the Phoenix Lights.

While the Con Hall Dots are likely not a landmark event in UFO history, the Phoenix Lights certainly are. On March 13, 1997, a gargantuan, triangular craft was seen, photographed and videotaped by hundreds of citizens.

Something bigger than a breadbox was at cruising altitude over Phoenix for three hours, and got noticed. It's one of the most corroborated sightings ever. Later there were attempts by the military to explain they were flares. This is usual. Picture one of those TV specials where you have an air force colonel insisting, "Not a shred of evidence."

Sometimes evidence =96 if it so be =96 comes in little piles. Here at Exopolitics Toronto: A Symposium On UFO Disclosure And Planetary Directions, held at U of T on September 25, nuclear physicist and veteran ufologist Stanton Friedman (the original civilian investigator of the Roswell incident) shows a slide of two differently coloured soil samples.

"This was thrown in just to show you that there is physical evidence," says Fredericton-based Friedman, midway through his lecture. "That's soil, on the left, where the saucer was seen just above the ground, and normal soil from a few feet away."

Nothing can grow in the landing-site dirt, and it won't absorb moisture. The sample is from Missouri's Center for Physical Trace Research, which boasts 3,000 trace collections from 19 countries.

The matter has gone beyond evidence for a number of folks. "Researchers proved the reality of extraterrestrials 100 times over beyond any reasonable doubt," fumes keynote speaker Stephen

Bassett in his end-of-day presentation. "It's done, it's proven. Is it necessary to prove it over and over again?"

Bassett, despite a science education, conducts no research and identifies himself as an "exopolitical activist." His cause is "the 58-year-old imposed truth embargo regarding an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race and planet Earth." Bassett has an officially registered lobby to petition Congress for open hearings and ran for Congress himself on an exopolitical ticket in 2000.

"Disclosure" is the new power word. It identifies a galvanizing moment of exo-activism. In May 2001, physician Steven Greer, an emergency room director from Virginia and founder of CSETI (The Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence, not to be confused with the California-based SETI Institute), trooped into the Washington Press Club with 20-some individuals who identified themselves as insiders from military, government and corporate circles and testified to their involvement in covert UFO activity =96 recovering crashed saucers, handling reverse-engineered alien tech and meeting ETs themselves.

Greer's Disclosure Project claims to have upwards of 300 such witnesses, whose testimony has been captured on video. Greer, who spoke at OISE in Toronto in May, makes bold claims: ETs visit on a regular basis and are in regular contact with branches of government so secret that even sitting presidents are denied access.

He claims outright that anti-gravity, super-deadly scaler weapons and zero-point energy exist, full-blown, in secret and are being withheld by military, industrial and fossil-fuel interests. "We have not needed fossil fuel, internal combustion engines, gas, coal, nuclear as a power source since before I was born," he says.

The linking of alien tech with social justice grips the imagination of many exo-activists, including symposium co-organizer Victor Viggiani. "Put this in your article: 28,000 African children a day die of malaria. If we can develop a technology because of ET contact, if they were to share the technologies with us, and the government knows about this, the government is letting those children die."

Ted Loder, a Virginia-based scientist and team member of the Disclosure Project and Space Energy Access Systems, even claims he is attempting to reverse engineer alien tech to understand how it functions. "We've come a long way in understanding some of these technologies," he says. So far they have "proof of principle," but nothing ready for rollout.

But Friedman, who's personally sure governments have recovered saucer wreckage, is skeptical about any government's UFO-readiness. "There's a big difference between saying aliens are using more advanced technology than we have and saying the government has developed free energy that would solve all the world's energy problems if they weren't keeping a lid on it." Friedman likens the difficulty of reproducing stuff so advanced to asking Columbus to reverse engineer a nuclear submarine in the 15th century.

While Paul Hellyer's act of disclosure is extraordinary considering he was a former minister of defence, he does not claim first-hand knowledge of extraterrestrial machines, although he recalls UFO reports coming to his desk when he was minister.

An outspoken man even while in office, Hellyer writes and lectures about his economic ideas. His knowledge of UFOs comes mostly second-hand, from books like *The Day After Roswell* =96 although, impressively, he had the cachet to look up the military men listed in the book to get the straight goods. He admits such matters didn't cross his mind when he was in office. "I was too busy trying to streamline the armed forces, improve morale and save taxpayers' money."

Aside from dedicating a UFO landing pad in St. Paul, Alberta, during the 67 Centennial, Hellyer's involvement was nil. He did, however, seem genuinely impressed by the testimony of pilots and colonels, and the implications of UFO secrecy. "The time has come to lift the veil of secrecy and let the truth emerge, so

that there can be a real and informed debate about the most important problem facing our planet today." This got him a standing ovation.

The day ends with a press conference right after, in room 23. Hellyer doesn't have much more to say about ETs, but his views on the inside workings of government tell a lot about why a veteran politician would buy the notion of an ET cover-up. He recalls Harper's editor Lewis Lapham's theory of two governments, the permanent and the provisional, with the work of those elected always being undone by permanent appointees.

"In effect, permanent government runs things," he says. "We say we live in a democracy, but why do we call it democracy when, in effect, the people who are running it are not elected?"

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'The Greatest Discovery Of All Time'

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'The Greatest Discovery Of All Time'

The chances are there's life out there, but any messages could be thousands of years old and indecipherable. Roger Highfield reports

Aliens are probably common. Because there are billions of trillions of stars in the cosmos, many astronomers think it would be highly improbable for Earth to be the only rock to harbour life.

Whether ET is intelligent is still hotly debated. But no one doubts that the receipt of a signal from another civilisation would be Earth-shattering. "It would surely be the greatest discovery of all time, eclipsing the findings of Newton, Darwin and Einstein combined," says Prof Paul Davies, a British cosmologist from the Australian Centre for Astrobiology at Macquarie University.

"The knowledge that we are not alone would affect people's psyche, and totally transform our world view," he said during a visit to Britain last week. "The mere fact alone would be disruptive. But imagine if we got some serious information from ET. Then all bets are off about what our future would be."

Prof Davies is among the handful of scientists charged with thinking through the implications of what to do in the event of "first contact" with an alien, sitting on one of a clutch of committees led by Dr Seth Shostak of the Seti (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) Institute in California.

The hunt for ET's transmissions has proceeded in fits and starts since 1959, when Cornell University physicists suggested that extraterrestrial civilisations would find it easier to reach out across the galaxy with radio waves than pay a visit. Today, perhaps the best known is being conducted by the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico.

Millions of people have signed up for the Seti.nul programme, downloading a screen saver that analyses Arecibo data for the University of California at Berkeley.

And a major new alien hunt facility is under construction: the Allen Telescope Array at the Hat Creek Observatory some 290 miles northeast of San Francisco. The first 42 of a huge array of 350 small radio dishes are about to go into operation next month, opening a new ear on the cosmos.

Prof Davies has now become the chairman of the International

Academy of Aeronautics' Post-detection Committee, which includes his colleague Carol Oliver and the Astronomer Royal, Sir Martin Rees. "Cynics say it is the best committee to be on because you don't have to do anything unless ET calls," said Prof Davies. "That is not entirely true because I intend to spruce up the protocol and have a few fire drills."

Some years ago, international astronomical societies agreed on what they call a "Declaration of principles concerning activities following the detection of extraterrestrial intelligence". The first step, it says, is to "verify that the most plausible explanation for the evidence is the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence rather than some other natural phenomenon or anthropogenic phenomenon".

Unlike the events shown in the film Contact (in which Jodie Foster portrays the celebrated Seti researcher Dr Jill Tarter), "there will be no Eureka moment," according to Dr Shostak. Instead, there will follow a painstaking process of checking and verification to discern a hello from the crackle of cosmic radio waves.

There have been many false alarms. In 1977, the "Wow signal" was picked up by researchers at Ohio State University, and so named after a professor scribbled the exclamation next to a printout of the signal. No one has heard it since.

Another set of rapid pulsing signals caused great excitement, until they were shown to come from a hitherto unrecognised class of super-dense rotating neutron stars now known as pulsars. Other emanations have been traced to automatic garage doors, satellites and a host of other gadgets. And, of course, there are hoaxes.

Prof Davies points out that, if a signal is shown to be authentically alien, it is most likely from a civilisation that is stupendously advanced compared with our own: by the time we receive it, it is highly likely that the transmitting civilisation will be millions of years in advance of us - if it still survives, of course.

To date, unfortunately "there has been nothing to set the pulse racing". But if he does suffer palpitations, the protocol says that the team that discovered the signal should telegram the International Astronomical Union and the secretary-general of the UN (as well as their own government). The International Telecommunications Union in Switzerland should also be alerted; it has the power to stop transmissions and would be asked to clear the frequency band that the aliens were using.

The discoverer, the protocol says, should make the announcement "promptly, openly and widely through scientific channels and public media". Dr Shostak emphasises there will be no "X-Files-style cover-up", or pressure from authorities to classify the discovery. But, of course, there will be endless hand wringing over how to manage the announcement and what to do about leaks to the media.

Then comes the question of whether to reply to ET. In April 1989, the trustees of the International Academy of Astronautics approved a protocol that declared finally: "No response to a signal or other evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence should be sent until appropriate international consultations have taken place."

One problem is that it is doubtful a response can be drafted in advance. The nature and wording would depend on the possible meaning of the incoming message. "It could be an e-mail between stars that was never intended for us," said Prof Davies. Indeed, there is much debate about whether an alien culture with different histories and physical forms will have the same description of reality at all.

Perhaps ET could invent radio technology without ever developing the concept of an atom. But it does seem likely she would use mathematics to advertise her intelligence, given that it is a universal language. This much was recognised long ago. In the early 19th century, the mathematician Karl Friedrich Gauss suggested etching giant geometric figures in the snow of Siberia as a way of attracting the attention of Martians.

There is, of course, a chance, that an incoming message may be sent in response to messages extraterrestrials have already received from Earth. Some of our radio and television from the Thirties and Forties is just now reaching some of the nearer stars. What would aliens make of news of Neville Chamberlain's return from his Munich meeting with Adolf Hitler?

The problem is, however, that these signals have only travelled around 80 light years, too little for even the most optimistic Seti sage to raise the chance of meeting up with another civilisation. We may have to wait millennia for a reply, and Prof Davies speculates that it would probably come from an "information processor" that will blur the distinctions we make today between living organisms and artificial non-living machines.

But we should not limit our horizons to radio transmissions alone. Nasa has already shown the way in this respect: elaborate messages have been put on spacecraft such as the Voyagers now leaving the solar system, including a record with Earthly sights and sounds, such as music from Bach to Chuck Berry.

A laser beam could also be used to send a message. Indeed, our cells may carry one, too, Prof Davies speculates. DNA is mostly "junk", but what if it contains a message from an ancient alien civilisation? "We must not close our minds to communication by quite different means," he said.

Seti is "a glorious but almost certainly hopeless quest", he admits. But that does not mean it is a waste of time: Seti has many important spin-offs, not least those that will come from forcing scientists to grapple with huge issues of what counts as life and consciousness and whether the organisation of the universe fosters the evolution of living things.

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Human Chosen For Alien Contact Poem

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Poem About Being Human Chosen For Alien Contact
by
Michelle Pauli

It is hard to imagine what an extraterrestrial life form might think if confronted with the words "you're human / they are human / we are human / let's try to be human / dance!"

Will they break out into an impromptu jig? Or simply wonder what all this "human" nonsense is about anyway?

Evidently, enough people want to find out. Adrian Mitchell's poem Human Beings, from which the lines above are taken, has been voted the poem that most people would like to see launched into space.

They were responding to a poll conducted by the Poetry Society for this year's Poetry Day. Just under a thousand people voted and Mitchell's poem, from his 2004 collection The Shadow Knows, garnered 30% of the vote.

It was one of eight contemporary poems suggested by the Poetry Society, although visitors to the website could also vote for a poem of their choosing. Andrew Motion, the poet laureate, nominated The Star by George Herbert, Stephen Fry recommended Robert Frost's Accidentally on Purpose, while the poet Ian McMillan proposed the opening of Basil Bunting's Briggflatts.

Human Beings will be displayed at the National Space Centre in Leicester, and the Poetry Society has said that it will continue "to investigate ways to launch the poem into space". So don't expect any sightings of boogying aliens just yet.

Adrian Mitchell, who has been writing poetry since the late 60s, and describes himself on his website as "the shadow poet laureate", said, "I'm very excited that so many people have voted for my poem. Human Beings is a poem for peace. It is about the joy of being human, but that doesn't mean that it's against animals or alien beings. When it goes into space and it's read by aliens, I'd hate for them to think that it's anti alternative life forms."

"If the Martians can translate this and interpret it, it will give them an interesting view of human nature!" added the astronomer and presenter Sir Patrick Moore.

Read Human Beings by Adrian Mitchell

Adrian Mitchell's website:

<http://www.poetrysociety.org.uk/npd/pollam.htm>

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How To Foil An Alien Abduction

You're driving along a dark, deserted road when suddenly a UFO appears overhead in front of you. You pull over just as a beam of light radiates from the craft, and you can see five gray-colored aliens descending in the beam. You get out of your car for a closer look. Uh-oh! The aliens are rapidly moving toward you, and you think that you're going to be abducted. What should you do?

Do not panic.

The extraterrestrial biological entity (EBE) may sense your fear and act rashly.

Control your thoughts.

Do not think of anything violent or upsetting--the EBE may have the ability to read your mind. Try to avoid mental images of abduction (boarding the saucer, body probes, etc.). Such images may encourage the alien to take you.

Resist verbally.

Firmly tell the EBE to leave you alone. If you're desperate, try and sell it a life insurance policy--that usually repels humans, and it may also work on EBES.

Resist mentally.

Picture yourself enveloped in a protective shield of white light or in a safe place. Picture the EBE handcuffed and behind bars or being audited by the IRS. Telepathic EBES may get the message.

Resist physically.

Physical resistance should be used only as a last resort. Go for the EBE's eyes (if it has any). You will not know what its other, more sensitive areas are.

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Alien Bible Translated!

CARPE DIEM: Their bible instructs alien acolytes on the basics of worship, including the use of something called "the remote."

By Holly Elise
Religion Correspondent
Boston, Mass.

Weekly World News sources have confirmed that a professor at Webster University - the birthplace of the world-famous English dictionary - is in possession of a book that was printed on another world. What's more, the thick volume isn't a cookbook.

"It's an alien bible," said 41-year-old linguistics professor, Dr. Emmanuel Johnson, whose skill with foreign languages has earned him the nickname "Magic." "And wait till you hear who their god is!"

The book was discovered by construction workers who were on their lunch break at the 'Big Dig', the city's new interstate tunnel. While the workers watched TV, the foreman was crushing soda cans against his massive forehead. When he ran out of them, he looked for something else to prove he was a hardhead as well as a hardhat. That was when he saw a large container half-buried in the earth. He dug it out, struck it hard against his brow and passed out. The vessel was unharmed but one of the workers spotted strange writing on the outside. Dr. Johnson was summoned along with paramedics.

"The first thing I noticed was that the markings were not the petroglyphs of Native Americans," Dr. Johnson said. "There were numbers and mathematical signs. One of them almost looked like the letters UPN and NBC. If I didn't know better I'd have sworn they were a TV schedule."

The professor looked around the site before he left. "I found other remnants of an alien presence," he said, "including luggage and what looked like a door with a little diagram. I suspect that what the 'Big Dig' crew had found was the remains of an alien outpost or motel on ancient earth."

Back in his library, Dr. Johnson opened the container.

"Being whacked against the foreman's head had loosened the top," Dr. Johnson said. "It popped right off. I began to wonder if, in fact, that was how the aliens opened containers on their world. If so, they must have suffered brain damage over time."

Inside, Dr. Johnson found a small, thick book. The cover illustration showed a constellation that bore the unmistakable

likeness of Oprah Winfrey. Stunned, he opened the book, which consisted of multicolored, cloth-like materials. The writing glowed when the professor looked at it.

"It was an illuminated manuscript," Dr. Johnson explained. "I was immediately able to translate the title, which is called Their Eyes Are Watching Me. The book was comprised of two sections: A Sacred Alien Testament: Written and a Sacred Alien Testament: Oral."

"The Written Testament is the shorter of the two. Apparently, the aliens didn't like to read much," said Dr. Johnson. "The text explains that Oprahs exist on many worlds. There are probably colonies of them throughout the universe, possibly a Planet of the Oprahs. They all spring from the Oprah who wrote the alien bible. It is likely that Earth's own Ms. Winfrey is descended from these beings.

"The Oral Testament actually speaks to the reader," Dr. Johnson revealed. "Naturally, it talks in the authoritative but reassuring voice of Oprah.

"It begins with a section called 'Syndication,' which encourages aliens to do good deeds on other worlds, including the Earth," Dr. Johnson continued. "We suspect that the alien visitors who owned this bible were missionaries, members of Oprah's 'The Angel Connection.' It instructs acolytes on the basics of worship, including the use of something called 'the remote.'

"Then there's a section called 'The Boutique' where you can obtain items like loungewear for worship, mugs for sacred beverages and caps to show your devotion to the 'Big O' as she is also called. This is followed by 'The Books of Oprah' which are a collection of stories and poems she likes. Most of these were written by an angel named Maya. Next there's a chapter called 'Ooooo' which is all about the do's and don'ts of sex. Finally, there's a very thin section on dealing with 'loss' - weight loss. The foundation of the diet is the consumption of something called 'stedman graham crackers.' This chapter contains erasures which suggest that it was once much, much thicker. "We have only begun to delve into the volume, which is extremely complex."

Dr. Johnson intends to continue his studies of the alien bible and the other artifacts from the Big Dig.

"All I can say is I hope the aliens return to Earth," he told Weekly World News. "They'd be impressed at how much Oprah has influenced our own culture!"

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Crop Circles In Cervantes

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Crop Circles In Cervantes
Thursday, 6 October 2005

Video footage of bright balls of light forming a crop circle will be shown to Western Australians during a series of seminars on the connection between crop circle formation and contact with alien intelligence.

The seminars, to be delivered by two of world's leading crop circle and alien contact researchers, Janet Ossebaard and Mary Rodwell, are the first of their kind in Australia.

Ms Ossebaard, director for the Dutch Centre for Crop Circle Studies (DCCCS), author and producer of award winning documentaries on the subject, said crop circles remain an unexplained enigma.

"What we do know is that crop circles have been reported in many countries all over the world and found in mediums such as wheat, barley, canola, grass, corn/maize, trees, ice, rice paddies and linseed," Ms Ossebaard said.

"We also know they are formed in just a few seconds as a result of light, sound and magnetism interacting with plants to form amazing geometric patterns."

"What we don't know for certain is who is making them and why."

Ms Ossebaard said contrary to common belief scientists have found people haven't made the majority of circles.

Many are claimed each year, but only very few are actually man-made.

In reference to herself, she said that after 11 years of researching the phenomenon and personal encounters with the circle makers, she believed crop circles are being formed by an unknown intelligence with a message for humankind to 'wake-up'.

Ms Ossebaard said she believed crop circles are being formed to raise our consciousness and to help us evolve emotionally and spiritually.

"The type of experiences people have after being in crop circles range from spontaneous healing for chronic ailments through to heightened psychic abilities," she said.

She said her findings aligned with the extensive work conducted by world-acclaimed extraterrestrial contact researcher and Principal of ACERN (Australian Close Encounter Resource Network)

Ms Mary Rodwell.

Ms Rodwell said the connection between crop circles and alien intelligence did not surprise her.

"Crop circles may be linked to communication at some deep level of our psyche and be a form of universal language that is changing us on many levels," said Ms Rodwell.

Ms Rodwell said people with contact experiences become more psychically and spiritually aware and start operating on a multi-dimensional band of reality.

"Unbeknown to many people who have contact with alien intelligence, after contact they exhibit healing abilities and start drawing and producing unusual scripts, symbols and images that strongly resemble crop circles," said Ms Rodwell.

Cervantes resident Tony Lambert said he became interested in crop circles several years ago, which is why he wanted to sponsor the event.

"Much of the crop formation has been done in the United Kingdom but hopefully people will bring along their stories of this phenomenon in Australia," Mr Lambert said.

The Crop Circles and Contact series of seminars is being sponsored by Cervantes Lodge and will take place in Busselton, Bunbury, Mandurah, Perth, Gingin, Cervantes, Geraldton and Kalbarri from 18 to 27 October.

The seminar in Cervantes is on the 26 October at 6:30pm on 26 October. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door.

For further information, go to www.acern.com.au

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 10:02:43 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 12:38:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO - Smith

>From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 05 Oct 2005 16:17:33 -0400
>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

>Copy of a couple of e-mails exchanged off-line that explain
>1) why I made the comment I did in my accidental posting of
><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/oct/m02-014.shtml>
>and 2) why Dave and I think Aldrin's comment on the Science
>Channel's "First to the Moon" and the UFO video shown might be
>significant.

<snip>

Nice of you to clarify your position, Jerry. Brad does alot of good research/work and I have often been surprised at his abilities to pore through countless pages. I would not have the patience to do it, preferring to scan them in and doing keywork searches. Of course there has to be some error rate via reading or scanning, but at least he has looked at the pages which most folk have not.

I think the whole issue of the Apollo 11 UFO is that there was no film or video taken of it, thus its hard to explain what it is. They had their own theories as their debrief transcript shows. In the end, it goes no where.

Regarding the film or video that was shown of an additional ringed "UFO", I have been unable to find it in the Apollo 15 or 17 TV or on-board film. I have looked through some Apollo 12,13,14,16 onboard film and not found it either. I do not have all of these films though.

I think the best we can do is to ask the production company from what flight the film was and any other details. I would be very surprised if they discovered a "lost" film since these films, as you can imagine, are pretty well documented/indexed.

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 12:20:39 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 12:40:15 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Ledger

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 16:16:45 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Rich, Stan,

Navies enjoy a special set of circumstances when it comes to UFO events which have occurred while the vessel was at sea. They have automatic containment. Even the ships logs are necessarily hard to access and even then are bereft of detail and laconic in their reports.

If a significant UFO or USO event takes place while the vessel is at sea a large number of the crew would or might be witness to it. Certainly in this day and age where it might be considered a threat the fire direction team would be in the loop as would the crew on watch. Suppose they do see this phenomenon, what happens then? If it's deemed to be a national security issue as per whatever SOP is in force at the time, then the crew is bound by their security clearances and oaths to secrecy which can be directly enforced due to the closed nature of of shipboard life.

The event might have a better chance of surviving if it happens at the latter part of a cruise. Naval operations in most countries can last from a few weeks to 6 months or more. If the event happened early in the tour it would likely lose its significance over the next several months. Consider the time lost after the cruise when the ship ties up in port. The families re-unite with the crew, they spend days making up for lost time and getting back into shore life. It's unlikely that the first thing that crew members would bring up at home is some anomalous event that happened at sea several months previously, and when they do it's at that point only a curiosity and perhaps second hand information. Later on it will pop up as a war story. Trying then to get verification of this anomaly from ships logs has a zero chance of occurring. It's not necessarily the event itself that might be of issue but all of the other details in

the ship's logs that the public are not allowed access to.

Air force pilots can have an encounter and shortly after confide in someone while it's still fresh in their minds as is true of army personnel-another area where there seems to be a scarcity of reports in my estimation. But the navy has all of their eggs in one basket. A crew member reports a UFO and where does it go? First to the defense mechanism aboard ship to be filtered as to its threat potential. The watch officer is notified as well and he/she in turn will advise the captain if deemed necessary. If it just turns into another of those curious events that is not a threat, there is no attempt at communication with shore for their edification or advise on how to proceed as would be the case if there was time during some prosaic threat to the vessel. The incident is noted and a laconic note is made in the ship's log. They are notable for their brevity. Example: At 0800 hours, sighted enemy vessel off Dutchy Head. Engaged and sank same. Rescued survivors.

Next entry: Engineer advises of hot bearing in starboard engine.

Engine shut down and port engine reduced in revs while repairs made. Repairs completed-resumed normal revs..or words to that effect.

Bragging or embellishing does not seem to be an option.

Best,

Don Ledger

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Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 12:55:58 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 06:45:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 18:49:25 -0300
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 10:09:44 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>Aren't we forgetting that governments around the world have
>already established three excellent systems for obtaining very
>solid evidence that some UFOs have an ET origin?

No. Most of us know about these systems. Their interesting
bolide reports come to mind. And DMSP images we can order. Be
nice to get DSP ones, but they are not likely to share.

>I see no hope of competing with these systems in terms of
>hardware and manpower.

Who's competing? Our goal should not be to
monitor everywhere (unlike the military who wants to
protect us from invasion/Russians/Chinese/etc). We just
need a few semi-automated data collection stations.

Amateur satellite observers already have these set up to
track/video satellites with telescopes. With two you get
triangulation (which they do not typically do). Of course,
satellites usually have known orbits, unlike UFOs, but it seems a
simple software problem to have a wide field of view computer
camera (and I mean standard quality) to view light motions and
feed that data to the tracking telescope for it to slew into
action. I while ago I gave links on some Japanese software to do
this and I think that with a better camera, such a system may be
adequate for triangulation. It was completely automated.

>Many years ago a request for all
>reports of uncorrelated targets noted by NORAD or ADC
>in a particular 6 month period received the response of "please
>send a certified check for over \$100,000, to cover search fees."

That's funny! But I believe it! Probably most the cost is spent
on doctoring...I mean cleaning up the data.

>I think it may be easier to pry this data loose than to
>duplicate all the systems.

We don't need to duplicate their systems since their gold plated
system requirements and required coverage and sensitivities far
exceed anything that is needed for a research study.

Also, if you do "pry" the data out, you will always have the
problem of believing the data. Will they give you data that has
been tampered with, doctored, falsified? We can never be sure.
If they gave you data that showed an alien-ETH type UFO, then
you can be impressed because there is no reason for them to
divulge such data since they have not done so up to this day.

But if they give you lots of data which is muck (radar ghosts, inversions, bird flocks) and which you can NEVER correlate since the data is not available to do so, then what is the value of it? How can you prove a bird flock was NOT there? Or balloons? Or radar equipment malfunction?

Better to have our own data collection facility with its own understood limitations.

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Re: Memory Without Klass - Gonzalez

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 19:33:07 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 06:46:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass - Gonzalez

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 22:39:36 -0400
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

<snip>

>When it was pointed out to him that a British firm had invented
>a device which did stop car engines

Jan, can you tell me the references of such a claim I have never
heard before?

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 13:34:51 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 06:50:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 17:07:34 -0400
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 3 Oct 2005 14:14:59 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>I think that using triangulation instead of
>>traditional stereo distance estimation should be very cheap and
>>more accurate if you have a good baseline.

>The funding being "unlimited" would mean that one could maintain
>a long duration skywatch while paying someone a living wage to
>do do it. Sure triangulation is cheap. What is expensive is
>having someone or som "instrumented machine" available at
>amoment's notice to do the triangulation.

I guess we must disagree with each other. Automated systems
using today's ubiquitous computer technology (not gold plated
military types) are cheap. I personally do not WANT people to be
involved for various reasons (jiggling the camera, human error,
smoke blowing into the lens, and even the far fetched human-
machine PK interactions I have read about as performed by
respectible universities and institutions).

>What would it have taken to acomplish an
>identification in this case? Perhaps a combination of radar
>(distance, if there is a radar reflection)? Large telescope?
>Electromagnetic sensors? Gravitational sensor? Here you are
>talking big bux.

Yes, I agree good equipment along these lines cost alot. Those
are nice "growth" items, especially if you can find a sponsor
(like the SciFi channel!)

>How about hiring an airplane to fly around the Gulf Breeze skies
>very night? The GBRT was criticized for not hiring an airplane.
>Their response: sorry, we can afford to pay once for a camera or
>video camera, but we can't afford to pay for a 5/7 airplane
>watch.

I have wondered what the effectiveness would be of using a
remotely piloted hobbyist helicopter with installed video
camera. Sure these cost more than most people want to pay, but
it would be far cheaper than hiring an airplane. The main
problem is altitude and range I suspect.

>(Radar was also proposed, but no one wanted to fork over
>for a shipboard or other type of civilian radar.)

Always the problem with radar.

>> And did the spectrum match anything?

>This was an experment directed at answering the question: is
>"red Bubba" merely a red road flare hanging from a balloon (or

>motorised blimp or some other support mechanism).

>But, anyway, in Feb. 1992 the GBRT "got it all
>together" and were fortunate to have a diffraction grating in a
>camera when Bubba went by.

> So we had the Bubba and flare comparison on one piece of
>film. Analysis of the spectrum showed that they differed. Of
>course they were both predominantly red, but Bubba had more
>blue and green and the flare had more green than blue (if I
>recall correctly).

Am I missing something about spectral analysis but can't one
determine the composition of the emitting light this way? I
mean, Xenon would have one set of spectral lines and Argon
another set and would be additive if both were present. Emitted
and absorbed lines can be matched this way. So if the Bubba
spectra did not match the "flare", was the next step, if any,
taken at figuring out what combination of gases/incandescent
elements/plasmas could generate this Bubba spectra?

>>If the UFO is just
>>going to fly by at a fixed altitude then that does not provide
>>much data to answer the question if it comes from space or not.
>>It would provide other data, but just not what I think is the
>>key question. We must depend on a certain fraction of UFO
>>sightings (maybe small) in which one "takes off" or one appears
>>from a distance and moves to closer proximity. Only these will
>>provide data that they are coming from or going to space.

>What you have written here provides further reason for large
>funding: it requires at least two instrumented sites with some
>separation (mile or more) to allow for accurate distance measure
>up to many miles. Alternatively perhaps a combination of RF and
>laser radar.

Yes, but the large funding requirement I disagree with given
today's computers.

>And these have to be available wherever and
>whenever sightings are occurring.

That is a problem. We rely mostly on witness reports to identify
flap areas. These areas are typically not permanently
"flapping". Still, it MAY be safe to assume a random
distribution of UFOs so perhaps placement of an automated
facility (or more than one) randomly may be adequate, at least
initially. Its funny that some folk have tried to attract UFOs
in various ways, but I doubt that can be counted on (even lasers
in the sky may attract more police than UFOs). Human observers
would lose patience quickly after a few hours of NO UFOs, but
machines can work indefinitely (except for the hopefully
infrequent Windows blue screen) with no complaints. Ideally,
such a location would be out of the main aircraft flight
corridors.

>>Of course, equipment that could measure gravity waves or EMF
>>(radio/magnetic/electric) or sound provide good data, but it
>>really doesn't prove the point of origin.

>I suppose one could answer the question: what do we need to be
>able to identify the UFO or determine where it is coming from.
>Then add up the expenses for equipment and for operation and
>transportation.

Yep, but aim at automation using ubiquitous equipment

>About the Canadian UFO field lab

>This equipment was owned but there wasn't funding to keep it in
>the van and ready to go. Other experiments needed some of the
>equipment so, since there was no \$\$\$ to buy more equipment
>(duplicate what is in the van), the van equipment was
>"cannibalized."

Too bad.

>Find an angel with a 10-20 year attention span, capable of
>keeping things in a state of standby, with "burst funding"
>available (thousands of dollars?) to ship an especially
>instrumented package(or drive a van) to a promising sighting

>area and then to maintain the skywatch at some rate (5/7 ?) for
>weeks or months until there is some 'joy'.

Considering how much all ufologists spend out of their own pockets during their lives for their research, I think a more modest automated system is feasible rather than depend on the UFO research-deluxe approach of waiting for another Internet maven or Hollywood type to open their pockets. Also, human skywatch is likely cruel and inhumane punishment unless lots of activity is possible. Automation is the way to go.

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Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 19:36:10 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 06:53:02 -0400
Subject: Re: French 1950 Landing Case - Gonzalez

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Sep 2005 18:39:36 +0200
>Subject: French 1950 Landing Case

>In the last issue of the Journal of UFO History, Richard Hall
>included a short note about a "French 1950 Landing Case,
>Humanoid Beings Emerged"

<snip>

>Richard, can you give us the date of that "Point de Vue"
>article, and the name of its author?

Richard, now that the situation is clarified and your copyrights
have been preserved, would you please answer my original
question?

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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Well, Don, Stan, and others...

Here's something... if you Google Project Churchy, you'll find a
slew of sites that deal with Navy operations.

One site that shows balloon experiments over the years by the
Navy will provide a Forbidden note, But if you eliminate some of
the paramaters thusly:

<http://library.gsfc.nasa.gov/Databases/Balloon/Data/>

you'll get access to a slew of PDF files that document various
Navy projects that impact, perhaps, the UFO phenomenon.

For instance, continuing to seek substantiation of the
Hughes/Raven/Socorro vehicle that Zamora saw in 1964, I
discovered some intriguing papers - one that was asked to be
deleted by its author because it scanned badly but which was

quite interesting and another about the death of a Russian balloon-naut during a test, and one more about two-man platforms that were tested in the U.S. Southwest circa 1963/1964.

There are papers which will supplement and/or help Nick Redfern's thesis about balloons attached to airplanes or helicopters and tested in the U.S. Southwest also.

Now Rudiak, Clark, and certainly Dick Hall will say to me, provide the papers - document your comments.

I ask that those who want a clue to how some Navy experiments and projects might have been misunderstood as UFO sightings and some even were UFO oriented seek out the papers for their particular interest if any.

The listing, as you can see, is vast, and for me to pick and choose those that might interest someone would be presumptuous at best.

My interest - the Socorro episode - is fulfilled, in part, by perusing the papers found. Others who wish to determine if a particular sighting was a real UFO or a Navy experiment misperceived should also be satisfied by a scrutiny of the papers at the site listed.

There are a plethora of Navy projects that need investigation: Banshee and Surveyor, among others.

Rich Reynolds

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Secrecy News -- 10/06/05

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 15:08:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 07:29:09 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 10/06/05

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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SENATE VOTES TO PROHIBIT CRUEL TREATMENT OF DETAINEES

Defying a White House veto threat, a large majority of the United States Senate voted in favor of an amendment offered by Sen. John McCain that would establish uniform standards for the interrogation of detainees held by the Department of Defense and prohibit "cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment" of prisoners in U.S. custody.

In spite of White House opposition, the amendment won the support of 90 Senators. It was also endorsed in letters from 29 former high-ranking military leaders and former Secretary of State Colin Powell that were entered into the congressional record.

Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), one of the nine Senators who opposed the measure, explained his position: "I think there is a place in our operations against individuals involved in the war on terrorism where we deal with them as they deal with us."

See the October 5 Senate floor debate here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2005_cr/mccain100505.html

SSCI REPORT ON 2006 INTEL AUTHORIZATION ACT

The newly released Senate Intelligence Committee report on the 2006 intelligence authorization act presents several initiatives that would alter the landscape of both foreign and domestic intelligence collection. See Senate Report 109-142:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2005_rpt/srpt109-142.html

The Committee noted in passing that "Improper classification of information -- the disclosure of which would not harm national security -- prevents the public from considering national issues in light of all publicly available facts." It did not provide any examples of such information. The Committee further "strongly recommend[ed]" that the Director of National Intelligence "examine the guidelines and rules for classification, and, as necessary, propose standards for the modernization and simplification of the classification system."

Dissenting views appended to the report exposed some of the tensions that have divided the Committee.

Committee Democrats harshly criticized the failure to complete an investigation of pre-war intelligence on Iraq. "The Committee's delinquency in addressing an issue that it unanimously voted to address over a year and a half ago has diminished the Committee's credibility as an effective overseer of the Intelligence Community," they wrote.

They also noted the Committee's failure to examine the handling of detainees. "Despite repeated attempts to initiate a detailed review of fundamental legal and operational questions surrounding the detention, interrogation and rendition of individuals held in U.S. custody, the Committee majority has refused to conduct such an investigation."

OPEN SOURCES GET CLOSED AT CIA

The CIA this month will establish a new unit devoted to analysis of "open source" intelligence, referring to unclassified information that is openly and legally collected, Time magazine reported on August 15.

But at the CIA, even open source material is often treated as secret.

Last week, the CIA denied a request for a copy of a compilation of published statements made by Osama bin Laden between 1994 and 2004 on grounds that release of the material would compromise "intelligence sources and methods" (FOIA exemption b(3)) and that the material was obtained on a privileged basis (exemption b(4)). See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2005/09/cia092705.pdf>

But as it happens, the same material will be published next month under the title "Messages to the World: The Statements of Osama bin Laden" edited by Bruce Lawrence and published by Verso (www.versobooks.com).

"Over the last ten years, bin Laden has issued a series of carefully tailored public statements, from interviews with Western and Arabic journalists to faxes and video recordings. These texts supply evidence crucial to an understanding of the bizarre mix of Quranic scholarship, CIA training, punctual interventions in Gulf politics and messianic anti-imperialism that has formed the programmatic core of Al Qaeda," according to the publisher's announcement.

"In bringing together the various statements issued under bin Laden's name since 1994, this volume forms part of a growing discourse that seeks to demythologize the terrorist network. Newly translated from the Arabic, annotated with a critical introduction by Islamic scholar Bruce Lawrence, this collection places the statements in their religious, historical and political context."

Meanwhile, "In a move mirroring the recruitment process at the Central Intelligence Agency," an Al Qaeda website is openly soliciting applicants who can serve as researchers and linguists, according to a report in the London-based Al Sharq al Awsat. See "Al Qaeda Website Openly Hiring New Recruits" by Mohammed Al Shafey, October 3:

<http://www.ashargalawsat.com/english/news.asp?section=1&id=1987>

Open Source Solutions (www.oss.net), a proponent of open source intelligence, reported that Dr. James Billington, the Librarian of Congress, had rejected an invitation from the Director of National Intelligence to serve as the first Director of the new Open Source Agency.

SELECTED CRS REPORTS

Reports of the Congressional Research Service recently obtained by Secrecy News include the following:

"The Cost of Iraq, Afghanistan and Enhanced Base Security Since

9/11," October 3, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL33110.pdf>

"Strategic Mobility Innovation: Options and Oversight Issues,"
April 29, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/weapons/RL32887.pdf>

SABO ON SSI

The successful enactment of new limitations on the use of the "sensitive security information" control marking stems from an initiative by Rep. Martin Olav Sabo (D-MN), who raised the issue in the House last spring.

See this May 10 news release on the Sabo amendment which led to the conference agreement to tighten controls on SSI in the 2006 Homeland Security Appropriations bill (SN, 10/03/05):

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2005/05/sabo051005.html>

SECURITY CONTROLS ON FOREIGN SCIENTISTS

For many foreign scientists and engineers, new post-9/11 security controls have created "the perception -- and too often the reality -- that the United States was becoming an unwelcoming and increasingly hostile destination," according to a new White Paper from the Commission on Scientific Communication and National Security.

"The White Paper explains the importance to the United States scientific and technical base -- and to U.S. national security and economic vitality -- of ensuring that foreign students, scholars, researchers, and technical professionals are able to visit the United States. It outlines problems that have been experienced with visa approval and border security processes as a result of post-9/11 reforms and makes a number of recommendations for improvement." See:

http://www.csis.org/hs/051005_whitepaper.pdf

HANS BETHE IN WAR AND PEACE

The October issue of Physics Today is devoted to the achievements of the late physicist Hans Bethe.

In one article, Richard Garwin and Kurt Gottfried recall Bethe as a scientist-activist.

"Hans Bethe spent a lifetime enhancing the security of his adopted homeland--initially designing its nuclear bombs, but ultimately warning presidents and the public to guard against the hazards of such bombs."

See "Hans in War and Peace" by Richard L. Garwin and Kurt Gottfried, Physics Today, October 2005:

<http://www.physicstoday.org/vol-58/iss-10/p52.html>

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Re: How To Foil An Alien Abduction - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 17:09:28 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 07:45:06 -0400
Subject: Re: How To Foil An Alien Abduction - Balaskas

>Source: Popular Mechanics Magazine - USA

><http://tinyurl.com/8mf9o>

>June 10, 2003

>How To Foil An Alien Abduction

>You're driving along a dark, deserted road when suddenly a UFO
>appears overhead in front of you. You pull over just as a beam
>of light radiates from the craft, and you can see five gray-
>colored aliens descending in the beam. You get out of your car
>for a closer look. Uh-oh! The aliens are rapidly moving toward
>you, and you think that you're going to be abducted. What should
>you do?

>Do not panic.

<snip>

>Control your thoughts.

<snip>

>Resist verbally.

<snip>

>Resist mentally.

<snip>

>Resist physically.

Hi Everyone!

All the above techniques have been tried in the past with little or no success in thwarting "alien" abduction attempts. Having a shotgun may be a better way (eg. The 1955 Kelly-Hopkinsville UFO alien encounter), but many who have been on this list back in 1997 may remember a technique that was said to always works (see URL below).

<http://www.ufomind.com/misc/1997/aug/d18-003.shtml>

FLORIDA TODAY Space Online

For August 17, 1997

Spiritual warfare? Some look to Bible for answers to alien abductions

By Rita Elkins
FLORIDA TODAY

<snip>

"It makes you wonder: If these beings are extra-terrestrial at all, why would they respond to that name?" Jordan asks. "We think we found the answer in the Bible, in Mark 16:17 where Jesus said, 'In my name, they shall cast out demons.' That seems to be exactly what we came across."

Three major researchers told Jordan, off the record, that they had similar cases. But "they were afraid for their credibility," he says. "They felt they already had put their credentials out far enough dealing with extra-terrestrials."

Other "so-called researchers (are) sitting on this information," Jordan says. "There's something wrong there. They're just as bad as the people they say have conspiracies in other ways."

<snip>

Of course, to avoid being abducted, I suspect one needs to do more than simply believe in Jesus - after all, demons do too. By asserting to the "aliens" the truth that we are a brother or sister in Christ (rather than just reciting this as some "magic" anti-abduction formula), the aliens will know not to mess with us since we are under the protection of a superior power in the universe, God Himself.

If the aliens, demons or whatever these highly intelligent beings are, all react and respond in this unexpected way during their failed abduction attempts whenever the name of Jesus is invoked and UFO/abduction researchers have kept this incredible fact to themselves, then they have not only done a great disservice to the public but are actually part of the continuing UFO cover-up too.

So, do we continue to resist verbally, mentally and physically or is there indeed a better way to avoid being abducted that should be made known to all, even at the risk of ridicule by our more skeptical or non-believing colleagues. If what was written in this Florida Today article from 1997 is correct, then we may have finally discovered the identity of the more mischievous "alien" abductors - a truth that will set us free!

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Field Research & Images - Kritkausky

From: Rob Kritkausky <robkrit.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 16:05:32 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 07:56:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Kritkausky

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 18:49:25 -0300
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 10:09:44 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>Past events provide clues as to likely useful instrumentation.
>>Past events can help in the design of the required resolution
>>and sensitivity and range and speed (slew rate) and quality of
>>the instrumentation and method of using the instrumentation.

>>One can look at each case and ask, "if we had such and such
>>instrumentation instead of eyes and maybe a camera in the UFO
>>case, what could have been accomplished?"

>>But maybe Rob means that ufology has gathered alot of UFO
>>witness data and analyzed some of it and it has not been able to
>>come up with an "answer". So field research is needed to
>>test hypotheses that the past UFO reports/analyses have
>>provided.

>Aren't we forgetting that governments around the world have
>already est ablished three excellent systems for obtaining very
>solid evidence that some UFOs have an ET origin?

>1. Ground radar used to monitor the skies and able to measure
>velocity and direction and probably acceleration of Uncorrelated
>Targets.They call it Air or Aerospace Defense systems such as
>the Joint Canadian-American NORAD.

>2. Sophisticated aircraft carrying airborne radar, cameras, other
>devices for measuring velocitires, accelerations, EM and other
>signatures. These can be vectored towards UNKNOWNS established
>by System 1.They can pursue and monitor.

>3. A large variety of military and intelligence Community
>listening posts on the ground and Satellites in the skies such
>as the recently revealed POPPY satellites which monitored
>electronic emissions from Soviet ships.

Stanton:

Your examples and figures above are specifications and budgets
for a global monitoring network. In these largest possible
terms, I agree with all that you say. However, the data in
question is that which occurs as an anomaly within a large
system. One need not spend billions to monitor an entire sytem
if one is lucky enough to observe it locally. Moreover, the data
will be more diverse and granular. Perhaps a more accurate
comparison could be made with weather anomalies such as
tornadoes. In such a case, billions in satellite and Doppler
radar would be nice, but the best data to be collected is from
local measurements taken on site.

Obviously, there is merit to your(and others) efforts to shake this information from this rather well established bureaucratic tree of information. This should continue, but decades of shaking has failed to produce the release of this fruit that lies securely attached in a snarl of the highest branches of government. In addition, data collected from the fruit that has fallen is conflicting and certainly not Gospel by any stretch. When your past crops have been infected with disinformation and inaccuracies, can you pick out one from the infected bunch and proclaim it to be the uninfected fruit? Personally, I think that data stream has been polluted and I will always consider the past before I determine whether to drink from that source.

I'm sure you have a theory as to the source of the legitimate UFO phenomenon. What is missing is the quality data to support this assertion. This data is presenting itself for brief periods in certain instances around the globe. I am not advocating a billion dollar global monitoring network that attempts to capture this data from the largest possible area. Such a system is obviously impractical. I'm saying that this field should capitalize on its strengths, which is access to a data set of current and past reports, taking advantage of the research from them. The resulting reports that are generated from the appearance by an anomaly should not just be archived, but utilized especially in terms of spacial trends. I happen to reside near a site in which I am contributing to a research effort geared more toward studying environmental anomalies. In doing so, opportunities as described above have presented themselves on several occasions and I am merely mentioning it here. We have had most of the instruments mentioned in this thread(ELF, GAMA, IR, Microwave instruments) and have recorded anomalous activity. I would be happy to share this off-list if there is interest.

While this type of instrumentation is certainly expensive, it is not to an extent that makes it impractical. I've personally purchased a Parabolic Sound amplifier/recorder, Night Vision, 2 35mm cameras (one spectral), a 24 hr surveillance system with advanced notification and a telescope with imaging capabilities for under \$500 from our local Police Auctions. I guess one drug dealer's misfortune is another researchers shopping spree. Add another three or four more expensive pieces of equipment for around \$7000(excluding laptop) or so and you have a quality monitoring station. In addition, there are people interested in this subject who are willing to donate time and instruments. For example, we were having severe problems with battery drains in instruments left or used at the site. This was a curiosity that was causing some headaches. We had the idea to try and turn this headache into a functional data set. As a result, we have a person who is donating/designing three small portable electric power monitors. They are simple instruments consisting of power supplies with some electronics that measures the level of available power from the power supply every 15 seconds or so and sends that info via signal to a receiver near by. Now we should be able to potentially correlate any power drains to fluctuations in other data streams.

Rob

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Re: Field Research & Images - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 19:11:32 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 07:59:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Sparks

>From: Rob Kritkauskay <robkrit.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 18:16:18 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 16:26:32 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>From: Rob Kritkauskay <robkrit.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2005 12:18:46 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>>From: James Smith
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 16:55:17 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>>Subject: Re: Armstrong & Aldrin's UFO

<snip>

>>>As you know, I am in agreement with you and I am quite miffed as
>>>to this allergy Ufology seems to have for the scientific method.

<snip>

>>>Is the goal of Ufology to positively identify the source of this
>>>phenomenon and obtain the evidence necessary to provide
>>>documented proof of such a finding? If so, I would think a
>>>relevant question to ask oneself before committing the time,
>>>energy and money to a specific research opportunity, might be as
>>>follows: Could the information gained from pursuing this
>>>particular avenue of research potentially facilitate(or help to)
>>>the achievement of the goal as stated above? The truth is, I
>>>cannot think of many scenarios where researching events that
>>>have already taken place, could provide such evidence.

>>Instead of disparaging past events, consider that you're not
>>going to get any substantial funding for instrumentated UFO
>>detection and tracking projects without past data of solid UFO
>>cases demonstrating the need and the performance characteristics
>>of UFOs. Scientific method does not disparage analysis of past
>>events.

>Brad:

>I agree with your statements above. Research of past events does
>have merit and in fact should probably constitute the majority
>of work done in this field. This is simply due to the fact that
>not everyone would have the experience or opportunity to man
>what would surely be a very limited number of field lab
>locations. (very limited = 0 in our case) Similarly, Astronomers
>spend little time actually at the Observatory. However, the
>field of Astronomy is always looking to see farther, see more
>and increase the granularity of their data. This motivation is
>noticeably absent (or at least misdirected) from Ufology. A
>scientific approach with the potential to increase the
>granularity of data in this field is readily accessible...

>implementation is all that is missing here. Believe me, I am not
>suggesting the implementation of one at the exclusion of the
>other, because it is that exact scenario that exists in the
>"now" which I see as detrimental.

<snip>

>...IMO the implementation
>of a Field Research approach has the potential to obtain the
>data desired, while also serving to put a more scientific face
>on a field that has certain segments which operate under
>"different" (kindest possible terminology) less structured
>guidlines.

I have to agree with Stan Friedman here in his post on this thread. The US government has billions of dollars of sensors and satellite systems providing global coverage of the entire earth, including oceans and ice caps, out to space on a 24/7 basis. No limited UFO "field lab" can possibly match that kind of all-encompassing coverage. It has been tried before and simply does not result in spectacular scientific breakthrough data. At best it proves that an unconventional object or phenomenon had been tracked having unconventional performance and/or configuration.

We already have plenty of that kind of data from the Army's UFO tracking network at the Site B National Nuclear Stockpile nuclear weapons depot at Camp Hood, Killeen, Texas, in 1949, from the AF's Holloman AFB-White Sands missile tracking network put on UFO alert and then extended with the Project Twinkle special monitoring contract in 1950-1, from the Colorado Project's hushed up discovery of 16 unexplained UFO cases that correlated with the Smithsonian's meteor tracking camera photos in 1965-7 (which was suppressed from the Condon Report though discoverable by analysis of the data that was left in, as I did), from Harley Rutledge's UFO sighting network in the early 70's, from Ray Stanford's Project Starlight instrumentation station in the late 70's.

The AF has been at this for almost 60 years now. The AF realized early on that anecdotes were next to worthless. Hence on July 28, 1952, the AF adopted a semi-secret policy (some of it spilled out in the press but not the whole explanation and secret development) to henceforth deemphasize or reject non-technical anecdotal sighting reports and to emphasize instrument data instead.

This is why Blue Book baffled UFO researchers for so many years with its lackadaisical attitude to most UFO reports -- it was an explicit policy enacted on a specific date for a specific reason which the AF was not going to share or explain despite some of the reasoning having already leaked out or been partially revealed (e.g., by Gen Samford at his famous press conference on July 29, 1952). There were TOP SECRET development plans behind it all.

There was a broader shift in all of AF's "intelligence methodology" based on a SECRET compartmented MIT study, beyond just UFO intelligence, which stressed the need to stop wasting intelligence analysis resources on anecdotes in any area (not just on the UFO subject) and on "pattern analysis" of garbage data, but instead focus on instrument data. The AF realized that ground stations just were not enough, not enough coverage of the earth.

A typical UFO is about 30 feet (10 meters) in size according to Vallee's research. For it to be photographed with at least a Full Moon in angular size so enough detail can be resolved to have a chance to identify it or solidly categorize it as unexplained it will have to come within about 1/2 mile of the UFO "field lab." Some UFOs are larger but it does not extend of the volume of space covered by more than by a few miles and the average will remain the same.

Sometimes scientists contribute their own misunderstandings to the mess. A number of astronomers kept urging the AF to put diffraction gratings on cameras to try to get spectra of UFOs. These astronomers mistakenly failed to grasp the fact that gratings work on tiny point sources or small angular sized objects such as stars and distant galaxies but do not work on large extended objects because the whole extended image is diffracted thus smearing any spectra or spectral lines. The AF Photographic Reconnaissance Lab tested diffraction gratings in June-July 1952 and discovered the smearing effect rendering gratings useless. Yet because of pressure from ill-informed astronomers the AF went ahead with the "Videon spectra camera" fiasco in 1953-4,

which was really a PR gimmick to assure the public the AF was doing something "scientific" on UFOs (the real TOP SECRET work not being subject for discussion or disclosure).

If a UFO would just hold perfectly still at a great distance so its pinpoint of light can be diffracted into a spectrum why then everything would work great! But if it stayed perfectly still and was so far away it was just a star-like pinpoint how would we even know it was a UFO in the first place?

Also a spectrum doesn't tell you squat unless there are any emission or absorption lines to be detected. If I recall correctly a spectrum was obtained on a green fireball circa 1950 and Bruce Maccabee got a spectrum at Gulf Breeze in the 80's and in both cases they were continuous emissions, no lines. (Bruce correct me if I'm wrong.)

Hence a "UFO field lab" can only really cover about 1 cubic mile of volume. Whereas the earth has about 400 billion cubic miles of volume out to 2,000 miles altitude. At random your "UFO field lab" has only 1 chance in 400 billion of catching a UFO. UFO "hot spots" develop occasionally as for example New Mexico from 1947 to 1952 but since then there have been very few repetitions that can be documented or none where there is an indisputable record that the area was a true "hot spot" rather than merely an area where UFO activity was higher than random, just not high enough to justify continually running a "field lab."

The best bet outside of the US government sensor systems is Peter Davenport's Passive Radar system which could use radio-tv broadcasts radio waves and cell phone tower transmissions to cover virtually an entire volume of space out to possibly 2,000 miles if I understand the plan correctly. One station could thus cover a volume of space of about 25 billion cubic miles or about 6% of the near-earth region as I have defined it (up to 2,000 miles altitude). The fact that some or all UFOs can use stealth concealment applies to both the visual and radio parts of the EM spectrum and yet we still have UFOs that are radar tracked and seen and photographed optically.

As for the question that was raised about what trackings of UFOs entering the earth vicinity or leaving into space can possibly tell us consider that Stanford astronomer Peter Sturrock has found an interesting concentration of UFO incidents possibly emanating from (or going towards) 21 hours Right Ascension (Jacques Vallee and I have both critiqued this result on various grounds but let's assume for the moment the result is valid.). Perhaps the analysis of specific sighting reports can give us "radiants" of apparent origin that can confirm or deny this 21h RA effect. At this point it is hard to say where this might lead but it should be pursued in order to find out.

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Re: French 1950 Landing Case - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 12:01:44 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 08:17:24 -0400
Subject: Re: French 1950 Landing Case - Hall

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>,
>Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 19:36:10 +0200
>Subject: Re: French 1950 Landing Case

>>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Sep 2005 18:39:36 +0200
>>Subject: French 1950 Landing Case

>>In the last issue of the Journal of UFO History, Richard Hall
>>included a short note about a "French 1950 Landing Case,
>>Humanoid Beings Emerged"

>>Richard, can you give us the date of that "Point de Vue"
>>article, and the name of its author?

>Richard, now that the situation is clarified and your copyrights
>have been preserved, would you please answer my original
>question?

Luis,

I published all the information I had on the case, from a file
card prepared by the members of Civilian Saucer Investigation of
New York (Isabel Davis, Ted Bloecher, Lex Mebane) 50+ years ago.

If as some people seem to be suggesting the case turned out to
be a hoax, I request that someone submit a letter to the editor
that I can print to correct the record in the Journal of UFO
History.

However, it needs to be more than someone's personal opinion.

If there was a confession, I would like to know that or whatever
the evidence was.

- Dick

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Australian UFO Sightings May To July 2005

From: **Glennys Mackay** <glenmack60.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Sep 2005 23:28:27 +1000
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 08:43:38 -0400
Subject: Australian UFO Sightings May To July 2005

[Net delayed delivery --ebk]

Greetings,

I thought you may like some updates of sightings here in Australia, May - July 2005.

This collection has been put together of recent sightings from various Australian UFO Groups and with their permission I am forwarding on this report to you..

Thanks to Queensland UFO Research, Brisbane Australia.

Regards.
Rev. Glennys Mackay J.P.
National Director MUFON,

Australian UFO Sightings

May - July 2005

Heidelberg West - Preston, Victoria
Circa 1974, 10:30 pm - 12pm

The witness and two friends were riding their mini-bikes around various football ovals near Darebin Creek, Heidelberg West and Preston, opposite Northland Shopping Centre. The weather was fine and still with a bright near full moon and thin transparent cloud. When they stopped riding at about 10:30 p.m. they noticed what appeared to be a large star sized light to the east, above the Housing Commission flats on Liberty Parade. He thought to himself that it did appear to be an unusually bright star so near the horizon.

They went for another ride and when they returned, the light had moved to the left, using the roof of the flats as a reference point. The light appeared to be yellowish and larger. He mentioned this to his friends and they took mental note as well. After yet another ride, they returned to find that the light was getting noticeably bigger and brighter, as though coming toward them. They joked and said, "Its probably a UFO." He thought that it might have been a helicopter, but for the strange lack of noise.

By this time, the light was shining on the football ovals and they panicked. They raced their bikes into nearby long grass and hid behind adjacent trees. The light was rectangular in shape, and vertically positioned about 150 to 200 feet above the ground. While still hoping that the light was from a helicopter, but being acutely aware that there was still no noise, he watched it travel horizontally at about 35 km/h in a westerly direction, over Darebin Creek, and then it appeared to gently rise up and over the Northland Shopping Centre. They finally lost sight of it about midnight as it descended from sight behind the shopping centre. Once they felt sure that it had gone, they jumped onto their bikes and rode home in a state of shock. Source: Victorian UFO Research Society, Moorabin,

Victoria

Perfect Circle Over Ingle Farm, South Australia

December 31, 2000. 9.30pm.5 minutes duration.

"The objects didn't move for a short time. It was like they were having a meeting. Then no1 took off to the right followed by no 2 -then 3, 4 and 5 moved slowly in different directions. Then I couldn't see them. The lights were clear as day but when they vanished I think it was due to the cloud. This is why it was hard to tell the distance. When I saw these objects, I felt hypnotised. I have never seen anything like that in my life. It was kind of wonderful and peaceful. It was like staring at a picture. I wish I took a photo of this sighting."

Source: Australian International Flying Saucer Research Inc.
Adelaide, South Australia.

Unusual Crafts Over Wild Horse Plains, South Australia

December 18, 2004. 3.45am

(the following is an excerpt from a larger report) "We were on our way back from Hawker after spending two days looking for fossils. It was about 3.45am when Robert and I stopped off at Pt Wakefield to fuel up. We travelled down the road stopping at Wild Horse Plains to check out the stars saying it would be nice to see something strange to top off a good trip, when there was a streak of light behind us in the next paddock. At first we thought it was a car coming up from behind, then it appeared again this time in a sporadic motion as bright as the moon.

It seemed to move at rapid rate, now in the paddock right along side of us shifting direction, now coming straight at us in a bright flickering glowing light which came within 100mtrs before darting off in a north west direction at a rapid pace but still close to ground level. After seeing the strange light we thought we better get back out onto Pt Wakefield Rd to head home. Travelling down the road further we both saw with amazement what looked like a craft of some sort about 1000 metres away on the left hand side. We were both dumbfounded.

From that distance it seemed to be at least 3 stories high, white and shaped like a large hamburger. On the bottom appeared to be a bright red dome with a glow around it. A quarter of the way up from the bottom of the craft were flashing lights that went right around the craft and seemed to be recessed into it. The lights were the size of normal household windows and they flashed on and off in sequence. They ranged in colours from yellow, red, white, orange, green and blue. On top of the craft appeared to be bright metallic fluorescent-blue building blocks, staggered to different heights right across the top. It was like looking at a circus carousel or the main big top.

Directly across the other side of the road on the right hand side paddock at about 800mtrs was another craft, a lot smaller and completely different. At this stage it became a bit overwhelming and our hearts started beating quite fast. This second craft was the shape of a bright white candle flame which seemed to have soft and undefined edges, you could say even a glow. Directly below the craft was a dome or ball of bright orange-red light with an aura surrounding it. Between half and three quarters the way down the main body of the craft was a ring surrounding the entire craft like the ring around Saturn. It was quite wide with a bright yellow-white mixture again aura-like or some type of energy field. It was also at house level and both were moving in the same direction at the same time in a unified formation.

Still travelling down Pt Wakefield Rd and doing our sanity check, we kept an eager eye on both sides of the car while both craft followed at the same pace in a parallel motion, not getting any closer but not moving away either. Robert and I knew that there was a farmhouse and a patch of thick scrubland ahead. Knowing the rough distance between both craft we speculated the objects should disappear behind upcoming farms and dense tree lines at alternate times. With a sense of relief they did just that. It was now 5am.

The objects reappeared not long after, still at the same distance, still parallel and heading in the same direction. We both knew there was a road coming up on the left hand side heading to Mallala. As we approached it, to our amazement with the heckles standing up on our back, the biggest and brightest of the craft crossed over the road and with it a glow that equalled the brightest neon sign with flashing lights. At that

moment we both got spooked, planted the foot yet still couldn't shake the craft.

We knew this was something extraordinary that we were seeing but the disturbing thing was that the objects seemed to be following our every movement. We knew we were about to turn off to head into Two Wells and on a collision course with the bigger craft because we would have to cross its path when heading down the Gawler to Two Wells Rd. Once we were heading to our destination both crafts disappeared so we pulled over for a breath of fresh air and go over what had happened the last 30 klms." Source: Australian International Flying Saucer Research Inc. Adelaide, South Australia.

Basket-shaped Object Over Cowandilla, Adelaide, South Australia

January 24, 2005. 9.10pm 4 minutes duration.

"The white light was flashing every 5 cm from our view of the sky. The craft was later spotted at 10pm moving north, this time the light was not flashing it just stayed on and didn't turn off. The craft rotated 360 degrees. Our two dogs were getting weird running round in small circles and barking."

Source: Australian International Flying Saucer Research Inc. Adelaide, South Australia.

Airshow Sighting, Avalon, Victoria

March 10, 2005. 12pm Midday

The observer reports that he was at the Avalon 'Airshow 2005' in March, when he captured on videotape, frames of what appear to be objects buzzing an F16 Falcon, which had flown at about midday or just after, and an FA18 Hornet that had flown about one hour later. The objects appear as white orbs in the frames of the video, particularly in those involving the FA18 Hornet. The strange thing about these pieces of footage is that he had not noticed anything unusual until about four weeks after the air show, even though he had watched the video numerous times at his home. On one Saturday afternoon he was showing it to friends, and that's when he noticed the objects.

Source: Victorian UFO Research Society, Moorabin, Victoria.

Silent Star-like Objects, Wyangala, NSW

March 12, 2005. 10pm

The reporting observer was fishing with one other on the Wyangala Dam, which is relatively near Cowra, when they noticed the activities of an unusual formation of bright white lights in the clear north-western sky, at an elevation of about 45 degrees above the horizon. What appeared to be four bright star-like objects silently travelling vertically past a stationary star, were giving the illusion of the stationary star falling between the formation of four brighter stars. The four could be seen for a good twenty seconds before disappearing from sight in the north-western sky.

Source: Victorian UFO Research Society, Moorabin, Victoria.

Yellow Lights In A Rectangle, McDowall, Brisbane

April 3, 2005. 6pm

A man was looking north when he saw a pale star from which six yellow lights emerged. They remained contained within a rectangular shape as he watched them for 15 seconds, then they shot away into the south-west.

Source: UFO Research Queensland Inc, Brisbane, Queensland.

Circular Object Over Water, Deception Bay, Queensland

Reported April 4, 2005. Occurred a few years ago.

A young woman was looking out her window at the water when she saw a bright orange light that lit up the water. Then she saw a circular object appear lifting up from the water which had an opening similar to a door. She was unsure whether it had appeared from under the water or was hovering just above the water. It then took off and faded off into the distance.

Source: UFO Research Queensland Inc, Brisbane, Queensland.

Looping Objects, Holland Park, Brisbane

Reported April 4, 2005. Occurred 29.3.05. 11.45am

A woman was sitting with her husband and baby at the Moonlight Noodle Bar and was looking at a plane in the sky. She then saw a star-like object that was dark grey like black balloons in a bunch. It seemed to change shape and when she looked more closely at it, it appeared to be more saucer-shaped. There were about 20 smaller objects scattered around a central object. They did loops around each other before receding into the distance.

Source: UFO Research Queensland Inc, Brisbane, Queensland.

Multicoloured Flashing Beacon, Dunkeld, Victoria

April 10, 2005. 10:30pm

On a fine, calm, dry, clear night, while the reporting observer was standing outside of her front door, watching the night sky as she does on a regular basis, her attention was caught by something that initially confused, and then excited her. She felt that she was watching something that she had never seen before.

It appeared to be a small, almost stationary but possibly revolving on the spot, multicoloured flashing beacon in the western sky, at an elevation of about 45 degrees above the horizon, and about the relative size of Venus. She indicated that she believes that this was not an aircraft, and estimated that it was at least five kilometres distant.

During the hour that she watched it, it flashed blue, red, and white, as it appeared to move very slowly over a large tree, toward a large shed to the left of the tree, a relative distance of about two inches at arm's length, and then it suddenly vanished. She indicates that both her husband and son also saw this object. Since this sighting, she has had at least five similar sightings, and on each occasion, the weather was very clear and the object always vanished at the same location before 12:00 p.m. midnight.

Source: Victorian UFO Research Society, Moorabin, Victoria.

4 Pairs Of Lights, Ingle Farm, South Australia

April 23, 2005. 10:40pm

When he first saw the bright orange objects in the fine clear night sky, at an elevation of about 25 to 30 degrees above the horizon' the reporting observer noticed that there were four pairs in total. They were flying silently from the north to the south, at a distance of approximately 500 metres, and were about 100 to 200 metres above the ground. Each appeared to be about the size of a car, and eye shaped.

He went and got his wife soon after he first saw the objects, and the two of them could not believe what we were watching. They also phoned their neighbours and got them out to see the strange objects. Later, he got his camera and took some photographs of the objects.

One object from the first pair flew off by itself, and the remaining seven went into a formation. He estimated that the formation moved to about one kilometre away. The whole event lasted for approximately ten minutes and the objects just got duller and duller until they could no longer be seen. They did not appear to fly away, just slowly dim out.

Source: Victorian UFO Research Society, Moorabin, Victoria.

Triangle With 3 Big Spheres, Marsden, Queensland

April 25, 2005. 10.10pm

A man was walking home from the shop when he reached the i/s of Bourke St and Chambers Flat Rd and saw a large triangle in the sky above him. It had three big spheres underneath it and three lights with big grids under each light. The object made no noise and blocked out the sky and moonlight as it passed overhead. The lights were a creamy-yellow with low luminosity. The witness estimated the object was about 1000? (300m) overhead and he could see lights from the ground glowing underneath the object as it moved away. He estimated that he observed it for 3 seconds.

Source: UFO Research Queensland Inc, Brisbane, Queensland.

Shiny Object, Maleny, Queensland

May 1, 2005. 4pm

A man was at the look-out at Maleny looking towards the Glasshouse Mountains when he saw an object come in from the ocean at high speed. It was shiny, but not dark, and moved at the speed of a Cessna airplane. It moved across the sky in front of the mountains and when it came to a particular spot it took off vertically into the sky and disappeared.

Source: UFO Research Queensland Inc, Brisbane, Queensland.

11 Weaving Circular Lights, Ferntree Gully, Victoria

May 13, 2005. 10pm

While at the corner of Edina Road and Wattletree Road, Ferntree Gully, the observer's attention was caught by the unusual

movements of eleven bright orange-yellow lights in the southern sky, at an elevation of about 25 degrees above the horizon. The night was fine and mild, and there was little or no cloud in the sky. He was excited and intrigued at seeing something that he could neither identify nor explain.

Each of the circular lights was about four times the size of one of the largest stars, and while he initially thought that they might have been aircraft, their silent movements were unlike those of any aircraft he had seen before. They seemed to be travelling with the speed of an airliner, one behind the other, weaving around almost like the movement of a snake.

When the line split into a set of five lights, and another of six, he unsuccessfully attempted to use his mobile camera phone to photograph the six, and in doing so lost track of the five.

As he watched, the remaining six continued to move from the south toward him, and changed into a rectangular or diamond shaped formation immediately above him.

From this point, they moved in a roughly north-easterly direction until reaching the mountain ranges, at which point they commenced gaining altitude, and continued to recede until between five to ten minutes had elapsed from first sighting, when they could no longer be seen.

Source: Victorian UFO Research Society, Moorabin, South Australia

9 Bright Yellow Lights, Ferntree Gully, Victoria
May 13, 2005. 10:45pm

The reporting observer and her son, who was in the passenger seat, were heading home from a friend's place when they both noticed nine bright yellow lights in the clear northern sky.

At first they thought that the lights were on a mountain, but she then realised that their observation point was not close enough to the mountain for this to be the case.

She pulled her vehicle over near the Clyde Street, Burwood Highway intersection, and they stood in the cold atmosphere and watched the lights for about ten minutes. The lights were moving in the northern sky where they gradually, one by one, faded and disappeared. Initially, they were much brighter than the stars, and there was no noise to suggest that there were any helicopters or planes in the vicinity.

Source: Victorian UFO Research Society, Moorabin, Victoria

Orangey-Yellow Light Over Sale, Victoria
May 14, 2005. 9:45pm

The reporting observer indicates that during the night he saw something that was unlike anything he had seen before. He lives in Sale, Victoria where, at about 21:45 hours on

Saturday the 14th of May, he had just taken his dog outside before going to bed, and noticed a strange orangey yellow light off to the north. The light looked like a star, but was the wrong colour, and much too big. A white shooting star shot across the sky going from the east to the west, but he did not watch it for long, as the yellow light was so unusual. It was moving rapidly toward Sale, in a southerly direction.

Without knowing the actual size of the light/ object, he could not determine its altitude for sure, but his best guess was about 10,000 feet. He also estimated that its speed was in the order of hundreds of miles per hour, and noticed that no noise could be heard. As the light got closer to Sale, it slowed until it stopped to the south of his house (over the main part of Sale), and then started to rise slowly.

He called his girlfriend out and they watched it as it climbed and slowly moved back to the north, until it disappeared from sight. It did not follow the curvature of the earth as it travelled north. It just seemed to get higher and further away. As a holder of a current private pilot's licence who has flown light aircraft, helicopters, gliders, hang gliders and ultralights, and has been involved in one way or another with the RAAF since 1978, having worked on Mirage fighters, he is prepared to say that this was no aircraft that he has ever seen before.

Additionally, he also once lived next to the Williamtown RAAF

Base in NSW where the F18 Hornets are based, and two weeks ago Fills were based here in Sale. Encountering this unusual light was truly a bizarre experience for him.

Source: Victorian UFO Research Society, Moorabin, Victoria

Cigar-shaped Object, Mulgrave, Victoria.

May 19, 2005. 4:45pm

While at work in Mulgrave, on a fine clear afternoon, the observer clearly saw in the northern sky what he described as a cigar shaped object/streak moving quickly further northward. After about 15 minutes, he could no longer see the object. While he did not think that the object was a cloud, as there was little wind, and the object was moving quickly, he is keen to know if anyone else reported seeing this object.

Source: Victorian UFO Research Society, Moorabin, Victoria

Orange Light Over Prospect, Tasmania.

May 23, 2005. 6:20pm

While observing the slightly clouded north-eastern sky, the reporting observer and one other noticed a very bright orange light, which appeared to be larger than the stars, and moving rapidly across the sky from the northeast to the southwest, probably five times faster than an aircraft. They first thought that it might have been a satellite burning up, but it was below the cloud level, moving very fast, with no smoke trail, and producing no noise. Within one or two minutes, it had travelled straight toward the southwest until lost from sight.

Source: Victorian UFO Research Society, Moorabin, Victoria

2 Orange Lights, Ipswich, Queensland

June 3, 2005. 10pm

A woman and her two adult children were about to get into their car when they saw two brilliant orange lights, barely moving in the sky. They observed them for about 5 minutes, then the lights stopped and moved quickly away. When they reached their destination in Rosewood the witnesses saw a stationery red light with a tail. About the size of a walnut at arm's length, it hovered for 10 minutes before moving away quickly, disappearing in a few seconds.

Police Report And Orange Lights Over Wonthaggi June 19, 2005.

approx 9:20pm While relaxing at home after a family trip, as usual I was checking for phone messages and monitoring the emergency services on my radio (being a member myself). All of a sudden it came over the radio, that police on patrol had sighted three extremely bright orange lights in a straight-line formation, moving parallel with the coastline at Kilcunda, about half a kilometre out to sea, heading towards Wonthaggi.

At this stage, the conversation between the police patrol and the base station was becoming quite hurried and excited, with the exchange of words of description, location, and speed of the objects etc. ... I immediately went outside to the front porch with my wife and two children to observe the sky.

Three intensely bright orange lights were travelling towards us from Kilcunda, at an altitude of 1,500 to 2,000 feet, just below the level of the cloud base. The three lights could only be described as like car headlights on high beam, on a highway whilst driving at night at approximately one kilometre away, or closer. There were no actual beams of light, and no features could be discerned, except for the lights. Their estimated speed was approximately 200 kilometres per hour. The night was cold and a low cloud base apparent, with absolutely no wind, and no sound could be heard as they passed directly overhead.

Had it not been brought to my attention, I would not have realised that they were present. Approximately thirty seconds later, a fourth light, similar to the others appeared, following behind them. The total duration of the sighting from start to finish was approximately two minutes, and all of these objects disappeared into the clouds over the Cape Patterson area.

These lights were witnessed by several emergency service workers, and members of the public. I have been informed that both photographic and video footage has been taken of these events.

Source: Victorian UFO Research Society, Moorabin, Victoria.

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Re: Microsoft's UFO Competition - Cammack

From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 14:25:16 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 08:46:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Microsoft's UFO Competition - Cammack

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 06:52:56 +0100
>Subject: Microsoft's UFO Competition

>Microsoft's Space Race competition, which invited people to
>fake a UFO photo, is now over. Here's a link to the winning
>photos:

><http://www.msnspacepace.co.uk/>

<snip>

Tell me technical folk, would these winners be obviously
recognised as faked photos?

Diana

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John Mack Case Sentence Handed Down

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 14:28:00 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 17:22:12 -0400
Subject: John Mack Case Sentence Handed Down

I think this is going to cause a few problems in some quarters.

Raymond Czechowski, the man charged with the death of Dr. John Mack in September 2004 while driving a car and under the influence of alcohol was today sentenced at Wood Green Crown Court in north London to 15 months imprisonment. He has also been disqualified fom driving for 3 years and will have to take an extended driving test in order to get his licence back.

Americans need to understand that prison sentences in the UK are generally more lenient than in the States but nevertheless, this does seem to be a somewhat soft term. I think I am correct in saying that he would be elegible for parole after serving just a third of his time in prison, which makes the whole thing even more ridiculous.

However long a sentence this man does or doesn't serve is not going to bring Dr. Mack back but one has to ask what kind of example this sets to the rest of the community. While I'm completely ignorant of what mitigating circumstances were presented to the court on Mr. Czeckowski's behalf, I am sure that he presented a tragic figure etc. etc.

If the Crown is unhappy with the sentence handed down, they are able to appeal against it, to get it raised. I have no idea if they plan to do this, though I suspect not.

Stuart Miller

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Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 10:04:09 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 17:36:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

>From: Rob Kritkauskay <robkrit.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 16:05:32 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 18:49:25 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>...One need not spend billions to monitor an entire sytem
>if one is lucky enough to observe it locally. Moreover, the data
>will be more diverse and granular. ...

>Obviously, there is merit to your(and others) efforts to shake
>this information from this rather well established bureaucratic
>tree of information. ...Personally, I think that
>data stream has been polluted and I will always consider the
>past before I determine whether to drink from that source.

>What is missing is the quality data to support
>this assertion. ...I am not advocating a
>billion dollar global monitoring network that attempts to
>capture this data from the largest possible area. Such a system
>is obviously impractical.

I agree with you generally except that I do not know about
enhanced granularity. I like to think in terms of enhanced
fidelity. By granularity do you mean seeing more different
kinds of measurements?

It is somewhat alarming to note the resistance in actually doing
UFO field research. There must have been some calculations
(internalized or not) that it is just not worth the effort. This
kind of defeatism is disturbing and essentially sounds the death
knell of the whole UFO field as a serious scientific endeavour.
Depending on "secret" data, government doled-out at that, is
hopeless in my opinion.

>... we were having severe problems with battery drains in
>instruments left or used at the site. This was a curiosity that
>was causing some headaches. We had the idea to try and turn this
>headache into a functional data set. As a result, we have a
>person who is donating/designing three small portable electric
>power monitors. They are simple instruments consisting of power
>supplies with some electronics that measures the level of
>available power from the power supply every 15 seconds or so and
>sends that info via signal to a receiver near by. Now we should
>be able to potentially correlate any power drains to
>fluctuations in other data streams.

It is interesting that this battery draining effect seems to
occur in various paranormal activity (crop circles and ghosts).
Does this effect happen randomly or does it happen at certain
times of day or does it happen at the same location? Is it just
random chance?

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Re: How To Foil An Alien Abduction - Reed

From: Reed Hall <tanaleaf.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 08:38:00 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 17:41:52 -0400
Subject: Re: How To Foil An Alien Abduction - Reed

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 17:09:28 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 07:45:06 -0400
>Subject: Re: How To Foil An Alien Abduction - Balaskas

<snip>

>Hi Everyone!

>All the above techniques have been tried in the past with little
>or no success in thwarting "alien" abduction attempts. Having a
>shotgun may be a better way (eg. The 1955 Kelly-Hopkinsville UFO
>alien encounter), but many who have been on this List back in
>1997 may remember a technique that was said to always works (see
>URL below).

><http://www.ufomind.com/misc/1997/aug/d18-003.shtml>

>FLORIDA TODAY Space Online

>For August 17, 1997

>Spiritual warfare? Some look to Bible for answers to alien
>abductions

>By Rita Elkins
>FLORIDA TODAY

<snip>

>"It makes you wonder: If these beings are extra-terrestrial at
>all, why would they respond to that name?" Jordan asks. "We
>think we found the answer in the Bible, in Mark 16:17 where
>Jesus said, 'In my name, they shall cast out demons.' That seems
>to be exactly what we came across."

>Three major researchers told Jordan, off the record, that they
>had similar cases. But "they were afraid for their credibility,"
>he says. "They felt they already had put their credentials out
>far enough dealing with extra-terrestrials."

>Other "so-called researchers (are) sitting on this information,"
>Jordan says. "There's something wrong there. They're just as bad
>as the people they say have conspiracies in other ways."

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>Of course, to avoid being abducted, I suspect one needs to do
>more than simply believe in Jesus - after all, demons do too. By
>asserting to the "aliens" the truth that we are a brother or
>sister in Christ (rather than just reciting this as some "magic"
>anti-abduction formula), the aliens will know not to mess with
>us since we are under the protection of a superior power in the
>universe, God Himself.

>If the aliens, demons or whatever these highly intelligent
>beings are, all react and respond in this unexpected way during
>their failed abduction attempts whenever the name of Jesus is

>invoked and UFO/abduction researchers have kept this incredible
>fact to themselves, then they have not only done a great
>disservice to the public but are actually part of the continuing
>UFO cover-up too.

>So, do we continue to resist verbally, mentally and physically
>or is there indeed a better way to avoid being abducted that
>should be made known to all, even at the risk of ridicule by our
>more skeptical or non-believing colleagues. If what was written
>in this Florida Today article from 1997 is correct, then we may
>have finally discovered the identity of the more mischievous
>"alien" abductors - a truth that will set us free!

>Nick Balaskas

David Jacobs has pretty effectively debunked this notion that it's possible to thwart impending abductions and ward off the abductors by prayer, or by invoking the name of Jesus, or the like. Jacobs has discussed cases he's investigated in which an abductee will recall the beginning of an abduction event (for instance, the sudden appearance of small grey entities), in response to which the abductee begins to pray, to invoke Jesus, or to otherwise appeal to divine protection, at which point the entities do indeed seem to depart.

However, upon further investigation (e.g., deeper probing of the abductee's repressed memory under hypnosis), it becomes evident that the abductee initially recalled only the beginning (the arrival of the abductors) and the ending (their subsequent departure) of a complete and un-thwarted abduction event. Their prayer (or calling upon Jesus or what-have-you) had no effect whatsoever, and a full abduction event proceeded; the abductee, recalling only the beginning and ending of the event, was left with the impression that the aliens had been rebuked and repelled by the name of Jesus, when in fact nothing of the sort had occurred, and a complete abduction event had transpired between the (now-missing) time of the abductors' arrival and their (much-later) departure.

Reed Hall

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>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 19:11:32 EDT
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Rob Kritkauskay <robkrit.nul>
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>>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 18:16:18 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>I have to agree with Stan Friedman here in his post on this
>thread. The US government has billions of dollars of sensors and
>satellite systems providing global coverage of the entire earth,
>including oceans and ice caps, out to space on a 24/7 basis.
>No limited UFO "field lab" can possibly match that kind of all-
>encompassing coverage.

Why should it try to? We are not building a defense network! If
we were just getting one UFO every ten years in the atmosphere,
then I would agree that one lousy site is stupid, but I am under
the impression that the rate is much much higher.

>It has been tried before and simply does
>not result in spectacular scientific breakthrough data.

Limited UFO field labs have generated data of interest but have
been reported publicly yet. Project Hessdalen intensive
localized field research is focused on likely only one subset of
UFOs, probably the types most of us are not interested in.

>At best
>it proves that an unconventional object or phenomenon had been
>tracked having unconventional performance and/or configuration.

>We already have plenty of that kind of data from the Army's
>UFO tracking network at the Site B National Nuclear Stockpile
>nuclear weapons depot at Camp Hood, Killeen, Texas, in 1949,
>from the AF's Holloman AFB-White Sands missile tracking network
>put on UFO alert and then extended with the Project Twinkle
>special monitoring contract in 1950-1, from the Colorado Project's
>hushed up discovery of 16 unexplained UFO cases that correlated
>with the Smithsonian's meteor tracking camera photos in 1965-7
>(which was suppressed from the Condon Report though discoverable
>by analysis of the data that was left in, as I did), from Harley
>Rutledge's UFO sighting network in the early 70's, from Ray
>Stanford's Project Starlight instrumentation station in the late 70's.

Good data (albeit old)! No doubt about it! What killed it? Are
you telling me that showing that UFOs come from and go to space
on a consistent basis would not be meaningful to the UFO
community at least and definitely to the public?

>The AF has been at this for almost 60 years now. The AF realized
>early on that anecdotes were next to worthless. Hence on July 28,
>1952, the AF adopted a semi-secret policy (some of it spilled out in
>the press but not the whole explanation and secret development) to
>henceforth deemphasize or reject non-technical anecdotal sighting
>reports and to emphasize instrument data instead.

Good. Anecdotes are of limited value. They are just canaries in the mine.

>This is why Blue Book baffled UFO researchers for so many years
>with its lackadaisical attitude to most UFO reports -- it was an
>explicit policy enacted on a specific date for a specific reason
>which the AF was not going to share or explain despite some of
>the reasoning having already leaked out or been partially revealed
>(e.g., by Gen Samford at his famous press conference on July 29,
>1952). There were TOP SECRET development plans behind it all.

Okay, so their data would not be available. Typical.

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>based on a SECRET compartmented MIT study, beyond just UFO
>intelligence, which stressed the need to stop wasting intelligence
>analysis resources on anecdotes in any area (not just on the UFO
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>focus on instrument data. The AF realized that ground stations
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Fine for listening in on enemy communications, ship movements,
etc. No problem! UFOs really don't even enter into it.

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>Vallee's research. For it to be photographed with at least a Full
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>have to come within about 1/2 mile of the UFO "field lab." Some
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Not really. You must ask yourself if you even HAVE to resolve it
to the level you want. Actually, you don't (unless that is the
goal of the field lab). A bare bones system would have two or
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resolving power but which can at least pick up nocturnal lights,
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low altitude to space-like altitude. If the UFO was behaving
like an aircraft or satellite, then the field lab can't tell.
But for UFOs that go to or come from space, then triangulation
should make that obvious. Of course, nicer cameras (more
sensitivity/resolution) would be better. It depends on how much
to spend and computing power.

>Sometimes scientists contribute their own misunderstandings to
>the mess. A number of astronomers kept urging the AF to put
>diffraction gratings on cameras to try to get spectra of UFOs.
>These astronomers mistakenly failed to grasp the fact that gratings
>work on tiny point sources or small angular sized objects such as
>stars and distant galaxies but do not work on large extended
>objects because the whole extended image is diffracted thus
>smearing any spectra or spectral lines.

Ha! That's true!

>The AF Photographic
>Reconnaissance Lab tested diffraction gratings in June-July 1952
>and discovered the smearing effect rendering gratings useless.
>Yet because of pressure from ill-informed astronomers the AF
>went ahead with the "Videon spectra camera" fiasco in 1953-4,
>which was really a PR gimmick to assure the public the AF was
>doing something "scientific" on UFOs (the real TOP SECRET
>work not being subject for discussion or disclosure).

Lame.

>If a UFO would just hold perfectly still at a great distance so its
>pinpoint of light can be diffracted into a spectrum why then
>everything would work great! But if it stayed perfectly still and
>was so far away it was just a star-like pinpoint how would we
>even know it was a UFO in the first place?

The key here is to be able to use the telescope to home in on
the "UFO". This costs a little more, but would essentially be
tied to the lower resolution automated camera. The automated
camera would have alot of targets usually (depending on the
threshold the user defines as a "UFO", and whether the airspace
above the camera is in a major flight corridor or whether the

space above has alot of satellite action). But for every frame, once a "UFO" meets/crosses the threshold (brightness), then that data can be sent to the telescopic tracker. With a fast enough slew rate and tight feedback between the sighting camera and telescopic control, it should be possible to aim the diffraction grating adequately or just resolve the object better. Of course, logic must be built in to stop the slewing from moving all over the place when multiple targets are seen.

>Also a spectrum doesn't tell you squat unless there are any
>emission or absorpction lines to be detected. If I recall
>correctly a spectrum was obtained on a green fireball circa 1950
>and Bruce Maccabee got a spectrum at Gulf Breeze in the 80's and
>in both cases they were continuous emissions, no lines. (Bruce
>correct me if I'm wrong.)

True. But even that is a good signature even though it tells little about the operation or origin or composition.....

>Hence a "UFO field lab" can only really cover about 1 cubic mile
>of volume. Whereas the earth has about 400 billion cubic miles
>of volume out to 2,000 miles altitude. At random your "UFO field
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>1947 to 1952 but since then there have been very few repetitions
>that can be documented or none where there is an indisputable
>record that the area was a true "hot spot" rather than merely an
>area where UFO activity was higher than random, just not high
>enough to justify continually running a "field lab."

And I thought I was a pessimist! So you are telling me that I can only look up into the sky 1 mile! How come I can see satellites at 200-500 miles? And I can see a jet aircraft (at altitude) tens of miles away? Sorry Brad, but your figures and rationale are faulty. But perhaps they can be useful to discourage any unvetted data from being generated in the field.

>The best bet outside of the US government sensor systems is
>Peter Davenport's Passive Radar system which could use radio-tv
>broadcasts radio waves and cell phone tower transmissions to
>cover virtually an entire volume of space out to possibly 2,000
>miles if I understand the plan correctly. One station could thus
>cover a volume of space of about 25 billion cubic miles or about
>6% of the near-earth region as I have defined it (up to 2,000
>miles altitude).

The volume of space covered is pure conjecture, although it may be able to reach the ionosphere.

This passive radar system sounds nice, but as I have pointed out before, has many problems and limitations. I think the chances of it being implemented are at least 100000 to 1 (simply based on national security limitations).

>The fact that some or all UFOs can use stealth
>concealment applies to both the visual and radio parts of the EM
>spectrum and yet we still have UFOs that are radar tracked and
>seen and photographed optically.

Yes, but if a UFO is only seen using radar, how can we say it really was there? At least if you see the damn thing, you can feel a little better about its reality. Radar UFOs may be flukes of the mechanism or inversions or bee swarms or atmospheric oddities. Tracking a radar UFO as it goes into space does tend to indicate it may not be these things, but optical confirmation is required for it to mean something.

>As for the question that was raised about what trackings of UFOs
>entering the earth vicinity or leaving into space can possibly
>tell us consider that Stanford astronomer Peter Sturrock has
>found an interesting concentration of UFO incidents possibly
>emanating from (or going towards) 21 hours Right Ascension
>(Jacques Vallee and I have both critiqued this result on various
>grounds but let's assume for the moment the result is valid.).
>Perhaps the analysis of specific sighting reports can give us
>"radiants" of apparent origin that can confirm or deny this 21h
>RA effect. At this point it is hard to say where this might lead
>but it should be pursued in order to find out.

Thanks for this! You do have the most arcane knowledge!

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 12:36:48 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 06 Oct 2005 12:20:39 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
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Or, in other words, balloons are commonly mistaken for UFOs.
What an original concept. Unfortunately, Rich is over 50 years
late with this idea. Balloons as the official explanation date
clear back to the Kenneth Arnold and Roswell era. In 1951, yet
another story came out that Naval balloons probably accounted
for all UFO sightings. How little things change.

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>platforms that were tested in the U.S. Southwest circa
>1963/1964.

And how does any of this explain the specifics of Socorro?

>There are papers which will supplement and/or help Nick
>Redfern's thesis about balloons attached to airplanes or
>helicopters and tested in the U.S. Southwest also.

In June/July 1947? Or 20 years later? Is this another one of
those time travel explanations, like the Air Force's crash
dummies from the future to explain Roswell bodies?

>Now Rudiak, Clark, and certainly Dick Hall will say to me,
>provide the papers - document your comments.

Yes indeed, those awful Rudiaks, Clarks, Halls, etc. will demand
you back up your usual handwaving with something of actual
substance.

>I ask that those who want a clue to how some Navy experiments
>and projects might have been misunderstood as UFO sightings
>and some even were UFO oriented seek out the papers for their
>particular interest if any.

>The listing, as you can see, is vast, and for me to pick and
>choose those that might interest someone would be presumptuous
>at best.

Rich Reynolds usual dodge. The truth is supposedly out there,
but everybody else is supposed to find it for him. God forbid he
should actually be specific about anything.

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>perusing the papers found. Others who wish to determine if a
>particular sighting was a real UFO or a Navy experiment
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Reynolds seems to be unclear on the concept of documentation.
When writing a paper, you don't reference an entire library and
tell the readers to search it. You reference specific books and
journal articles within it that supposedly support your
hypothesis.

Comprehende? No, probably not.

Oh dear, I've probably offended old Rich yet again with this
post and he'll write another nasty blog on his web site
attacking me. That seems to be about as specific with his
"research" that he ever gets.

>There are a plethora of Navy projects that need investigation:
>Banshee and Surveyor, among others.

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Ledger

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Your inability to come to grips with the physics of the Socorro case is your undoing, Rich. Give it up. It will never fly anymore than a 270 cubic foot envelope [that being the approximate size of an automobile at the time] being able to carry aloft a couple of smaller adults plus the cabin.

Work with this. 1,000 cubic feet to lift a bare 60 pounds off the ground. Add on the rest of the weight. You can do the rest.

You are going to end up with a gas lifting vehicle of about 70 feet in diameter. That's a far cry and ridiculous stretch of a car sized object reported by Zamora.

Your Hughes/Raven/Socorro vehicle is a myth with no basis in fact.

Don Ledger

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Re: John Mack Case Sentence Handed Down - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 17:34:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 07:47:03 -0400
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>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
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>Americans need to understand that prison sentences in the UK are
>generally more lenient than in the States but nevertheless, this
>does seem to be a somewhat soft term. I think I am correct in
>saying that he would be eligible for parole after serving just a
>third of his time in prison, which makes the whole thing even
>more ridiculous.

Sometimes sentences here (if any) can also be too lenient.

A friend of mine was killed by a drunk driver who was going the
wrong way on a freeway off-ramp. She was killed instantly. The
driver never served one day of jail time other than the night he
was arrested, and only received 2 years probation and loss of
his license. I bet you that this has not stopped him from
driving, or worse, driving drunk.

Terry

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From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 18:37:26 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 07:50:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Sparks

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 10:44:38 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
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>>Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 19:11:32 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>From: Rob Kritkausky <robkrit.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 18:16:18 -0700 (PDT)
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>>I have to agree with Stan Friedman here in his post on this
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>>including oceans and ice caps, out to space on a 24/7 basis.
>>No limited UFO "field lab" can possibly match that kind of all-
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That is not what the AF thought, that UFO's "really don't even
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study, which was repeatedly given briefings on UFO's, by Ruppelt
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You're ignoring the realities of past UFO detection and tracking networks that I listed, most of which were optical/photographic. At acknowledged UFO "hot spots" such as New Mexico in 1947-52 there were hundreds of genuine unexplained UFO sightings by visual observers and radars yet the networks only caught several of them. That's on the order of 1% of a high UFO occurrence rate. Today we have a low UFO occurrence rate, meaning no flaps no "hot spots." Where would you put a UFO "field lab"? Anywhere some Area 51 nutball told you was a "hot spot"? That's a prescription for bitter disappointment.

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You know they're satellites and aircraft already, you don't need Full Moon angular size to tell what they are. They "behave" and conform to conventional profiles. To prove something is a real UFO you have to have enough resolution to reliably distinguish an unconventional shape or three-dimensional data to prove an unconventional maneuvering or high-speed or high-altitude performance. Radar is automatically 3-D data. Optics and cameras are basically 2-D. Only if you can develop a system that will perform accurate real-time stereo triangulations of optical targets will you have something comparable to the simplicity of a radar. Until that time radar will be superior for a ground site. And a Passive Radar system that can reach 2,000 miles will be superior to any ground radar limited by horizon line-of-sight to say 100-200 miles, especially since it can "peek" down below the horizon (since broadcast radio waves fill virtually every space above ground now and it doesn't take much to receive and amplify an over-the-horizon signal bounce).

The Passive Radar can drive a telescopic camera to zero in on actual unconventional targets. But without the Passive Radar the telescopic cameras will not be able to distinguish fireflies from a few hundred feet away from meteors hundreds of miles away.

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Are they going to shut down all the 50,000 watt radio and tv transmitters and the cell phone transmitters because of

"national security"?? The radio waves are out there bouncing off various objects and all we have to do is have the receivers and the signal processing computing power to distinguish the Doppler shifting of high-speed or high-altitude maneuvering objects and filter out normal aircraft, etc. Anyone can receive these signals and do whatever. I don't see how "national security" can stop it anymore than it can stop what goes out over the Internet.

Frankly the idea that terrorists are going to spend years trying to make sense out of a mass of flight data from a Passive Radar system for some obscure purpose seems absurd to me. We're only looking for a few unconventional trajectories - they would be looking at literally millions of flight data points and for what? The data won't identify flight numbers. Terrorists would be better off listening in on our military radars and getting the transponder signals that identify every flight - that is a true "national security" issue and something a Passive Radar system inherently cannot do and hence has nothing to do with "national security." If the meteor trackers can do it then UFO investigators can do it.

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>able to appeal against it, to get it raised. I have no idea if
>they plan to do this, though I suspect not.

Rage!

Hulk Smash!

Greg!

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David:

I hope you don't read and interpret other things as wrongly as
you've read and interpreted my post here.

I offered the site for those who might want to check sightings
against the documentation found there.

Some might enjoy the papers by J.Allen Hynek about astronomy and
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Take it easy fellow. You'll blow a gasket getting so worked up
about my shenanigans.

Rich Reynolds

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Don:

Those familiar with the work of Carl Jung and Joseph Campbell know that myth is the real truth.

That aside, the Socorro craft has not been adequately identified, despite David Rudiak's insistence otherwise.

Pursuing my folly is not a felony or sin. Providing the Navy database was only to show Listers that there are sites where they might find an explanation for sightings overlooked because they were Navy caused or Navy hidden.

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Re: Field Research & Images - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 21:01:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 07:58:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Maccabee

>rom: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>T>o: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 13:34:51 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2005 17:07:34 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

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>> And did the spectrum match anything?

>This was an experment directed at answering the question: is
>"red Bubba" merely a red road flare hanging from a balloon (or
>motorised blimp or some other support mechanism).

>But, anyway, in Feb. 1992 the GBRT "got it all
>together" and were fortunate to have a diffraction grating in a
>camera when Bubba went by.

>So we had the Bubba and flare comparison on one piece of
>film. Analysis of the spectrum showed that they differed. Of
>course they were both predominantly red, but Bubba had more
>blue and green and the flare had more green than blue (if I
>recall correctly).

Am I missing something about spectral analysis but can't one
determine the composition of the emitting light this way? I
mean, Xenon would have one set of spectral lines and Argon
another set and would be additive if both were present. Emitted
and absorbed lines can be matched this way. So if the Bubba
spectra did not match the "flare", was the next step, if any,
taken at figuring out what combination of gases/incandescent
elements/plasmas could generate this Bubba spectra?

You can see my report on the "spectrum sighting" and the
spectrum itself at:

<http://brumac.8k.com/GulfBreeze/Bubba/GBBUBBA.html>.

Scroll down past 1990 and 1991 sightings (including
triangulation and infrared film photos) to the section labelled
"A UFO is a UFO and a Flare is a Flare"

Clearly one could take a "next step" and try to figure out what
would be the composition of a light source that would have the
spectrum. I presume some pyrotechnic composition could do it,
but I would have no way of finding out. The literature did
provide an "official Navy" spectrum of a red flare and,
remarkably, it agreed with the spectrum of the flare in Gulf
Breeze, but not the spectrum of Bubba.

Of course, if there is a "pyromaniac" out there who can create
pyrotechnic compositions other than the standard red flare
composition (red comes from strontium) perhaps that person can
provide a spectrum of some non-standard composition that matches
Bubba. If that is done and the spectra match then all this tells

us is what I had pointed out years ago: that if Bubba was a flare then it was a special pyrotechic device.

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Re: John Mack Case Sentence Handed Down - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 06:18:17 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 09:44:08 -0400
Subject: Re: John Mack Case Sentence Handed Down - Hatch

>From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 14:28:00 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: John Mack Case Sentence Handed Down

>Raymond Czechowski, the man charged with the death of Dr.
>John Mack in September 2004 while driving a car and under the
>influence of alcohol was today sentenced at Wood Green Crown
>Court in north London to 15 months imprisonment. He has also
>been disqualified fom driving for 3 years and will have to take
>an extended driving test in order to get his licence back.

<snip>

Hello all

I don't know much about British law, except that it is almost
universally respected. The US legal system is modeled after it,
much to our betterment in the states.

I don't have any details of the proceedings, but feel confident
they took everything into consideration.

Nobody would suppose that Czechowski intended Mack any harm for
one thing. Its possible he was distracted, trying to get from
one bar to another before they all closed maybe. 15 months in a
British Gaol is no walk in the park. It doesn't sound
excessively harsh nor lenient to me, all things considered.

Regardless, the thought of hurting or killing somebody scares
enough sense into me that I do most of my pub-crawling at home.
There are no saloons within easy walking distance from here. The
Oldsmobile shuts down when the bar opens, period.

If I write something idiotic or off the wall at times (Saturdays
usually), including this, its because my personal home pub on
Jeter Street has a computer. I beg your forgiveness while I
indulge, more or less safely.

Best wishes

- Larry

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It has been thoroughly vetted where the balloon theory is
concerned. That's my point.

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Don:

So you think the eyeglass prescription isn't important, and you
infer that Zamora's "eye disease" may be just "near-
sightedness."

I think that's cavalier thinking. But that's how ufology is
nowadays.

If my conjecture that the thing Zamora saw was a Hughes test
vehicle seems loopy, what do think Zamora saw?

I have some of the Hughes/Raven/military stuff online, as some
visitors to our RRRGroup web-site and RRRGroup blog know.

It's not definitive I admit, but that's why I'm still perusing
various databases to firm up the conjecture.

Let me have my folly. Who am I hurting by this?

I may be tilting at windmills but others have committed worse
ufological crimes.

(And that Navy database isn't just for balloons, but there was a
nice submission by Allen Hynek that predates the 1966 swamp gas
debacle which some might find interesting.)

I know that attacking, even as stupidly as I might be doing, a

shibboleth like the Socorro landing, brings opprobrium here, so I accept the disdain. But it's a lousy way to debate, even if the matter seems to be closed. (I emphasise the word seems.)

Rich Reynolds

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Egads Carbondale Again

From: **Matt Graeber** <Matthewgraeber.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 14:58:58 -0400
Subject: Egads Carbondale Again

[Non-Subscriber Post]

To all,

I thought you might be interested in this update on my continuing woes with BUFO - Burlington UFO and Paranormal Radio of Wisconsin - a.k.a. Mary Sutherland regarding her attempted resuscitation of the long-dead 1974 Carbondale incident.

Regards,

Matt Graeber

An Open Letter From Matt Graeber To Magonia Readers

(Just where do we presently stand in the silt pond at Carbondale?)

As Magonia readers may recall, the Magonia Supplement No.55 was a special issue devoted to a long article concerning my field investigation of an alleged UFO crash at Carbondale, Pa. back in 1974. I had written the story concerning the investigation and my memories and reflections on the incident because, after a 29 year lapse of interest in the matter (as it was merely a hoax), I was shocked to discover that the case had been "resurrected" and posted on the internet as a viable UFO incident and cover-up.

Indeed, a cover-up case that rivaled and surpassed the Roswell incident in both ufological and historical significance, according to BUFO's Mary Sutherland, Ronald Hannivig and Frank Scassellati.

In fact, when I happened to use my PC's search engine and typed in "carbondale,pa. ufo crash", in April of 2004, I was absolutely stunned to see all the websites and links on the subject; and how the story had become quite distorted and filled with conspiratorial inuendo and claims. Indeed, according to the many posts, the Carbondale UFO crash was a real event, and the hoax railroad lantern that sparked the entire 44 hour long fiasco back in '74 was now considered to be the hoax and the primary evidence of the alleged cover-up too.

Naturally, there were a number of copycat sites (about 40), that had mistakenly dated the incident, while others had errantly placed it in Carbondale, New Jersey instead of Pennsylvania. Then of course, there was the matter of wading through all the differing website accounts and finally setting my focus on one group that really seemed to have the story all mixed up.

As it turned out, that group was BUFO (Burlington UFO and Paranormal Radio, of Burlington Wisconsin), consisting of it's owner/operator Mary Sutherland (a self-promoting internet impresario), and her two UFO field investigators, Ron Hannivig of Simpson, Pa. and Frank Scassellati of Jesup, Pa. (Both of which are nearby communities of Carbondale).

I decided to contact this group because they had been posting

"pleas" for eyewitnesses to come forward with "any" information one might have on the incident. I foolishly thought they were actually interested in the "evaluatiou" of eyewitness accounts on the matter - but, quickly learned that what they really were interested in was the "corroberation" of their own beiliefs on the incident's reality, and statements to bolster their suspicions and arguments on the dreadful cover-up of the incident by police, military, various governmental authorities and two of the original three UFO investigators who had allegedly knuckled-under to police demands of them. (that would be Douglas Dains and I).

Over a period of about a year, my contacts with Mary Sutherland, led to the realization that BUFO was not at all a UFO investigative research organization in the traditional sense of the word but, rather an internet rumor mill, and purveyor of malicious charges and unbridled ufoology. Furthermore, the thrust of the entire BUFO inquiry into the alleged UFO crash cover-up at Carbondale had two very obvious goals in mind.

The first being to establish BUFO as the lone authority on the matter, and secondly, to create an aura of mystery and renewed interest surrounding the long-dead incident. Indeed, an interest that would establish it as another Roswell-like annual UFO convention industry... sponsored of course, by Mary Sutherland of BUFO. (As it is common knowledge that both the Roswell and Azrec, NM UFO festival/tourist and museum inductries have become rather lucrative enterprises).

So, while Pennsylvania's Ron Hannivig (a self-proclaimed imvestigative journalist at large, albeit of the unaccredited variety), and Frank Scassellati (an amateur UFO investigator and poetic paranormalist), had apparently long-desired to make the words Carbondale and Roswell synonymous. While Wisconsin's Mary Sutherland wants people to 'think' Roswell/Carbondale too - and obviously has a plan in mind to achieve that synonymous/\$ynonymou\$ (take your pick) objective.

But, before we go any further with this discourse, it might be advantageous of me to explain what ufoology is, because the word will appear quite often in this article.. ufoology is the mental state of ufological thinking and reverie that permits the UFO investigator or reasearcher to make "quantum leaps" of illogical assumption concerning the significance of the cases they are working on. (e.g., Ron Hannivig believes that the Carbondale UFO crash is the most significant happening of the 20th. and 21st. centuries).

So, according to the intellectual and objective researching skills of an individual (or the lack thereof), it is entirely possible that one man's or women's ufology may actually be another person's ufology, and vice versa. Thus, further fueling the time-worn heated controversy between the UFO phenonmenon's berlievers, proponents, its skeptics and the much hated debunkers.

However, in the case of BUFO, we find that "Bufoology" goes a step further and not only makes illogical assumptions..they actually "alter" the evidence and some of the witnesseses testimony to back up those Bufological assumptions and outlandish conspiratorial claims concerning the alleged cover-up of a downed flying saucer at Carbondale.

A recent example of this is Mary Sutherland's posting of a photograph of a lantern that an eyewitness at Carbondale had shown Mary during her recent visit to Pennsylvania's Lackwanna Cunnty (where Mary filmed a documentary on the incident). Mary Sutherland says, "P L E A S E, let's not be RIDiculous"- and goes on to explain that if this lantern were tossed into a pond its flame would be immediately extinguished.

Mrs.Sutherland argues futher, that a flame needs oxygen to burn so, this type of lantern (i.e, a kerosene lantern), couldn't possibly have been the source of the light that was observed beneath the pond's surface back in 1974 as was proposed by the police authorities and UFO investigators at the scene.

The problemm with Mary Sutherland's Bufological claim is that the lantern in the photo is a battery-powered lamp, as was the one which three teenage pranksters tossed into the pond 31 years earkier. A perfectly obvious fact since the lantern in Mary's

photograph is fittied with two small bulbs that protruded from its bottom and it also contained a six-volt battery.

Moreover, that sort of specific information concerning the lantern has been a matter of public record since 1974. The lantern's heavy duty six-volt battery was mentioned in numerous newspaper accounts, periodicals, UFO group journals/newsletters and UFO group reports that were sent to the Carbondale Police Department and the Carbondale Historical Society too.

I even supplied Mary with similar information in an essay/report I sent her back in 2004-and she promised to post that essay on her website (so as to offer her readership a "fair and balanced" accounting of the incident)...Mary never followed through on that promise in spite of my numerous requests of her on the matter.

Moreover, on the same website page that Mary Sutherland makes this claim about the lantern having a flame (thereby, implying that the official explanation of the case being a hoax is entirely in error). On the left side of Mary's post is a news article concerning an interview by a staff writer (Ms Lisa Schencker) of the Scranton Times Tribune - in which the lantern is identified as a battery-powered device from information gleaned from that newspaper's own archival accounts of the 1974 incident.

So, its really quite difficult to believe that Mary Sutherland and her pair of ace saucer-sleuths simply made a mistake about the lantern being a "ridiculos explanation" for the UFO crash and proof of its cover-up.

But you see, a person casually perusing the net and reading Mary's distorted and incorrect version of the "Lantern Cover-up", would probably leave the site with the impression that Mary had indeed exposed an official cover-up of a genuine UFO incident and had in fact, debunked the debunkers... when in fact, no debunkers were present at the scene, just three UFO-proponent field investigators, the Carbondale Police Department and quite a number of local civilian volunteers.

Then, there is the problem of Mary's identifying one of her own UFO field investigators as an eyewitness at the pond who saw the light moving about beneath the water's surface. But her investigator, Frank Scassellati has denied being there at the time, and told Mr. Rick Fisher, in a taped interview, that when he finally did arrive on the scene (a day later), the crowds were so large he couldn't get close enough to see very much at all.

The plot thickens, as Ms. Dawn Race who was alleged to have been a child at the time eyewitness to the military's covert removal of the ill-fated UFO from the pond has decided to ask Mary Sutherland to remove here name from all BUFO websites because of shall we say... certain "embellishments and distortions" regarding Ms. Race's actual testimony.

So too, Mr. Rick Fisher of Paranormal, Pa. has also requesterd that his name be removed from BUFO websites and links due to a series of similar distortions of fact concerning his very limited involvement with the group. To date neither Ms. Race's or Mr. Fisher's requests have been honored by Mary Sutherland.

Then, of course, there is the completely false claims, charges and accusations leveled against the integrity, professionalism and character of retired dective lieutenant Francis X. Dottle, of the Carbondale police department, who was the acting police chief during the 1974 incident. On BUFO sites he's said to have failed to warn the citizens of Carbondale about a high radiation level reading at the pond. He is also identified as the person who tossed the cover-up lantern into the pond for the volunteerr scuba diver (Mark Stamey), to retrieve.

Dottle is, according to BUFO, the man who supressed photographic evidence, imposed matrial law on the community and threatened UFO investigators at the scene. In fact, BUFO posts proclaim that Dottle was not then (in 1974) and is not now a friend of the people of Carbondale. Moreover, Dottle is credited with saying that he will take the secret (of the cover-up) with him to the grave but, then again, the volunteer scuba diver said that too according to BUFO.

Interestingly, much of BUFO's arguments on the Carbondale matter are merely reverberations of the totally baseless rants of the deceased Robert D. Barry of the long-defunct 20th Century UFO Bureau. Mr. Barry was at the scene in 1974 proclaiming that UFOs were actually piloted by fallen angels and benevolent angels too.

But, Barry would later change his tune, and say that a Soviet missile had "probably" splashed down into in the pond. (BUFO borrowed heavily from this yarn to create their own 'spin-off' version of the story after Barry's death).

Moreover, in another brash BUFO post, Carbondale is said to be a community of "dysfunctional" human beings but, Mary Sutherland more recently attempts to soften the insult by explaining the community's not coming forth with "thousands" of eyewitness accounts of the UFO crash because the '74 incident was "so shocking and traumatic" it had caused the citizens to suffer from a sort of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder which has obviously gone undiagnosed and untreated for 31 years.

But, thanks to Mary Sutherland's amatuer community-wide psychiatric diagnostics, we now better understand the situation with these many silent and somewhat dysfunctional Carbondaleans or, as Mary says, "Carbond-aliens". Just as we also now better understand how there 'must' be quite a Bigfoot presence in that part of Pennsylvania - since Mary noticed on highway signs that Pennsylvania has a Susquehanna River, a Susquehanna Township and a Susquehanna County too.

So, acceding to Mary's investigative logic, (a.k.a. rampant Bufoology), the word "Susquehanna" is somehow a rootword for Sasquatch-anna. Thus, 'proving' her point about Bigfoot probably being active along the northeastern Pennsylvania corridor. So, I guess that Sasquatch-anna is a female Bigfoot, and I wonder if there's a lot of other Bigfeet running about in Saskatchewan too? Perhaps Mary will bring that up in another of her highly educational BUFO posts at a later date?

I contacted the Susquehanna County library and asked the librarian Ms Elwitt, and her research assistant (Jean Pierce), about the origin of the word Susquehanna. Both informed me that the native american word "Hanna" means river or stream, and the the various translations further describe the Susquehanna River as Long reach river, crooked stream and several other names such as muddy stream, etc.

The Susquehanna is indeed a long reach river extending from New York state, winding its way through Pennsylvania and finally joining with the Chesapeake Bay at Harve de Grace, Maryland. A distance of 444 miles. The river is also very crooked and flows in both easterly and westerly directions at times during its snake-like journey south. But, there is no mention of "Sasquatch" in the archives of the library concerning a link between Bigfoot and the word Susquehanna.

Additionally, Mary feels that the many UFO crash eyewitness accounts she's already heard on the Carbondale incident contain contradictory information because the military people who removed the UFO from the pond used "decoy" trucks to confuse the eyewitnesses and cause their stories to be inconsistent. (Actually, there wasn't a military presence in Carbondale at the time of the incident).

But, I feel that since BUFO has posted such an array of highly-questionable speculative accounts on the alleged incident, (along with their pleas for witnesses to come forward). The so-called newly discovered eyewitness accounts of the incident are are just about as confused and inconsistent on the matter as the folks at BUFO appear to be.

To date, BUFO has attempted to link the 1974 incident to a UFO crash, a UFO soft-landing on the pond's surface, a Soviet missile crash, a portion of a Soviet missile crash, a submerged object that dodged police bullets which were fired at it, a radioactive something or another laying on the pond's floor, unspecified paranormal activity around and within the pond itself, a portal or gateway into another dimension that may have opened up and of course, the cover-up lantern.

Beyond this there is Mary's journalistic investigator Ron

Hannivig's proposal that the submerged UFO was under the water dredging the pond's silty bottom for hibernating toad specimens.

Thus far, no one at BUFO has mentioned the distinct possibility that "Carbi" the Carbondale silt pond monster may have been splash'n about on the night in question - but, who knows, the story may yet be revealed! (Magonia reader's are advised to ignore the rumors that Carbi is actually a thirty-one year old mutant toad caused by the radiation in the pond which the police, Douglas Dains (Dr. Hynek's representative at the scene), and I are alleged to hve covered-up.

If one listens to Mary's audio interview with a new eyewitness named 'Joe', of Carbondale; one finds that ol' Joe has a completely different account of the well-publicized 44 hour long 1974 incident- and actually extends the timeline of events to about a week. He also reports seeing armed military personnel at the pond and adds the erection of a tarp (curtain/wall) completely around the large pond to conceal the military's recovery efforts from the public's prying eyes.

He even goes so far as to say the three teenage boys tossed the lantern into the pond "after" the military had completed their secretive recovery operations. When in fact, the boys started all the events of the incident when they first tossed the railroad lantern into the pond on the night of November 9th, 1974. So, according to Joe the UFO actually crashed into the pond about four days earlier.(i.e., approximately on the 5th of November 1974 but, apparently nobody saw that).

Yet, the press, the police authorities, the three original UFO investigators and the hoaxers who first reported the alleged UFO crash all agree that the first report of something being in the pond, came from the teens themselves on the night of November 9th.

An additional fatal flaw with Joe's story is that he claims to have witnessed the brightly "glowing cover-up lantern" being extracted from the pond on the afternoon of the 11th of November. That's quite astounding, since everyone else at the pond reported the lantern was unlit and inoperable at the time it was recovered from the pond. (except for a very dim, short-lived orange tinge of one bulb's filament as water rushed from the lantern's cannister-like body).

Mary Sutherland and her pair of saucer-sleuths at Carbondale are well aware of all these facts yet, Mary posts Joe's story and proclaims him to be a credible witness. In her telephone interview however, Mary asks no pointed questions of Joe... she does just about as much talking as he does - instead of listening and evaluating his words. There is absolutely no hint of investigative inquiry, just complete acceptance of the yarn, and next to immediate posting of it on the internet at Mary's websites.

Well, I guess by this time one might be wondering why a 63 year old UFO proponent researcher and seasoned field investigator would bother to sit down and write this expose on pure Bufological nonsense. The reason is really quite simple, I believe that Mrs. Sutherland is indeed the 'Veracity-Challenged' self-promoter that others had attempted to warn the public about back in her home town of Burlington, Wisconsin not too long ago.

At that time, Mary Sutherland was boasting that quite a bit of UFO and paranormal activity was going on around her UFO and Paranormal gift shoppe in Burlington. A rival and seemingly less far out UFO group challenged that claim and hired a private detective to keep an eye on Mary's shoppe for about a week.

When the private eye's report came back to UFO Wisconsin, it turned out that the investigator hadn't observed anything unusual during his surveillance, and the Burlington police department hadn't a single UFO report or Paranormal incident claim on file for the entire period of Mary's numerous alleged incidents.

Mary, shocked to learn that she was being 'stalked' in turn, filed a complaint with the Burlington police department. When confronted with the contradictory detective and police reports data regarding her claims of UFO activity in her immediate neighborhood (by a reporter from the Milwaukee Sentinental

Journal), Mary explained that the 'seemingly' contradictory reports by saying that people would not call the police with UFO or paranaormal reports when they had her nearby UFO/Paranormal center to notify about such occurrences.

So, according to Bufological wisdom in this post 9-11 world, if one sees strange looking aircraft in the skies or, unusaul things going on in the community one shouldn't bother alerting the state or local police, the FBI, the CIA, NORAD, the strategic air command, the pentagon, the department of homeland security or, the nearest air national guard unit. No, just pick up the phone and call Mary Sutherland... it makes perfect sense to do so 'cause she operates an online UFO/Parnormal center and neighborhood gift shoppe too.

If one should care to further evaluate this story, I suggest perusing Mary Sutherland's many UFO websites and links listed at "carbondale,pa ufo crash" using one's search engine. One may also read Frank Scassellati's poems and paranormal musings by simply typing in his name or, that of Ronald Hannivig's too. Then, there is the postings of Rick Fisher at:

paranormalpa.com

as well as my (long story) essay at:

"carbondale,pa. ufo crash" just scroll down to "ms.55"

But, perhaps the most revealing read of all would be that of Ms Dawn Race's thoughts on her experience with BUFO's Mary Sutherland. Ms Race's remarkrs appear at Rick Fisher's paranormalpa.com site.

In closing, I'd like to respectfully remind everyone that being open-minded is not the same thing as being empty-headed. Please remeber too, that there's two sides (or, more) to every story- so I do encourage you to see what Mary, Ron and Frank have to say about the perfectly dreadful cover-up going on at Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

Keep on watch'n the skies.. and the pond! -- Matt Graeber
Sept 18th. 2005

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Astronomers & Navigators

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 16:33:09 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 15:14:40 -0400
Subject: Astronomers & Navigators

Hello List,

For about two centuries amateur and professional astronomers, plus navigators of all kinds, were reporting well observed and reasonably documented sightings of unidentified objects flying in the sky, at all altitudes, even reaching to outer space.

Most seen by astronomers were during observations of Sun or Moon - which is expected, since there's a light, contrasting background to show up any intervening objects. Navigators reports are mostly from mariners, who can need to take various sightings either through the night, dawn, mid-day or dusk. Early last century pilots and air-navigators joined in reporting such sightings.

Strikingly, all this changed some years ago (some say after 1947?). The new regime is to suppress - using powers of the State - any such reports from qualified observers (any brave astronomer or navigator speaking up risks losing their livelihood). And, more strikingly, the corporate media have, during same period, pursued a campaign of vilification and ridicule of professional sightings - acting hand in hand with governments to completely wipe-out what was, for generations, an accepted and acceptable routine of straight factual reporting of UFOs.

It's clear that, by cock-up or conspiracy, this is now main "government policy" - especially in USA, UK and other more (or less) repressive regimes.

The way forward seems to be a confidential internal collection of reports (internal = no publicity of names etc), which is suggested because that is what civil and maybe military pilots have been forced to do. [They have issues of safety driving them.]

Anyone got friends in astronomy?

Cheers
Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Driver In Dr John Mack Accident Sentenced

From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
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Subject: Driver In Dr John Mack Accident Sentenced

http://johnemackinstitute.org/center/center_news.asp?id=3D296

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7 October 2005

Sentencing of the automobile driver who struck and killed Harvard professor of psychiatry John E. Mack, M.D. on the night of September 27, 2004, took place earlier today in London at the Wood Green Crown Court.

Raymond Czechowski, 52, of Elstree, England, had earlier entered a plea of guilty "by careless driving whilst under the influence of alcohol".

Dr. Mack's family wrote to the Crown Court asking for leniency. "Although this was a tragic event for our family, we feel Mr. Czechowski's behavior was neither malicious nor intentional, and we have no ill will toward him since we learned of the circumstances of the collision," the letter said. "We have had several talks as a family over the past year, and especially during these past few weeks as we anticipate the time for sentencing, and we all believe John Mack would not want Mr. Czechowski to go to jail. As for ourselves, our grief will not be lessened by knowing that he is incarcerated -- in fact, we would wish that he not be."

In pronouncing sentence today, Judge Linda Stern told Czechowki that she had considered "the most generous letter written by the family of Professor Mack," but noted that a message must be sent that "you shouldn't drive with alcohol in your blood." Mr. Czechowski's blood/alcohol level recorded at the time of the accident was 97mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood. The legal limit in the UK is 80mg.

Mr. Czechowski was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment and was disqualified from driving for 3 years. The Judge also ordered that before Mr. Czechowski was allowed to return to driving he must take an extended driving test. Because of time already spent in custody, Mr Czechowski will serve 6 months of the 15 month sentence.

Information from the family of John E. Mack, M.D. and the Associated Press was used in preparation of this report.

Related links:

Wikipedia biographical entry for John E. Mack, M.D.:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Edward_Mack

27 Sept 2004 accident information:
http://johnemackinstitute.org/center/center_news.asp?id=3D227

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From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 15:20:34 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Rudiak

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 18:36:47 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 08:04:30 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrrgroup.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 12:36:48 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>Since it is scientifically impossible for a "balloon" of any
>>kind to account for the Socorro sighting (for many reasons
>>already pointed out by the Rudiaks, Hatches, Maccabees, etc. but
>>which others just don't get), I don't know why any rational
>>person would waste their time on another of Reynold's pointless
>>fishing expeditions.

>>Has anybody else noticed that Reynold's and his rrrrgroup are
>>always promising solutions manana for classic UFO cases, but
>>somehow manana never comes? If Reynold's has a winning hand,
>>then he should show it. All else is bluff.

>I hope you don't read and interpret other things as wrongly as
>you've read and interpreted my post here.

Since you never seem to have anything to say of substance, there
is nothing to wrongly interpret.

>I offered the site for those who might want to check sightings
>against the documentation found there.

You clearly tried to tie in Socorro with Naval balloon projects.

>Some might enjoy the papers by J.Allen Hynek about astronomy and
>balloons.

Again you change subjects. You were claiming there was material
in there that solved Socorro. Where is it?

You've pulled this nonsense more than once, directing people to
an archive, claiming solutions were there, and telling them to
go search it for themselves because you didn't want to
"prejudice" them by naming specific papers. What rubbish!

>Bluff? Where's the bluff?

Where are the specific papers?

>I made no point other than I found some papers that might be
>helpful in my scrutiny of the Socorro episode.

What are they? Time to show your hand.

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Such as? Again name the specific articles and tell everybody how a particular project would account for all the details of the Socorro sighting. If you can't do that, then you've got NOTHING. Hence your bluffing (a nicer word than bullshitting).

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 18:45:50 -0500
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>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>>Your Hughes/Raven/Socorro vehicle is a myth with no basis in
>>>fact.

>>Don:

>>Those familiar with the work of Carl Jung and Joseph Campbell
>>know that myth is the real truth.

Gee, how profound. That really adds to our understanding of the Socorro case.

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>>Since the Zamora sighting is still an open question -- for
>>some anyway, it seems prudent or interesting perhaps to check
>>it out thoroughly, unless one thinks that it has already been
>>thoroughly vetted.

>It has been thoroughly vetted where the balloon theory is
>concerned. That's my point.

>>That David Rudiak, an optometrist, hasn't checked into the eye
>>disease of Lonnie Zamora or his eye glass prescription, shows
>>that the episode needs more than it has received.

I have dealt with this, and detail the results again below.
Zamora losing his glasses for a short time does nothing to
change the anomalous characteristics of the craft and overall
sighting.

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>from finding out what "eye disease" [nice attempt there at
>diversion-sounds much worse than say "near sighted"] that Lonnie
>had.

Spot on Don. Reynolds and his merry band have been writing this rubbish about me and Lonnie Zamora's eyesight for months. As usual what it reveals is they have no idea what they are talking about.

First of all, as you say, police officers are required to have good eyesight, even without glasses. When I checked, the standard for police departments is 20/20 or better corrected and 20/100 or better uncorrected (i.e. without glasses). Police officers are expected to be able to function well even if they lose their glasses (for obvious reasons). I'm a low myope (slightly nearsighted). 20/100 is about my eyesight without correction and I can drive just fine. I have no problem seeing the big stuff like other cars, pedestrians, etc. What suffers is my ability to read the small lettering on street signs. Hence the requirement that drivers be 20/40 or better.

Myopia (near-sightedness), hyperopia (far-sightedness) and astigmatism are not "eye diseases". True vision threatening "eye diseases" at Zamora's age are quite rare. Had he had one, he wouldn't have passed his police physical. He wouldn't have been a traffic cop. End of story.

As you point out, none of the critical parts of Zamora's story were affected by him temporarily losing his glasses. First let's recount the basic sequence of events.

1. Saw craft and small beings from a distance: Had his glasses on
2. Approached with car. Got out and approached craft at a distance of only 50-100 feet. Saw large (2-1/2 to 3 feet) insignia on craft: Had his glasses on.
3. Craft blasts off. Zamora runs back up hill to his car glancing back over his shoulder: Had his glasses on
4. Zamora bumps into car and loses glasses.
5. Zamora runs across dirt road and dives down. No glasses
6. Zamora looks back and sees craft rise, go silent, and start to depart. No glasses
7. Zamora runs back to car to call in and retrieves glasses. Watches vehicle start departure while doing this.
8. Zamora goes in car and calls in. Watches rest of departure and craft fade out in the distance. Also sees craft in a steep climb as it cleared mountains in distance Had his glasses on.

The really critical times were:

1. Zamora seeing the beings from a distance and seeing they were shorter than the brush they were standing next to. This was used to determine they were under 5 feet tall. Zamora had his glasses on. Similarly Zamora could judge the size of the craft, and even from a distance could see it was about the size of a small car.
2. Seeing the size and shape of the craft and the insignia close up. Zamora had his glasses on. Even without his glasses, he would still be able to easily make both out even if he was reduced to 20/100. Further, the craft left physical impressions on the ground from its landing pads which could be used to independently corroborate Zamora's size estimate.
3. The craft going from roaring blastoff to dead silence once it got out of ravine. Obviously glasses and eyesight have nothing to do with detecting this. The dead silent, rapid departure was one of the important anomalous characteristics of the sighting. What small human craft can do this?
4. The craft starting its departure, seeming to clear nearby dynamite shack. This is the only details of import where Zamora didn't have his glasses on, but even if his eyesight was only 20/100, it still wouldn't have affected his ability to make this out.

5. Vehicle fading out and climbing in distance. Zamora had his glasses on.

Thus nothing of import was affected by Zamora temporarily losing his glasses. Zamora seeing the object fade in the distance (with his glasses on) gives a rough estimate of how far away it would have been when it disappeared. I did experiments to determine just how far the craft would have been when it faded out, simulating different atmospheric haze conditions and the effects of sun glare vs. no glare. The results I got, assuming Zamora was only 20/20 with his glasses, was a fadeout distance of about 2.5 to 6 miles. The low end represents poorer seeing conditions of high atmospheric haze and low contrast plus sun glare on his glass lenses. (These results I communicated to Brad Sparks and Ray Stanford in email.)

(If Zamora had 20/15 vision, as about half the adult population has, then 25% could be added to the fadeout distances, i.e. about 3.0 to 7.5 miles.)

Zamora estimated six miles comparing it to geographic landmarks. Thus Zamora was right in the ballpark with the experimental results.

Now the main point. The fadeout distance plus the total departure time provide an estimate of maximum departure speed. Even using very conservative assumptions about the total time of departure after the vehicle cleared the ravine and went silent (based on reconstruction of events from Zamora's testimony), it probably would not have exceeded 30 seconds to fadeout.

Thus even at the low end, the craft would still have covered 2.5 miles in half a minute or 5 miles in a minute, for an average departure speed of 300 miles/hour. If the craft had had constant acceleration, then the maximum speed would have been twice this or 600 miles/hour. Remember, these are the most conservative estimates of speed.

With less conservative numbers (e.g. 6 mile fadeout, maybe 20 second departure), the departure speed could easily have been double or triple this, or supersonic. These high speeds are just one reason among many that a "balloon" explanation of any kind literally will not fly. I also don't know of any conventional propulsion system other than jets or rockets that could accelerate a craft to such speeds, and neither of these is silent.

The only human, high-speed aircraft with VTOL capabilities that I know of is a Harrier jet. These are decidedly non-oval-shaped, have things like wings, and are noisy as hell. Need I also mention that they are made by the British and the first one didn't fly until 1966?

>Where's the aftermath of this Hughes Owen craft, BTW? If it >worked then why haven't we seen the finished version?

Even if there were such a craft, it could not explain important details of the Socorro sighting, such as silent, high-speed departure.

David Rudiak

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David:

I've made no attacks on you at our blog-site (or elsewhere). In fact I've written that you have provided creative and diligent information about Roswell, Socorro, and other UFO related matters.

I suggest you go to our blog and see who wrote what about you.

And my Socorro tie-in to the Navy database was incidental.

I pointed to the database to show that the Navy has engaged in research and projects that might impact the UFO enigma, and some here might find such connections by looking at the material first hand.

I'm not looking to make you happy, David, nor am I about to unspice our blog-site for you.

You do your thing, and I'll do mine. We've both received criticism; you from other ufologists and media and me from you and other ufologists. That's the way of things in the UFO community.

You seem to have assumed ownership of the Socorro landing and anyone who steps into your territory will get their head blown

off.

But tough cookies. I'll go on my merry way, your misrepresentations of my merry way notwithstanding.

Rich Reynolds

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>So you think the eyeglass prescription isn't important, and
>you infer that Zamora's "eye disease" may be just
>"near-sightedness."

Rich,

Are you inferring it may not? Why do you and others insist on making it appear that, because he was wearing glasses, he was blind without them? Usually glasses are minor correction options. I know this is a standard lawyer's ploy, questioning witness eyesight when it comes to the fact that they wear glasses and so forth. But ask yourself, as I did, why he would still be on the force if his eyesight was so bad? Full sighted individuals often screw up where witnessing events are concerned. It's experience that counts. He saw the object, the small occupants and then he lost his glasses... not his memory. But we always hear about how he lost his glasses afterward. What difference does that make? Read the man's testimony.

>I think that's cavalier thinking. But that's how ufology is
>nowadays.

What's cavalier? I don't think you've been at it long enough to make that charge.

We just learn to live with your cavalier theories with no real substance. But don't put yourself down.

>If my conjecture that the thing Zamora saw was a Hughes test
>vehicle seems loopy,

Loopy's a good word in some respects. Don't you think I've been involved in the aviation field long enough to see just how silly these johnny-come-lately theories are? There's no extrapolation of the Hughes/Ravetechnology from past to present. There would be no reason to keep it secret.

>what do you think Zamora saw?

I think Zamora saw what he said he saw. Right now it stands as a UFO for the lack of a better term.

>I have some of the Hughes/Raven/military stuff online, as some
>visitors to our RRRGroup web-site and RRRGroup blog know.
>It's not definitive I admit, but that's why I'm still perusing
>various databases to firm up the conjecture.

Good luck. But use steel bands to hold the theory together, not rubber.

<snip>

>I know that attacking, even as stupidly as I might be doing, a
>shibboleth like the Socorro landing, brings opprobrium here,
>so I accept the disdain.

You're making assumptions about my loyalty to the Socorro episode. I'm not married to the Socorro sighting. Solve it, I don't care. But it has to agree and explain all areas of the of the sighting.

>But it's a lousy way to debate, even if
>the matter seems to be closed. (I emphasise the word seems.)

Well so far I'm using fact, not theory. What's wrong with that? And it will never be closed until it's solved.

Don Ledger

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A Curious Story About Socorro

From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 17:30:41 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2005 11:19:27 -0400
Subject: A Curious Story About Socorro

Listerians,

Amid such daunting intellects (not to mention opinions), I've long hesitated to post anything. But I notice the Socorro sighting of Officer Lonny Zamora is being discussed yet again, so I thought I'd throw my two cents in.

Some time ago, I read a strange little book called Flying Saucers - Key to Creation? by a fellow who called himself "George A. Eastland". Despite the New Age flavor to the title, the writer actually sounded like an old aeronautical engineer who'd been around, seen a few things, and thought hard about them.

Amid his speculations, he tells a strange tale to illustrate the point that things are not always as they seem. He said he once met a biker, named Tea-Mex, in a bar who told him he'd built a UFO. Tea-Mex said that some years previously he'd been working as an aviation machinist in central New Mexico, and he and his buddies got involved in building an engine from Popular Mechanics and extensively modifying it.

One thing led to another; to make a long story short, when they were done, they had basically a flying jet-powered gyroscope, consisting of a vertically-mounted engine built with parts purloined from their worksite inside a small two-man craft. There's a lot of detail in the book - even illustrations on napkins. He even explained the "glyph" as a logo on the aluminum aircraft skin they were using that they attempted to paint over.

The craft supposedly looked like a lima bean on toothpicks, and was very hard to fly, but they took it up a few times. On the last attempt, they flew into a headwind and came down hard. As they got out but before they could remove their helmets, they noticed a cop racing towards them, so they took off again and managed to get away. They abandoned the project after that as too dangerous. And having pilfered the parts, they couldn't patent their creation, so they tore it down. The engine is supposedly still sitting in somebody's garage somewhere here in New Mexico.

Mr. Eastland does not mention Socorro or Zamora by name, but it could be none other than that celebrated case. If it is a hoax, I do find it peculiar that he wouldn't mention those little details - unless maybe Eastland and Tea-Mex were the same person...

The story sounds quite believable to me. But since this is at best a second-hand bar-room confession, it doesn't count as evidence, much less proof of anything. There's no way to check it but I thought it was an interesting enough yarn to pass on and ask if anyone's ever heard anything like this before.

Much more information can be found on my webpage:

<http://www.weirdload.com/nm-ufo.html#zamora>

Thanks, and keep watching the skies!

Jay Nelson

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood.nul>
Date: Sat, 8 Oct 2005 20:36:38 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2005 13:10:20 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Kimball

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 8 Oct 2005 10:24:54 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 18:36:47 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

I have no desire to get involved in this, other than to point out an inaccuracy in David Rudiak's reply:

<snip>

>As you told Paul Kimball, the way to get your blogs read is to keep them "spicy." I doubt somebody like you would willingly give up the "spice".

This is false. David Rudiak is no doubt referring to a blog post I made some time ago wherein I stated that the RRR guys like to "keep it spicy" at their blog. This was my opinion, however, as anyone who read the post would have been aware. It was not something that Rich Reynolds told me, and it was certainly not something that Rich Reynolds told me to do in order to get one's blog read.

David Rudiak has misrepresented what I wrote so that he can score a cheap debating point off of Rich Reynolds. I don't have a dog in this hunt, other than to set the record straight.

Paul Kimball

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Socorro [was: The Global UFO Cover-Up]

From: **Joe Faccenda** uforth.nul
Date: Sat, 8 Oct 2005 20:52:58 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2005 13:16:37 -0400
Subject: Socorro [was: The Global UFO Cover-Up]

While some of you glare and stomp around the Socorro case. I have just put up a photo I came across that shows an egg shaped craft with 'legs' you can see it at:

<http://www.uforth.com/egg.htm>

I wonder if this was the type of craft that Zamora saw?

Also for interest a fellow ufologist (Jim Morris from UFOCA) had another look at the famous 1870 cigar ufo photo taken at Mount Washington, and enlarged it and was surprised to see a 'Swastika' design on the main body of the craft.

You can see it at:

<http://www.uforth.com/historical.htm>

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Astronomers & Navigators - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 22:08:23 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2005 13:17:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Astronomers & Navigators - Balaskas

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 16:33:09 +0100
>Subject: Astronomers & Navigators

<snip>

>Most seen by astronomers were during observations of Sun or Moon
>- which is expected, since there's a light, contrasting
>background to show up any intervening objects. Navigators
>reports are mostly from mariners, who can need to take various
>sightings either through the night, dawn, mid-day or dusk. Early
>last century pilots and air-navigators joined in reporting such
>sightings.

>Strikingly, all this changed some years ago (some say after
>1947?). The new regime is to suppress - using powers of the
>State - any such reports from qualified observers (any brave
>astronomer or navigator speaking up risks losing their
>livelihood).

<snip>

Hi Ray!

Astronomer Dr. Peter Brown and his team of researchers at University of Western Ontario in London, Canada, don't seem to be aware of such a post-1947 policy to suppress reports of UFOs detected in space or entering our atmosphere from the public or have any concerns about losing their jobs from what they do.

They use radar and optical data collected from multiple observing sites to detect and record thousands of meteoritic events, and the occasional non-meteoritic event too, every day. Check out their web site below for examples and further details.

<http://aquarid.physics.uwo.ca/about.htm>

It is my experience from talking with space scientists over the years that they are very interested in reports of unusual UFOs, especially those observed visually or detected with scientific instruments in the Earth's upper atmosphere or in space. Many have even shared their personal UFO sightings at meetings with colleagues or public lectures.

The sporadic nature of the UFO phenomenon is particularly frustrating to scientists who wish to study UFOs but thanks to certain research projects like Brown's radar/optical tracking of meteors, they do manage to make a few non-meteor observations that could lead to fruitful studies by ufologists.

Nick Balaskas

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Why Are Aliens So Boring?

From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood.nul>
Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 00:28:37 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2005 13:28:40 -0400
Subject: Why Are Aliens So Boring?

All:

In today's National Post, one of Canada's two national newspapers, eminent columnist/journalist Robert Fulford (see his bio at:

<http://www.robertfulford.com/resume.html>

he is a member of the Order of Canada) tackled the subject of ET, specifically alleged alien abductions. I don't think you can access the full article on-line, unless you are a Post subscriber, so here it is:

The National Post, Saturday, 8 October 2005, p. A19:

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The folklore of the 20th-century produced nothing more absurd, yet nothing more persistent, than the belief that creatures from other worlds habitually visit Earth, kidnap a few humans and then return them, apparently unhurt, to their homes. The alleged human victims later describe their experiences in what scholars of alienography call 'abductee narratives'. These sound like tales told by idiots, but no one who cares about the popular imagination can be entirely indifferent to them.

Abductees report that some aliens say they are bringing world peace and others announce that their mission is war. But a strikingly high percentage appear to be carrying out a peculiar assignment, raiding the reproductive systems of their victims to collect DNA. 'My eggs were taken,' one typical abductee reported, and another said, 'sperm was sucked from my penis by a machine.'

Why? Extraterrestrials must be far smarter than we are (they travel distances our scientists can barely imagine) so anyone even mildly curious will wonder what they want with a substandard planet's genetic material. That in turn suggest another question to Susan A. Clancy, a Harvard psychologist and the author of *Abducted: How People Come to Believe They Were Kidnapped by Aliens* (Harvard University Press), the latest book on this phenomenon. Having interviewed dozens of abductees, and found them likeable and honest, Clancy writes about them with compassionate but sceptical understanding. She's not like the late John Mack, a psychiatrist at the Harvard medical school, who scandalized his colleagues by deciding that abductions actually took place. Clancy believes her subjects only in the sense that she believes they think they are telling the truth.

And she doesn't abandon her sense of humour. She asks why mentally superior aliens haven't anything better to do than hang around North America stealing our genes. 'Why are these genius aliens so dim?' she asks. 'After fifty years of abducting us, why are they still taking the same bits and pieces? Don't they have freezers?'

And why are aliens so boring? They often speak to abductees but

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they never say anything interesting. As Clancy has noted, not one of them sounds as engaging as an average human child. They recall those dead people who speak from the spirit world through table-tappers and similar mystics. The record shows that these communicants have never uttered even one interesting sentence. Most conversations consist of 'I saw your Uncle Leonard.' 'How is he?' 'Fine, sends his best.'

The reason is the same in both cases. The conversations are fictional and both abductees and spiritualists suffer from stunted imaginations. They are capable of one delirious flight of fancy, nothing more.

Clancy discovered that abductees share certain characteristics. They are not crazy, but they score high on a schizotypy test, which doesn't mean they are schizophrenic but suggest they have a weakness for fantasy and for thinking related to magic. Most of them believed in flying saucers before they were abducted.

In her view the aliens are entirely human creations, expressing fairly ordinary emotional needs. Most of us don't want to be alone and many of us yearn to believe there's something bigger than out there - and that it cares about us. Also, we want to feel special. 'Being abducted by aliens is a culturally shaped manifestation of a universal human need.' Abductees express these feelings by believing in a convenient story that can never be proved and therefore never disproved. They may also be terrified (and thus made to feel vulnerable) by recent discoveries in genetics and reproductive technology.

Clancy devotes careful attention to the mother and father of the abductee community, a New Hampshire social worker named Betty Hill and her postal worker husband, Barney. Believing they were abducted in 1961, they began hypnotherapy a few years later. That's how Barney deeply affected American mass culture by giving credibility to the little guys with big heads and wraparound eyes who have since appeared in everything from Close Encounters of the Third Kind to The X-Files.

Asked under hypnosis to draw an alien, Barney came up with a sketch that launched a thousand myths. In fact, he was reproducing a face he had seen 12 days earlier on a TV show, The Outer Limits. But by the time anyone figured that out the aliens Clancy calls 'macrocephalic space-waifs' had become permanently lodged in mass culture. As Clancy says, 'Betty and Barney Hill got their ideas from books, movies and TV. From then on, people got their ideas from books, movies, TV, and Betty and Barney Hill.'

This is posted at my blog, at:

<http://tinyurl.com/dms8n>

For the aggrieved (and I'm sure there will be many), you can e-mail Mr. Fulford at robertfulford.nul (his e-mail address is posted at the end of all his columns, so I'm not betraying any confidential information here).

My response to Mr. Fulford, sent by e-mail this afternoon, was as follows:

"Dear Mr. Fulford,

As a regular reader of The National Post, and an admirer of your work both there and elsewhere, I was intrigued to see you address, in today's paper, the UFO phenomenon.

As usual, your column was well-written, and eminently readable. However, I feel obliged to point out that your overall conclusion - unstated, but clear - that the UFO phenomenon is (a) solely tied to the "aliens-are-here" theory, and that (b) it is a bit wacky as a result, ignores the substantial evidence that UFOs represent an objective, and as yet unexplained, reality, worthy of serious scientific, historical and journalistic attention and study. Indeed, until the late 1960's, they were a topic of not infrequent question and answer exchanges in the Canadian House of Commons (where future

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Manitoba premier and Governor General Edward Schreyer was one of the many MPs who had questions to ask), and were investigated by the Royal Canadian Air Force and the RCMP, before being turned over to the National Research Council.

Unfortunately, the serious study of the UFO phenomenon has been in decline since the late 1960's, for two reasons, neither of which has to do with the merit of the subject. The first relates to the Condon Report. For more information, please see my blog post, "The Condon Effect in Canada," at:

<http://tinyurl.com/7cvok>

The second factor has been the rise of what I have termed "Roswellism," i.e. conspiracy theory run amok. I have addressed this problem, which, unlike the Condon Effect, is an internal problem amongst UFO researchers, with columns at:

<http://tinyurl.com/be2t6>

<http://tinyurl.com/dfzhv>

I would encourage you to take a quick look at these three columns, which will show, I think, that there is a serious side to the UFO phenomenon, and that it is worth further study.

At the moment, I am writing and directing a documentary for Space: The Imagination Station, about the phenomenon. Best Evidence: The Top 10 UFO Cases, will hit the airwaves sometime in the Spring of 2006. I will send you a DVD copy at that time. The goals of the documentary are to demonstrate that:

1. There is a need to take the UFO phenomenon seriously;
2. There is a need to focus on the evidence, and the best cases;
3. There is a need to entertain ALL theories that can be validated scientifically. These include the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis, but also include time travel (TDH, or Temporal Displacement Hypothesis) and the Extra-dimensional Hypothesis (or EDH).

Please note that these are not "pie-in-the-sky" theories, but rather represent the cutting edge of modern scientific research. See:

<http://tinyurl.com/7epuz>

The technology to make any of these three theories a reality is well beyond our capabilities. But, as Dr. Kaku notes, it is not impossible.

The goal is to create a film that will approach the subject from this point of view, in an entertaining manner, that will provide viewers with a quick synopsis of the best evidence that the UFO phenomenon is an objective reality, and should be taken seriously (thereby achieving #1 and #2, above).

At the end of the film, however, the experts will be asked to make sense of it all, and provide some possible explanations. It is here that the ETH, EDH and TDH will be briefly explained, and the viewers encouraged to open their minds to the serious, scientific possibilities of other realities - as well as to recognize that none of them have been proved, and that the possibility still exists that UFOs can be explained relatively mundane, terrestrial answers, whether as a result of further investigation, or perhaps natural phenomena or government experiments of which we are not yet aware.

The selection of cases was limited by the following criteria:

- i. Must have multiple witnesses (i.e. corroboration) =E2=80=93 this could take the form of a single person who has a sighting that is corroborated by radar, for example, or by communication from an aircraft to ground control;
- ii. Anonymous witness testimony is not acceptable;
- iii. The objects must have been observed at some point in the air (they are =E2=80=9Cunidentified FLYING objects=E2=80=9D after all).

It may surprise you to learn that there are many cases that meet these criteria.

I hope you will give the "other side of the truth," i.e. the Best Evidence documentary, the same consideration that you have just given Susan Clancy's recent book.

There are, after all, always two sides to every story, and an objective analysis demands that both sides be considered, and weighed, before a conclusion can be reached.

As I said at the start, always a pleasure to read your columns.

Best regards,

Paul A. Kimball, LL.B
President
Redstar Films Limited"

This response can be found at my blog, at:

<http://redstarfilms.blogspot.com/2005/10/dear-mr-fulford.html>

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

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International UFO Symposium Underway In Italy

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09.10.2005

International UFO Symposium Underway In Italy

ROME, October 9 (Itar-Tass) -- The First International UFO Symposium organized by the Italian National UFO Center is underway in the country=92s southern town of Cosenza, Calabria province.

Famous American film director and producer Steven Spielberg, the author of the featured =93E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial=94 (1982) movie said in a TV interview to the symposium participants that he was not so sure of the existence of extraterrestrial civilizations as he was twenty years ago.

Speaking about the main idea of his new film =93War of the Worlds=94 (2005) (Spielberg=92s movie version of H.G. Wells=92 novel), he said that his film was of current interest, especially taking account the nowadays=92 natural calamities =96 earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes and floods, as well as acts of terrorism, which exercise the strongest psychological effect on population.

Guests and participants in the two-day symposium familiarized themselves with an exhibition of books and magazines on UFO and UFO-related themes from different countries.

More than 40 specialists in astronomy, exobiology, writer-fantasts, representatives of official organizations from Russia, Britain, Belgium and France made their reports at the symposium.

President of the Italian National UFO Center Roberto Pinotti said that the security department of the Italian Air Force has been assigned to study all abnormal effects in the atmosphere and in near-Earth space since 1979.

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Re: Socorro [was: The Global UFO Cover-Up] -

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 10:25:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2005 15:29:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro [was: The Global UFO Cover-Up] -

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 16:51:46 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 8 Oct 2005 09:37:49 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 10:39:40 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>>That David Rudiak, an optometrist, hasn't checked into the
>>>>eye disease of Lonnie Zamora or his eye glass prescription,
>>>>shows that the episode needs more than it has received.

<snip>

>Rich,

>Are you inferring it may not? Why do you and others insist on
>making it appear that, because he was wearing glasses, he was
>blind without them? Usually glasses are minor correction options.
> know this is a standard lawyer's ploy, questioning witness
>eyesight when it comes to the fact that they wear glasses and so
>forth. But ask yourself, as I did, why he would still be on the
>force if his eyesight was so bad? Full sighted individuals often
>screw up where witnessing events are concerned. It's experience
>that counts. He saw the object, the small occupants and then
>he lost his glasses... not his memory. But we always hear about
>how he lost his glasses afterward. What difference does that
>make? Read the man's testimony.

>>I think that's cavalier thinking. But that's how ufology is
>>nowadays.
>>What's cavalier? I don't think you've been at it long enough to
>make that charge.

<snip>

>>what do you think Zamora saw?

>I think Zamora saw what he said he saw. Right now it stands as a
>UFO for the lack of a better term.

<snip>

>...so far I'm using fact, not theory. What's wrong with that?
>And it will never be closed until it's solved.

Don:

The eyglass thing may seem minor, but when investigating UFOs or
anything else, even the smallest item should be looked at or
into.

That Rudiak, an optometrist, and you dismiss Zamora's eye condition, conjecturing that his eye-sight had to be okay since he was an acting police officer, presumes more than it should

That is not good investigation.

As for being around not long enough to use the word cavalier, I suggest you check our blog where you'll see my NICAP application from the 50s and other materials from the 60s, plus images of stuff I saved from the late 40s which indicates I'm no kid frothing at the mouth without some UFO experience.

I sat in on the Hynek swamp gas press conference for The Detroit News so I bet I'm longer in the UFO tooth than you and Rudiak combined.

Does that make me a bona fide ufologist? Perhaps not, but it does allow me to observe that some "investigations: of UFOs have been cavalier -- Socorro being one of them in my estimation.

Rich Reynolds

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2005 12:55:39 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 10:31:27 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Ledger

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 8 Oct 2005 11:50:09 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 10:39:40 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 18:45:50 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>><snip>

>>>>Your Hughes/Raven/Socorro vehicle is a myth with no
>>>>basis in fact.

And might I add that after 41 years of development there is still no evidence of this type of small craft in the US-or anyone else's-inventory. Why spend so much on the development of helicopters of all shapes and sizes if you have this type of vehicle with VTOL capability, married to , silent, high speed "dash" capability. The best that they have come up with are UAVs a copy of model airplanes, loaded with computer software that are in the opening stages of infesting your airspace in the US. It amazes me when "researchers" play the "secret government technology" card whenever the rest of their argument falls apart. In this case the technology would have had to have been developed before 1964, and it just plain wasn't. The upshot is, it's a bogus argument which needs proving by those presenting the argument. So far Rich, you haven't done that.

Dave Rudiak has again vetted the glasses nonsense supporting what I said about their importance to the actual sighting and the aftermath, so there's no point in my attempting to improve on the succinct and obvious.

So Lonnie's eyesight was corrected for the important phases of the sighting-other than when his face was in the dirt- and the balloon theory is a fairy tale. There was no earthbound, propulsive technology of the time to account for the craft*. The case still stands unsolved.

>>>>Those familiar with the work of Carl Jung and Joseph
>>>>Campbell know that myth is the real truth.

Where's the science there, Rich? There's a field that gets far more credit than it deserves.

Don Ledger

* Let's not forget the stability issues involved with a rotorless craft propelled by jets or rocketry with the C of G above the propulsive force and not hanging below it as in helicopters. They are inherently unstable and the human pilot cannot keep up with their tendency to fall around the C of G.

Even high speed, highly maneuverable winged fighters have to have computers looking after stability to keep them airborne. The common f-18A has 5 OBCs to keep it from falling out of the sky. The F117A has 7. This is the newer, lightweight computer systems of the late 70s and early 80s, 90s and 100's not the basement filling computers of the early 60s which would have had to be crammed into this little, wingless, even more unstable, auto sized machine along with the occupants, the engine, instruments the fuel and seats etc.

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Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 12:07:24 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 10:33:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 18:37:26 EDT
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 10:44:38 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>...Regarding Military data collection
>>Fine for listening in on enemy communications, ship movements,
>>etc. No problem! UFOs really don't even enter into it.

>That is not what the AF thought, that UFO's "really don't even
>enter into it." The AF considered it fully applicable to the UFO
>problem and developed its anti-anecdotes policy based on the MIT
>study, which was repeatedly given briefings on UFOs, by Ruppelt
>and Col. Adams.

Of course such data could be used to track "UFOs", but the
primary reason is to track military targets of human origin.

>You're ignoring the realities of past UFO detection and tracking
>networks that I listed, most of which were optical/photographic.

I am not ignoring them exactly. I acknowledge them and would
certainly examine their results and methods to understand their
limits and lessons learned.

>At acknowledged UFO "hot spots" such as New Mexico in 1947-52
>there were hundreds of genuine unexplained UFO sightings by
>visual observers and radars yet the networks only caught several
>of them. That's on the order of 1% of a high UFO occurrence
>rate. Today we have a low UFO occurrence rate, meaning no flaps
>no "hot spots." Where would you put a UFO "field lab"? Anywhere
>some Area 51 nutball told you was a "hot spot"? That's a
>prescription for bitter disappointment.

No, Area 51 would not be high on my list. However, I am sure
some mini-flap areas could be found by examining witness
reports. Automated stations don't need the same patience as
manned sites. And "bitter disappointment" is not that bad too.
Even empty data sets are data. If I can generate a baseline
rate of UFO frequency over one site, that is data, although not
too exciting. A number of folk have reported frequent sightings
over areas but have had few UFO field researchers investigate.
Maybe its easier to read Filer's Files.

>>And I thought I was a pessimist! So you are telling me that I
>>can only look up into the sky 1 mile! How come I can see
>>satellites at 200-500 miles? And I can see a jet aircraft (at
>>altitude) tens of miles away?

>You know they're satellites and aircraft already, you don't
>need Full Moon angular size to tell what they are. They "behave"
>and conform to conventional profiles.

I only mentiuned them to show that we can see pretty far with

our eyes and sensitive cameras can see even better. Yes, these "typical" dots conform to normal profiles, but (and I am usually referring to night sightings, I have not figured out how to use the automated systems for daylight sightings yet) if the triangulation data for the "white dots" show unconventional behavior (and hopefully the kind I want, namely, going low to space altitude), then we don't even need crisp detailed closeups of the thing.

>To prove something is a
>real UFO you have to have enough resolution to reliably
>distinguish an unconventional shape or three-dimensional data to
>prove an unconventional maneuvering or high-speed or high-
>altitude performance.

I think we differ in this. All one needs is adequate triangulation resolution to define the flight path of the object. If the flight path matches an aircraft or satellite behavior, then all we can say is that it might be an aircraft or satellite (it could simply be a UFO behaving like these too). The problem we have is that even with the high optical resolution you desire, the UFO could mimic appearing like a satellite or aircraft.

So, if UFOs choose to always "go dark"(optically and radar) when doing their zoom into space or fancy maneuvers, then we will never have any hope to gather any data to resolve the issue. Based on witness reports and past sightings, it seems that there is at least a possibility that UFOs don't give a damn if they are seen or not seen, so there is a statistical chance of observing one going through its behavior.

>Radar is automatically 3-D data. Optics
>and cameras are basically 2-D. Only if you can develop a system
>that will perform accurate real-time stereo triangulations of
>optical targets will you have something comparable to the
>simplicity of a radar. Until that time radar will be superior
>for a ground site.

I agree radar has nice features, but simple it is not. Your challenge is a valid one and one that I shall pursue. I think you overestimate the difficulty of the stereo triangulation method using today's available hardware/software given the rapid technology development state of home computers and operating systems.

>And a Passive Radar system that can reach
>2,000 miles will be superior to any ground radar limited by
>horizon line-of-sight to say 100-200 miles, especially since it
>can "peek" down below the horizon (since broadcast radio waves
>fill virtually every space above ground now and it doesn't take
>much to receive and amplify an over-the-horizon signal bounce).

Its all very nice of course, but you will need very large supplies of cash and experts to build this system.

>The Passive Radar can drive a telescopic camera to zero in on
>actual unconventional targets. But without the Passive Radar the
>telescopic cameras will not be able to distinguish fireflies
>from a few hundred feet away from meteors hundreds of miles
>away.

The automated triangulation system driving the telescopic system would seem adequate to this challenge. Of course, my telescope will not be trying to read the numbers on the vehicle, just gathering pinpoint spectra

How you can guess at passive radar's accuracy is beyond my understanding! It seems pretty fuzzy to me and fraught with distortion.

...volume that passive radar covers...
>>The volume of space covered is pure conjecture, although it may
>>be able to reach the ionosphere.

>Meteor trackers apparently do it.

Yes, in very special locations and conditions. And with lots of governmental controls you can bet.

>>This passive radar system sounds nice, but as I have pointed out
>>before, has many problems and limitations. I think the chances
>>of it being implemented are at least 100000 to 1 (simply based
>>on national security limitations).

>Are they going to shut down all the 50,000 watt radio and tv
>transmitters and the cell phone transmitters because of
>"national security"??

No, just have the government it buy out or gain some regulatory control (Patroit Act addendum) of the commercial passive radar system. At the worse, "good" ole harassment and intimidation.

>The radio waves are out there bouncing off
>various objects and all we have to do is have the receivers and
>the signal processing computing power to distinguish the Doppler
>shifting of high-speed or high-altitude maneuvering objects and
>filter out normal aircraft, etc. Anyone can receive these
>signals and do wahtever. I don't see how "national security" can
>stop it anymore than it can stop what goes out over the
>Internet.

If the passive radar system you are talking about can be made from Radio Shack components, then I would agree that you are likely correct that it would be hard to stop its dissemination. However, I feel that the complexities of the system are very underestimated. Extensive work must be done to make this kind of system commercial for the application you want.

>Frankly the idea that terrorists are going to spend years trying
>to make sense out of a mass of flight data from a Passive Radar
>system for some obscure purpose seems absurd to me.

I agree terrorists in the US don't need this system. All they need is shoulder fired missile at ANY US aircraft to create terror.

If this system works to see our Stealth (which I have read that it can) or even non-Stealth aircraft, then the terrorists (i.e. in Iraq or Iran or North Korea or other Muslim countries or even China) would not need to sort out "masses of data". Just have to look for incoming vehicles to blast which they could not normally paint with radar without getting a missile in their behind.

So making ubitquitous the passive radar technology would not be in the interest of US security and it would be interesting to see how it will be stopped (if it hasn't already been).

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Re: A Curious Story About Socorro - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2005 16:15:23 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 10:42:52 -0400
Subject: Re: A Curious Story About Socorro - Hall

>From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 17:30:41 -0600
>Subject: A Curious Story About Socorro

>Listerians,

>Amid such daunting intellects (not to mention opinions), I've
>long hesitated to post anything. But I notice the Socorro
>sighting of Officer Lonny Zamora is being discussed yet again,
>so I thought I'd throw my two cents in.

>Some time ago, I read a strange little book called Flying
>Saucers - Key to Creation? by a fellow who called himself
>"George A. Eastland". Despite the New Age flavor to the title,
>the writer actually sounded like an old aeronautical engineer
>who'd been around, seen a few things, and thought hard about
>them.

>Amid his speculations, he tells a strange tale to illustrate the
>point that things are not always as they seem. He said he once
>met a biker, named Tea-Mex, in a bar who told him he'd built a
>UFO. Tea-Mex said that some years previously he'd been working
>as an aviation machinist in central New Mexico, and he and his
>buddies got involved in building an engine from Popular
>Mechanics and extensively modifying it.

>One thing led to another; to make a long story short, when they
>were done, they had basically a flying jet-powered gyroscope,
>consisting of a vertically-mounted engine built with parts
>purlioned from their worksite inside a small two-man craft.
>There's a lot of detail in the book - even illustrations on
>napkins. He even explained the "glyph" as a logo on the aluminum
>aircraft skin they were using that they attempted to paint over.

<snip>

This is a re-cycled yarn. I suggest you check the archives...and
be more selective in your reading habits.

- Dick

[It appears he has been Dick - see:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/feb/m02-008.shtml>

and compare Kyle King's wording with 'Jay Nelson's' - seems like
a phishing attempt to me. Mr 'Nelson' has been removed from the
List... --ebk]

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Re: Socorro - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 13:48:03 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 10:54:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Boone

<snip>

I too have a Socorro/Lonny Zamora story.

One of my relatives told me about this case when I was around nine or ten years old.

She either went to school with or knew Officer Zamora personally.

I was just starting to dig into UFOs and was debating with my cousins who were ribbing me about UFOs and she came into the living room and told us all about it.

Put quite a shock on my cousins as their own mother sided with me.

Her account was that Officer Zamora was of sound character and had stood up for her when they were younger. His account was well known amongst her family and friends of New Mexico and my uncle was stationed at Roswell when they met and married years earlier. He won't talk about it but she did.

There were many, many stories of strange goings on far before Roswell occurred. She emphasized that Officer Zamora wouldn't have made up a story like that and that people who knew him stood by him. She went on in detail about what happened to him I know from either Zamora himself or from a close friend or relative.

In those days people knew one another. Word spread quickly about anything from common place events like marriages to the unusual.

It was a kick to have her tell her side of that story and others of what happened in New Mexico where she was born and raised. Many things I thought no one knew until years later when I heard the same stories on UFO documentaries from the spanish folk who were there especially during Roswell.

All in all, Officer Zamora was loved and respected from what I gathered from her so his character isn't in question, just the mystery of what he actually encountered.

Best,

Greg

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 14:06:32 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 10:56:24 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Boone

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 8 Oct 2005 09:37:49 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 10:39:40 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 18:45:50 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

><snip>

>I know that attacking, even as stupidly as I might be doing, a
>shibboleth like the Socorro landing, brings opprobrium here, so
>I accept the disdain. But it's a lousy way to debate, even if
>the matter seems to be closed. (I emphasise the word seems.)

>Rich Reynolds

Don't run, we are your friends!

Come right back here and use more big \$10 words to invalidate
opposing opinions right this instant!

If a decorated naval officer says it's so and a man of fine
character at that, I'm with him.

The U.S. Navy is responsible for a realm far greater than the
land based operations. They use technologies that are nothing
short of something from 'Star Trek'. I worked for years with a
dozen or so naval officers and engineers who ventured into
Ufology and they did a brilliant job. They all concur. The Navy
handles sea, land, air, and now space as many of our astronauts
were naval officers and scientists.

There are wonders aplenty and undiscovered in the briney deep
and the Navy is hard at it. They bust their tails encountering
mysteries and dangers only we sci-fi guys can whip up.

Are there unusual archaeological discoveries the public is
unaware of? Sure are! They're not advertised because no one
wants some gung ho diver types digging up some lethal artifact
and selling it to some psycho on Ebay.

The oceans are vastly unexplored and is an environment that goes
from one extreme to another. I recall in high school a bend I
had on become a marine biologist. I ate those books and even got
a letter from then Capt. Jacques Cousteau when I badgered him
about what being an marine explorer was about. I was helped
there as one of the local college professors was a good friend
of his. He told me then that less than 1% of the oceans had been
explored and that the life forms and artifacts were yet to be

discovered.

I even had a sub commander pal of mine who was on a team that discovered man made structures far out on the sea shelf where there shouldn't have been. They were of what appeared to be of Native American construct and it was easy for me to place their origin as I'm part Native American. Didn't make sense they were there but they were. Says people were here in N. America far earlier than had previously been established and not only that but the ocean levels were dramatically lower for quite some time than previously thought.

The Navy knows it's stuff buddy-boy and as for their UFO data I can only say it won't be listed under UFO.

Try some other acronyms.

Good thing the first UFO books I read as a kid were from Ivan T. Sanderson.

Best,

Greg

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 13:38:05 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 11:05:37 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 8 Oct 2005 20:36:38 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 8 Oct 2005 10:24:54 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 18:36:47 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>I have no desire to get involved in this, other than to point
>out an inaccuracy in David Rudiak's reply:

><snip>

>>As you told Paul Kimball, the way to get your blogs read is
>>to keep them "spicy." I doubt somebody like you would willingly
>>give up the "spice".

>This is false. David Rudiak is no doubt referring to a blog post
>I made some time ago wherein I stated that the RRR guys like to
>"keep it spicy" at their blog. This was my opinion, however, as
>anyone who read the post would have been aware. It was not
>something that Rich Reynolds told me, and it was certainly not
>something that Rich Reynolds told me to do in order to get one's
>blog read.

>David Rudiak has misrepresented what I wrote so that he can
>score a cheap debating point off of Rich Reynolds. I don't have
>a dog in this hunt, other than to set the record straight.

>Paul Kimball

Odd, but just to set the record straight, you wrote the
following in your blog of July 11, 2005:

http://redstarfilms.blogspot.com/2005_07_01_redstarfilms_archive.html

"In honour of my pal Rich Reynolds (www.rrrgroup.blogspot.com),
who has recently been trying to convince me that the key to
blogging is to keep it spicy (or something like that - all I
really recall is him nattering on about "the medium" being 'the
message,')

I think somebody could reasonably interpret your statement to
mean that Reynolds told you to keep your blogs spicy, no? Did
I really "misrepresent" what you wrote to "score a cheap
debating point?"

Also Rich Reynolds does indeed like to use the word "spicy" to
describe blogs or articles of an attack, ridiculing, insulting,
provocative, debunking, and/or tabloid nature, as you can see if
you read the following RR blogs:

Oct. 2, 2005:

<http://rrrgroup.blogspot.com/>

"If UFO mavens want a spicy overview of ufology, they can find it inside the British UFO community." ("Spice" here being equated to the usual snotty Brit UFO debunkery)

July 8, 2005:

<http://tinyurl.com/cqgcc>

"Sakulich appeals to them, not as a journalist, per se, but as a spicy commentator or columnist." (Sakulich is a college student who writes snide UFO debunkery articles for his college newspaper.)

The fact that Reynolds and his group issue a constant barrage of derogatory remarks about many UFO researchers is patently obvious to anybody who can read or think. (Then after deliberately baiting people, he hypocritically claims he wants reasoned discussion.)

Reynolds and his RRRgroup try to portray themselves as the Second Coming of Ufology, here to save Ufology from itself and all those old, narrow-minded, biased Ufologists who supposedly run it. But they don't seem to know much about the subject and seem blissfully unaware of even basic scientific principles needed in analyzing cases (Socorro being just one example). The extent of their "research" seems to be Google searches, psychobabble analyses, and wild, wing-flapping speculation. I have yet to see them contribute one damn thing of any merit to the field.

Sorry, but I don't see how Reynold's ignorant, disingenuous, self-serving, tabloid "Ufology" is going to solve anything. "Spice," blogs, and BS is not research.

David Rudiak

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Re: Why Are Aliens So Boring? - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lflaming6.nul>
Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2005 20:18:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 11:07:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Are Aliens So Boring? - Fleming

>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 00:28:37 EDT
>Subject: Why Are Aliens So Boring?

>"Why Are Aliens So Boring?"

Perhaps they don't realize their purpose in the universe is to entertain humans. Silly aliens.

Why is it that these clever "skeptics" who don't bother to acquaint themselves with the available empirical evidence know so much more about how aliens are supposed to behave than UFO researchers who do?

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Re: Why Are Aliens So Boring? - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2005 21:35:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 11:11:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Are Aliens So Boring? - Balaskas

>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 00:28:37 EDT
>Subject: Why Are Aliens So Boring?

<snip>

>The National Post, Saturday, 8 October 2005, p. A19:

>Why Are Aliens So Boring?

<snip>

>Clancy devotes careful attention to the mother and father of the
>abductee community, a New Hampshire social worker named Betty
>Hill and her postal worker husband, Barney. Believing they were
>abducted in 1961, they began hypnotherapy a few years later.
>That's how Barney deeply affected American mass culture by
>giving credibility to the little guys with big heads and
>wraparound eyes who have since appeared in everything from Close
>Encounters of the Third Kind to The X-Files.

>Asked under hypnosis to draw an alien, Barney came up with a
>sketch that launched a thousand myths. In fact, he was
>reproducing a face he had seen 12 days earlier on a TV show, The
>Outer Limits. But by the time anyone figured that out the aliens
>Clancy calls 'macrocephalic space-waifs' had become permanently
>lodged in mass culture. As Clancy says, 'Betty and Barney Hill
>got their ideas from books, movies and TV. From then on, people
>got their ideas from books, movies, TV, and Betty and Barney
>Hill.

Hi Paul!

The seemingly very reasonable and logical deduction above made by CSICOP and now promoted as the truth by Harvard psychologist Susan Clancy that Barney Hill's drawing of the aliens which abducted him was directly influenced by the 'The Outer Limits' episode 'The Bellerose Shield' is negated by one overlooked but very important fact - Barney's eyes remained shut during the entire abduction episode and he never saw the aliens from up close!

Robert Fulford, the journalist that wrote this article, claims that Clancy devoted careful attention to this classic abduction case. Not only is this not evident to me but instead reveals Fulford's personal biases regarding abductions by accepting Clancy's views over the more distinguished Harvard researcher into abductions, the late Professor, Dr. John Mack.

The un-critical thinking and biases evident in this particular newspaper article is not what earned Fulford a place among top journalists.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Why Are Aliens So Boring? - Bueche

From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 20:54:04 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 11:14:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Are Aliens So Boring? - Bueche

>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 00:28:37 EDT
>Subject: Why Are Aliens So Boring?

>The National Post, Saturday, 8 October 2005, p. A19:

>Why Are Aliens So Boring?

<snip>

There is one part of Fulford's column worth noting, and here it is:

"[Aliens] appear to be carrying out a peculiar assignment, raiding the reproductive systems of their victims to collect DNA. ...Why? ...anyone even mildly curious will wonder what they want with a substandard planet's genetic material."

Fulford reveals everything right there.

His quote is disturbingly similar to one of my favorite skeptical quotes from a few years ago: "I would wonder why they would waste their time on a small planet by an insignificant star." The latter quote is from San Francisco University psychologist Barry L. Beyerstein (chair of the British Columbia Society of Skeptics).

The pair of these quotes together says a lot about skeptics' view of humanity.

Life may be a great deal more precious than these cynics believe.

And that some forms of life may want to connect with other life may be entirely natural, and to be expected.

-Will

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Re: Socorro - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 00:04:55 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 11:46:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Ledger

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 10:25:35 -0500
>Subject: Re: Socorro [was: The Global UFO Cover-Up]

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 16:51:46 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>That David Rudiak, an optometrist, hasn't checked into the
>>>eye disease of Lonnie Zamora or his eye glass
>>>prescription, shows that the episode needs more than it
>>>has received.

><snip>

>>Are you inferring it may not? Why do you and others insist
>>on making it appear that, because he was wearing glasses, he
>>was blind without them? Usually glasses are minor correction
>>options. know this is a standard lawyer's ploy, questioning
>>witness eyesight when it comes to the fact that they wear
>>glasses and so forth. But ask yourself, as I did, why he
>>would still be on the force if his eyesight was so bad? Full
>>sighted individuals often screw up where witnessing events
>>are concerned. It's experience that counts. He saw the
>>object, the small occupants and _then_ he lost his
>>glasses... not his memory. But we always hear about how he
>>lost his glasses afterward. What difference does that make?
>>Read the man's testimony.

>>>I think that's cavalier thinking. But that's how ufology
>>>is nowadays. What's cavalier? I don't think you've been at
>>>it long enough to
>>make that charge.

><snip>

>>>what do you think Zamora saw?

>>I think Zamora saw what he said he saw. Right now it stands
>>as a UFO for the lack of a better term.

><snip>

>>...so far I'm using fact, not theory. What's wrong with
>>that? And it will never be closed until it's solved.

>Don:

>The eyglass thing may seem minor, but when investigating UFOs
>or anything else, even the smallest item should be looked at
>or into.

>That Rudiak, an optometrist, and you dismiss Zamora's eye
>condition, conjecturing that his eye-sight had to be okay
>since he was an acting police officer, presumes more than it
>should

This is malarky, Rich. You're just wasting time. You read all of the rest that Dave sent, re the timeline and when Lonnie did have his glasses on, and all you can come up with is weak nonsense.

>That is not good investigation.

I don't think you are in any position to claim that!

Don

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UFOs Have A Flare About Them

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 13:44:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 13:44:48 -0400
Subject: UFOs Have A Flare About Them

Source: The Daily Southtown - Tinley Park, Illinois - USA

<http://www.dailysouthtown.com/southtown/dsnews/091nd4.htm>

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UFOs Have A Flare About Them

Witnesses postulate a new theory about those mysterious red lights

Sunday, October 9, 2005

By Lauren FitzPatrick Staff writer

Unidentified flying red objects spotted recently over Tinley Park and Orland Park have stirred up UFO investigating communities everywhere.

National UFO Web sites are all over the red beauties. The latest news cited on the home page of the Seattle-based National UFO Reporting Center reads, "Late Friday night, Sept. 30, 2005, our offices began receiving reports of several peculiar red lights, seen in the night sky above Tinley Park and Orland, Ill."

Those peculiar pulses of red light floated over Southland skies last weekend, around 11:15 Friday night and again at 1 a.m. Saturday, eerily similar to ones that showed up last year on mild weekend nights in August and October. Hundreds of Southlanders saw the lights last weekend, too =97 and found them just as puzzling as their predecessors.

But a small circle of friends in Tinley Park believe they've debunked the mystery of the glowing red floaters.

Dave Palagi was sitting with his wife around a fire in their friends' back yard Sept. 30, enjoying a lovely, clear night when they all saw the oddity explained.

"We could clearly see the red lights themselves were flares, and each was suspended by two balloons," he said.

"An occasional ash could be seen dropping. Another member of the party then saw a third balloon, farther to the north and much higher. We were watching them actually rising =97 lazily drifting along and going up."

Palagi figured the balloons were launched around 175th Street and 84th Avenue, not far from Wally and Maureen Bekta's home in the 8200 block of Queen Victoria Lane where the group sat.

Maureen Bekta also saw lights and the "balloon-type thing on top of the two that were lower and closer.

"It was low enough that we felt like it was a prank," she said. The balloons themselves were dark-colored =97 "you could just see

the outline."

"Aha!" Palagi said, "This is how they did it. It was just such a revelation after seeing these things last year."

The naysayers

It's been anyone's guess what the lights are, since everyone seems to know what they're not.

A Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman said she checked into the lights last year, too. If they weren't planes or helicopters, the FAA wouldn't track them.

"We don't track lights," Elizabeth Isham Cory said.

Tinley Park police, who received some calls last weekend, denied reports of flares.

"From all the reports we've ever received, they're not flares with some helium balloons or anything like this," Tinley Park police Cmdr. Tom Boling said.

Boling said his department would not investigate the lights unless "there's some reckless conduct that would endanger someone."

"We just don't know what's causing these red lights to appear in the sky," he said.

The National Weather Service also was stumped.

But an astronomer at Chicago's Adler Planetarium, who concluded the lights weren't meteors or comets or satellites, said they did appear to be man-made.

Dr. Mark Hammergren watched several tapes of last year's lights at the request of a local Mutual UFO Network chapter.

"One thing that makes me very suspicious is that these sightings all have occurred on weekends =97 (that) suggests that there's some human activity connected with it," he said. "I would love to believe this, but I'm not going to base my career and spend my time on something that's cooked up by some hoaxers."

There exists a "standard" UFO hoax that uses a candle and a plastic dry cleaning bag to fashion a sort of glowing hot air balloon, but these lights are too brilliantly red to be ordinary flames, Hammergren said.

He likes the road flare theory.

Flying flares

Automotive flares typically are red, and burn brightly enough to be clearly visible from great distances, easily a quarter of a mile and up, said Bob Defonte of Orion Safety products, the largest of a handful of domestic flare manufacturing companies.

And they can burn 15, 20 =97 even up to 30 minutes, he said. They're inexpensive and readily available, too. Wal-Mart sells a pack of three 15-minute flares for less than \$5, Defonte said. While half-hour burners are slightly harder for the civilian customer to find =97 they're commonly used by state troopers and railroad workers, he said.

Getting ahold of flares is the easy part, Defonte said. Launching them into the sky would be harder, considering a 30-minute flare measures 16 inches in length and weighs just under a pound.

It would take two helium balloons about 2 or 3 feet in diameter to lift that kind of weight, said Marshall Brain, a man of science and the founder of HowStuffWorks.com.

"It strikes me as possible, but profoundly dangerous," Brain said. The thing is, he said, flares are really hot and don't stop until they burn out on their own.

Someone connecting burning flares to a balloon-type propeller would have to consider heat, and neither Palagi nor Bekta could

tell what linked the light to its source.

UFO fans hang on

UFO investigators said they're not ready to call these sightings a hoax =97 not yet, anyway.

Peter B. Davenport, the National UFO Reporting Center's founder, said balloons couldn't account for the complex paths the lights followed across the sky.

"(They) were actually maneuvering in a seemingly complex fashion," Davenport said. "How would a person arrange to have that happen, I wonder."

And what about the danger?

"How many people do you know who would be willing to launch high-temperature flares over a populated area?" Davenport wondered. "What happens if a flare cuts its tether and falls onto the local petroleum refinery, chemical plant, filling station, paint warehouse, school auditorium roof, etc.?"

And Chicago-based UFO investigator Dr. Mark Rodeghier said he needs more information to make any kind of judgment.

"I'm certainly open to the idea that the cause of these sightings is man made, not alien, but I'm not convinced I've heard any theory that makes any sense," he said. "Something has to be flying or holding the lights in a huge formation well over 1,000 feet across."

Proper investigations would require going up in a helicopter the next time the lights appear, shining a powerful spotlight onto them from the ground or viewing them with a powerful telescope that also would record what it took in, he said.

But his Center for UFO Studies lacks those kinds of resources and must rely on eyewitness videotapes and interviews.

So he will join others like Hammergren who continue to watch the skies and analyze what they see, hoping for the best.

After all, said Hammergren, who believed in UFOs as a child: "You never know when something might come out of it."

"I'm an astronomer; I'd like nothing more than to see an alien spacecraft."

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Quest for E.T. Comes To UC Berkeley

Weekend conference to focus on building supertelescopes

Keay Davidson
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A free public discussion on the future of astronomy and the search for extraterrestrial life is scheduled for this evening at UC Berkeley.

The topic will be discussed by three scientists, including Berkeley astronomer Geoffrey Marcy, a famed discoverer of planets that orbit other stars. The public session, "Other Worlds: From Imagination to Image: The Great Challenge of Building Supertelescopes in Search of Extraterrestrial Life," starts at 8 p.m. at Zellerbach Auditorium.

The session is part of a conference called "Amazing Light: Visions for Discovery" that has attracted numerous scientific celebrities, including Nobel Prize winners, who plan to discuss "foundational questions in physics and cosmology." The rest of the conference is open only to registrants, many of whom are paying up to \$500 apiece to attend.

The conference is held partly in honor of the 90th birthday of Charles H. Townes, a Nobel Prize-winning physicist at Berkeley, as well as in recognition of the 100th anniversary of Albert Einstein's publication of his earliest scientific papers on the theory of relativity.

The conference, which started Thursday and concludes Saturday, is partly funded by the John Templeton Foundation, which funds research on topics including science and its relationship to religion.

The foundation also annually awards \$1 million to a person who "deepens the world's understanding of God." Townes, best known for inventing the "maser" and for paving the path to development of the laser, won the award earlier this year.

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An Interview with Dr. Melvin Redfern
by Brent Raynes

Dr. Melvin Redfern, a retired psychotherapist living with his wife in Chucky, Tennessee, shares with us in this most interesting phone interview of August 15, 2005, his views on the place of psychotherapy in ufology and also shares his own personal and unusual UFO and paranormal experiences. His website is:

<http://community.webtv.net/ETUFOGROUP/UFOEasternTennessee>

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Dr. Redfern welcomes emails from our readers.

Editor: You just had an ebook entitled Assessment and Treatment of UFO Witnesses and Experiencers, which has become available from a group over in London, England, thanks to a Paul and Karin Holloway, whose website is: www.Experiencers.net.

You state that it=92s primarily focused at psychotherapists, hypnotists, and social workers, but that really anyone interested in the UFO field should find it interesting. So please share with us some details as to what this book is about and what you hope that it will accomplish.

Dr. Redfern: I think that since there is very little if any treatment going on in traditional mental health centers, these are chapters dealing with assessment and treatment of claims that most people in the mental health field would not even be allowed to treat. I say that because of the prejudice that exists. In other words, they don=92t mind treating somebody, but as far as the investigation part of it I think that=92s my contribution with this book. Teaching therapists how to do a diagnostic or cognitive interview, as we call it, as opposed to a therapeutic session.

In other words, if you went to a traditional mental health center or professional and talked about seeing a UFO and having been an experiencer or an abductee they would immediately assess you for psychopathology or mental illness and you would probably end up being referred to their psychiatrist, being medicated, or possibly hospitalized. You=92d be given all sorts of diagnoses, and none of them would be describing having adjustment reactions to being a UFO witness or an experiencer.

So basically I wasn=92t trying to whine about the absence of adequate treatment, but to help therapists who are in a private practice, where they=92re able to do what they want to, as far as

focus, to know how to identify and help these individuals.

Editor: Right, because a lot of your traditional mental health therapists first off are working under the assumption that they know what the cause is, so they're treating what they believe the symptoms are suggesting. They're assuming they need medication.

Dr. Redfern: Many would be diagnosed with some kind of psychotic experience where you are experiencing delusions. It gets really nasty. There's very few places--in fact, none that I'm aware of--that would allow a person to get the kind of treatment that I feel they need.

Editor: Since your primary focus is on assessment and treatment and the book is primarily focused at mental health practitioners, would you care to describe some about your own background and how you came to be involved in this area of controversial study?

Dr. Redfern: I'm 64 years old and retired from a career as a psychologist. I have a Ph.D in psychology, a doctorate in clinical hypnotherapy, and a Masters of Arts degree in rehabilitation counseling, and a Master of Education degree. I'm a Reiki Master and Teacher. It means that I'm able to initiate anybody through all the four stages of Reiki which is an oriental hands on type healing. I'm trained in pranic healing with Dr. Betty Scott, who is a professor at the University of Missouri, and prana is the word for energy, or universal life force, in India.

I spent most of my career working in traditional mental health centers and hospitals and had a private practice that was also involved with hypnosis. In treating people and documenting UFO experiences you're not really allowed to do hypnosis in most places that I've ever worked. One time I wrote a progress note saying how I had helped someone using hypnosis and the person paying the bill, the insurance company representative said, "Oh, we don't pay for psychotherapy." I said, "Well, that's odd because Milton Erickson (who is deceased now) was the first medical doctor to bring hypnosis into the field of psychiatry. A highly respected man, and this person said, "Who is Milton Erickson?" I just kind of rolled my eyes up toward the ceiling and decided I think I'll just talk about progress notes with a focus on stress control and something I could be paid for. In other words, there's a great deal of prejudice out there for doing a variety of things.

Editor: Right, and then the people who have broken the mold, like Dr. John Mack, who was a Harvard psychiatrist, received a great deal of flack.

Dr. Redfern: God rest his soul. For those people who don't know, he was killed when hit by an automobile in London some months ago. He basically had to make some compromises with the Harvard Medical School and had to focus at Cambridge Hospital with treating people with paranormal experiences involving UFOs, and the reason I say he had to make compromises with Harvard Medical School is that it was all right as long as it was under the umbrella of psychiatry and the clients there would be paying for their treatments through insurance or out of their pocket. In fact, I'm originally from the Boston area. I retired here about three years ago to Tennessee. Anyway, I was thrilled that I was so close to Dr. Mack, so I called Cambridge Hospital and asked if I could meet him or sit down and have a cup of coffee with fellow experiencers and witnesses of UFOs, and they wanted to know if I had health insurance. I said, "Certainly, but why on earth would you want my health insurance? That would be labeling me a patient, and if you're going to give me a battery of psychological exams then these are the same tests that I administer."

I mean this is crazy. He did a fine job, but it had to be put under the category of psychiatry, and my feeling is that there has got to be a better way to do this.

Editor: Overall would you say that it's an advantage or a disadvantage to being both an investigator and an experiencer?

Dr. Redfern: Well I would say that it requires the focus on the client and not let my experiences lead to suggestions that

wouldn't have been initiated by the client. In psychology and psychiatry there's a concept called transference and another one called counter-transference.

Transference is when the client says things that stir up some unfinished business in my life and then I can't be objective because I'm still festering with something. Counter-transference is usually where I brought up something that the client responded to that wouldn't even have been addressed if I hadn't initiated it. We have to be very careful.

I had some training at a law enforcement academy in Texas a few years ago with an investigator of forensic hypnosis. This was using hypnosis to help victims of crimes identify their perpetrators--to identify things such as licence plate numbers and things like that. There are only a few states that allow that to be brought up in court and it has to be videotaped and available to the lawyers for the defendant where they can have rebuttals to it. There was an awful situation of a murderer that got off scott free because the videotape was invalid. That is, the hypnotist said, "Do you remember the numbers of the license plate?" And the defense attorney for the accused said, "A license plate has numbers and letters, and if you ask what were the numbers then you're leading the witness." And would you believe that because of that one thing this person got off?

It's hard enough for most people to have the courage to even talk about these things and here we are on the buckle of the Bible Belt and a lot of folks that I've talked to down here don't feel safe talking to any of their clergy--feel that they're dabbling in things that are Satanic and shouldn't be talked about, and so if they can't talk to their clergy and people in the mental health field and they don't want to go around talking with their co-workers and neighbors for fear of being ridiculed. What happens is you end up just shutting down and keeping all of this to yourself, and all of that leads to other very unpleasant emotional problems.

It would be similar to a rape victim not feeling free to tell their story, even to the police. Incest survivors have the same problem. A lot of them have repressed or pushed way back in their subconscious the experience. On the average, most incest survivors don't even consciously recall the experiences until their mid-thirties. It's a very complicated thing to develop trust with people.

I've had a single session with people that just needed to speak the unspeakable, all the things they hoped to go to their grave with, and then I never saw them again, and they thought that was psychotherapy. That's only the beginning. You're dealing with a description of what happened. That's part of the cognitive interview. That would be like being an alcoholic who just wants to talk about his experiences drinking and never mind a program of recovery.

There's a tendency for some of these folks to be made famous, you might say, stars of TV and radio shows, but they never get past describing what happened. They haven't reached a point of crossing over and making sense of it enough to have some normality in their lives.

Another forgotten group... Well, maybe not so much these days... I'm a veteran of the '60s and you just didn't talk about your experiences. Nobody wanted to hear them. You were in an unpopular conflict. Someone asked me recently, "How do you feel about all of these flags out on people's houses?" I said, "It makes me angry. Nobody flew flags for us in the '60s."

Editor: Yeah, it was a whole different atmosphere.

Dr. Redfern: So the point I'm trying to make is these people--myself included--had nobody to talk to, and you might say "Well, you certainly had rights to medical treatment and VA hospitals." But what if you wanted to talk things that bordered on things like war crimes. A psychiatrist writes something down. How do you know where that's going to end up? In other words, it's a possibility that you might end up in federal prison. The VA realized they weren't getting the Vietnam era veterans to come to them so they wised up and they set up things called outreach centers, and there was no paper trail.

In my experience I was in Brighton, in a part of Boston, and I saw this helicopter on a building sign, and it said, =93Operation Out Reach Vietnam Era Veterans Center.=94 I walked in there and they said, =93We don=92t need your name or anything, but there=92s a group meeting tonight and you=92re welcomed to come.,=94 and I went to the group.

Usually in psychotherapy you take a long, long time developing trust. They said, =93This is Mel. Mel, would you tell the group what your worst experience was?=94 (Laughs) I thought what about trust and all that, but I said it, and I talked about it every week for a year, and then my nightmares stopped, and everyone else in the group did the same thing. They spoke of things they weren=92t telling anybody (else). And this was pure therapy. There was no sign in sheet. There was nothing that came back to haunt me from it.

So what I=92m getting at is that there=92s a lot of people who are similar to witnesses of UFO phenomena=97experiencers--who know what it=92s like not to be able to speak of their experience, or tell their story without being condemned.

So that=92s kind of a theme of the book also. How to change that around.

I had been involved with MUFON for a number of years and then I thought that in the area I live it=92s not quite the same as the clients that many people in MUFON work with. So I=92m helping in the formation of a new group which will be called the ETUFOGROUP.

Guess what it stands for? Instead of E.T. it=92s Eastern Tennessee UFO Group. Thought that was a nice play on words. It=92ll just be a place where people can tell stories with pot luck dinners. I=92d like to break bread with the people and look them in the eye, and hear their stories. I get bored stiff really going from web page to web page and chat groups with people I=92ll never ever meet.

Editor: Get back to grass roots!

Dr. Redfern: Yeah, get back to grass roots and getting a humanistic quality to something that=92s really rather dry with forms, and then I wonder =93Gee, where are all these forms going?=94 They end up maybe in a black hole and I=92ve never read any articles on how they=92ve done research on all the thousands of investigations that we=92ve done. I thought it was a lot of work for nothing and I=92d rather sit down and be on somebody=92s porch and just talk about what happened.

There is some use with all of my training, mainly with what we call mood congruency. Affect is a psychiatrist=92s term for feeling. Your affect is where you=92re angry or sad, or whatever. If you=92re talking to somebody that has a flat affect, that means they don=92t show any emotions that=92s fitting the situation they=92re talking about. In other words, if they talk about being an abductee and it sounds like they=92re reading a weather report you start wondering. You make a mental note. Something is incongruent. It didn=92t fit. So rather than try and separate those people that are genuine and not genuine, the personal feeling is that the jury is still out about what this all means. Then there are people who are very depressed who have flat out affect. That=92s one of the signs of post traumatic stress disorder, where you don=92t have any strong emotional feelings. You certainly wouldn=92t talk to a veteran and say, =93Well, you were never really in combat if you don=92t have any strong feelings.=94 In other words, they=92ve been repressed or buried so far back they don=92t feel anything.

Body language has been studied quite a bit.

Editor: Yeah, they say a lot of what we communicate is not really--the important things aren=92t a lot of times verbal. They=92re body language and things like that.

Dr. Redfern: And as a hypnotherapist there=92s something called ideomotor responses where you might ask a person to levitate a finger that=92s designated as an affirmative answer, when it=92s a negative answer, or I don=92t know or I prefer not to say. There=92s ways to notice the movement of the fingers whether or not it=92s the subconscious truly doing this. You can have arm levitations

the same way.

To show you how odd things are, I worked with a woman who wasn't even into hypnosis. She just had a heavy gentleman sitting on the couch and needing stress therapy, so she asked him to feel like he was light as a feather and that he was just going to float, and son-of-a-gun he floated right off the couch. Several feet off the couch. This was a person who had no formal training as a hypnotherapist. He just took that suggestion of floating and actually had a capability of doing that.

Editor: He paranormally levitated?

Dr. Redfern: Yeah.

Editor: Did you see this?

Dr. Redfern: No, it was just told to me by a colleague. But you see she doesn't tell that story to everybody. Otherwise, she wouldn't be working.

Editor: Can you share any instance or instances where being an experiencer yourself actually helped? Where it perhaps gave you a useful insider's insight into a situation or something?

Dr. Redfern: Well, one of the experiences that I have had throughout my life and repeatedly are scoop marks. If you've ever been to a dermatologist and they do a biopsy it looks a little like a spoon. They just give you a shot and dig out whatever part of the skin looks diseased and send it off to be analyzed. But I've had scoop marks. Usually five of them. They'd start let's say 3 millimeters and get progressively smaller, down to the size of a pencil mark. They would usually occur on my ankles.

Editor: Did you have any memories associated with the scoop marks?

Dr. Redfern: Maybe six months ago I had the last event of the scoop marks, but they usually happen at least 2 or 3 times a year. I don't know what it means.

Editor: Do you feel that paranormal experiences should be kept separate from UFO experiences?

Dr. Redfern: I feel they should not be kept separate. I think there's an overlap with a lot of it.

Editor: Many of the people who have described encounters with craft or entities often seem to describe a kind of telepathic contact more than say verbal communication.

Dr. Redfern: And most of us that have animals, especially dogs, know what cross species telepathy is about. All I have to do is basically think about taking my dogs for a walk and they're already up and ready to go. I haven't even called them.

As far as the paranormal, I have a little anecdote to tell you. I worked with some clients who were mentally retarded and I had seen this one particular fella probably for 15 years. It seemed like all he wanted was to hurry up and wind up the session so he could run out and have a cigarette. And one day he said, like he had absolute normal intellectual functioning... In other words, his speech was like that of a normal person, and that threw me for a loop, and he said, "Mel, when you drive home tonight I want you to be especially careful." Well, I started to peel out, like I normally did after I was done working in this workshop, and I thought, "What if he knows something I don't?" And I said I think that just for the heck of it I'll slow down just a tad, instead of having a heavy foot on the accelerator, and the car in front of me got broadsided by a truck going through a stop light and the driver was hanging out of the car dead. That retarded man saved my life because if I had gone a little faster that would have been me.

It's interesting that I have a wife who is a Native American. Her family origin is Abenaki. So there's a lot of Native American spirituality that I got introduced to when we were married, and one of the things that she did was get rid of negative energy in the house by saging.

Anyway she was saging the house. We were living on Cape Cod at the time. And there was some entity that wasn't able to slip back into the other dimension. Another interesting sign is when animals see things that we don't. Our dog, at the time, we'd notice his eyes following something we couldn't see, and then once and awhile we'd see something run behind a picture. It was so fast you could hardly see it. Or behind a baseboard. And it was just kind of a curiosity, and then one day my wife called me on my way home from work saying she was cleaning the kitchen area and found a creature that was part bat, part bird, part mouse. It had the face of a mouse, but it had the beak of a bird, it had talons, it had bat wings, it had a furry body, and between you and me and the lamp post there ain't no such thing. (Laughs)

So she called me, all upset, and put it in a towel, and by the time I got home there was some disintegration. There was no blood. All of a sudden I had this intense rage and I was thinking, "You filthy blankedly blank. How dare you enter our home." And I took it outside and poured lighter fluid on it and set it on fire. A friend of mine said, "You mean you didn't take a picture?"

No I didn't. I've never seen anything like that before or since.

Editor: So at that point your emotions over rood the scientist in you?

Dr. Redfern: I believe there was an inability of this creature to cross into another dimension that it wanted to go to, and the sage prevented it. I can't say that for certain.

Editor: So she had saged prior to it getting stuck in the kitchen area?

Dr. Redfern: That's right. We had other unusual experiences in that house. One of them was down cellar. My wife was doing some washing and things started moving off of shelves. Glass objects were just gently lowering themselves maybe 4 or 5 feet onto the concrete floor, and nothing got broken. Very strange.

A very good friend of hers recently died. He became mentally ill in the last couple of years. Began stalking her, and after he died my wife felt this pressure on her. She couldn't move, and I thought "That's strange." And then it happened to both of us. It was like some energy was pushing down... and we were not even able to speak to each other. We were just inches away from each other and we couldn't even communicate, and it happened three times. So my wife talked to her mother who is very psychic about these things and she said, "You need to tell your friend Jack to go into the Light and leave you alone." And we haven't had that happen since.

My feeling of being a channel for healing I think is directly tied in with experiences I've had with contact, E.T.'s and abductions, and in the book I listed about 80 separate healings of people, and they were actually happening, these contacts, as far back at age 6.

But when I was in Texas taking this course with the Law Enforcement Academy in forensic hypnosis there were about 30 of us there. A couple of lawyers, two of us were psychotherapists, and the rest were police detectives (and) sheriffs. The odd thing was that it was like I was in the group back in Boston for veterans because they were all suffering post traumatic stress disorder from killing people. So whenever we had a break or lunch it seemed like somebody would always come up and want to talk about their experiences of having killed somebody and how they weren't able to resolve it. So one particular person said, "Would you come over to my motel and I'd like to tape record it and have a lot of witnesses and I'd like to tell you about killing a man ten years previous."

This particular police detective I used an unusual induction of a fairy tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. I asked him to pretend that he was climbing this beanstalk, went through the clouds, and then he would be able to step off and there was a wall that had a big wooden door that he would swing open--had a path that went through a garden with beautiful flowers, and then there was a stone bench, and on the bench sat the man that he killed. I said, "Why don't you go over there and sit next to him and tell

him what you=92ve been through for the last ten years.=94 And then I suggested that a couple of angels showed up and escorted this man into the light, and then suggested that the person go back down the path to the beanstalk and back into the motel room.

And then I said, =93What was it like?=94 He said, =93The guy wasn=92t there.=94 And after all that I just thought, =93Ahhh.=94 Then he said, =93But I saw the angels and they walked right through me and I feel totally healed.=94

So I was just so elated and I went back to my motel, and unbeknownst to me there were about 80 construction workers that showed up while I was gone. I was up on the fourth floor and had to go through this group of drunken men that were scuffling with each other and drunk. But you know nobody hurt me, and the strangest thing happened. It was like I was losing my hearing. All of a sudden, with every step I took, everything got softer and softer until there was no sound at all, and then I went into my room and got into my bed clothes and sat up against the headboard and I was just thinking what a wonderful experience it was for that detective who had such an inner healing if you will. The room was dark and all of a sudden five balls of light, about the size of basketballs, appeared. Three on the top, two on the bottom. All of this was at the end of my bed, and they were jiggling up and down, and I thought, =93Gee, this reminds me of when I was a kid going to movies with sing a longs with the bouncing ball over the words,=94 and all of a sudden I just felt kind of elated. I couldn=92t stop laughing. They just seemed to be having a good time, telepathically laughing with me. And then, as quickly as they appeared, they disappeared, and then a red orb the size of the other white ones showed up on the right and then it blinked off and I was asking questions like =93Are you angels? Is this red one my spirit guide? Or is this you Jesus? Or mom, or dad, or my brother?=94 I just wondered things like that and I noticed this light kept coming back on and it would blink off, and then I realized that every time the answer was negative it blinked off. Whenever the answer was positive it blinked on. I must have talked for hours literally talking but no talking back from the orb. It would just blink on and blink off, and then I fell asleep. I got up in the morning, had breakfast with another person from this training group, and he said, =93How did you sleep last night with all those lights?=94 I thought, =93My goodness, I=92m not alone.=94 And he said, =9380 people got arrested on your floor. There were helicopters everywhere. The police raided the place. They were all taken out. How could you sleep with all of that screaming, yelling, and the helicopters?=94

I didn=92t hear a thing, and my sense of it was when I started walking down the hall I think I got abducted.

There was a MUFON field investigator back in Massachusetts that did a (presentation) with slides where a graphics artist had drawn what people had described. I almost fell off my chair when there was a little girl looking up at her ceiling, and guess what she saw. Five white orbs. Three on the top, two on the bottom. Exactly the ones that I saw.

And it seemed as though every day after that there was some kind of physical healing that went on. I seem to be drawn to people that had similar experiences. Many of them were extremely dramatic. There was a blind woman that I had her vision restored. There was a woman with cancer that had two tumors. One on her neck and one on her shoulder, and she had had a bilateral mastectomy and her tumors became necrotic, which means they died. When they operated on her they just removed these little black tumors that had died, and the doctor said, =93What have you got to say about this? One in a thousand dies for unknown reasons, and you=92ve had two.=94 She said, =93Well, I talked to my cells.=94 He said, =93I don=92t care what you do. Do more of it!=94 At the time, I was doing some volunteer work with a Catholic counseling center and so I said, =93Well, since they made you a mentor for these other women at the Boston Hospital, why don=92t you gather these people that you=92re the mentor for and we=92ll make a group.=94 The group went on for years and there were eight children that showed up and we had a husband that showed up. It was one of the most rewarding experiences that I=92ve had.

Editor: So you would try and give them positive images and suggestions? Or did Reiki?

Dr. Redfern: I basically taught them how to do Reiki on each

other. The odd thing was that it was at the end of the day and I was in the directors office writing my progress notes and there was some dark force that didn't appear to like what was going on and pictures started flying off the wall and I had to ask for protection from my favorite warrior angel which is Saint Micheal. I said, "Would you please get rid of whatever negative energy is in this room and let me do my work." I put the pictures back on the wall. Strange.

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From: **Terry Groff** <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 09:16:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 14:06:43 -0400
Subject: Redfern Autographed Uncorrected Proofs For Sale

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Terry Groff

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 10:19:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 14:08:54 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Reynolds

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2005 12:55:39 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 8 Oct 2005 11:50:09 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>>Your Hughes/Raven/Socorro vehicle is a myth with no
>>>>basis in fact.

>And might I add that after 41 years of development there is
>still no evidence of this type of small craft in the US-or
>anyone else's-inventory. Why spend so much on the development of
>helicopters of all shapes and sizes if you have this type of
>vehicle with VTOL capability, married to , silent, high speed
>"dash" capability. The best that they have come up with are UAVs
>a copy of model airplanes, loaded with computer software that
>are in the opening stages of infesting your airspace in the US.
>It amazes me when "researchers" play the "secret government
>technology" card whenever the rest of their argument falls
>apart. In this case the technology would have had to have been
>developed before 1964, and it just plain wasn't. The upshot is,
>it's a bogus argument which needs proving by those presenting
>the argument. So far Rich, you haven't done that.

<snip>

>Dave Rudiak has again vetted the glasses nonsense supporting
>what I said about their importance to the actual sighting and
>the aftermath, so there's no point in my attempting to improve
>on the succinct and obvious.

>So Lonnie's eyesight was corrected for the important phases of
>the sighting-other than when his face was in the dirt- and the
>balloon theory is a fairy tale. There was no earthbound,
>propulsive technology of the time to account for the craft*. The
>case still stands unsolved.

<snip>

>* Let's not forget the stability issues involved with a
>rotorless craft propelled by jets or rocketry with the C of G
>above the propulsive force and not hanging below it as in
>helicopters. They are inherently unstable and the human pilot
>cannot keep up with their tendency to fall around the C of G.
>Even high speed, highly maneuverable winged fighters have to
>have computers looking after stability to keep them airborne.
>The common f-18A has 5 OBCs to keep it from falling out of the
>sky. The F117A has 7. This is the newer, lightweight computer
>systems of the late 70s and early 80s,90s and 100's not the
>basement filling computers of the early 60s which would have had
>to be crammed into this little, wingless, even more unstable,
>auto sized machine along with the occupants, the engine,
>instruments the fuel and seats etc.

Don:

You're a wonderful guy but have it all wrong; well, partially wrong.

First off Rudiak didn't vet anything. He surmised, which he can do because he's an eye specialist. But still it's just supposition. We have no idea what Zamora's eye situation was in 1964, and that's poor investigation no matter how much you guys try to fudge the issue.

As for the no-such-aircraft-has-come-into-being argument, you have to concede from the Socorro incident that the vehicle Zamora saw failed apparently or seemed to, causing its occupants to be checking it out.

Therefore the vehicle didn't go further into production or use, perhaps.

Also, where are those radiation findings, if any? Other witnesses? Did anyone check into them, thoroughly?

The departure of the vehicle was unlike most other flying saucer departures, which are invariably noiseless.

The occupants were not grays it seems, and their uniforms were Earthlike.

The insignia was hardly alien.

The Socorro incident, as you concede, is open to further investigation.

That's my point, which you apparently choose to dismiss or ignore.

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Socorro - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 10:43:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 14:10:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Reynolds

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 14:06:32 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 8 Oct 2005 09:37:49 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

<snip>

>The Navy knows it's stuff buddy-boy and as for their UFO data I
>can only say it won't be listed under UFO.

Greg:

That's the point from which Rudiak and Don Ledger have
sidetracked us, inadvertently in Ledger's case and purposefully
in Rudiak's?

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Why Are Aliens So Boring? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 12:52:49 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 14:13:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Are Aliens So Boring? - Ledger

>From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 20:54:04 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Why Are Aliens So Boring?

>>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 00:28:37 EDT
>>Subject: Why Are Aliens So Boring?

>>The National Post, Saturday, 8 October 2005, p. A19:

>>Why Are Aliens So Boring?

><snip>

>There is one part of Fulford's column worth noting, and here it is:

>"[Aliens] appear to be carrying out a peculiar assignment,
>raiding the reproductive systems of their victims to collect
>DNA. ...Why? ...anyone even mildly curious will wonder what they
>>want with a substandard planet's genetic material."

>Fulford reveals everything right there.

<snip>

>"I would wonder why they
>>would waste their time on a small planet by an insignificant
>star." The latter quote is from San Francisco University
>psychologist Barry L. Beyerstein (chair of the British Columbia
>Society of Skeptics). The pair of these quotes together says a
>lot about skeptics' view of humanity. Life may be a great deal
>more precious than these cynics believe.

Hi Will,

I would change the word precious to commonplace but desirable in any form. Like yourself, I don't understand where the sage reporters of the world have any evidence for the comparison in the first place. The oft heard and read comments that Earth is a cesspool and most likely undesirable to all alien species is so much nonsense in my opinion. I can't see how any civilization could have fought it's way up from the primordial soup to intelligent species capable of space travel and have remained benign - or extremely tolerant in nature. I think that this comes from thousands or millions of years of evolution culminating in space travel. Territorial imperatives fall by the wayside once the home planet becomes a distant memory. Religion and religious leaders are no longer needed to set various factions at one another's throats and control the masses for their own gain. Right there you have eliminated the two major reasons for war.

>And that some forms of life may want to connect with other life
>may be entirely natural, and to be expected.

If it's not the prime directive then it should be.

Don Ledger

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Re: Socorro - Ledger

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 11:12:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 14:17:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Ledger

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 00:04:55 -0300
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 10:25:35 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Socorro [was: The Global UFO Cover-Up]

>>>>I think that's cavalier thinking. But that's how ufology
>>>>is nowadays. What's cavalier? I don't think you've been at
>>>>it long enough to
>>>>make that charge.

>><snip>

>This is malarky, Rich. You're just wasting time. You read all of
>the rest that Dave sent, re the timeline and when Lonnie did have
>his glasses on, and all you can come up with is weak nonsense.

>>That is not good investigation.

>I don't think you are in any position to claim that!

Don:

I see that your response conveniently leaves out the rundown of
my UFO experience.

Others, including Paul Kimball, think that the eye-glass
question is legitimate. It's not a small matter when it goes to
the heart of an eyewitness's claim.

What position does one have to be in for them to be able to
question anything ufological?

Are there rules that prohibit questioning, by neophytes and
others?

Who makes up those rules?

While you think I'm wasting time, others do not I surmise. The
Socorro episode is not a done deal. It's still open to scrutiny,
or should be.

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Memory Without Class - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 01:14:43 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 14:20:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Memory Without Class - Aldrich

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 19:33:07 +0200
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 22:39:36 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

><snip>

>>When it was pointed out to him that a British firm had invented
>>a device which did stop car engines

>Jan, can you tell me the references of such a claim I have never
>heard before?

After about three weeks with various computer problems, I have access to most of my files, but not the old E-mail files. So I can't give you the specific url.

The device was produced by a British firm, the car had to run over a strip with the electrical components in it. The device didn't just stop the car, it wrecked the engine. Not exactly the EME associated with UFOs, but neither is it a mystical device Klass claimed. Once the effect has been established obviously something more close to UFO EMEs could be engineered.

See also:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/crime/article/0,2763,1259138,00.html>

(Murray Bott found an incident in which RF with engine function stopped blimp motor near large radio transmitter.)

Roos, John G. "Arresting Development: Non-Lethal Vehicle-Stopping Device for the Army's Peacekeeping Bag of Tricks." Armed Forces Journal International, vol. 138, no. 10, May 2001, p. 24.

<http://tinyurl.com/ch8oy>

watch or for url wrap.

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Re: International UFO Symposium Underway In Italy

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 18:58:41 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 14:22:11 -0400
Subject: Re: International UFO Symposium Underway In Italy

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Sunday, October 09, 2005 8:24 PM
>Subject: International UFO Symposium Underway In Italy

>Source: ITAR-TASS News Agency - Moscow, Russia

><http://www.tass.ru/eng/level2.html?NewsID=2499775&PageNum=0>

>09.10.2005

>International UFO Symposium Underway In Italy

>ROME, October 9 (Itar-Tass) -- The First International UFO
>Symposium organized by the Italian National UFO Center is
>underway in the country's southern town of Cosenza, Calabria
>province.

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I've just returned from this conference, which was an interesting mixture of SETI and ufology.

It received extensive and positive media coverage, including features in some of the Italian national newspapers such as la Stampa and il Tempo.

This is another important success for Centro Ufologico Nazionale (CUN) and their President, Roberto Pinotti.

I'm sure that detailed reviews will be posted online in due course.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: How To Foil An Alien Abduction - Koi

From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi2.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 19:15:19 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 09:49:31 -0400
Subject: Re: How To Foil An Alien Abduction - Koi

>From: Reed Hall <tanaleaf.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 08:38:00 -0600
>Subject: Re: How To Foil An Alien Abduction

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 17:09:28 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Oct 2005 07:45:06 -0400
>>Subject: Re: How To Foil An Alien Abduction - Balaskas

><snip>

>>Hi Everyone!

>>All the above techniques have been tried in the past with
>>little or no success in thwarting "alien" abduction attempts.
>>Having a shotgun may be a better way (eg. The 1955
>>Kelly-Hopkinsville UFO alien encounter), but many who
>>have been on this List back in 1997 may remember a
>>technique that was said to always works (see URL below).

>><http://www.ufomind.com/misc/1997/aug/d18-003.shtml>

>>FLORIDA TODAY Space Online

>>For August 17, 1997

>>Spiritual warfare? Some look to Bible for answers to alien
>>abductions

>>By Rita Elkins
>>FLORIDA TODAY

><snip>

>>"It makes you wonder: If these beings are extra-terrestrial at
>>all, why would they respond to that name?" Jordan asks. "We
>>think we found the answer in the Bible, in Mark 16:17 where
>>Jesus said, 'In my name, they shall cast out demons.' That
>>seems to be exactly what we came across."

>>Three major researchers told Jordan, off the record, that they
>>had similar cases. But "they were afraid for their
>>credibility," he says. "They felt they already had put their
>>credentials out far enough dealing with extra-terrestrials."

>>Other "so-called researchers (are) sitting on this
>>information," Jordan says. "There's something wrong there.
>>They're just as bad as the people they say have conspiracies
>>in other ways."

><snip>

>>Of course, to avoid being abducted, I suspect one needs to do
>>more than simply believe in Jesus - after all, demons do too.
>>By asserting to the "aliens" the truth that we are a brother or
>>sister in Christ (rather than just reciting this as some
>>"magic" anti-abduction formula), the aliens will know not to
>>mess with us since we are under the protection of a superior

>>power in the universe, God Himself.

>>If the aliens, demons or whatever these highly intelligent
>>beings are, all react and respond in this unexpected way during
>>their failed abduction attempts whenever the name of Jesus is
>>invoked and UFO/abduction researchers have kept this incredible
>>fact to themselves, then they have not only done a great
>>disservice to the public but are actually part of the
>>continuing UFO cover-up too.

>>So, do we continue to resist verbally, mentally and physically
>>or is there indeed a better way to avoid being abducted that
>>should be made known to all, even at the risk of ridicule by
>>our more skeptical or non-believing colleagues. If what was
>>written in this Florida Today article from 1997 is correct,
>>then we may have finally discovered the identity of the more
>>mischievous "alien" abductors - a truth that will set us free!

>>Nick Balaskas

>David Jacobs has pretty effectively debunked this notion that
>it's possible to thwart impending abductions and ward off the
>abductors by prayer, or by invoking the name of Jesus, or the
>like. Jacobs has discussed cases he's investigated in which an
>abductee will recall the beginning of an abduction event (for
>instance, the sudden appearance of small grey entities), in
>response to which the abductee begins to pray, to invoke Jesus,
>or to otherwise appeal to divine protection, at which point the
>entities do indeed seem to depart.

>However, upon further investigation (e.g., deeper probing of
>the abductee's repressed memory under hypnosis), it becomes
>evident that the abductee initially recalled only the beginning
>(the arrival of the abductors) and the ending (their subsequent
>departure) of a complete and un-thwarted abduction event. Their
>prayer (or calling upon Jesus or what-have-you) had no effect
>whatsoever, and a full abduction event proceeded; the abductee,
>recalling only the beginning and ending of the event, was left
>with the impression that the aliens had been rebuked and
>repelled by the name of Jesus, when in fact nothing of the sort
>had occurred, and a complete abduction event had transpired
>between the (now-missing) time of the abductors' arrival and
>their (much-later) departure.

Hi Reed, List,

Without wishing to express any views on the matter, I thought
you might be interested in some references to further
discussions of warding off abductions by prayer. References
I've noted include the following:

1. "Appeal to spiritual personages" discussed by Druffel, Ann in
"The Encyclopedia of Extraterrestrial Encounters" (2001) (edited
by Ronald Story) at page 492 (in an entry entitled "resistance
techniques against alien abduction") of the New American Library
softcover edition, at page 481 of the pdf edition (with the same
page numbering in the Microsoft Word edition). (Also discussed
by Druffel, Ann in "The Mammoth Encyclopedia of Extraterrestrial
Encounters" (2001) (edited by Ronald Story) at page 591 (in an
entry entitled "resistance techniques against alien abduction")
of the Robinson softcover edition.)
2. "Abductions halted in Jesus's name" discussed by Ron Rhodes
in his "Alien Obsession: What Lies Behind Abductions, Sightings
and the Attraction to the Paranormal" (1998) at pages 169-171
(in Chapter 11) of the Harvest House softcover edition.
3. List of faith based actions (and risk factors) presented by
Missler, Chuck and Mark Eastman in their "Alien Encounters: The
Secret behind the UFO Phenomenon" (1997) at pages 329-332 (in
the first Appendix) of the Koinonia House softcover edition.
4. Advice against taking concerns about abductions to the
clergy given by LaVigne, Michelle in her "The Alien Abduction
Survival Guide" (1995) at pages 29-30 (in Chapter 4) of the Wild
Flower Press softback edition.

Of course, most of the discussions about preventing/stopping
alien abductions do not relate to the use of prayer. Discussions
that I've read range from the comments on the use of medication

and/or psychiatric treatment, to a wide range of other techniques. Such other techniques include physical struggle or mental struggle with the "abductors", faith, visualisation techniques, the use of "repellents" (including iron objects, small electrical applicances and herbs) to the use of recording devices/sensors.

I've outlined below the main sources of discussion of other methods that I'm aware of.

The most comprehensive collection of relevant discussions that I've read so far is in Ann Druffel's book "How to defend your against alien abductions" (1998). See the reviews of that book on

Amazon at:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0609802631>

It is worth noting that Ann Druffel has summarised her views in:

(a) "The Encyclopedia of Extraterrestrial Encounters" (2001)(edited by Ronald Story) at pages 491-493 (in an entry entitled "resistance techniques against alien abduction") of the New American Library softcover edition, at pages 480-481 of the pdf edition (with the same page numbering in the Microsoft Word edition).

(b) in "The Mammoth Encyclopedia of Extraterrestrial Encounters" (2001) (edited by Ronald Story) at pages 591-592 (in an entry entitled "resistance techniques against alien abduction") of the Robinson softcover edition.

Another book which discusses surviving alien abductions (but generally by discussing how to adopt a positive attitude, rather than preventing the experiencs) is Michelle LaVigne's "The Alien Abduction Survival Guide" (1995). See reviews on Amazon at:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0970263015/>

Other discussions in books that I've noted include: (a) David Coomer in his "The UFO Investigator's Guide" (1999) at pages 52-53 (in Chapter 4) of the Blandford softback edition.

(b) Charles F Emmons in his "At The Threshold: UFOs, Science and the New Age" (1997) at pages 178-179 (in Chapter 9) of the Wild Flower Press softcover edition.

Material currently on the Internet on this subject appears to be relatively limited. I think the most substantive discussions I've seen of different techniques is at the website below (which, as the author of that website acknowledges) is largely based on the book by Ann Druffel mentioned above:

<http://www.abductions-alien.org/ch03.html>

For one particular viewpoint and item, see:

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

For a comment expressing doubt about claims made for some prevention techniques, see:

<http://www.ufoabduction.com/faq1.htm#g11>

Kind Regards,

Isaac Koi

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Re: Dr. Melvin Redfern On Experiencers - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 14:18:36 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 09:51:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Dr. Melvin Redfern On Experiencers - Boone

>Source: Alternate Perceptions Magazine - Waynesboro, Tennessee

>Issue #94

>October 2005

>An Interview with Dr. Melvin Redfern
>by Brent Raynes

>Dr. Melvin Redfern, a retired psychotherapist living with his
>wife in Chucky, Tennessee, shares with us in this most
>interesting phone interview of August 15, 2005, his views on the
>place of psychotherapy in ufology and also shares his own
>personal and unusual UFO and paranormal experiences. His website
>is:

><http://community.webtv.net/ETUFOGROUP/UFOEasternTennesse>

<snip>

Out-freaking-standing!

This is the light in the darkness we all should be looking for.

Dr. Redfern has outlined so much that I've encountered myselft
in seeking help for experiencers.

It's something I've said for years when asking them why they
wouldn't come forward.

Fear of the psychiatric monsters.

Believe you me, I've got enough subjects had they come forward
and testify would turn this planet upside down but they know for
a fact the horrid repercussions of doing so to their persons.

I was sitting here a few days ago grieving about the loss of Dr.
Mack and then went into fury at the lenient sentence his
murderer. Now Dr. Redfern comes along to save the day.

Heed his words well folks.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Astronomers & Navigators - Roberson

From: Seth Roberson <blackfeather05.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 11:31:06 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 09:58:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Astronomers & Navigators - Roberson

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 22:08:23 -0400
>Subject: Re: Astronomers & Navigators

>>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 16:33:09 +0100
>>Subject: Astronomers & Navigators

<snip>

>Hi Ray!

>Astronomer Dr. Peter Brown and his team of researchers at
>University of Western Ontario in London, Canada, don't seem to
>be aware of such a post-1947 policy to suppress reports of UFOs
>detected in space or entering our atmosphere from the public or
>have any concerns about losing their jobs from what they do.

>They use radar and optical data collected from multiple
>observing sites to detect and record thousands of meteoritic
>events, and the occasional non-meteoritic event too, every day.
>Check out their web site below for examples and further details.

><http://aquarid.physics.uwo.ca/about.htm>

>It is my experience from talking with space scientists over the
>years that they are very interested in reports of unusual UFOs,
>especially those observed visually or detected with scientific
>instruments in the Earth's upper atmosphere or in space. Many
>have even shared their personal UFO sightings at meetings with
>colleagues or public lectures.

>The sporadic nature of the UFO phenomenon is particularly
>frustrating to scientists who wish to study UFOs but thanks to
>certain research projects like Brown's radar/optical tracking of
>meteors, they do manage to make a few non-meteor observations
>that could lead to fruitful studies by ufologists.

<snip>

Hello List,

Nick thanks for the advice, although it wasn't directed to me personally.

After about 5 mins exploring the U. of W. Ontario website I came across this video of a lightning strike in the Non-Meteor Events page:

<http://tinyurl.com/7b4cs>

You will notice a small dark object appears right after the lightning strike that appears to make a quick 90 degree turn before it races out of view.

Its small, its dark and you may need to watch the video several times before you see it. But very interesting none the less.

Seth Roberson

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Re: Socorro - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 18:52:15 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:06:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Hall

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 11:12:41 -0500
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 00:04:55 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 10:25:35 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Socorro [was: The Global UFO Cover-Up]

>>>>I think that's cavalier thinking. But that's how ufology
>>>>is nowadays. What's cavalier? I don't think you've been at
>>>>it long enough to
>>>>make that charge.

>>This is malarky, Rich. You're just wasting time. You read all of
>>the rest that Dave sent, re the timeline and when Lonnie did have
>>his glasses on, and all you can come up with is weak nonsense.

>>>That is not good investigation.

>>I don't think you are in any position to claim that!

>Don:

>I see that your response conveniently leaves out the rundown of
>my UFO experience.

>Others, including Paul Kimball, think that the eye-glass
>question is legitimate. It's not a small matter when it goes to
>the heart of an eyewitness's claim.

>What position does one have to be in for them to be able to
>question anything ufological?

>Are there rules that prohibit questioning, by neophytes and
>others?

>Who makes up those rules?

>While you think I'm wasting time, others do not I surmise. The
>Socorro episode is not a done deal. It's still open to scrutiny,
>or should be.

Rich,

I think the word 'cavalier' applies best to someone who goes
around strewing red herrings all over the place when he
obviously has done zero investigation of the case, not even the
elementary reading of contemporary investigations. I was
involved real time in the Socorro investigation and have written
fairly extensively about the case. Back in the good old days we
at NICAP even obtained the full Air Force Socorro file for
examination via the Air Force Office of History in Washington,

D.C.(flown from Maxwell AFB via courier plane at our request).

If you had read the contemporary reports you would know that Zamora did not say the small beings had human-like uniforms, that he was of the highest repute locally, that there is no issue whatsoever about his eyesight (what utter nonsense that you keep spewing in that regard).

There is nothing at all wrong about raising questions on any historical case or reinvestigating it, but any rational person who wasn't simply grinding axes and spicing blogs would first study the literature thoroughly. You obviously have not done so. Nor apparently have you read Maj. Hector Quintanilla's account of how thoroughly the Air Force checked for experimental vehicles, etc., and how puzzled he was by the case.

- Dick

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Homemade Flying Machines

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 15:31:54 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:10:13 -0400
Subject: Homemade Flying Machines

Wow! Look At These Homemade Flying Machines!

<http://kai.iks-jena.de/bigb/mav.html>

I love model aircraft making. This site, in German showcases lots of homemade state-of-the-art craft as well as military craft and concept craft.

I've run into my share of homemade craft that people were flying around that others thought were UFOs.

Any guy with a garage and some parts and a day off can really put people into a spin.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Memory Without Klass - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 12:34:08 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:11:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass - Rudiak

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 01:14:43 -0400
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 19:33:07 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>>>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 22:39:36 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>><snip>

>>>When it was pointed out to him that a British firm had invented
>>>a device which did stop car engines

>>Jan, can you tell me the references of such a claim I have never
>>heard before?

>After about three weeks with various computer problems, I have
>access to most of my files, but not the old E-mail files. So I
>can't give you the specific url.

>The device was produced by a British firm, the car had to run
>over a strip with the electrical components in it. The device
>didn't just stop the car, it wrecked the engine. Not exactly the
>EME associated with UFOs, but neither is it a mystical device
>Klass claimed. Once the effect has been established obviously
>something more close to UFO EMEs could be engineered.

>See also:

><http://www.guardian.co.uk/crime/article/0,2763,1259138,00.html>

>(Murray Bott found an incident in which RF with engine function
>stopped blimp motor near large radio transmitter.)

>Roos, John G. "Arresting Development: Non-Lethal Vehicle-
>Stopping Device for the Army's Peacekeeping Bag of Tricks."
>Armed Forces Journal International, vol. 138, no. 10, May 2001,
>p. 24.

><http://tinyurl.com/ch8oy>

The Air Force Scientific Advisory Board also put out a lengthy white paper in 1997 (or maybe 1999) outlining their vision for the 21st century American Air Force. Most of it was about laser and space-based weapons systems. However, it also mentioned the existence of high-power microwave weapons capable of stalling internal combustion engines (making the vehicles easy targets for subsequent bombing), also capable of scrambling aviation electronics and causing power blackouts. These are all electromagnetic interference effects that have been associated with UFO sightings for 50 years or more. (The classic example was the November 1957 miniflap in Texas/New Mexico involving

dozens of cases of car stallings.)

The AFSAB paper was on the Net for a while, but was subsequently pulled. I regret now not having made a copy.

David Rudiak

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DMT Users See Insects From Parallel Universe?

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 12:37:22 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:29:29 -0400
Subject: DMT Users See Insects From Parallel Universe?

Why Do DMT Users See Insects From A Parallel Universe?

<http://sprott.physics.wisc.edu/pickover/pc/dmtinsect.html>

Why Do DMT Users See Insects From A Parallel Universe?
by Cliff Pickover
Reality Carnival

People using DMT often see insectlike beings from another universe.

The molecule DMT (N,N-Dimethyltryptamine) is a psychoactive chemical that causes intense visions and can induce its users to quickly enter a completely different environment that some have likened to an alien or parallel universe. The transition from our world to theirs occurs with no cessation of consciousness or quality of awareness.

Why do so many people using DMT see insects? The DMT insect race comprises larval beings, alien space insects, praying-mantis entities and so forth. Why so many visions of insects? Something in the insect seems to be alien to the habits, morals, and psychology of this world, as if it has come from some other planet, more monstrous, more energetic, more insensate, more atrocious, more infernal than our own. - Maurice Masterlinck, Belgian playwright, 1862-1949

Examples of DMT Insect Reports

It is a mental Mecca, an excellent reference point for all other psychedelics. Those around me looked like alien space insects. I realized they were all part of it, too.

The wasp came to me this time, stung me while I was senseless. Insects are the blind keepers of secrets on this earth.

Oh dear lapidary insect friends...

Rex's heart, his emotional center, was consumed by feasting alien insects during his first high dose, and he was certain he was dying.

I came immediately upon the source, which was a DNA scarab, a construct, an insect of impossible dimensions, miles in diameter and circumference.

Inside were very tiny creatures. I can't decide if they were living or mechanical, but they moved like slow insects. Visually, they looked a lot like ants.

You can find many more examples of DMT insectoids using Google. Let me know if you come across other examples of particular interest.

Visit The Praying Mantis Reports

This is an informal collection of tales regarding the strangest of possibilities - encounters with praying-mantis like entities

which occur after ingesting enteogenic compounds. Why is this so common? Nobody seems to mention spiders or grasshoppers, always mantids!

For more information on DMT, click here:

<http://sprott.physics.wisc.edu/pickover/pc/dmt.html>

For my science fiction novel, The Lobotomy Club, which features praying-mantis entities from a parallel universe - induced by brain surgery - click here:

<http://sprott.physics.wisc.edu/pickover/neoreality.html>

Rob

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UFO Taped By Security Cam In Mexico

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Subject: UFO Taped By Security Cam In Mexico

Source: Frank Warren's Blog

<http://frankwarren.blogspot.com/2005/10/ufologist-santiago-yturria.html>

Monday, October 10, 2005

[Pictures at site]

Ufologist Santiago Yturria Investigates The Ramos Arizpe UFO Sighting - Captured On Video!

Amazing UFO Taped By Security Cam In Mexico

By Santiago Yturria
kronoman.nul

On Monday October 3, local neighbors of Ramos Arizpe, a community located near Saltillo, Coahuila got aware that a suspicious bright light was doing erratic movements in the sky and at the same time increasing it's size in a strange way. The time was about 3:00 AM.

In a few minutes the unusual light turned into an oval shaped object with an intense brightness with a blue glow around. The mysterious object was moving fast in zig zag and performing a strange behavior. At this moment the witnesses realized this was a UFO and became worried.

Some of them called the police reporting the incident and requesting to investigate the unusual phenomena.

The reports were turned to the Direcci=F3n de Seguridad Publica de Ramos Arizpe wich is the public security corporation and the 069 operator Mayra Gallegos Mu=Fliz confirmed the calls and sent a patrol unit to investigate the incident. Meanwhile the Security Cam Center located the mysterious object as it appeared on camera No. 1 who located the UFO north of Ramos Arizpe. The security cam operators were able to get the bright object in focus using the camera in infrared mode while recording the images. They confirmed the UFO was indeed over that area.

A Strange Metamorphosis

By this time the unknown object got closer and increased it's size exhibiting an oval shape with intense white luminosity and a blue glow around. No sound was heard at anytime. In a matter of seconds the UFO began performing some kind of strange metamorphosis while pulsating and a dark red kind of core appeared at the center. The UFO continues expanding itself increasing in size along with it's core wich changed to blue. All these features were captured by the security camera while the surprised operators continued recording the images and reporting the very unusual event to the Security Central.

As the UFO continues expanding it's size suddenly turned itself into a huge oval ring saturating the security monitor screen. The UFO's centerthat presented a core at first was now a hole.

The UFO shape described an ellipse composed by several bands or rings and a hole in the center where the stars were now visible. Sometimes at it's maximun size those rings or bands became translucent giving the impression of a huge dimensional gate of some kind.

As the UFO reached certain expansion it immediately began decreasing it's size in a backward process exhibiting the prior shapes till adopting the white oval form with the blue and purple glow around. The UFO repeated this rare morphing process several times being recorded by the security cam all the time. The video lasted 20 minutes till the UFO reduced it's size dissapearing.

An atmosphere of confusion and disconcert remained in the Security Cam Center.

The Incident Made The News

As the incident caused commotion among the people and the Security Center personnel the Ramos Arizpe=B4s Mayor Ernesto Saro was called an went to the Public Security Center to watch the video and receive thereport. In an improvised meeting Mayor Ernesto Saro as well as DirectorHomer Dur=Eln presented the video to the local media representativeswhere reporters of the local newspaper and tv station asked if this was a real UFO.

Mayor Ernesto Saro acknowledged the incident and declared this was indeed a UFO, a strange disconcerting flying object that caused alarm among the neighbors. Mayor Saro added that in absence of more solid information about the nature and origin of the phenomena they would have to wait until the investigation brings more elements to establish what happened that night.

I received a call from local INFO 7 newscast asking me if I could review the footage and make an evaluation for them because they were going to follow the story for several days. I agreed and received a copy of the footage for study and evaluation. They interviewed me as well as a local astronomer and we both concluded this was a UFO.

Conclusion

This is one of those cases in wich an important evidence is provided because it comes from an official source, that is the Ramos Arizpe's Public Security Corporation, therefore any suspicion or hint of a hoax is discarded. The object was there and the security cam caught it's presence.

The UFO performed movements and changes discarding the possibility of a star, planet or meteor. That was a clear night without clouds therefore this was not a ball lightning phenomena.

The local airport was questioned if their radar detected the unknown object and they declared there were not unknown objects detected by the radar that night but added that according to the images described this object was flying at low altitude not possible for radar detection. It was confirmed this object was not a blimp, wheater ballon or any known aircraft.

The Ramos Arizpe UFO case is important and well documented, with multiple witnesses involving the police department, the Security Cam Center and the Ramos Arizpe's Mayor. The media took notice of the incident and presented the story with seriousness and interest.

I must say that the Ramos Arizpe UFO footage is one of the most rare and impressive videos that I have seen. The unique features that the UFO exhibited performing a very unusual sequence of changes in size, shape and colors resulted disconcerting and intriguing. I've never seen anything like this before.

[UFO UpDates thanks Frank Warren for the lead]

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Re: Socorro - Ledger

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Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 16:38:01 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:40:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Ledger

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 10:19:33 -0500
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2005 12:55:39 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 8 Oct 2005 11:50:09 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>>>Your Hughes/Raven/Socorro vehicle is a myth with no
>>>>>basis in fact.

>>And might I add that after 41 years of development there is
>>still no evidence of this type of small craft in the US-or
>>anyone else's-inventory. Why spend so much on the development of
>>helicopters of all shapes and sizes if you have this type of
>>vehicle with VTOL capability, married to , silent, high speed
>>"dash" capability. The best that they have come up with are UAVs
>>a copy of model airplanes, loaded with computer software that
>>are in the opening stages of infesting your airspace in the US.
>>It amazes me when "researchers" play the "secret government
>>technology" card whenever the rest of their argument falls
>>apart. In this case the technology would have had to have been
>>developed before 1964, and it just plain wasn't. The upshot is,
>>it's a bogus argument which needs proving by those presenting
>>the argument. So far Rich, you haven't done that.

><snip>

>>Dave Rudiak has again vetted the glasses nonsense supporting
>>what I said about their importance to the actual sighting and
>>the aftermath, so there's no point in my attempting to improve
>>on the succinct and obvious.

>>So Lonnie's eyesight was corrected for the important phases of
>>the sighting-other than when his face was in the dirt- and the
>>balloon theory is a fairy tale. There was no earthbound,
>>propulsive technology of the time to account for the craft*. The
>>case still stands unsolved.

<snip>

>Don:

>You're a wonderful guy but have it all wrong; well, partially
>wrong.

I can't argue with your 'wonderful guy' assessment of me, but I
have it all "partially" wrong? You haven't done enough research.

>First off Rudiak didn't vet anything. He surmised, which he can
>do because he's an eye specialist. But still it's just

>supposition. We have no idea what Zamora's eye situation was in
>1964, and that's poor investigation no matter how much you guys
>try to fudge the issue.

I'm not fudging anything. I'm stating facts and your are arguing conjecture. By your reasoning, Lonnie was running around armed with a handgun with the right to blaze away with it if the situation called for it. He spent his days-thousands of them-as a policeman doing his duty, wearing glasses. He drove a police cruiser, on the highways and byways with all of the other people while wearing his glasses. He did this apparently while-as you've claimed-he had faulty eyesight, even though he was wearing his glasses. Then for some reason when he reports a UFO you bring his eyesight into question.

>As for the no-such-aircraft-has-come-into-being argument, you
>have to concede from the Socorro incident that the vehicle
>Zamora saw failed apparently or seemed to, causing its occupants
>to be checking it out.

Yeah, so what. maybe it just landed and that day "they" wanted that particular sample of bush.

>Therefore the vehicle didn't go further into production or use,
>perhaps.

More likely it never existed as some industrial product to begin with.

>Also, where are those radiation findings, if any? Other
>witnesses? Did anyone check into them, thoroughly?

If you are looking for UFO sightings to make sense and all of them to fall into a prescribed category, you are in for an upset.

>The departure of the vehicle was unlike most other flying saucer departures, which are invariably noiseless.

That's not true.

>The occupants were not grays it seems, and their uniforms were
>Earthlike. Again you are categorizing your UFO sightings. Maybe
>the occupants noted at some point that Earth man suits were
>alien space manlike.

Really Rich, none of the last three are pertinent

>The insignia was hardly alien.

Now there is a region that is subject to interpretation.

>The Socorro incident, as you concede, is open to further
>investigation. That's my point, which you apparently choose to
>dismiss or ignore.

Your point continues to be that he wore glasses and was therefore, blind. I did dismiss or ignore the fact that Lonnie ore glasses. I read the reports, the books, considered what he did for a living and the character assessments of the man, the timeline and I ruled out his wearing glasses as a none issue.

There's no proof that his wearing glasses in any way abrogated his interpretation of the sighting or skewed his testimony.

Lonnie had his glasses on during the most important parts of the sighting. You've been told that more than a few times. You choose to ignore this. The condition of Lonnie's eyesight had nothing to do with it. You know it and I know it.

You are just wasting time with insupportable arguments. As for dismissing or ignoring, who am I going to listen to, your definition of what constitutes importance re eyesight or David's, the expert here.

Dave aside, I'm going with my own common sense here. You, do not seem to be using common sense.

If you want so desperately to solve the Socorro [curiously my spell checker wants to relace Socorro with Saucer] sighting then you have to do better than this nonexistent poor eyesight

Re: Socorro - Ledger

question. It's a red herring, pure and simple.

Don Ledger

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Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:43:31 -0400
Subject: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

Stan Friedman wrote:

Kathy Marden has given me permission to post her response to that terrible Fulford column

Stan Friedman

From: Kathy Marde <Kmarden.nul>
To: robertfulford.nul
Sent: Sunday, October 09, 2005 4:41 PM
Subject: Betty and Barney Hill

Dear Mr. Fulford,

The following is a quote from Betty Hill posted by Lan Fleming on September 25, 1996:

"Lan, to this day, I have no idea what the 'Outer Limits' programs were about. I never saw them. I never saw "Twilight Zone." I never watched that type of program, so I don't know what was shown on them. Neither did Barney. At that time, he never would have had the opportunity, since he worked nights."

It has been posted on the Internet that the "Outer Limits" show aired on February 14, 1964, a Friday night. Barney and Betty did not watch science fiction programs (They preferred news and talk shows.) and Barney worked Monday through Friday nights at the South Postal Annex in Boston as a City Carrier, according to his employment record. Dr. Simon questioned Barney in deep hypnotic regression regarding the "Twilight Zone." Barney stated that he had never watched it but heard that it was "weird."

I have not viewed the show in question but have read that the aliens depicted on "Outer Limits" did not resemble the aliens that artist David Baker painted while Betty and Barney were in deep hypnosis. Betty and Barney's aliens can be found on pages 97 and 98 of A Common Sense Approach to UFOs by Betty Hill. It can be purchased by mailed a check in the amount of \$18.00 US currency to the Eunice B. Hill Revocable Trust, PO Box 93, East Kingston, NH 03827.

I should also be noted that there was credible evidence to suggest that Betty and Barney experienced a close encounter with a UFO (too close) and a period of missing time.

Very truly yours,

Kathleen Marden
Trustee and Niece

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UFO Flies Over Bolivia

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 09:06:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:48:14 -0400
Subject: UFO Flies Over Bolivia

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
October 9, 2005
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Source: La Patria Newspaper
Date: 10.09.05

UFO Flies Over Bolivia

An unidentified flying object (UFO) flew over the skies of Oruro early morning yesterday for approximately an hour. It was recorded by citizen Gustavo Ponce, who at first did not believe what he was seeing.

The time was approximately 01:30 hours in the morning when Ponce was heading for bed. At that time he saw a yellowish light in the sky that drew his attention, prompting him to reach for his binoculars to look at it more carefully.

"It was a very strange and shiny figure that could be seen through the binoculars. I went ahead and took out my camcorder to videotape the UFO in the sky. As the camera zoomed toward the object, I could how it was breaking down into a shape resembling a jellyfish or something like it. It was very strange."

He added that the object was flying over the eastern part of the city and that it was the first time he had ever seen such an object, having never had previous visual contact with a UFO.

LA PATRIA visited Ponce's home to see the images captured by his camcorder, attesting to the fact that the shining object broke down into a full circumference, adopting the shape of a jellyfish.

This is not the first time that a citizen has reported such objects. It is know that some reports of UFOs seen in the sky were told at a certain time, but they were not given credence by the public at large, since there is considerable skepticism toward the subject of UFOs and extraterrestrials.

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Spicy Blogs [The Global UFO Cover-Up]

From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 17:42:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:51:26 -0400
Subject: Spicy Blogs [The Global UFO Cover-Up]

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 13:38:05 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 8 Oct 2005 20:36:38 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 8 Oct 2005 10:24:54 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

><snip>

>>>As you told Paul Kimball, the way to get your blogs read is
>>>to keep them "spicy." I doubt somebody like you would willingly
>>>give up the "spice".

>>This is false. David Rudiak is no doubt referring to a blog post
>>I made some time ago wherein I stated that the RRR guys like to
>>"keep it spicy" at their blog. This was my opinion, however, as
>>anyone who read the post would have been aware. It was not
>>something that Rich Reynolds told me, and it was certainly not
>>something that Rich Reynolds told me to do in order to get one's
>>blog read.

>>David Rudiak has misrepresented what I wrote so that he can
>>score a cheap debating point off of Rich Reynolds. I don't have
>>a dog in this hunt, other than to set the record straight.

>Odd, but just to set the record straight, you wrote the
>following in your blog of July 11, 2005:

>http://redstarfilms.blogspot.com/2005_07_01_redstarfilms_archive.html

>"In honour of my pal Rich Reynolds (www.rrrgroup.blogspot.com),
>who has recently been trying to convince me that the key to
>blogging is to keep it spicy (or something like that - all I
>really recall is him nattering on about "the medium" being 'the
>message,'"

Hmm... it seems that both David and I were wrong here. It
appears that a few months ago I did write that RRR were trying
to convince me that the key to blogging was to keep it spicy
(not what I recalled, but obviously what I wrote). However,
nowhere in there will you find that they said this because they
thought it was a way to get a blog read, which is where David
erred - he extrapolated from what I wrote something that just
isn't there.

And now you two can continue bickering between yourselves. Just
leave me out of it - both of you (yes, that means you too Rich).

Paul Kimball

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Re: Why Are Aliens So Boring? - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 20:03:07 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:52:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Are Aliens So Boring? - Kimball

>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 00:28:37 EDT
>Subject: Why Are Aliens So Boring?

<snip>

>For the aggrieved (and I'm sure there will be many), you can e-mail
>Mr. Fulford at robertfulford.nul (his e-mail address is posted
>at the end of all his columns, so I'm not betraying any confidential
>information here).

Sorry - that should have read:

robert.fulford.nul

Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

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Re: Field Research & Images - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 20:18:59 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:55:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Sparks

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 12:07:24 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 18:37:26 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005 10:44:38 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>...Regarding Military data collection
>>>Fine for listening in on enemy communications, ship movements,
>>>etc. No problem! UFOs really don't even enter into it.

>>That is not what the AF thought, that UFOs "really don't even
>>enter into it." The AF considered it fully applicable to the UFO
>>problem and developed its anti-anecdotes policy based on the MIT
>>study, which was repeatedly given briefings on UFOs, by Ruppelt
>>and Col. Adams.

>Of course such data could be used to track "UFOs", but the
>primary reason is to track military targets of human origin.

That isn't the development history which was dual-use two-
tracked from the very inception, for both UFOs and "military
targets." Obviously one was better for attracting and
maintaining funding appropriations than the other.

>>At acknowledged UFO "hot spots" such as New Mexico in 1947-52
>>there were hundreds of genuine unexplained UFO sightings by
>>visual observers and radars yet the networks only caught several
>>of them. That's on the order of 1% of a high UFO occurrence
>>rate. Today we have a low UFO occurrence rate, meaning no flaps
>>no "hot spots." Where would you put a UFO "field lab"? Anywhere
>>some Area 51 nutball told you was a "hot spot"? That's a
>>prescription for bitter disappointment.

I should have added that a 1% detection rate applied to a low
UFO occurrence rate as we have today is essentially zero. Zero
UFO detections likely from a UFO "field lab."

>No, Area 51 would not be high on my list. However, I am sure
>some mini-flap areas could be found by examining witness
>reports.

I am just as sure that mini-flap areas cannot be found by the
usual Area 51-type of witness reports, assuming that any true
"mini-flaps" are even taking place. This is the prescription for
pointless responses to numerous hair-trigger false alerts every
time it "seems" initially there is a localized mini-flap
somewhere. The Colorado Project spent a lot of useless time
running around on such alerts from its so-called Early Warning
Network.

<snip>

>>>And I thought I was a pessimist! So you are telling me that I
>>>can only look up into the sky 1 mile! How come I can see
>>>satellites at 200-500 miles? And I can see a jet aircraft (at
>>>altitude) tens of miles away?

>>You know they're satellites and aircraft already, you don't
>>need Full Moon angular size to tell what they are. They "behave"
>>and conform to conventional profiles.

<snip>

>I am usually
>referring to night sightings, I have not figured out how to use
>the automated systems for daylight sightings yet)....

That's a major defect right there.

>>To prove something is a
>>real UFO you have to have enough resolution to reliably
>>distinguish an unconventional shape or three-dimensional data to
>>prove an unconventional maneuvering or high-speed or high-
>>altitude performance.

>I think we differ in this. All one needs is adequate
>triangulation resolution to define the flight path of the
>object. If the flight path matches an aircraft or satellite
>behavior, then all we can say is that it might be an aircraft
>or satellite (it could simply be a UFO behaving like these too).

Even with NORAD and its vast resources with FAA and military
flight plan data NORAD still cannot be sure of the identity of
every single radar blip appearing like an aircraft or satellite.
I don't see how that realization changes the situation from
before.

>The problem we have is that even with the high optical
>resolution you desire, the UFO could mimic appearing like a a
>satellite or aircraft.

Again, how would we ever have been able to distinguish a UFO
from a non-UFO under the previous methodologies? If you are
trying to suggest that that nullifies the requirement I stated
for a minimum Full Moon angular size in order to capture enough
photographic or video resolution to have a good chance (I didn't
say 100% perfect ability) to distinguish a UFO from a non-UFO
then I would say that you are wrong.

To put some arbitrary numbers on this for purposes of argument
and illustration only, let's say that a Full Moon angular size
enables a 75% capture rate in telling UFOs from non-UFOs
(including both false positives and false negatives) and a laxer
standard you are suggesting of "any pinpoint" qualifies, which
let's say has only a 5% accuracy rate. You can quibble and argue
all you want that the 5% really is two times better, and is 10%,
or whatever, but it is still an extremely high error rate which
will impress absolutely nobody, certainly not hardbitten
scientists.

>>Radar is automatically 3-D data. Optics
>>and cameras are basically 2-D. Only if you can develop a system
>>that will perform accurate real-time stereo triangulations of
>>optical targets will you have something comparable to the
>>simplicity of a radar. Until that time radar will be superior
>>for a ground site.

>I agree radar has nice features, but simple it is not. Your
>challenge is a valid one and one that I shall pursue. I think
>you overestimate the difficulty of the stereo triangulation
>method using today's available hardware/software given the rapid
>technology development state of home computers and operating
>systems.

How is your optical stereo triangulation system going to distinguish
two unrelated targets that are mistakenly taken as one target
at outlandish distances and velocities? How is it going to tell the
difference between multiple UFOs and mistakenly "triangulating"
"one" UFO when in fact it has separately locked on to two UFOs
at the same time and attributing a great distance and velocity that
does not exist or apply? What will it do when one UFO in a group

of UFOs decides to maneuver and dance around while some of the UFOs maintain aircraft-like trajectories, other UFOs dance less wildly, and all sorts of acrobatics in between?

With radar it's simply a question of recording the data and sorting it all out later. With optical real-time triangulation if the system mistakenly locks on to two targets and treats them erroneously as one, that mistake cannot be rectified later by data analysis, unless you get really lucky. Humans guiding the system in real-time could make quick judgments about what is what but then you lose your advantages of an automated system taking away the drudgery of continuous human surveillance.

With a large Full Moon angular size requirement an automated system could eliminate virtually all ordinary aircraft (and balloon, bird, and star/planet) profiles. With "any pinpoint" an automated system could not, for the reasons I gave above, prevent locking on to multiple targets and treating them as a single target at great distance with great velocities. What happens to the hundreds of "pinpoints" of lights in the night sky including stars and planets?

Do you simply have the automated system reject anything dimmer than the brightest planet Venus, magnitude -4 or so? Then the sensitivity of the system is all but lost. Program all of the bright stars and planets into the system to be automatically rejected (though some may be useful to calibrate pointing angles)? How many stars will have to be programmed in for automatic filtering out? How will meteors (fast-moving pinpoints of light) be handled? Eliminate anything above a certain velocity, say 25,000 mph? That way all UFOs traveling above 25,000 mph will be eliminated by the automated system too along with meteors.

What if a single large angular size UFO consists of multiple extremely bright "pinpoints" of light on its exterior? What does the automated system "lock on" to and how do we know which light was which for the system's triangulation? What if the lights flash off and on? What does the automated system "lock on" to and how does it maintain object-continuity and consistency? We're not dealing with an unusual UFO situation but a fairly common UFO configuration such as the "Christmas-tree lights" UFO in the famous Exeter case.

Just try going through a few dozen actual UFO Unknowns in my Blue Book Unknowns Catalog available online. Don't make me have to work out the decision trees and show the near impossibility of developing a system that must accept "pinpoints" of light, instead of a more reasonable and experience-based practical limitation of Full Moon angular size (which is a quantitative way of saying Close Encounters Only and rejecting most Nocturnal Lights cases).

All this just because the wisdom of a Full Moon angular size requirement to distinguish UFOs from IFO's is "challenged." Far easier it seems to me to tie an automated optical stereo triangulation system into the Passive Radar system. Or even just a telescopic camera system that points toward an unconventional target picked up by the Passive Radar. Then you won't need a Full Moon angular size if Passive Radar has already shown an unconventional performance and pointed the camera at the target direction. If Passive Radar detects a high speed target at extremely low altitude and the camera picks up a pinpoint of light at the exact coordinates then you don't need a Full Moon to tell that it is a UFO, for example. But if all the data you have is optical and you don't have radar then you need a Full Moon to see enough to tell if it is an IFO or not, in most cases.

>>And a Passive Radar system that can reach
>>2,000 miles will be superior to any ground radar limited by
>>horizon line-of-sight to say 100-200 miles, especially since it
>>can "peek" down below the horizon (since broadcast radio waves
>>fill virtually every space above ground now and it doesn't take
>>much to receive and amplify an over-the-horizon signal bounce).

>Its all very nice of course, but you will need very large
>supplies of cash and experts to build this system.

No more, or not much more, than the meteor trackers who work on a relatively shoestring budget (for scientific projects).

A Passive Radar could develop in stages of detection capability based on levels of processing power required, with the more maneuverable or complicated UFO target tracking capability reserved for when more computing power can be bought. Until then all 25,000 mph targets traveling at less than 50,000 feet altitude are pretty obviously highly likely to be UFOs and not any supersecret weapons system or anything else, and easy to distinguish. Targets traveling only say 1,000 mph but highly maneuverable will be more difficult to distinguish from a high-speed fighter and will require more computing power. Etc. etc.

<snip>

>How you can guess at passive radar's accuracy is beyond my
>understanding! It seems pretty fuzzy to me and fraught with
>distortion.

Distortion?? From what?? Turn your own question on "accuracy" onto your automated UFO "field lab" as I have done above. What is "fuzzy" about a Doppler shift velocity? Either it is there or it isn't. Either the wavefront arrival times at two or more receivers provide stereo triangulation by wavefront interferometry or they don't. Nothing "fuzzy" about it or "fraught with distortion."

It's as "accurate" as your own measurement of the wave characteristics of the radio or tv or cell phone transmitter you are using which bounces off your target, providing a Doppler shift velocity of a radially moving target and interferometry of angles and 3-D locations giving all velocity components as well as height, distance and geographic location. Sensitivity is a different issue. If the wavelength is too large to catch a smaller object then some things might be missed. Less signal is reflected at greater distances, etc. But unlike skin-track "primary" radars where both transmitters and receivers are at or near the same locations, a Passive Radar can use the vast array of transmitters that can be close to the target so the receivers can be much farther away. There is a no-capture rate in any system.

<snip>

>>Are they going to shut down all the 50,000 watt radio and tv
>>transmitters and the cell phone transmitters because of
>>"national security"??

>No, just have the government buy out or gain some regulatory
>control (Patroit Act addendum) of the commercial passive radar
>system. At the worse, "good" ole harassment and intimidation.

Sounds very conspiratorial. Lockheed and other companies are already building Passive Radar systems. I haven't heard of any being closed down or subjected to "good ole harassment and intimidation." Cripes we've let out so much technology to China, Russia and numerous companies and nations around the world despite almost futile export controls it's hard to see where they could apply a Band-aid to stop the gushing hemorrhage. Dual use equipment is even harder to stop - pharmaceutical gear that can be converted to biowarfare, ball-bearing grinders that can help in construction of inertial guidance systems for missiles, etc.

>>The radio waves are out there bouncing off
>>various objects and all we have to do is have the receivers and
>>the signal processing computing power to distinguish the Doppler
>>shifting of high-speed or high-altitude maneuvering objects and
>>filter out normal aircraft, etc. Anyone can receive these
>>signals and do whatever. I don't see how "national security" can
>>stop it anymore than it can stop what goes out over the
>>Internet.

>>Frankly the idea that terrorists are going to spend years trying
>>to make sense out of a mass of flight data from a Passive Radar
>>system for some obscure purpose seems absurd to me.

>I agree terrorists in the US don't need this system. All they
>need is shoulder fired missile at ANY US aircraft to create
>terror.

Then what's the problem? We're only talking about the US and Canada here.

>If this system works to see our Stealth (which I have read that
>it can) or even non-Stealth aircraft, then the terrorists
>(i.e. in Iraq or Iran or North Korea or other Muslim countries or
>even China) would not need to sort out "masses of data". Just have
>to look for incoming vehicles to blast which they could not normally
>paint with radar without getting a missile in their behind.

That's absurd. "They" or the terrorists would have to sort through literally millions of data points to try to find just one where a Passive Radar picked up something that their ordinary radar did not. And how would they distinguish that one hypothetical Stealth profile from hundreds of civil aircraft with not enough metal in them to be picked up on their military skin-track radars? How would they ever be sure that it was a Stealth and not just one of their own that was not big enough to show on normal radar? How would that help them or tell them anything? Months of data analysis would be too late to defend against an attack where warning is needed in minutes of seconds. So they find a 200 mph or 400 mph or 4,000 mph Stealth target what does that tell them they didn't already know or suspect?? That if they patiently sift through millions of Passive Radar and ordinary radar tracks by careful comparison they may without any guarantees, they may possibly be able to spot a Stealth bomber months after it dropped its bombs??

What if their own ordinary radars simply have blind spots where all of their aircraft fail to get detected at some time or other?

All radars have radar horizons so anything no matter how large will simply not show up if flying below the radar horizon and only if they have height-finder capability will they be able to eliminate that as the reason Passive Radar picked up something that their regular radars did not. Any which way you look at it will require massive amounts of intricate data analysis by the terrorists or terrorist client states. And remember we're talking about say, Iran, constructing its own Passive Radar in Iran, which they can do at any time without having to wait for UFO researchers in North America to construct a Passive Radar here for different purposes. Iran can spend billions of dollars getting the best equipment which we will never be able to afford so our designs are unlikely to be of any help to Iran -- unless Iran wants to track UFOs too. :)

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Re: Socorro - Rudiak

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Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 17:37:24 -0700
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Subject: Re: Socorro - Rudiak

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 10:19:33 -0500
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2005 12:55:39 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>Dave Rudiak has again vetted the glasses nonsense supporting
>>what I said about their importance to the actual sighting and
>>the aftermath, so there's no point in my attempting to improve
>>on the succinct and obvious.

>>So Lonnie's eyesight was corrected for the important phases of
>>the sighting-other than when his face was in the dirt- and the
>>balloon theory is a fairy tale. There was no earthbound,
>>propulsive technology of the time to account for the craft*. The
>>case still stands unsolved.

><snip>

>>* Let's not forget the stability issues involved with a
>>rotorless craft propelled by jets or rocketry with the C of G
>>above the propulsive force and not hanging below it as in
>>helicopters. They are inherently unstable and the human pilot
>>cannot keep up with their tendency to fall around the C of G.
>>Even high speed, highly maneuverable winged fighters have to
>>have computers looking after stability to keep them airborne.
>>The common F-18A has 5 OBCs to keep it from falling out of the
>>sky. The F117A has 7. This is the newer, lightweight computer
>>systems of the late 70s and early 80s,90s and 100's not the
>>basement filling computers of the early 60s which would have had
>>to be crammed into this little, wingless, even more unstable,
>>auto sized machine along with the occupants, the engine,
>>instruments the fuel and seats etc.

>Don:

>You're a wonderful guy but have it all wrong; well, partially
>wrong.

>First off Rudiak didn't vet anything. He surmised, which he can
>do because he's an eye specialist. But still it's just
>supposition. We have no idea what Zamora's eye situation was in
>1964, and that's poor investigation no matter how much you guys
>try to fudge the issue.

This is just more of your handwaving nonsense. It is possible to
surmise to very high probability what Zamora's "eye situation"
was in 1964. He was only 31 years old and a traffic cop. Unlike
most people, cops have to pass physicals to get their jobs and
keep them. There are standards for health that they have to

meet. For visual acuity, the typical police standard is _at least_ 20/20 acuity corrected and _at least_ 20/100 uncorrected. If he hadn't met these _minimal_ acuity standards, he wouldn't have passed the physical, nor would he have passed _subsequent_ periodic physicals.

The probability that Zamora, a healthy young 31-year-old subject to vision screening, would meet these _minimal_ acuity standards is 99+%. You are thus quibbling over a tiny fraction of 1% possibility that somehow Zamora fell through the cracks, and had some vision problem that somehow compromised his sighting report. In addition, somehow this previously undetected vision problem remained undetected in subsequent physicals such that Zamora remained on the police force for many years afterwards. We're probably down in the .01% probability range now.

Further, as is typical of your style of argumentation, you never provide any specifics. What _significant_ details of his story were supposedly compromised by this never detected vision problem whose very existence is itself highly improbable?

(Readers: Please note further below, where Reynolds now suddenly attributes Superman-like visual acuity to Zamora when he somehow deduces that Zamora's descriptions of the beings and clothing show that they weren't Greys and were wearing "Earthlike" uniforms.)

You also ignore important details that have nothing to do with his vision. The craft took off with a roar, but then went silent. Did Zamora also have severe hearing problems? There was also a lot of physical evidence left behind: the landing pad impressions, which could be used to corroborate his reported craft size; the burn area on the ground and the bush that burned and sliced cleanly in half; metal scrapings on a rock that Ray Stanford had analyzed by NASA that didn't match existing known alloys (their original story before they changed it).

Incidentally, Blue Book investigators did an analysis looking for chemical propellant traces. They didn't find any. That's another important indication that this wasn't a conventional propulsion system like a jet or rocket.

>As for the no-such-aircraft-has-come-into-being argument, you
>have to concede from the Socorro incident that the vehicle
>Zamora saw failed apparently or seemed to, causing its occupants
>to be checking it out.

Now who's guilty of supposition? We don't know why it landed, but obviously it's condition couldn't have been too bad, because it was able to immediately take off again and zoom into the distance after Zamora approached it.

>Therefore the vehicle didn't go further into production or use,
>perhaps.

More improbable, wild-assed speculation from somebody holding an empty hand. If this craft had a mechanical problem, it was obviously extremely minor (because it immediately took off again, etc.). All experimental craft encounter snags. The engineers fix them. If there are serious ones that can't be fixed, then maybe that's reason for cancellation. But, again, this craft seemed to have no problems fleeing the scene in a hurry. It was a wingless, high-performance, VTOL vehicle with, except for landing and takeoff, a silent propulsion system. The military would kill for an aircraft like that.

>Also, where are those radiation findings, if any?

There was no radiation elevation found at the site, just like no chemical propellents.

>Other witnesses? Did anyone check into them, thoroughly?

What's your point? That Zamora manufactured the story? That would mean he also manufactured the physical evidence as well, including burning the ground and shrubbery leaving no chemical traces behind, a pretty neat trick.

There are other witnesses, but not as important as Zamora, who got a close look. Two of them seemed to have seen the landing part of the episode while driving into Socorro on their way back

home to Iowa. Their names are known (Paul Kies and Larry Kratzer), but after talking to the hometown Iowa newspaper (Dubuque Telegraph Herald), they apparently didn't want to discuss it any further. Ray Stanford reports in his book they never answered his letters.

According to the local gas station owner, another carload of tourists stopped for gas and commented about the low-flying aircraft that had just passed over their car. This again would have been the approach or landing part of the incident. Their identities are not known. Just before this, an unknown object had been seen flying slowly towards Socorro.

Stanford told me personally there was another policeman (name known) who witnessed the end of the departure, when the vehicle was climbing and disappearing into the distance. Unlike Zamora, he's refused to go on record.

Stanford also wrote in his book there are a number of hearing witnesses to both the landing and takeoff. He said he personally spoke to two women who heard a loud roar, followed minutes later by another loud roar. Neither wished to be identified. Stanford reported in his book that a member of the Socorro sheriff's department subsequently told him that literally hundreds of persons on the south side of town heard both roars.

There were also other sightings of UFOs in the area following Zamora's, including one by Stanford himself 6 days later, 48 miles west of Socorro. (He managed to take two photos.) Several others were reported in the Albuquerque Journal.

>The departure of the vehicle was unlike most other flying saucer departures, which are invariably noiseless.

So first you say that it was unlike "most" departures, which would be correct. Then you state that departures are "invariably" noiseless, which is incorrect and contradicts what you just said before.

The vast majority of sightings of the CE1 variety, where the witnesses are not close. CE2 and CE3, or close cases, are much rarer. That alone would reduce reports of noise, if UFOs make noise. Usually no noise is reported in even CE2 or CE3 cases (except for a frequently reported humming or buzzing).

However, it is simply not true that departures are "invariably noiseless." Stanford noted a number of other cases, particular from Europe in 1954 and the U.S. in 1957/58 where a small oval-shaped craft, sometimes with small beings nearby were reported. One case from November 5, 1954, in Spain (but of a large shining disk) had the witness reporting that it rose with a roaring noise resembling an explosion. Another from October 26, 1958, from Baltimore was of an egg-shaped UFO. Before the object took off, the two witnesses reported a brilliant white light accompanied by an deafening explosion-like sound.

Here's some more from Brad Spark's index:

http://www.cufos.org/BB_Unknowns_1_7.pdf

April 12, 1960 Louisiana: A fiery red disk was seen touching down with a loud explosion and a flame, before taking off again. There were ground traces at the site.

Feb 26, 1954, Massachusetts: Two witnesses saw a silver disc with a white trail make a loud roar.

Oct. 11, 1955, Maryland: Two witnesses saw a white round object turning red with sparks at end, with a deep roar.

Nov. 2, 1957, Levelland, Texas (one of famous Levelland car stalling cases): 200 foot long torpedo-shaped object emitting yellow flame and white smoke out the rear rose up from ground and passed directly overhead with a thundering roar.

Get the point?

Your logic seems to be that because the object made a roaring noise, it must be a human craft. However, you leave out the part where the craft took off with a roar but then went completely silent when it sped off at high speed into the distance. Please

tell us what known conventional propulsion system can silently accelerate a craft like this.

>The occupants were not grays it seems, and their uniforms were >Earthlike.

Amazing how you can deduce all that, especially from a witness whose eyesight you claim is questionable. Ah, but if it can somehow can be spun into a human crew, then Zamora's eyesight is now incredibly sharp, eh Rich? Consistency in argumentation is not exactly your strong point.

Actually all Zamora said was that they were small like children and seemed to be dressed in white coveralls. His sighting of the crew was brief and from hundreds of yards away, hardly close enough for him to see "USAF" or "Osh Kosh BeGosh" on the "coveralls," no matter how sharp his vision was.

>The insignia was hardly alien.

Another remarkable conclusion. Please tell us what the difference is between a human and alien insignia. How did you determine this?

>The Socorro incident, as you concede, is open to further investigation.

A totally meaningless tautology. All incidents are always open to further investigation. So what?

>That's my point, which you apparently choose to dismiss or >ignore.

You seem to no damn little about what is already known about Zamora sighting or UFO cases in general, yet draw remarkable conclusions from out of nowhere ("departures... are invariably noiseless," "the insignia was hardly alien," "their uniforms were Earthlike," etc.) The reason you are being dismissed or ignored is because you obviously have nothing to contribute to the discussion. And your point seems to be nothing more than be a nattering gadfly.

David Rudiak

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>Others, including Paul Kimball, think that the eye-glass
>question is legitimate. It's not a small matter when it goes to
>the heart of an eyewitness's claim.

I don't understand what the "eye-glass question" does for you. Seems to have a very low likelihood of a return compared to the amount of probably highly illegal investigation that would be required to get the answer, and it's not even clear to me what exactly are you after? Zamora's optometry records? Those would be confidential and protected by both federal and probably New Mexico state law. Zamora won't be giving permission to grant access to his medical/optometric records or answering questions from UFO researchers about it as he has refused all further interviews for about the past 40 years or so since around the time Klass interviewed him, who may have been the last. Hmm wonder why?

Speaking of Klass both he and Menzel were involved early on in the case. Why didn't they get Zamora's "eye-glass" data? Or did they and they found nothing out of the ordinary that they could get any traction with so they quietly dropped the issue? Menzel was famous or infamous for "asking the eye-glass question" and lying to make up the answer he wanted to hear: He lied and claimed, for example, that Father Gill "wasn't wearing his glasses," when in fact Hynek found out Gill was wearing his glasses.

Suppose you find out Zamora was 20/200, but 20/20 with the eye-glasses. What would that tell you exactly? I don't see how that would help any at all. At best it might help refine Dave Rudiak's experiments on what distance the UFO might have disappeared at. He has shown that the object would have disappeared by distance recession at just about where Zamora had estimated, about 6 miles away over Sixmile Mountain.

This shows that Zamora has unusually good judgment of distance

cues that go beyond the simplistic stereoscopic distance and focus perception range and are more like a pilot's ability to estimate object distances to several miles within a dynamic and perceptual framework. As with Zamora, an object that starts out at close range with visible known size at known distance is now visually a "known object" even if a UFO, and can be tracked by the human eye out to a considerable distance because it has been calibrated for its known size at a known distance when it was at close range.

Zamora reportedly helped Lincoln LaPaz with meteorite tracking. This requires accurate angular observation of short-duration objects in the sky with accurate timing by reenactment. Hynek wrote that he had done a timed reenactment with Zamora of his entire UFO sighting but this report is apparently not in the BB or CUFOS files (it was specifically searched for at my request a few years back).

My impression for what it's worth is that Zamora is an unusually meticulous and accurate observer far beyond most of the UFO witnesses I have ever encountered. His original sighting report contains a wealth of detail not usually reported by witnesses or extracted by investigators. If it's missing anything it's the full set of timings by reenactment and angular data which could have been extracted by careful investigators (if LaPaz had taken some instruments with Zamora out to the landing site we could have gotten some highly precise angular data). But this is data of primary use for physics analysis not hoax busting or debunking. It's calibrating the witness to extract more scientific data as Hynek urged in *The UFO Experience* back in 1972 which all UFO investigators should read and understand.

Going to the "heart of an eyewitness's claim" doesn't sound like physics analysis of trajectories and such.

Do you really think it will turn out Zamora was in reality totally blind and he chased speeders using a guide dog in his patrol car, wrote up his report in Braille, used sunglasses to hide his total blindness from the Army, FBI, and law enforcement investigators who arrived on the scene within minutes? And managed to fool investigators who took him to the site for months afterward?

I don't understand what we'd be looking for in "asking the eye-glass question" unless it's just finetuning the data for science, since it can't possibly disprove the sighting by debunking it. Whether Zamora had 20/40 vision without his glasses, or 20/400, won't make any difference to his UFO sighting with his glasses.

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Source: The Berkshire Chronicle - Reading, Berkshire, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/9vbpz>

Oct 11 2005

Latest UFO Is Spotted Hovering Over Birch Hill Homes
By Nick Capehorn

A noisy UFO woke Birch Hill residents in the early hours of Monday morning when it zoomed over the sleeping suburb.

The craft spent half-an-hour hovering above houses in Jevington before zipping towards South Hill Park, according to witnesses.

Susan Mallia, who called the Midweek to see if anyone else reported the strange sight, said: "I have never seen anything like that before. It looked like a pile of scaffolding with lights, red, blue and orange ones.

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"It also had a big spotlight that was moving around. I don't think it was a helicopter because it sounded like a vacuum cleaner or a generator.

"Perhaps it was a weather balloon. It was very noisy, and it would have woken everyone in the area. It woke me at 2.30am and my husband and I watched it for half an hour.

"Just as he went to get his camera it headed off to South Hill Park and was out of sight -- but we could still hear it."

Midweek's sister paper the Bracknell News was invaded with calls of an extra-terrestrial nature over the summer as UFOs flocked to observe the town.

Nowhere in Bracknell Forest was left out of the spacemen's tour, with the paper reporting sightings at the Coppid Beech Hotel (July 7), Birch Hill (July 14), Crown Wood (July 19), Binfield and College Town (July 28) and another in Binfield (August 30).

The News also interviewed local man Terry Walters, who claims he was operated on by aliens in the 1960s and has also exorcised a borough councillor's home.

Since then alien visitors seemed to have flown south for the winter, but it appears they are once again spying on the town's residents.

If you have had a close encounter, contact the UFO hot-line on 01344 456611.

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Re: Socorro - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 09:12:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 11:11:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Reynolds

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 18:52:15 +0000
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 11:12:41 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

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>Rich,

>I think the word 'cavalier' applies best to someone who goes
>d strewing red herrings all over the place when he
>obviously has done zero investigation of the case, not even the
>elementary reading of contemporary investigations. I was
>involved real time in the Socorro investigation and have written
>fairly extensively about the case. Back in the good old days we
>at NICAP even obtained the full Air Force Socorro file for
>examination via the Air Force Office of History in Washington,
>D.C.(flown from Maxwell AFB via courier plane at our request).

>If you had read the contemporary reports you would know that
>Zamora did not say the small beings had human-like uniforms,
>that he was of the highest repute locally, that there is no
>issue whatsoever about his eyesight (what utter nonsense that
>you keep spewing in that regard).

>There is nothing at all wrong about raising questions on any
>historical case or reinvestigating it, but any rational person
>who wasn't simply grinding axes and spicing blogs would first
>study the literature thoroughly. You obviously have not done so.
>Nor apparently have you read Maj. Hector Quintanilla's account
>of how thoroughly the Air Force checked for experimental
>vehicles, etc., and how puzzled he was by the case.

So then what is your take, Richard, on the Socorro episode?

Did Zamora see an ET craft? Or is the thing just an unsolvable sighting?

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Socorro - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:45:05 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 11:12:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Boone

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 18:52:15 +0000
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>>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 10:25:35 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Socorro [was: The Global UFO Cover-Up]

>>>>>I think that's cavalier thinking. But that's how ufology
>>>>>is nowadays. What's cavalier? I don't think you've been at
>>>>>it long enough to
>>>>>make that charge.

>>>This is malarky, Rich. You're just wasting time. You read all of
>>>the rest that Dave sent, re the timeline and when Lonnie did have
>>>his glasses on, and all you can come up with is weak nonsense.

>>>>That is not good investigation.

>>>I don't think you are in any position to claim that!

>>Don:

>>I see that your response conveniently leaves out the rundown of
>>my UFO experience.

>>Others, including Paul Kimball, think that the eye-glass
>>question is legitimate. It's not a small matter when it goes to
>>the heart of an eyewitness's claim.

>>What position does one have to be in for them to be able to
>>question anything ufological?

>>Are there rules that prohibit questioning, by neophytes and
>>others?

>>Who makes up those rules?

>>While you think I'm wasting time, others do not I surmise. The
>>Socorro episode is not a done deal. It's still open to scrutiny,
>>or should be.

>Rich,

<snip>

>If you had read the contemporary reports you would know that

>Zamora did not say the small beings had human-like uniforms,
>that he was of the highest repute locally,

Highest repute locally and some! You can say that again!

My aunt told me about Officer Zamora saying he was fair and square, a hero to many people. She was very proud that he became an cop because the spanish and native americans back then were given a hard way to go.

Yep, from a first person who was there viewpoint, to her the sun rose and shined on Officer Zamora.

Best,

Greg

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From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 11:14:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Reynolds

UpDaters:

I had occasion to talk with Lonnie Zamora's wife today, 10/11/05, and she informed me that Officer Zamora, who is in good health, has no idea what his eyesight prescription would have been at the time of the Socorro sighting.

And Mrs. Zamora said she didn't know how we might find out what his eyesight was in 1964, and asked what did it matter anyway.

Mrs. Zamora also said Lonnie doesn't talk about the sighting at all anymore, and wishes not to.

She and I discussed the weather in Socorro this day, and our colloquy ended on a pleasant note.

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Socorro - Reynolds

From: **Rich Reynolds** <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 09:57:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 11:17:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Reynolds

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 16:38:01 -0300
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 10:19:33 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

<snip>

>If you want so desperately to solve the Socorro [curiously my
>spell checker wants to relace Socorro with Saucer] sighting then
>you have to do better than this nonexistent poor eyesight
>question. It's a red herring, pure and simple.

Don:

You and Listers may have seen my post about a phone conversation I had today [10/11] with Mrs. Zamora, so I won't belabor that point.

But I talked with an investigator with our Sheriff's office here, a reader of our MediaWatch site, and he assures me that the eyesight of a witness to a crime [an event] is very important, an essential element for the Prosecutors office if a suspect is being identified by a witness with eyeglasses: Were the glasses on? What's the reason for the glasses, the eyesight correction? Astigmatism? Near-sightedness? Far-sightedness? Is the prescription current? Et cetera.

Red herring? I think not.

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:01:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 12:33:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill - Clark

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 17:17:49 -0300
>Subject: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

>Stan Friedman wrote:

>Kathy Marden has given me permission to post her response to
>that terrible Fulford column

>Stan Friedman

>From: Kathy Marde <Kmarden.nul>
>To: robertfulford.nul
>Sent: Sunday, October 09, 2005 4:41 PM
>Subject: Betty and Barney Hill

>Dear Mr. Fulford,

>The following is a quote from Betty Hill posted by Lan Fleming
on September 25, 1996:

>"Lan, to this day, I have no idea what the 'Outer Limits'
>programs were about. I never saw them. I never saw 'Twilight
>Zone.' I never watched that type of program, so I don't know
>what was shown on them. Neither did Barney. At that time, he
>never would have had the opportunity, since he worked nights."

>It has been posted on the Internet that the "Outer Limits"
>show aired on February 14, 1964, a Friday night. Barney and
>Betty did not watch science fiction programs (They preferred
>news and talk shows.) and Barney worked Monday through Friday
>nights at the South Postal Annex in Boston as a City Carrier,
>according to his employment record. Dr. Simon questioned Barney
>in deep hypnotic regression regarding the "Twilight Zone."
>Barney stated that he had never watched it but heard that it was
>"weird."

The claim that Barney Hill was recycling aliens from Outer Limits is now a full-fledged pelicanist urban legend. It was first propounded in 1990 by the prolific skeptical writer Martin Kottmeyer, who did not bother to ask Betty Hill, who presumably would know better than anybody, about it. I was the first researcher to write her and inquire directly. She wrote me on June 26, 1995:

"As for the Outer Limits program - never heard of it. Barney worked nights. If he was not working, we were never home because of our community activities. If we had been home, I am sure this title would not interest us."

See the discussion on pp. 501-02 of The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd ed.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Socorro - Clark

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Brad,

>Speaking of Klass both he and Menzel were involved early on in
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>lying to make up the answer he wanted to hear: He lied and
>claimed, for example, that Father Gill "wasn't wearing his
>glasses," when in fact Hynek found out Gill was wearing his
>glasses.

Thanks for bringing up the matter of Menzel's spurious charge
about Father Gill's not wearing glasses at the time of his
sighting. The current discussion brought it to my mind, too. A
correction, however:

It was I, not Hynek, who (in a 1977 interview) showed Gill what
Menzel had claimed about his famous sighting: namely, that Gill
had not been wearing glasses, thus causing him to mistake Venus
for a UFO because his astigmatism led him to see an elongated,
out-of-focus image.

Menzel had never contacted Gill to see if the allegation made
any sense, and Gill knew nothing of it until I brought it to his
attention. He said, "I cannot specifically remember wearing
glasses, but I certainly would have remembered if I could not
find the glasses or if they had been lost or broken..... That
would have been a very memorable occasion."

For other absurdities in Menzel's (and Klass's) reconstruction
of the incident, see The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd ed., pp. 451-52.

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Re: DMT Users See Insects From Parallel Universe?

From: Chris Burns <Thurstonoreggae.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 11:36:24 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 12:37:49 -0400
Subject: Re: DMT Users See Insects From Parallel Universe?

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 12:37:22 -0700
>Subject: DMT Users See Insects From Parallel Universe?

><http://sprott.physics.wisc.edu/pickover/pc/dmtinsect.html>

>Why Do DMT Users See Insects From A Parallel Universe?
>by Cliff Pickover
>Reality Carnival

>People using DMT often see insectlike beings from another
>universe.

List,

I don't know whether the topic of DMT has been discussed on the list previous to Terry's post, but for those interested in learning all possible angles and aspects of the "visitation" experience, take the time to learn about DMT.

Certainly there is enough relevant to the abduction experience to make you go "hmmm...".

A great book to start with is Rick Straussman's DMT: The Spirit Molecule.

No need to jump to any premature conclusions about what the alien imagery in the DMT experience means, but it is certainly worth learning about.

Same goes for those into out-of-body and near-death experiences; reading about DMT might be a great follow-up to Kenneth Ring's writings.

Chris Burns

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Re: Socorro - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 16:41:11 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 12:39:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Hall

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 09:12:21 -0500
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 18:52:15 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 11:12:41 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>Rich,

>>I think the word 'cavalier' applies best to someone who goes
>>d strewing red herrings all over the place when he
>>obviously has done zero investigation of the case, not even the
>>elementary reading of contemporary investigations. I was
>>involved real time in the Socorro investigation and have written
>>fairly extensively about the case. Back in the good old days we
>>at NICAP even obtained the full Air Force Socorro file for
>>examination via the Air Force Office of History in Washington,
>>D.C.(flown from Maxwell AFB via courier plane at our request).

>>If you had read the contemporary reports you would know that
>>Zamora did not say the small beings had human-like uniforms,
>>that he was of the highest repute locally, that there is no
>>issue whatsoever about his eyesight (what utter nonsense that
>>you keep spewing in that regard).

>>There is nothing at all wrong about raising questions on any
>>historical case or reinvestigating it, but any rational person
>>who wasn't simply grinding axes and spicing blogs would first
>>study the literature thoroughly. You obviously have not done so.
>>Nor apparently have you read Maj. Hector Quintanilla's account
>>of how thoroughly the Air Force checked for experimental
>>vehicles, etc., and how puzzled he was by the case.

>So then what is your take, Richard, on the Socorro episode?

>Did Zamora see an ET craft? Or is the thing just an unsolvable
>sighting?

'Just an unsolvable sighting?' What does that mean? Sounds sort
of British John-like.

It is one of hundreds of cases, very thoroughly investigated,
that collectively show overwhelming strong patterns suggestive
of a non-earthly origin and justifying the ET hypothesis or as
Jim McDonald put it, perhaps something even more bizarre.

Glad to elaborate if you have questions about the hypothetico-
deductive method.

- Dick

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Secrecy News -- 10/11/05

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SECRECY NEWS
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ISOO SYMPOSIUM ON CLASSIFICATION POLICY

The Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) will hold a public symposium at the National Archives on October 18 to mark the tenth anniversary of an executive order that initiated significant changes in the national security classification system.

Executive Order 12958, which took effect in October 1995, triggered an avalanche of declassification of historically valuable records that surpassed one billion pages last year. It also created bureaucratic innovations like the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel that has served as an alternate venue for members of the public to challenge agency classification decisions.

But the executive order did little or nothing to combat the systemic overclassification that the 9/11 Commission and others identified as a flaw in the nation's security.

In fact, the order, amended by President Bush in 2003, has permitted a massive expansion of classification activity in recent years. This, in turn, has contributed to the erosion of government accountability and the impoverishment of public deliberation on matters of war and peace, humane treatment of enemy prisoners, and government surveillance, among other topics.

The ISOO symposium brings together representatives of government agencies, journalists, academics and public interest groups to assess the state of classification policy today. For more information, see:

<http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2006/nr06-01.html>

Q AND A WITH NEGROPONTE

The record of the confirmation hearing of John D. Negroponte to be Director of National Intelligence, which has just been published, provides some new scraps of information about his understanding of the Director's role and his views on various intelligence policy issues.

Since taking office, DNI Negroponte has kept a low profile as he quietly consolidated power over the massive U.S. intelligence

bureaucracy. The record of his April 12, 2005 hearing before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence provides a large fraction of his oral and written public statements on intelligence, including answers to pre-hearing questions and post-hearing questions for the record.

What happens if the DNI wishes to terminate a national intelligence program that the Secretary of Defense wants to preserve? (In the case of a DoD program, the President decides.) Where does the DNI stand on disclosure of the aggregate intelligence budget, as recommended by the 9/11 Commission and endorsed last year by the Senate? (He would be willing to study it, but "The President made clear his opposition to declassification.")

These and many other such matters are discussed in "Nomination of Ambassador John D. Negroponte to be Director of National Intelligence," Senate Intelligence Committee, S. Hrg. 109-79, April 12, 2005:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2005_hr/negroponte.html

AMICUS BRIEF URGES SCRUTINY OF SECRECY CLAIMS

The Supreme Court should critically examine government claims that national security secrecy requires the dismissal of the lawsuit brought by FBI whistleblower Sibel Edmonds, several public interest groups argued in an amicus brief filed with the Court on October 10.

Citing the growing consensus within the government that too much information is classified, the brief argues that simple judicial deference to classification claims is inappropriate.

"We are asking courts to take a harder look," said Meredith Fuchs, General Counsel at the National Security Archive and principal author of the amicus brief.

See "Archive and Openness Advocates Urge Supreme Court: Tell Lower Courts to Scrutinize Government Secrecy Claims":

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20051010/index.htm>

SELECTED CRS REPORTS

Some new or newly acquired reports of the Congressional Research Service obtained by Secrecy News include the following:

"Renditions: Constraints Imposed by Laws on Torture," updated September 22, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL32890.pdf>

"U.S. Military Operations in the Global War on Terrorism: Afghanistan, Africa, the Philippines, and Colombia," August 26, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL32758.pdf>

"Presidential and Vice Presidential Succession: Overview and Current Legislation," updated September 27, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL31761.pdf>

"High-Threat Chemical Agents: Characteristics, Effects, and Policy Implications," updated September 9, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RL31861.pdf>

THE ART OF SECRECY

Among the more peculiar artifacts of the culture of secrecy are the wall posters produced and distributed by government agencies in order to instill security awareness and promote compliance with security requirements.

Many of these wall posters are simple-minded to an extreme, based on weak puns or failed attempts at humor and combined with

mediocre production values. Occasionally, they achieve such a intense concentration of stupidity that the viewer is helplessly transported to another plane of existence.

A representative sample of security posters was collected and introduced by Dan Dupont of InsideDefense.com who was guest-blogging on DefenseTech.org here:

<http://www.defensetech.org/archives/001862.html>

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Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 12:43:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 20:18:59 EDT
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 12:07:24 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

Hi Brad!

You know, you raise a number of points, some of which I could argue about till I am blue in the face and some of which I would concede that you are correct.

Briefly,

1) Just because I cannot easily use the optical triangulation method in daylight is not adequate reason to dismiss it. I doesn't work for black objects at night either! But since most reported UFOs are self illuminated, then this is less of a problem than you make it out to be. Also, if the system is used during daylight and the UFO is bright enough then it can work.

2) You keep mentioning how in the old days they weren't successful so we can't be today. Well, they had the ancient technologies of the 40's-60's for optical tracking. They had good ole vacuum tubes and slide rules. This is the 21st century and tech has advanced a little since then. So your zero detection rate is bolderdash.

3) There are miniflaps and then there are miniflaps. One must be able to sort out which are worthy and which are not. Set your standards right and maybe you will be lucky. Automation gives you the liberty to be less finicky about operational time and sighting frequency. Also, there ARE areas of more or less continuous sightings to rely on (NOT meaning Area 51).

4) About NORAD not being able to identify EVERY single blip. How do you know? Who are your sources? What clearance do you have? The fact is we don't know and never will know what NORAD can or cannot do. They very smartly do not tell us and the enemy their abilities. Perhaps they file such data in the alien spaceship file. If they gathered data showing that an unknown went from low altitude to space and it was too fast to be earthly, then they must either assume radar instrument error or a spaceship. With optical data, this can eliminate instrument error.

5) About needing high resolution optical tracking, yes it would be nice but depending upon the experiment, unnecessary. I am only interested in tracking a flight path of a UFO and determining that it goes into space from low altitude. Other data is ICING, but it is essential to get this flight path data because it helps clear up the point of origin issue. So, whether the dot of light is highly resolved (likely mostly still a dot of light in my opinion) or of lower resolution does not make much difference in doing the triangulation. From your viewpoint, I can understand you want detailed structural imaging of the

thing, but my experiment is not concerned with this. I do not care if it is an amorphous blob, Superman, or a donut in shape. I only care about trajectory.

6) About your never hearing about restrictions of passive radar development, I was not aware that they had to inform you! Really, this kind of nudging does not get the headlines. Conspiratorial, yes, in a way, but seems to be the government/industry way of doing business in many areas.

7) You state that its okay to do passive radar development since it will only be used in the US. Ha-ha! It would leak to the rest of the world quickly of course.

8) About passive radar used by foreign powers, it has been expressed as a concern in some articles I have read. The millions of points problem you mention is likely invalid in case of war. There isn't likely alot of non-military traffic at such a time. But the US military could just blow up EVERY foreign transmitter in the country that could be used with passive radar. The point is that the cost of having many such transmitters is far cheaper than radar sites. That ordinary radar would NOT be used (if it can be helped) is clear though since as soon as a military aircraft is painted by radar, it gets a missile. You also mention about the huge processing time required for passive radar. Well, ideally you are right, but the problem is that with the kind of technical development of passive radar you advocate, the processing problem becomes solved. So all that foriegn powers need is the chipset, some fast computers and a bunch of transmitter towers, all tied to their missile targetting computers. And note that the programming and chipset design work is not likely easily done by a third world nation, but they would be glad to get it from pollyannish US people.

9) About the problems of optical triangulation beign able to differentiate between two signals. I would simply say, its all in the software dude! And, its far, far simpler than passive radar software.

10) About all the other limits of the automated optical method I mention, you have so many problems listed that I don't know where to start. To summarize my reply, its nothing software can't handle.

11) Distortion of passive radar comes from all sorts of things, weather, solar flares, weird ionospheric activity, signal interference from other sources. Remember you are measuring signals from 100s of miles away and their reflections.

This becomes tedious after a point, though.

It never occured to me that UFO field research would be considered a useless waste of time unless one had these mythical passive radars. And after so many such field researchers had stated that radar was so unreliable a tool since a high percentage of UFOs do not show up.

James

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Re: Socorro - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
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>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 09:57:24 -0500
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 16:38:01 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 10:19:33 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Socorro

><snip>

>>If you want so desperately to solve the Socorro [curiously my
>>spell checker wants to relace Socorro with Saucer] sighting then
>>you have to do better than this nonexistent poor eyesight
>>question. It's a red herring, pure and simple.

>You and Listers may have seen my post about a phone conversation
>I had today [10/11] with Mrs. Zamora, so I won't belabor that
>point.

As Mrs. Zamora herself said, what difference does it make?

>But I talked with an investigator with our Sheriff's office
>here, a reader of our MediaWatch site, and he assures me that
>the eyesight of a witness to a crime [an event] is very
>important, an essential element for the Prosecutors office if a
>suspect is being identified by a witness with eyeglasses: Were
>the glasses on? What's the reason for the glasses, the eyesight
>correction? Astigmatism? Near-sightedness? Far-sightedness? Is
>the prescription current? Et cetera.

>Red herring? I think not.

And I'll say again, that Zamora had his glasses on during
important parts of the sighting. What it was without glasses
doesn't matter, though we do know that it wasn't worse than
20/100 (a police standard).

Further with his glasses on, his vision was at least 20/20,
another police medical standard. It is also exactly what one
would expect for a healthy person his age. Unless there is some
sort of eye pathology going on, like cataracts or diabetes, it
is extremely rare (a tiny fraction of a percent) to see acuities
lower than that in his age group. Had he had a developing
pathology that compromised his eyesight, it would have been
picked up in subsequent physicals, ending his career as a
traffic cop. That didn't happen either.

Whether he was near-sighted, far-sighted, and/or had astigmatism
is truly a red herring, since it doesn't matter if he was
wearing his glasses, which would have corrected any optical
defects. And even without glasses, we know that he was at least
20/100 regardless of what his prescription was because that is a

police medical standard. Comprehende?

Incidentally, if Zamora was farsighted, he was probably close to 20/20 even without glasses, because young farsighted people can use their eye lens to compensate. The main reason young farsighted people wear glasses is to lessen eyestrain, particularly when seeing up close. Frequently far-sighted people don't wear glasses until their 40's, when the lens runs out of the ability to focus (because it thickens and loses flexibility). That's when the middle-aged get their dreaded first bifocal, a psychological trauma for many.

As for the newness of his prescription, it is very unlikely to have mattered much. The classic age groups where there may be rapid changes in prescription are the teens (during their growth spurt) and middle and old age (when the eye lens loses flexibility and also tends to develop cataracts and change shape). But people between about 20 and 40, Zamora's age group, tend to have very stable vision. Prescriptions hardly change at all, even over a period of many years. Any changes are usually extremely minor.

The point is a whole lot can be deduced about Zamora's eyesight just from knowing his age and the fact that he was a traffic cop. And finally, it is almost entirely irrelevant because he was wearing his glasses and was corrected at critical times of the sighting.

David Rudiak

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>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 17:37:24 -0700
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>Incidentally, Blue Book investigators did an analysis looking
>for chemical propellant traces. They didn't find any. That's
>another important indication that this wasn't a conventional
>propulsion system like a jet or rocket.

Just a nit, but if they were looking for products of combustion
from jet fuel or other dirty fuels, you are right in assuming
that would imply such was not used. But if the combustion was
hydrogen and oxygen or chemical combinations with gaseous
combustion byproducts, then traces would not show up (unless the
fuel source was contaminated by these).

>If this craft had a mechanical problem, it was
>obviously extremely minor (because it immediately took off
>again, etc.). All experimental craft encounter snags. The
>engineers fix them. If there are serious ones that can't be
>fixed, then maybe that's reason for cancellation. But, again,
>this craft seemed to have no problems fleeing the scene in a
>hurry. It was a wingless, high- performance, VTOL vehicle with,
>except for landing and takeoff, a silent propulsion system. The
>military would kill for an aircraft like that.

The terrestrial explanation fails for an experimental vehicle
because you just don't "fly one around" and land and take off
again. Not if you are sane test pilots and a sane test program.
Its just not "Heh, John, lets take the experimental UFOlike VTOL
vehicle for a spin". Its more of a massive, detailed program
with hundreds of folk involved and a rigorously defined test
area beyond which they don't go without failsafes shutting it
down.

>Your logic seems to be that because the object made a roaring
>noise, it must be a human craft. However, you leave out the part
>where the craft took off with a roar but then went completely
>silent when it sped off at high speed into the distance. Please
>tell us what known conventional propulsion system can silently
>accelerate a craft like this.

The only idea I had about this noisy-then-silent phenomena was
that the sound waves were directed based on the propulsion
system. Thus, a messy rocketlike propulsion system near the
ground is very noisy because it is bouncing sound all over the
place. But after take off and at a high enough altitude, the
plume of the thruster may be tuned enough and aimed sufficiently
to reduce the noise level considerably. It is hard to say for
sure without knowing the kind of propulsion system.

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Re: Memory Without Class - Shough

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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 12:47:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Memory Without Class - Shough

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 12:34:08 -0700
>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 01:14:43 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>>>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 19:33:07 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>>>>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 22:39:36 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Class

>>>><snip>

>>>>When it was pointed out to him that a British firm had invented
>>>>a device which did stop car engines

>>>Jan, can you tell me the references of such a claim I have never
>>>heard before?

>>After about three weeks with various computer problems, I have
>>access to most of my files, but not the old E-mail files. So I
>>can't give you the specific url.

>>The device was produced by a British firm, the car had to run
>>over a strip with the electrical components in it. The device
>>didn't just stop the car, it wrecked the engine. Not exactly the
>>EME associated with UFOs, but neither is it a mystical device
>>Klass claimed. Once the effect has been established obviously
>>something more close to UFO EMEs could be engineered.

>>See also:

>><http://www.guardian.co.uk/crime/article/0,2763,1259138,00.html>

>>(Murray Bott found an incident in which RF with engine function
>>stopped blimp motor near large radio transmitter.)

>>Roos, John G. "Arresting Development: Non-Lethal Vehicle-
>>Stopping Device for the Army's Peacekeeping Bag of Tricks."
>>Armed Forces Journal International, vol. 138, no. 10, May 2001,
>>p. 24.

>><http://tinyurl.com/ch8oy>

>>The Air Force Scientific Advisory Board also put out a lengthy
>>white paper in 1997 (or maybe 1999) outlining their vision for
>>the 21st century American Air Force. Most of it was about laser
>>and space-based weapons systems. However, it also mentioned the
>>existence of high-power microwave weapons capable of stalling
>>internal combustion engines (making the vehicles easy targets

>for subsequent bombing), also capable of scrambling aviation
>electronics and causing power blackouts. These are all
>electromagnetic interference effects that have been associated
>with UFO sightings for 50 years or more. (The classic example
>was the November 1957 miniflap in Texas/New Mexico involving
>dozens of cases of car stallings.)

But don't forget that the EMP-type methods in the two sources
referenced by Jan above are only effective against the
electronics in modern vehicles, not the combustion engine
itself, and so wouldn't have had any effect on the variety of
petrol and deisel vehicles reported disabled before about 1990
or so.

>The AFSAB paper was on the Net for a while, but was subsequently
>pulled. I regret now not having made a copy.

Incidentally Larry Robinson (with whom I have rarely failed to
disagree strongly on a the few occasions we've "met") claimed
to have chapter and verse on a natural explanation for the
Levelland car-stallings - this was a year or two ago on Easton's
list. Does anyone recall?

Martin Shough

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>>First off Rudiak didn't vet anything. He surmised, which he can
>>do because he's an eye specialist. But still it's just
>>supposition. We have no idea what Zamora's eye situation was in
>>1964, and that's poor investigation no matter how much you guys
>>try to fudge the issue.

>I'm not fudging anything. I'm stating facts and your are arguing
>conjecture. By your reasoning, Lonnie was running around armed
>with a handgun with the right to blaze away with it if the
>situation called for it. He spent his days-thousands of them-as
>a policeman doing his duty, wearing glasses. He drove a police
>cruiser, on the highways and byways with all of the other people
>while wearing his glasses. He did this apparently while-as
>you've claimed-he had faulty eyesight, even though he was
>wearing his glasses. Then for some reason when he reports a UFO
>you bring his eyesight into question.

<snip>

>>The Socorro incident, as you concede, is open to further
>>investigation. That's my point, which you apparently choose to
>>dismiss or ignore.

>Your point continues to be that he wore glasses and was
>therefore, blind. I did dismiss or ignore the fact that Lonnie
>ore glasses. I read the reports, the books, considered what he
>did for a living and the character assessments of the man, the
>timeline and I ruled out his wearing glasses as a none issue.

>There's no proof that his wearing glasses in any way abrogated
>his interpretation of the sighting or skewed his testimony.

>Lonnie had his glasses on during the most important parts of the
>sighting. You've been told that more than a few times. You
>choose to ignore this. The condition of Lonnie's eyesight had
>nothing to do with it. You know it and I know it.

Hi Don

A couple of butt-ins if I may: First of all it occurs to me that
there are pretty good portrait photographs of Zamora circa 1964
with his glasses on. I'm looking at one now (in Hynek's "UFO
Report"). The lenses don't look to me like the bottoms of beer
glasses. My impression is not worth much, but maybe David Rudiak
can deduce something about how strong (or not) the correction is
and thus at least put some limits on the possible defect in
Zamora's uncorrected vision?

Secondly, from the point of view of Zamora's character and

credibility as a witness, the fact that we know he did lose his glasses at one point is interesting. After all, we wouldn't know this if he didn't mention it. He could easily have been less fastidious as to the truth and skipped that part if he felt the need to deflect criticism from claims he felt ambiguous about. In my opinion this fact reinforces the conclusion that Zamora was quite clear in his own mind about what he saw during the bulk of the event when he did have his glasses on.

Martin Shough

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Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

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ALIEN SPOTTED NEAR MEXICAN POWER STATION

Night watchmen at a power station in Altamira, a town in Mexico's state of Tamaulipas, claim to have captured the image of an alien on videotape. The image was captured by the plant's security cameras.

According to the Mexican newspaper Hoy Extramex, "Widespread panic has been unleashed in Altamira after a strange creature was videotaped in the section containing the energy-producing turbines of that city's thermoelectric plant, spreading once more the theory that there is an extraterrestrial base in the area, presumably with designs on invading the territory."

Altamira has two large thermoelectric plants, which have been designated Altamira 3 and Altamira 4 by Mexico's Federal Electric Commission.

"According to Arturo Calcaneo, this newspaper also published a report provided by fishermen who claimed having cast their nets in the open sea and saw, to their astonishment, how they did not sink and remained floating on the water's surface."

Elsewhere in Mexico, "a strange unidentified flying object flew over the eastern part of" Ramos Arizpe in Coahuila state, "was recorded by the urban cameras of the Municipal Public Security's O-60 security system."

"The 27-minute-long video was shown yesterday to the media by Homero Duran Flores, head of the municipal agency."

The UFO resembles "a round object with a grey-colored ring and a black circle in the middle, roaring, and was recorded at different times as it approached and withdrew."

"Duran Flores said that the video, recorded between 3:07 and 3:34 a.m." on Monday, October 3, 2005, "is at the disposal of experts in the subject, since it is 'without doubt an important document, taking into consideration the clarity and sharpness of the images.'"

"Mayra Gallegos Muniz, a radio operator of the O-60 system, who was on duty when the call came in, said that upon looking out her office window, the unidentified flying object 'appeared very large, four or five times the size of a star.'" (See the Mexican newspapers Hoy Extramex for October 5, 2005, "Extraterrestrials invade Altamira," and Vanguardia for October 5, 2005, "Security cameras record UFO over Coahuila." Muchas gracias a

Scott Corrales y Dr. Ana Luisa Cid Fernandez y Jesus Jimenez pos esos articulos de diario.)

UFO DAZZLES THOUSANDS IN THE PHILIPPINES

"Thousands of residents in the towns of Milang, Midsayap, Pikit, Alamada and Kidapawan City craned their necks Monday night," October 3, 2005, "to witness what many believe was an unidentified flying object (UFO)."

The sightings took place on Mindanao, the large southern island of the Philippines.

"Vice Mayor Joselito Pinol of Milang personally saw the flying object while on his way home from his farm in Barangay Dugong."

"Pinol told radio stations DXND and DXMS that the object flew over Milang for at least 45 minutes."

"The vice mayor described the flying object as a vertical line, almost one meter (3 feet, 3 inches) long, looking like the windshield wiper on a four-wheel-drive vehicle."

"'I thought this was only seen in our town,' Pinol said, 'But I was amazed when my friends in other towns of the province called me and told me that the object had been seen in Kidapawan, as well.'" (See the Filipino newspaper Minda News for October 4, 2005, "What was that unidentified flying object seen in NorthCot?" Many thanks to Roy Lopez for this newspaper article.).

UFO FLAP BREAKS OUT IN PERU

A major UFO flap broke out in Peru last week, with sightings near Chosica.

"Residents of the Puente Piedra and Ventanilla districts were witnesses to an unusual event: two unidentified flying objects were reported in both areas."

"The objects appeared in the night sky over one of the many settlements along the Rio Chillon between Puente Piedra and Ventanilla on Friday," September 10, 2005, "at 10 p.m."

Witnesses described the UFOs as "two powerful lights that could not be mistaken with airplanes, helicopters or aerostats (balloons-J.T.). They ascended with such swiftness towards the town that they absorbed energy from several light posts, causing them to go out."

"Those were UFOs and they caused the blackout and interference with artifacts," said Mario Zegarra."

"They tend to appear when disasters approach," Zegarra added, 'They are warning us of these tragedies.'" (Editor's Note: This was about a month before the catastrophic earthquake in Kashmir, which measured 7.6 on the Richter scale. It was the worst earthquake in the Himalayan region in more than a century.)

"They were two oval-shaped objects. They flashed, but at a given moment, we were able to see them clearly, and they were definitely neither airplanes nor anything remotely similar. We saw them in the sky,' said Isabel Tafur, a resident of Puente Piedra."

"Sra. Tafur's testimony was corroborated by the custodians at Public School No. 2081, who specified the time of the sighting as 10 p.m."

UFOs were also seen in the town of San Juan de Lurigancho, near Chosica and Lima, the capital of Peru.

"Residents of the Avenida Weisse in San Juan de Lurigancho have also seen UFOs in recent days. These witnesses indicated that the saucers remained motionless in the sky for several minutes before taking off toward Chosica." (See the Peruvian newspapers Panamericana Noticias for October 4 and 5, 2005, "Residents of Puente Piedra and Ventanilla see UFOs" and "We saw them in the sky!" Also, El Comercio for October 6, 2005. Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Monica Gaetano de Silva por estos articulos de diario.)

WOMAN SPOTS SEVEN ORANGE UFOs OVER THE NORTH SEA

On Sunday, September 18, 2005, Marcela Krystkova reported, "I was flying from Prague," the capital of the Czech Republic, "to Edinburgh (Scotland, UK). The sky

got cloudy somewhere over the Netherlands. Over the (English) Channel, the clouds were a bit torn. I felt sleepy as I had to get up at 4 a.m. and didn't get to sleep too well at night. And just seeing clouds became boring after a while. Also, my seat was at the window but near the wing, so the wing and the engine took a lot of my view. If I wanted to see something, I had to lean forward and look out the farther window."

"Then, around 1 p.m., I looked out again and saw we were still over the (North) sea. There was a gap between clouds so I could see the sea. Down, deep under me, I could see some round orange things. They looked like round rubber lifeboats on the sea. There were seven of them. They seemed to be floating on the surface. I noticed that they created a perfect boomerang-shaped formation."

"That attracted my attention. They were moving quite fast for something that big on the sea. I could swear that at the beginning they were a bit scattered but now they were very much giving the impression of a single body. That's how perfect the formation was. Was it military training? I tried to have a better look to identify what it was, but suddenly there were two white clouds bursting out of two of the circles like an explosion, and all the formation, like one body, moved forward with great acceleration, leaving just two white double lines (contrails?-J.T.) The lines were short, just about double the size of the triangle."

"At high speed, all the formation disappeared under the cloud, and I had the feeling that it wanted to hide, not to be seen. I hoped that it would come out the other side of that large cloud before (her jetliner's) engine and wing covered my view, but it didn't."

"After the cloud, I saw a ship, looked big, at least a ferry, maybe bigger. And still the length of the ship would make only about two-thirds of the side of the boomerang. And the circles were slightly bigger in diameter than the width of the ship. So the object must have been huge."

"Soon after, we approached the east coast of Britain, and, at 1:40 p.m., we were landing at Edinburgh airport." (Email Form Report)

TRIO SIGHTS A UFO IN MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

On Sunday, October 2, 2005, at 8:10 p.m., eyewitness Paul S. reported, "Me and my two roommates were out on the porch" of their home in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada (population 544,832), "when one of them noticed two very bright stars in the eastern sky where the city lights are bright. They were distanced apart approximately like two stars on the Big Dipper (constellation Ursa Major-J.T.)."

"As we were trying to make sense of why these stars caught our attention, they started to fade exactly in sync and disappeared completely in about six seconds. To the lower left remained a dim star or planet that was of the solar system, as it did not appear out of the ordinary."

"Throughout the next few hours, we would check to see if the two bright stars had returned. The flickering red one seemed to move up to the south slowly as the night progressed. We doubt it was airplanes because they did not move, and why would they fade in sync? (Email Form Report)

THREE RED UFOs SIGHTED OVER VERNON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

On Wednesday, October 5, 2005, at 8 p.m., eyewitness Ronald J. reported, "My friend and I were driving past the tree farm" in Vernon, British Columbia, Canada (population 31,817) "when we both said at the same time, 'Look at those weird lights!'"

"Directly ahead, around 20 meters (66 feet) down the road, there were three very bright red lights. The first thing I thought of was car tail-lights, but they were too high above the ground, as my friend pointed out."

"We observed them for about 15 seconds, when they passed around a slight bend in the road to our left, the lights did not change direction, as fading tail-lights

would, they seemed to pass around the bend. At the bend, the road drops, but the lights did not descend but remained at the same height."

"I sped up slightly to see what kind of car this was (and) rounded the bend, and there were no vehicles at all."

"The road is straight, with no turn-offs, and you are able to see vehicles for almost a few kilometers at that point. There was just nowhere for it to have gone that quickly. We were only a couple of seconds behind those lights. Both my friend and I became frightened at this point because of the reality of the situation."

"There was just nowhere the vehicle could have gone - steep shoulder, fenced, on the left and steep drop on the right, with fields all around. There were just no more lights."

The UFOs "moved around the slight bend in the road to the left, but it was strange because it did not rotate as car lights would. It just stayed as three lights side by side."

"I continued on to my friend's home, turning at the bottom of the road right into Okangan Landing. We didn't see anything else after this." (Email Form Report)

SOLAR SYSTEM'S NEWEST MOON IS NAMED FOR TV HEROINE

"A moon circles the '10th Planet' recently discovered beyond Pluto, astronomers report."

Located "about 9 billion miles from the sun, the moon (dubbed 'Gabrielle') circles the planet (called 'Xena' or UB313) once every few weeks, says Michael Brown of the California Institute of Technology, who announced the planet's discovery in July 2005."

"Xena is larger than Pluto, and its discovery has triggered discussion among astronomers about rethinking how planets are defined."

"The moon could be the product of a collision between objects in the comet belt (Kuiper Belt-J.T.) near Pluto, and scientists say such crashes were once surprisingly common."

"The names Xena and Gabrielle are taken from the fictional TV series Xena: Warrior Princess." (See USA Today for October 4, 2005, "'Planet' beyond Pluto has a moon," page 7D.)

(Editor's Note: Xena's arch-enemy, Callisto, long ago gave her name to a moon of Jupiter.)

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

On Thursday, October 6, 2005, I completed my trek east across the USA from Duluth, Minnesota to southeastern Massachusetts. That's why there was no UFO Roundup on October 5, 2005. However, with a lot of help from our correspondents and friends here in New England, I was able to make deadline this week. So, many, many thanks to Robert Fischer, Mary Lou Jones-Drown, Scott Corrales, Monica Gaetano de Silva, Roy Lopez, Krishnari Bai Dharapurnanda and others for compiling all those paranormal reports and making them immediately available to me.

Hopefully, we will have no more interruptions in service, at least for the remainder of this year. Along the way, I picked up a couple of feature stories which I will make available in a couple of weeks. Our weekly feature story, "From the UFO Files...", will return in short order. I still have a lot of unpacking to do. Have a great week!

And we'll be back next time with more UFO, Fortean and paranormal reports from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home, UFO Roundup." See you next week!

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Re: Spicy Blogs - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 14:39:31 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 12:54:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Spicy Blogs - Rudiak

>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 17:42:01 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 13:38:05 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>From: Paul Kimball <Kimballwood.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 8 Oct 2005 20:36:38 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sat, 8 Oct 2005 10:24:54 -0700
>>>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>>>As you told Paul Kimball, the way to get your blogs read is
>>>>to keep them "spicy." I doubt somebody like you would willingly
>>>>give up the "spice".

>>>>This is false. David Rudiak is no doubt referring to a blog post
>>>>I made some time ago wherein I stated that the RRR guys like to
>>>>"keep it spicy" at their blog. This was my opinion, however, as
>>>>anyone who read the post would have been aware. It was not
>>>>something that Rich Reynolds told me, and it was certainly not
>>>>something that Rich Reynolds told me to do in order to get one's
>>>>blog read.

>>>>David Rudiak has misrepresented what I wrote so that he can
>>>>score a cheap debating point off of Rich Reynolds. I don't have
>>>>a dog in this hunt, other than to set the record straight.

>>Odd, but just to set the record straight, you wrote the
>>following in your blog of July 11, 2005:

>>http://redstarfilms.blogspot.com/2005_07_01_redstarfilms_archive.html

>>"In honour of my pal Rich Reynolds (www.rrrgroup.blogspot.com),
>>who has recently been trying to convince me that the key to
>>blogging is to keep it spicy (or something like that - all I
>>really recall is him nattering on about "the medium" being 'the
>>message,'"

>Hmm... it seems that both David and I were wrong here. It
>appears that a few months ago I did write that RRR were trying
>to convince me that the key to blogging was to keep it spicy
>(not what I recalled, but obviously what I wrote). However,
>nowhere in there will you find that they said this because they
>thought it was a way to get a blog read, which is where David
>erred - he extrapolated from what I wrote something that just
>isn't there.

One last nit to pick: I think it reasonable to assume that the
purpose of making a blog "spicy" is to get people to read it.
That's the way I would interpret the meaning of "the key to

blogging."

But no matter. I appreciate the apology from Paul. I would also like to mention that I read his spicy blogs now and then. It might surprise him to know I agree with him at least as often as I disagree, if not more.

I also prefer Paul's version of "spice" to RRR's. It's much easier on the palate. Call it a kinder and gentler spice.

Example: RRR regularly publishes something akin to the Top Ten Demonic, Oppressive, Narrow-Minded, Fuddy-Duddy Ufologists, or something like that. (Guess who periodically makes the list?)

But Paul publishes the Top Ten TV/Movie Sci-Fi Babes (with pictures).

Which would you prefer? It's no contest as far as I'm concerned. Babes trump bile.

David Rudiak

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Response To Fulford's 'Boring Aliens'

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 20:58:36 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 13:00:21 -0400
Subject: Response To Fulford's 'Boring Aliens'

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
To: Robert Fulford <robert.fulford.nul>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2005 8:41 PM
Subject: "Why are aliens so boring?"

Robert Fulford, National Post October 12, 2005\

To say that your October 8 article on UFO abductions is grossly inaccurate is a major understatement. I say this as a nuclear physicist who has worked for GE, GM, Westinghouse and other major firms and has been seriously interested in UFOs since 1958. Since 1967 I have lectured on the subject "Flying Saucers ARE Real" at more than 600 colleges and over 100 professional groups in 9 provinces, 50 states and 14 other countries. I have authored two books

"Crash at Corona: The Definitive Study of the Roswell Incident" and TOP SECRET/MAJIC and written 80 UFO papers. Perhaps more to the point, it is clear you have not done your homework on the abduction of Betty and Barney Hill as described in John G. Fuller's outstanding book "The Interrupted Journey". In contrast, I met with Betty and Barney for hours back in 1968, 3 months before Barney's death, have done a number of TV shows with Betty; been to her home several times, met with John Fuller, reviewed his papers at the Boston University Archives, was the first to publish about the outstanding work done by Ms. Marjorie Fish (with whom I spent many hours) on the star map described by Betty and also spoke with Dr. Benjamin Simon the very well respected psychiatrist who did the medical hypnosis to extract Betty and Barney's reliving of the missing time associated with the case. I have listened to some of the tapes he made of 3 and =BD months of weekly separate sessions. Many quotes are in the book. To suggest that Betty and Barney were echoing fiction is absurd. The star map work proves that.

Obviously you haven't even read the book. There is clear proof that Barney did not watch the TV show you mention or any other that could have served as a stimulus for the story. Dr. Simon's specialty was using medical hypnosis to have people relive traumatic experiences (i.e. a war veteran whose buddy was killed next to him, etc) so they can lose their impact on the person. Fortunately for you, one can't legally defame dead people. Betty, Barney, John and Ben are all deceased. They would have a very strong case for defamation.

If you want to learn about the abduction phenomena, rather than depending on debunker Clancy's take, I would suggest you review the impressive book "UFOs and Abductions: Challenging the Borders of Knowledge". It is published by the University Press of Kansas, 2000, and edited by Dr. David Jacobs, Assoc. Professor of History at Temple University. David has written three other scholarly books on UFOs and worked with hundreds of abductees. The book has contributions from a number of other professionals including Dr. Don Donderi of the Psychology Department at McGill University.

You owe your readers an apology. Your column is a perfect example of what was described by Dr. Herbert Strentz in his 1970 PhD Thesis on "Press Coverage of UFOs" at Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. He said: "The high degree of ridicule present in the UFO phenomenon was reflected in the press coverage.. The coverage has been marked by superficiality, redundancy, silliness, careless reporting and lack of relevant information.. the lack of relevant information was also attributable to the reluctance of the press to ferret out information about the phenomenon and those involved in it." It is thirty five years later. He was certainly right on.

For shame.

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Brazilian UFO Disclosure & Amazon's Operation

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 07:21:00 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 13:23:27 -0400
Subject: Brazilian UFO Disclosure & Amazon's Operation

Dear Colleagues:

I am glad to inform the International UFO Community that Brazilian UFO Magazine has translated, subtitled and has for download two of the most important TV programs where significant info about the UFO phenomena in Brazil is treated. They are Fantastico and Linha Direta (Fantastic and Direct Line), both from Globo TV Network, the largest in the country and the 4th in the world.

The Fantastico program of 22 May 2005 carried an entire segment about the official Brazilian UFO Disclosure that took place in 20 May 2005. It has about 8,2 minutes and the file to download in good definition is 71,4 Mb. Specific address for "Fantastico" program files:

http://www.ufo.com.br/publico/Fantastico_22_mai/

The file in English is: Program Fantastico i..> 11-Oct-2005
16:26 71.4 Mb

The Linha Direta program of 25 August 2005 was entirely dedicated to the UFO problem in the Amazon. It is 43.4 minutes long and has numerous, extraordinary visual effects that reproduce the attacks on people on the island of Para State, in the Amazon - called by the locals "chupa-chupa" or suck-suck phenomena.

It was the tremendous intensity of the phenomena in the area in 1977 that forced the Brazilian Air Force to implement its official and confidential Operation Saucer. This is one of the best produced shows about UFOs ever. Specific address for "Linha Direta" program files:

http://www.ufo.com.br/publico/Linha_Direta_25_Agosto/

The file in English is: Program Linha Direta..> 11-Oct-2005
20:20 299 Mb

Brazilian UFO Magazine public FTP general address is:

<http://www.ufo.com.br/publico/>

I have served as consultant to the Linha Direta program of 25 August 2005 and the material contained in the Fantastico program of 22 May 2005 is based on the Brazilian UFO Magazine's campaign UFOs: Freedom of Information Now. I invite any interested parties to download both shows and see inside what is going on in Brazil.

Meanwhile, I presented both shows shortly at the The 1st Exobiology Ufology and Exopolitical International Symposium, held in Calabria, Italy, last weekend, and I intend to show them completely at the Bay Area UFO Expo, next weekend:

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

Best regards,

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Re: Homemade Flying Machines - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <colswweb.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 13:25:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Homemade Flying Machines - Stevenson

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 15:31:54 EDT
>Subject: Homemade Flying Machines

>Wow! Look At These Homemade Flying Machines!

><http://kai.iks-jena.de/bigb/mav.html>

>I love model aircraft making. This site, in German showcases
>lots of homemade state-of-the-art craft as well as military
>craft and concept craft.

>I've run into my share of homemade craft that people were flying
>around that others thought were UFOs.

>Any guy with a garage and some parts and a day off can really

>put people into a spin.

Hi Greg and Listers

I've always liked this craft;

<http://www.americanantigravity.com/documents/Plans/Construction-Guide-GRA3.pdf>

and its the best use of any TV rather than watching them.

It's also said that Hi Fi electrostatic loudspeakers lift too
slightly if you turn the volume high enough :-)

Good page that Greg but in German?

Col

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Catholic Thought On Extra-Terrestrials

From: Pavel Chichikov <fishhook.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 08:38:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 13:27:29 -0400
Subject: Catholic Thought On Extra-Terrestrials

Vatican astronomer ponders baptism of extraterrestrial

A pocket-sized book published by the Catholic Truth Society in the UK addresses Catholic attitudes to extra-terrestrial life.

Independent Catholic News reports that with increasing numbers of people believing not only in the possibility of intelligent life on other planets, but even claiming encounters with aliens, it is not surprising that the Catholic Church is beginning to explore what effect the discovery of sentient ETs might have on Christian theology.

In 'Intelligent Life in the Universe?' Catholic belief and the search for extraterrestrial intelligent life, author Guy Consolmagno SJ, asks:

- Would humans recognise intelligent life if we saw it?
- Could we communicate with it? Should we even try?
- Is Original Sin something that affects all intelligent beings?
- Is Jesus Christ's redemption valid for intelligent beings throughout the universe?
- or would other worlds have their own version of Jesus?
- Would the Church send missionaries to ET planets?

Guy Consolmagno SJ, a Jesuit religious brother and astronomer, divides his year between the Vatican's observatory in Arizona and its older observatory at the Pope's summer residence, Castel Gandolfo, in the hills outside of Rome.

Brother Guy has advanced degrees in planetary science from MIT and the University of Arizona. He spends his time observing comets and asteroids, and does experiments with the Vatican's vast collection of meteorites one of the largest in the world. He is one of a dozen Jesuit astronomers doing this work. The order been engaged in astronomy since before Galileo.

SOURCE
Vatican astronomer asks: could you baptise an extra-terrestrial?
(Independent Catholic News 11/10/05)

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Re: Hypersonic Propulsion - Ledger

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Subject: Re: Hypersonic Propulsion - Ledger

List:

For those who feel that any research conducted on new aero-propulsion methods are super secret see the following news release from NASA. This is one of the reasons why I have no faith in the theory that secret technology of the past is an explanation for some of our more exotic UFO episodes. If this stuff already exists, why the following release?

Don Ledger

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Oct. 12, 2005

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CONTRACT RELEASE: C05-002

NASA AWARDS HYPERSONIC DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT

NASA announced GASL, Inc., Ronkonkoma, N.Y., received a follow on contract for hypersonic propulsion development and testing to support the agency's Langley Research Center, Hypersonic Air Breathing Propulsion Branch, Hampton, Va. The contract has a maximum value of \$15 million.

The work under the contract provides for the operation and application of shock-heated and combustion-heated test facilities. It also provides for supporting equipment to conduct test and evaluation of hypersonic aero-propulsion flow path research at conditions that duplicate flight across the atmosphere from static sea level to near orbital.

Specifically, as part of this activity, is the operation and management of the government-furnished Hypersonic Pulse Facility in either shock-expansion tunnel, or reflected shock tunnel configurations; the acquisition of facility and propulsion flow path data and the application of data processing tools to provide well defined test conditions and performance of test articles.

The contract also calls for the conduct of hypervelocity aerodynamic and aero-thermodynamic research in a shock-heated tunnel at test gas flows up to Mach 20 simulation; the design and manufacture of research test hardware consisting of specialized aero-propulsion test facility components and engine flow path components. The research will be primarily conducted at GASL facilities in Ronkonkoma.

For information about NASA and agency programs on the Web, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/home>

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No Spaceships Or Helicopters But Listen For Click

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Tuesday, October 11, 2005

No Spaceships Or Helicopters - But Listen For The Click

Many years ago, I knew a lady who was regularly visited by helicopters - usually in her postage stamp-size back yard. Oddly enough, I was never there to witness a visitation so it follows that I had some serious doubts - not about her truthfulness, but maybe about her interpretation of reality.

Evenings spent sipping iced tea with Midge on her glass sun porch were golden. Everything in the world, as seen through her eyes, was possible. I was very young; she was a generation older.

We talked of all things. Truth is, I mostly listened while Midge spun her web.

Extra-terrestrials, as I knew them back then, were only in the movies.

"That's all Hollywood," Midge had told me one night as we hung out waiting for a helicopter or an undercover agent to stop in for a visit. Her comment was meant for the movie I'd been to the night before on a date and was at that moment describing in great detail.

"When you least expect it," I spoke in a half-whisper to dramatize the moment for all it was worth, "'The Thing' jumps up and everybody screams." Midge wasn't terribly impressed, but she let me finish.

Once, we waited hours for a promised visit from some silver dollar-sized flying saucers that often swarmed around her dining room table. Midge said she wasn't afraid of them and I shouldn't be either because they were friendly. How she knew that, I never found out, but I kind of figured that anything tiny enough to fly around inside a silver dollar wasn't going to scare me, either.

But it did. I couldn't imagine what I would say to an alien. Midge said there were no rules, but I was to be accepting and not show fear. I wasn't sure I could do that, but as it turned out, I didn't have to worry about it because they didn't show.

Midge said she wasn't surprised. They didn't like to show off.

Once, during one of our lengthy chats, Midge stopped short. "Did you hear that?" she whispered as she held up one hand to silence me. "There's someone in the bushes over there." I listened but heard nothing.

Then she waved her hand in dismissal and loudly declared: "It's just one of J. Edgar's boys trying to catch me talking to the wrong person."

Hours later, Midge was revved but I was exhausted and a bit confused. I didn't know whether to believe a story that meandered from flights across the Andes in a C-47, to packages being surreptitiously kicked overboard at specific compass readings. Her late husband was the pilot and the aircraft was theirs.

Midge also taught me to be careful what I trusted to the telephone wires. Her phones were tapped, she knew, and she suspected that mine would be too, now that we'd become such good friends.

As Midge aged, her stories grew, and with each telling, they felt more real - even though I knew they were total fabrication.

I'd never seen the space ships or the men hiding in the bushes or the helicopters out back. But every once in a while, I did hear a "click" on my phone line. I dismissed it as an overactive imagination.

Midge has been gone for a while now and with her, the stories that so fascinated and entertained me.

This morning, I read an AP news story that brought it all rushing back.

"FBI Admits to Making Mistakes in Wiretaps" Dateline WASHINGTON - "The FBI says it sometimes gets the wrong number when it intercepts conversations in terrorism investigations ..."

If Midge knew about the Patriot Act and Homeland Security, she'd have plenty to say on the subject. But, since she's not around, I'll say it for her: Just listen for the click, folks.

Elizabeth Schuett writes for Cox News Service.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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My Weekly Reader Stirred Flying-Saucer Controversy

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My Weekly Reader Stirred Flying-Saucer Controversy

Time Capsules
Larry Hall

The specter of alien spacecraft hovering over the United States became almost a national obsession in 1947.

That was the year the Air Force announced it had retrieved a crashed "flying disc" near Roswell, N.M., only to retract the statement hours later, saying the object really was a high-altitude weather balloon.

Official denials of the presence of strange aircraft did not stop a growing epidemic of UFO (unidentified flying object) sightings in the United States, however. And with the advent of the Atomic Age and the Cold War, newspapers around the country treated the subject with more seriousness than amusement.

In 1950, an unlikely source tried to solve the flying-saucer mystery. My Weekly Reader, a current-events publication used as an educational supplement in many elementary schools, explained what UFOs were in terms that young readers could understand and assured youngsters they had no reason to fear flying saucers.

According to reports that year from The Times-Dispatch and The Richmond News Leader, fourth- and fifth-graders in the area had learned from My Weekly Reader that flying saucers were real and easy to recognize.

"Some are raised in the middle like a pie. Others turn up around the edge like a saucer," My Weekly Reader said. They varied greatly in size, from a few inches to several city blocks, and produced no noise or fumes.

Some were built of a substance that dissolved slowly with exposure to Earth's atmosphere. "For this reason, the saucers disappear soon after they hit the ground. You probably will never find one."

But in case one remained intact long enough to be discovered, it carried a label: "Military secret of the United States of America Air Forces." Flying saucers, My Weekly Reader said, were made in the United States.

Introduced in 1928, My Weekly Reader had such a reputation for truth and accuracy that a fifth-grade teacher at a Richmond school told The Times-Dispatch that her students accepted everything in the article as fact, as did she. The teacher said she "read it with her pupils, and . . . anything My Weekly

Reader said must be true."

The author of the article was identified only by the pen name Tom Trott. The Richmond teacher said Trott's travel features were a favorite of her students, and in Trott's first article of the school year he had informed his young readers that he would be "going on a secret mission for the government."

In the flying-saucer report, Trott said he had visited a major airport somewhere on the East Coast.

"The most exciting thing we have seen is 'flying saucers,'" Trott told the students. "For several years people in many parts of our country have claimed to have seen flying saucers. The government proved that some of these people were imagining things. However, I am now allowed to tell you that some flying saucers are real. They belong to our Air Force. They will some day be a big help to our country."

Eleanor Johnson, managing editor of elementary school publications for American Education Press, the company that published My Weekly Reader, defended the article.

"Our correspondent had one thought in mind, and that thought was to calm any hysterical fears some children might have built up from hearing too much talk about mysterious flying objects from other planets or deadly flying weapons of our enemies. . . . We are in sympathy with Mr. Trott's motive to overcome a deluge of humbuggery afloat in our land," Johnson said.

Johnson added that My Weekly Reader did not lie. "The staff is convinced that flying saucers most certainly are among this nation's experimental aircraft," she said.

Johnson referred to "similar reports on the so-called saucers printed in various periodicals over the last six months," but she did not cite specifics.

One reputable source that published a report on experimental U.S. aircraft six months before the My Weekly Reader article appeared was the news magazine U.S. News and World Report. Its April 7, 1950, edition included news of the secret development by the military of a disc-shaped aircraft that could hover like a helicopter and accelerate like a jet.

The magazine said the aircraft had been built in 1942 at the Langley Field Aeronautical Laboratory in Virginia.

Although military officials denied that such a craft ever had gone beyond the model stage, the magazine disagreed. "Top Air Force officials know where the saucers originate and are not concerned about them," U.S. News and World Report said.

In reporting My Weekly Reader's contention that flying saucers were real, The News Leader said the Air Force's official position continued to be that no UFO sightings it had investigated provided proof of anything unknown that posed a threat to national security.

The Air Force did not end its official investigation of UFOs until 1969, when it reached the same conclusion after examining more than 12,000 sightings.

Larry Hall is a Times-Dispatch librarian/researcher. Contact him at (804) 649-6076 or lhall.nul Time Capsules features items from the archives of the Richmond Times-Dispatch and The Richmond News Leader. To learn more about past events in your community, try searching www.archivesva.com. For events prior to 1985, contact the News Research Library at (804) 649-6224 for assistance.

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NASA "Life's Building Blocks Common In Space"

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NASA Discovers Life's Building Blocks Are Common In Space

After A team of NASA exobiology researchers revealed today organic chemicals that play a crucial role in the chemistry of life are common in space.

"Our work shows a class of compounds that is critical to biochemistry is prevalent throughout the universe," said Douglas Hudgins, an astronomer at NASA's Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif. He is principal author of a study detailing the team's findings that appears in the Oct. 10 issue of the *Astrophysical Journal*.

"NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope has shown complex organic molecules called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are found in every nook and cranny of our galaxy. While this is important to astronomers, it has been of little interest to astrobiologists, scientists who search for life beyond Earth. Normal PAHs aren't really important to biology," Hudgins said. "However, our work shows the lion's share of the PAHs in space also carry nitrogen in their structures. That changes everything."

"Much of the chemistry of life, including DNA, requires organic molecules that contain nitrogen," said team member Louis Allamandola, an astrochemist at Ames. "Chlorophyll, the substance that enables photosynthesis in plants, is a good example of this class of compounds, called polycyclic aromatic nitrogen heterocycles, or PANHs. Ironically, PANHs are formed in abundance around dying stars. So even in death, the seeds of life are sewn," Allamandola said.

The NASA team studied the infrared "fingerprint" of PANHs in laboratory experiments and with computer simulations to learn more about infrared radiation that astronomers have detected coming from space. They used data from the European Space Agency's Infrared Space Observatory satellite.

High-resolution images pertaining to this research are available on the Web at:

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/ames/multimedia/images/2005/spitzer.html>

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Drugs Art And The Aliens Who Lit Our Way To Civilisation

Anna Smyth

Graham Hancock is breathless. He's telling me about his first hallucinogenic trip in the Amazon jungle, and he just can't get the words out fast enough. The former journalist and now bestselling science writer spent five weeks living with indigenous Indian shamans in Peru, where he ingested a sacred plant drug known as ayahuasca.

We pick up the story just after the shaman began the ritual ceremony by singing the icaros, ancient chants which draw the spirits around the circle. Hancock then took a sip of the drug, which he describes as a "vile-tasting liquid, so strong and bitter-sweet and salty, so dark and concentrated as to be repellent". His muscles involuntarily relax, he closes his eyes and then the visions begin.

"I had a very scary beginning to that trip," he says. "I saw incredible transformations of different animals and beings glowing with light that appeared directly in front of my field of vision. It was a typical scene which many describe as an alien abduction. They were very anthropic, and definitely wanted to communicate with me. It was rather like going to a strange new country, where I had to start learning the rules of communication."

Getting deeper into the experience, Hancock took another dose of the drug, but his body couldn't take it. The nausea came on strong and soon he was out in the dark, puking. Before long he was drenched in sweat with only dry heaves left. He sank to the ground and called an end to the trip because he was so afraid. He opened his eyes, and the visions left him. You could conclude from this account - detailed in Hancock's latest book, *Supernatural* - that Hancock is just another traveller keen to acquaint himself with the customs of new cultures. But there is a little more to this trip than meets the eye.

A reporter by trade, Hancock was born in Edinburgh before moving to India in his childhood. He returned to attend school and university in Durham, from where he graduated in 1973 with a degree in sociology. He went on to pursue a career in journalism, writing for *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Independent* and *The Guardian*.

But in the 1980s he gave up newspaper reporting to pursue his own passion - the lost civilisation of man. In the past 20 years, he's written several books including the best-selling *Sign and Seal on the Ark of the Covenant* - as well as filming

documentaries about his research.

"Three years ago I decided to go back to the subject which fascinated me at university," he says. "I was interested in human origins, in what makes us different from the apes. I found that it wasn't the use of tools, as many people believe, but abstract thought and the ability to manipulate symbols." The answer was art. Cave paintings and writings which depicted thoughts and visions, none of which have ever been achieved by other species. In fact, even our human ancestors had no artistic capability. Or not until 40,000 years ago, at least.

"Previously, we were very uncreative and boring. We used the same tools continually without modifying them. Then, suddenly, a light switched on in our brain. Fossils from 40,000 years ago show that we began to explore spirituality, looked for signs of life after death and innovated specialised tools. And we began to paint. In France, Italy and South Africa and all over the world, they've discovered incredibly accomplished paintings, but no explanation for this burst of development."

This has been termed the "greatest riddle in archaeology", and many academics have devoted their career to its study. The reason behind the sudden transformation, the majority have concluded, is hallucinogenic plants. Magic mushrooms would be a relevant example, but all over the world, man stumbled across drugs which opened the possibility for spiritual, creative thought.

Professor David Lewis-Williams, of South Africa's Witwatersrand University, believes that is the end of the story. These visions - and therefore the art they produced - were universal because all of mankind has the same neurology. Our brains are wired in the same way, so when we take these drugs, our bodies have the same response. Indeed, at the University of New Mexico, researchers have found that volunteers given hallucinogenic drugs drew the same kinds of paintings as those found in the ancient caves. This, coupled with a wealth of other evidence, supports Lewis-Williams' theory that drugs are the answer.

For most people that explanation would suffice, but not for Hancock. He could not accept that the beginnings of human spirituality came down to brain chemistry. For him, there had to be more to it, and he decided to investigate, hence the first-hand research trip.

What he has found - and what forms the basis of his new hefty tome - is a theory that to many will sound absurd. He believes that when shamans and drug users experience these hallucinations, they are actually tapping into a parallel universe. The visions - be they of fairies, elves or aliens - are real, they exist all the time, and they want to communicate with us.

"Think of it as though the brain is like a TV receiver. In order to cope with everyday life, we have to tune into "Channel Normal" for the majority of the time. But if we retune our brains with these drugs, or alter our state of consciousness through rhythmic dancing and drums, we can see images of the parallel dimensions."

Hancock does not prescribe for a second to the idea that when people experience "alien abductions", they are seeing foreign creatures that may whisk them to another planet. What he does believe is that the spirits dwell in this other dimension, and if we let them, they will continue the teaching that they gave to our ancestors.

"I believe these hallucinogenic experiences are the basis for all modern-day religions. If you think about it, why would we ever have cause to imagine a spirit world? Our uncreative ancestors didn't, but then they found these drugs and saw for themselves the spirit world, and realised there was more to life. I think religion resulted from the need to explain these supernatural encounters."

A sceptic would maintain that, outwith the experience of those on drugs or in a trance, there is no evidence to support Hancock's theory. And many could take offence to his assertion that when Mohammed, Jesus Christ and St Paul thought they were experiencing God, they were, in fact, just accessing the

parallel world. Part of the problem with accepting this higher plane comes in locating its origin. If these spirits are the "ancient teachers of mankind", as he says, where did they come from? In this instance, as with every other, Hancock points to science. Prepare for the most astonishing claim yet. "The secret could be in our DNA," he says. "When Francis Crick, the discoverer of DNA, died, it was revealed that his first vision of the helix module occurred while he was on LSD. Although he was an atheist, he then published a book which subscribed to the theory of intelligent design, that our universe was not simply the result of a series of chemical accidents.

"In brief, what he said was that after the Big Bang, life did not evolve first on Earth. At the far side of the universe, another civilisation developed, a highly advanced civilisation who surpassed the stage we have currently reached. He asserted that in some way their world became threatened - global warming, or some such catastrophic event - and so they devised a way to pass on their existence. They genetically-modified their DNA and sent it out from their planet on bacteria, with the hope that it would collide with another planet. It did, and that's why we're here." What Hancock goes onto explain is that the DNA was encoded with messages from that other civilisation.

They programmed the molecules so that when we reached a certain level of intelligence, we would be able to access their information, and they could therefore "teach" us about ourselves, and how to progress.

Of course, this talk of aliens sending off bacteria sounds like the ramblings of a deranged guest on a Jerry Springer show. But the astonishing thing is that Hancock is intelligent and articulate, and his writing is as expert as you would expect from an esteemed international correspondent.

Precisely because he is so credible, his idea will no doubt entice those looking for more conspiracy theories, and you need only look as far as Dan Brown to see the commercial success available.

But to give him credit, Hancock at no point claims these discoveries for himself, he always points to archaeologists and scientists who have been fascinated by similar concepts. Indeed, all that he asks for is that people more qualified than himself, investigate the questions he raises.

"I know [this] sounds preposterous and pointless to anyone committed to objective science. The more closely I pursued these questions, however, the more convinced I became that they point towards matters of extraordinary substance, and that science has done us an immense disfavor by its policy of ridiculing and discouraging all rational inquiry in this area."

=95 Supernatural by Graham Hancock =A320 published by Century.
Graham Hancock will be appearing at Borders, Glasgow on 18 October at 6pm. Tickets available on 0141 222 7700.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 20:18:59 EDT
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>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 12:07:24 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>Of course such data could be used to track "UFOs", but the
>>primary reason is to track military targets of human origin.

>That isn't the development history which was dual-use two-
>tracked from the very inception, for both UFOs and "military
>targets." Obviously one was better for attracting and
>maintaining funding appropriations than the other.

That is interesting. I would like to know more about the
motivational history behind this dual-use system. I assume this
is a documented history of some sort and not just speculation.
Could you point me to this documentation?

>I should have added that a 1% detection rate applied to a low
>UFO occurrence rate as we have today is essentially zero. Zero
>UFO detections likely from a UFO "field lab."

This seems erroneous on many levels. I can see how an increase
in sightings could account for an increase in locations
designated to be flaps. Also, I can see how an increase could
make such designating more difficult. You are assuming a
decrease in quantity equals a 0 value for the variable of
"flap", which must equal 0 detections? Hmmm You cannot get here
from there... that is not statistics, its speculative rounding-
off. Would an increase in technology not effect a variable like
detection potential? I would think so. Also, whether I extract
subset (flap) from a database of 1200 units or 500 units, the
validity or legitimacy of that subset should not suffer.

>>No, Area 51 would not be high on my list. However, I am sure
>>some mini-flap areas could be found by examining witness
>>reports.

>I am just as sure that mini-flap areas cannot be found by the
>usual Area 51-type of witness reports, assuming that any true
>"mini-flaps" are even taking place. This is the prescription for
>pointless responses to numerous hair-trigger false alerts every
>time it "seems" initially there is a localized mini-flap
>somewhere. The Colorado Project spent a lot of useless time
>running around on such alerts from its so-called Early Warning
>Network.

A researcher should want a location with a recent history of
quality sightings from varied and credible witnesses supported
by quality documentation(video, stills). This documentation
should illustrate anomalies which cannot easily be attributed to
conventional sources. Whether one calls this a "flap", "mini-
flap", "flip-flap" or "flapenuguen", it makes no difference. We

just need one(subset) to start. If you would like me to illustrate at least one such location that fits the above requirements, I would happily do so.

>I think we differ in this. All one needs is adequate
>triangulation resolution to define the flight path of the
>object. If the flight path matches an aircraft or satellite
>behavior, then all we can say is that it might be an aircraft
>or satellite (it could simply be a UFO behaving like these too).

>Even with NORAD and its vast resources with FAA and military
>flight plan data NORAD still cannot be sure of the identity of
>every single radar blip appearing like an aircraft or satellite.
>I don't see how that realization changes the situation from
>before.

I agree, that is why I would prefer the field lab approach. Proof should come via multiple data streams. In fact, multiple data streams from a reliable and objective source. Does radar data via the government resemble this in any way? In addition, it is important to note our own known abilities to manipulate radar signatures and take into account what the potentials of an advanced technology might be in this regard.

I don't really care much if this gets done or not. However, I have seen this approach work quite successfully for a similar scientific phenomenon and it could work here if there is sufficient motivation to shed this co-dependence. How many times have we seen Ufology get bitch-slapped, only to crawl back to the source asking for the "correct" version of things. Like a battered wife, Ufology hopes to change the one for which they are dependent, hoping one day he will wisper those three magic words...."they're out there".

Rob

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EMF & UFOs [was: Memory Without Klass]

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>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

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>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>electromagnetic interference effects that have been associated
>with UFO sightings for 50 years or more. (The classic example
>was the November 1957 miniflap in Texas/New Mexico involving
>dozens of cases of car stallings.)

I found the post on the Levelland cases from Larry Robinson that I mentioned previously. It was to Easton's UFORL list on March 12 2004. I think this is unusually interesting but I don't recall any discussion of it.

Robinson said that he found a story in the May 1938 issue of Popular Science, describing an event (a few years before 1938) where a number of cars stalled on the same section of a road in eastern Colorado. The road travelled through higher ground in a cut and a total of 23 cars reportedly stalled there in a short period of time, whilst 6 others (all Model-T Fords) drove through unaffected. It was windy and there was a lot of dust blowing. A rescue truck that was called in also stalled. A remedy was discovered by a mechanic who accidentally earthed his vehicle with a chain, when it started fine.

Apparently all the vehicles _except_ the Model-Ts had spark coil ignitions with rotor distributors, whilst the Ts had separate magnetos for each plug. Popular Mechanics' explanation in 1938 seems to have been that statically charged dust driven into the engine compartments shorted out the batteries, or something similar. But Easton pointed out that the starters still turned over even on the coil ignition vehicles. He suggested instead that static charge was collected by the rotor distributor arm whilst it was not making contact and would be discharged continuously through the spark plug, so fuel would be ignited and wasted before the compression stroke.

As for why the magneto cars kept running, he argued:

"The Model T had one magneto for each spark plug, instead of a distributor. So each plug wire had a discharge path through the coil to ground when the magnet wasn't firing the plug. So the plugs fired at the correct times, not at other times, and the fuel charges were not wasted. Yes, the magneto has points, but they open only at the time to fire that plug. So the static would have an effect only just after the plug fired, which does not effect the engine."

Has anyone come across this theory elsewhere? Does anyone think it makes sense? It sounds sort of plausible on the face of it, but I wonder what realistic static charge might accumulate on the rotor arm due to dust during a short time between piston cycles, and whether a sufficient spark could happen. And aren't

distributors usually sealed? And if cars could really be disabled this easily, wouldn't it have been a quite common event in some areas? Of course, if the Popular Mechanics report is reliable then something caused this stalling and it was apparently connected with unearthed static.

Robinson obviously dismisses the Levelland UFOs as St Elmos fire etc., but it isn't clear that his mechanism (if workable) couldn't be an effect associated with genuine UFOs, whatever they might have been.

I'd be interested in the List's thought on this.

Martin Shough

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Re: UFO Flies Over Bolivia - Maccabee

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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 17:48:42 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Flies Over Bolivia - Maccabee

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
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>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 09:06:32 -0400
>Subject: UFO Flies Over Bolivia

>INEXPLICATA
>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
>October 9, 2005
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>Source: La Patria Newspaper
>Date: 10.09.05

>UFO Flies Over Bolivia

>An unidentified flying object (UFO) flew over the skies of Oruro
>early morning yesterday for approximately an hour. It was
>recorded by citizen Gustavo Ponce, who at first did not believe
>what he was seeing.

>The time was approximately 01:30 hours in the morning when Ponce
>was heading for bed. At that time he saw a yellowish light in
>the sky that drew his attention, prompting him to reach for his
>binoculars to look at it more carefully.

>"It was a very strange and shiny figure that could be seen
>through the binoculars. I went ahead and took out my camcorder
>to videotape the UFO in the sky. As the camera zoomed toward the
>object, I could how it was breaking down into a shape resembling
>a jellyfish or something like it. It was very strange."

Uh, oh. Sounds like another "zoom and get out of focus" video
of a light in the dark sky with the camera set on auto focus and
it can't focus on a single light so it "hunts" for focus or
stays at some unfocused position.

Must use manual focus and focus on infinity to videotape light
at night without losing focus

>He added that the object was flying over the eastern part of the
>city and that it was the first time he had ever seen such an
>object, having never had previous visual contact with a UFO.

>LA PATRIA visited Ponce's home to see the images captured by his
>camcorder, attesting to the fact that the shining object broke
>down into a full circumference, adopting the shape of a
>jellyfish.

Certainly sounds as if zooming in made it lose focus.

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Re: Socorro - Allan

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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 17:50:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Allan

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:26:16 -0500
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>Thanks for bringing up the matter of Menzel's spurious charge
>about Father Gill's not wearing glasses at the time of his
>sighting. The current discussion brought it to my mind, too. A
>correction, however:

>It was I, not Hynek, who (in a 1977 interview) showed Gill what
>Menzel had claimed about his famous sighting: namely, that Gill
>had not been wearing glasses, thus causing him to mistake Venus
>for a UFO because his astigmatism led him to see an elongated,
>out-of-focus image.

>Menzel had never contacted Gill to see if the allegation made
>any sense, and Gill knew nothing of it until I brought it to his
>attention. He said, "I cannot specifically remember wearing
>glasses, but I certainly would have remembered if I could not
>find the glasses or if they had been lost or broken..... That
>would have been a very memorable occasion."

>For other absurdities in Menzel's (and Klass's) reconstruction
>of the incident, see The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd ed., pp. 451-52.

Menzel tried many times to get in touch with Rev Gill about the
matter of the latter's glasses (and the sighting in general).
See p.151 of the book "UFOS, a Scientific Debate" (ed. Sagan &
Page). Unfortunately he never received any reply, nor were his
letters sent back to him.

I will admit it now. Whatever may be said about Menzel's
attitude to UFOs, I do accept his Venus explanation for Rev.
Gill's sighting (actually three sightings on successive nights).
However, it is most unlikely anyone will want to go into this
case now.

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Subject: Re: Socorro - Allan

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 18:52:15 +0000
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 11:12:41 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>I see that your response conveniently leaves out the rundown of
>>my UFO experience.

>>Others, including Paul Kimball, think that the eye-glass
>>question is legitimate. It's not a small matter when it goes to
>>the heart of an eyewitness's claim.

>>What position does one have to be in for them to be able to
>>question anything ufological?

>>Are there rules that prohibit questioning, by neophytes and
>>others?

>>Who makes up those rules?

>>While you think I'm wasting time, others do not I surmise. The
>>Socorro episode is not a done deal. It's still open to scrutiny,
>>or should be.

>I think the word 'cavalier' applies best to someone who goes
>around strewing red herrings all over the place when he
>obviously has done zero investigation of the case, not even the
>elementary reading of contemporary investigations. I was
>involved real time in the Socorro investigation and have written
>fairly extensively about the case. Back in the good old days we
>at NICAP even obtained the full Air Force Soicorro file for
>examination via the Air Force Office of History in Washington,
>D.C.(flown from Maxwell AFB via courier plane at our request).

>If you had read the contemporary reports you would know that
>Zamora did not say the small beings had human-like uniforms,
>that he was of the highest repute locally, that there is no
>issue whatsoever about his eyesight (what utter nonsense that
>you keep spewing in that regard).

>There is nothing at all wrong about raising questions on any
>historical case or reinvestigating it, but any rational person
>who wasn't simply grinding axes and spicing blogs would first
>study the literature thoroughly. You obviously have not done so.
>Nor apparently have you read Maj. Hector Quintanilla's account
>of how thoroughly the Air Force checked for experimental
>vehicles, etc., and how puzzled he was by the case.

In the Fortean Times book , UFOs 1947-1997, (ed Hilary Evans &
Dennis Stacy), there is a chapter by Hector J. Quintanilla which
is mainly devoted to Socorro. He had conducted a very thorough
investigation and was genuinely baffled.

However, he writes (p.116): "Although I labelled the case 'unidentified' I've never been satisfied with that classification. I've always felt that too many essential elements of the case were missing. These are the intangible elements which are impossible to check, so the solution could very well be lying dormant in Lonnie Zamora's head".

Was this Quantinilla's way of saying that he surmised that Zamora may have invented, or embellished, his story?

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Re: Hypersonic Propusion - Miller

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Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 19:48:30 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 06:22:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Hypersonic Propusion - Miller

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 12:35:35 -0300
>Subject: Re: Hypersonic Propusion

>List:

>For those who feel that any research conducted on new aero-
>propusion methods are super secret see the following news
>release from NASA. This is one of the reasons why I have no
>faith in the the theory that secret technology of the past is
>an explanation for some of our more exotic UFO episodes. If
>this stuff already exists, why the following release?

Hi Don,

Oh boy, do you hit the \$64,000 question bang on the head.

I've been searching for that quote from one of the former directors of Lockheed's Skunk works (when I don't need it I keep tripping over it and yet when I look for it, it can't be found) who said something like, "If you can imagine it, we've made it" or something very similar.

That quote is actually something that could be thrown into the Socorro debate going on elsewhere as well.

I know it's a very open and unspecific statement that could really mean anything or nothing but for the purposes of this thread, I'm going to assume a smug skeptical stance and claim that there are no such things as UFOs and that all unexplained sightings are secret projects of some sort. So, back in 1947, the U.S. military were capable of producing craft capable of flying at over 1,000 miles an hour, at least according to Arnold.

And we come to your point. If they had them then, what were they doing with them? When were they used? What were they used for?

And therein lies the answer to many, many explanations or non explanations of unidentified craft over the decades.

If (and we don't) one accepts the argument that Arnold's sightings, as an example, were U.S. craft and that Arnold's assessment of speed was broadly correct, then one can only assume the Secret Government argument or that for some reason, higher levels of technology have been saved for some other purpose.

To counter my own argument slightly, I have never accepted the declarations of military high ups who have said on past occasions that "We don't have the technology to be able to do that" after a particular display of acrobatics from some dot in the sky. Even if one assumes the honesty of such a statement, at least as far as the speaker may be concerned, regardless of rank, the "need to know" rule I would reckon would exclude even the very senior military from being aware of everything going on. I think Greg Bishop's recent book at least taught us that.

So, either you're right and amazing aeronautical displays are at the very least anomalous or there is one level of technology on public display and another kept hidden.

This subject gives me a headache.

Stuart

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Re: Socorro - Sparks

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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 06:25:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Sparks

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 14:36:25 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 17:37:24 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>Incidentally, Blue Book investigators did an analysis looking
>>for chemical propellant traces. They didn't find any. That's
>>another important indication that this wasn't a conventional
>>propulsion system like a jet or rocket.

>Just a nit, but if they were looking for products of combustion
>from jet fuel or other dirty fuels, you are right in assuming
>that would imply such was not used. But if the combustion was
>hydrogen and oxygen or chemical combinations with gaseous
>combustion byproducts, then traces would not show up (unless the
>fuel source was contaminated by these).

<snip>

>>Your logic seems to be that because the object made a roaring
>>noise, it must be a human craft. However, you leave out the part
>>where the craft took off with a roar but then went completely
>>silent when it sped off at high speed into the distance. Please
>>tell us what known conventional propulsion system can silently
>>accelerate a craft like this.

>The only idea I had about this noisy-then-silent phenomena was
>that the sound waves were directed based on the propulsion
>system. Thus, a messy rocketlike propulsion system near the
>ground is very noisy because it is bouncing sound all over the
>place. But after take off and at a high enough altitude, the
>plume of the thruster may be tuned enough and aimed sufficiently
>to reduce the noise level considerably. It is hard to say for
>sure without knowing the kind of propulsion system.

Any rocket engine capable of landing and lifting off a 20-foot
vehicle with 2 men aboard would have blasted a giant crater in
the ground and melted lots of soil and rock with its many
thousands of pounds of thrust. No such crater was produced. Any
balloon that landed while still intact and functioning but
suddenly lost the ballast of two men's weight (however small
they might have been) would have instantly shot up into the sky.
Leaving the two men to face a New Mexico cop and within minutes
a bevy of investigators with nowhere to run or hide. Obviously
that didn't happen either.

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2 Great Reasons To Attend 3rd UFO Crash Conference

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Two Great Reasons To Attend The 3rd UFO Crash Conference:
Rich Dolan & Peter Robbins

Friday, November 4th =96 Sunday, November 6th, 2005
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Broomfield CO
Wednesday October 12, 2005

At this years Mutual UFO Network International Conference (MUFON) in Denver there was only one speaker to receive a standing ovation. Can you guess? It was Richard Dolan. His first book, UFOs and the National Security State is a landmark in the ufology literature. It can be ordered on-line here.

His talk at the 3rd UFO Crash Conference will be on the UFO Secrecy: Political and Ethical Implications.

Few people doubt that there is some level of secrecy by military and other government agencies regarding UFOs. The obvious question: "what are they hiding?" has been asked and investigated by many people for many years. But a less obvious question presents itself: what has secrecy done to our society?

A quick answer is "many things." But a key result has been the development of a new form of government in America: the replacement of America's traditional republican institutions with what we may accurately call a "National Security-Homeland Security State."

Such a state did not spring up in full form immediately after 9/11/01, like Athena from the head of Zeus. Instead, it was more than fifty years in the making, and UFO secrecy has played an unmistakable dual role in killing the old republic and giving birth to this new Leviathan.

Indeed, the question of "what are they hiding" helps to shed light on the process. For a great body of diverse sources now point to the likelihood that there have been multiple retrievals of UFO technology, along with associated biological samples (e.g. bodies). Several of these cases are discussed, as are several key sources of leaks.

The author argues that the real or perceived necessity of secrecy surrounding the recovery of exotic technology and bodies by the U.S. national security apparatus forced a series of silent "mini-revolutions" which successively eroded power from traditional democratic-republican sources of government (initially Congress, then the Presidency) to quasi-public/quasi-private groups that operate with great amounts of money and secrecy. While the very secrecy under review may ultimately prevent a full answer to the details of this process, the general outline has become evident.

UFO secrecy hasn't been the only knife in the back of the American Republic. But it has been one of them, and as such deserves due attention.

Peter Robbins has an impressive track record of participation and leadership in the field of ufology from the Rendlesham Forest incident, which he reported on at the 1st UFO crash conference to his biographical investigation of the death of Sectary James Forrestal to his upcoming talk on Orgone Energy & Wilhelm Reich and UFOs. Below is an abstract of his talk.

One of ufology's most significant chapters remains one of its most obscure. In the early nineteen fifties the brilliant physician and scientist Dr. Wilhelm Reich developed the cloudbuster, a simple yet effective apparatus which, when properly employed, was capable of altering the weather. More, some of these weather modification operations attracted UFOs - first over southern Maine in 1953, then above Tucson the following year. On December 14, 1954 these experiments culminated in what can only be characterized as a 'battle' in the skies over Tucson. Wild as these allegations may sound, they were well-documented and multiply witnessed. Reich kept the United States Air Force appraised of his sightings and weather work at the same time the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) was attempting to build a case against him. The interstate shipment of a medical device (unauthorized by Dr. Reich) resulted in a contempt charge, conviction, and his incarceration in Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary (PA). Wilhelm Reich was found dead in his cell in November 1957 just prior to his scheduled release.

What were the scientific dynamics behind Reich's successful alteration of weather fronts? What part did the Air Force play in his undoing? What were the specifics of his 1940-44 contacts with Albert Einstein? Was MJ-12 involved in his death? Peter Robbins spent years investigating this story and in addressing these questions draws from Wilhelm Reich's out of print writings, complete correspondence with Einstein, published records of cloudbusting operations, and extensive interviews with Reich's daughter, Dr. Eva Reich, definitive biographer Dr. Myron Scharaf, long-time first assistant Elsworth F. Baker, and a handful of other colleagues and students who worked by the scientist's side. This PowerPoint lecture also includes video clips. Today Reich's staggering contributions to science are all but forgotten, his name and work derided and distorted by all but a small core of practitioners, scholars and scientists. But none of this alters the facts of this remarkable story.

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>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrrgroup.nul>
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>>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 10:19:33 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>>The Socorro incident, as you concede, is open to further
>>>investigation. That's my point, which you apparently choose to
>>>dismiss or ignore.

>>Your point continues to be that he wore glasses and was
>>therefore, blind. I did dismiss or ignore the fact that Lonnie
>>ore glasses. I read the reports, the books, considered what he
>>did for a living and the character assessments of the man, the
>>timeline and I ruled out his wearing glasses as a none issue.

>>There's no proof that his wearing glasses in any way abrogated
>>his interpretation of the sighting or skewed his testimony.

>>Lonnie had his glasses on during the most important parts of the
>>sighting. You've been told that more than a few times. You
>>choose to ignore this. The condition of Lonnie's eyesight had
>>nothing to do with it. You know it and I know it.

>A couple of butt-ins if I may: First of all it occurs to me that
>there are pretty good portrait photographs of Zamora circa 1964
>with his glasses on. I'm looking at one now (in Hynek's "UFO
>Report"). The lenses don't look to me like the bottoms of beer
>glasses. My impression is not worth much, but maybe David Rudiak
>can deduce something about how strong (or not) the correction is
>and thus at least put some limits on the possible defect in
>Zamora's uncorrected vision?

Martin and List,

I know the photo you're talking about. If Zamora was significantly near-sighted, his eyes would be noticeably minified through the lenses. If the correction was for farsightedness, his eyes would be enlarged. My eyeball impression of the grainy photo is that maybe his eyes are slightly minified, but it's hard to tell. If so, he would be slightly nearsighted. If he were slightly or moderately farsighted, his acuity probably wouldn't suffer much even with his glasses off (unless he had a very severe astigmatism, which is rare). Young farsighted people can compensate for their farsightedness by focusing their lens.

His worst acuity without glasses is already bounded by police department medical restrictions, which seem to universally

require uncorrected acuity of 20/100 or better (so the policeman can continue to function effectively even if he loses his glasses: shoot guns, drive a car, identify suspects at close range, etc.)

Even in the worst case scenario of only 20/100 acuity with his glasses off, Zamora still would still be able to easily make out larger details - e.g., the insignia on the craft Zamora estimated as 2-1/2 to 3 feet in size. A 20/20 letter on an eye chart is only about 9 mm in height. Thus if Zamora was 20/100, he would only be able to read letters 4.5 cm in size or larger. If he was 10 times further away or 200 feet (the absolute furthest he would have been from the craft when he viewed the insignia without glasses), the letter would have to be at least 45 cm in size, or about 1-1/2 feet. This is still about half the size of the insignia. Thus, even in the worst case acuity and distance scenario, Zamora would still have been able to make out the details of the insignia.

However, this is all academic, since Zamora approached the craft on foot probably to within 50 feet and still had his glasses on. Similarly, when he viewed the object zooming away and fading into the distance he had his glasses on. When he saw the two small humanoids standing near the craft he had his glasses on. These are all important visual details, and having his glasses off had nothing to do with it. Neither did hearing the craft suddenly go silent or the existence of physical trace evidence left behind that could be objectively evaluated by others.

Knowing Zamora's age and the fact that he was a traffic cop subject to visual testing and restrictions really narrows down what he could have and couldn't have seen. I think raising questions about vision would be valid if there were many unknowns about the witness' eyesight. E.g., a 70 year old witness might have all sorts of common degenerative eye conditions affecting vision such as cataracts or macular degeneration. Unlike Zamora, the average person also wouldn't be required to have regular vision tests with restrictions applied to worst acuity. (By sheer coincidence, today I had to go to the DMV and read an eyechart to get my driver's license renewed. This is probably the only instance that the average person is subjected to repeated required acuity checking. However, it's been 10 years since I was last tested, so the testing isn't particularly frequent. Also the requirement is only 20/40 corrected vision, unlike the usual 20/20 corrected vision for cops.)

But Zamora was young and a cop who had passed physicals. Further he had his glasses on at all the important times. Trying to make a big issue of his eyesight is indeed a red herring.

David Rudiak

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>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 17:42:01 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

David:

<snip>

>>Hmm... it seems that both David and I were wrong here. It
>>appears that a few months ago I did write that RRR were trying
>>to convince me that the key to blogging was to keep it spicy
>>(not what I recalled, but obviously what I wrote). However,
>>nowhere in there will you find that they said this because they
>>thought it was a way to get a blog read, which is where David
>>erred - he extrapolated from what I wrote something that just
>>isn't there.

>One last nit to pick: I think it reasonable to assume that the
>purpose of making a blog "spicy" is to get people to read it.
>That's the way I would interpret the meaning of "the key to
>blogging."

But it was not how it was meant, or at least not how I took it
when Rich said it. I took it to mean that you need to keep it
interesting for yourself. However, I can understand how others
would see it a different way.

Assuming your interpretation is correct, I should add that it is
nothing new for ufology. Stan Friedman has on more than one
occasion told me that you have to "sell the sizzle" as much as
"the steak." After all, the point, I suppose, is to get people
to listen to what you're trying to say.

It's interesting. I can track the number of unique hits on any
particular blog post, courtesy of Statcounter (just passed
40,000 total). There are basically three types of columns at The
Other Side of Truth - (1) ufological research (i.e. Wilbert
Smith, or MJ-12, or Canadian UFO investigations); (2) ufological
opinion columns (that would be the "spice"); and (3) more
personal stuff (my music background, friends and family, pics
from film shoots, and assorted top 10 sci-fi babe lists etc).
Guess which grouping - by an overwhelming majority - gets the
most hits? If you said (b), you would be 100% correct. Now, from
private e-mails from various UFO researchers, I know that my
research is respected (whether they agree with it or not). But
it isn't what people want to read - they want to read the
"spice."

However, I have also noted that once they get to the blog for
the spice, they'll sometimes stick around and check out some
of the research.

Now, none of this changes what I write, or when I write it (I do

it for my own amusement / edification - if other people tune in, that's a bonus). I just find it an interesting commentary on what people want out of ufology. It's the same phenomenon that saw all of the attention at the recent Toronto con center on Paul Hellyer, who had nothing of substance to offer, and not Stan, who does (again, whether one agrees with him or not is a separate question).

>But no matter. I appreciate the apology from Paul. I would also >like to mention that I read his spicy blogs now and then. It >might surprise him to know I agree with him at least as often as >I disagree, if not more.

And it might surprise you to discover that there are instances when I agree with you. And so it goes.

>I also prefer Paul's version of "spice" to RRR's. It's much >easier on the palate. Call it a kinder and gentler spice.

I'm Canadian - we're required by law to be kinder and gentler. :-)

>Example: RRR regularly publishes something akin to the Top Ten >Demonic, Oppressive, Narrow-Minded, Fuddy-Duddy Ufologists, or >something like that. (Guess who periodically makes the list?)

As I have often told Rich, he and I part ways when he (or his young cohorts, like Christopher Robin... er, sorry - Jay) denigrates long-time researchers, for whom I have nothing but the utmost respect, at least for their efforts, if not always their conclusions.

Then again, my dad had a "law" as well - always respect your elders. As I get older, I begin to appreciate it even more!

>But Paul publishes the Top Ten TV/Movie Sci-Fi Babes (with >pictures).

>Which would you prefer? It's no contest as far as I'm concerned. >Babes trump bile.

At last - Rudiak and Kimball agree! :-)

Best regards/Peace out/Happy trails,

Paul Kimball

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Ray Stanford On Zamora's Eyesight

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 14:31:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 07:05:24 -0400
Subject: Ray Stanford On Zamora's Eyesight

The following was forwarded to me, and Don Ledger, by Ray Stanford about Zamora's glasses and eyesight. Ray isn't a subscriber to the List and asked us to post it. It reinforces what I've already said, in other posts, about how Zamora's eye size through his lenses seems barely different than normal eye size. This indicates that whatever prescription Zamora was wearing was low and he required only a slight correction.

From Ray Stanford, concerning the Socorro case and Rich Reynolds' claims:

Let settle the matter of Zamora's vision (as of April 24, 1964): List members (other than Rich Reynolds) have made some excellent points concerning that, but let me add this: Look at the universally published photo of Zamora (See the frontispiece in my Socorro book, but the photo is available almost anywhere that the Socorro case is covered in even a slightly thorough way, in various media), taken with the very same glasses he was wearing when he saw the UFO. (I ascertained that fact from Zamora, himself.)

Note that in the photo, Zamora's eyes are in no noticeable way(s) optically size-distorted. I have twice seen Zamora without his glasses, and I know that his eyes are virtually the same size, relative to the rest of his face, as one sees it in the photo. That is a very substantial evidence that his optical correction formula is in no way extreme and strongly suggests that he could see reasonably well without his glasses.

Ray Stanford

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Re: Socorro - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 22:39:22 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 07:07:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Shough

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 14:36:25 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
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>from jet fuel or other dirty fuels, you are right in assuming
>that would imply such was not used. But if the combustion was
>hydrogen and oxygen or chemical combinations with gaseous
>combustion byproducts, then traces would not show up (unless the
>fuel source was contaminated by these).

Just another nit, James, but in addition to charred rock and
scrub there was reportedly a 30cm patch of fused sand at the
site. This was the sample examined by the mineralogist who told
McDonald that the Air Force had taken it away.

I don't believe sand melts below about 1700 deg C so this would
limit some choices of fuels.

The hydrogen peroxide catalytic decomposition used in some
experimental rocket packs at this time produced only steam and
oxygen and wouldn't reveal signs of hydrocarbon propellants, but
the exhaust temperature of this reaction is only a few hundred C
- not enough to melt sand.

Are there similar propellant reactions with high enough
temperatures?

Martin shough

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Re: Socorro - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 21:58:42 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 07:09:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Hall

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 19:36:46 +0100
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:26:16 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>Thanks for bringing up the matter of Menzel's spurious charge
>>about Father Gill's not wearing glasses at the time of his
>>sighting. The current discussion brought it to my mind, too. A
>>correction, however:

<snip>

>>Menzel had never contacted Gill to see if the allegation made
>>any sense, and Gill knew nothing of it until I brought it to his
>>attention. He said, "I cannot specifically remember wearing
>>glasses, but I certainly would have remembered if I could not
>>find the glasses or if they had been lost or broken..... That
>>would have been a very memorable occasion."

>>For other absurdities in Menzel's (and Klass's) reconstruction
>>of the incident, see The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd ed., pp. 451-52.

>Menzel tried many times to get in touch with Rev Gill about the
>matter of the latter's glasses (and the sighting in general).
>See p.151 of the book "UFOS, a Scientific Debate" (ed. Sagan &
>Page). Unfortunately he never received any reply, nor were his
>letters sent back to him.

And so lacking a reply he leaped to a false conclusion?

>I will admit it now. Whatever may be said about Menzel's
>attitude to UFOs, I do accept his Venus explanation for Rev.
>Gill's sighting (actually three sightings on successive nights).
>However, it is most unlikely anyone will want to go into this
>case now.

And how do you justify such a totally counter-to-fact
conclusion? It can't be [a true UFO], therefore it isn't? (Non
potest, ergo non est?)

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Re: Socorro - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 17:06:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 07:12:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Clark

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 19:36:46 +0100
>Subject: Re: Socorro

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I simply don't believe anything Menzel says. Father Gill told me
he had never heard Menzel's explanation before, which means
there were no letters in which that "theory" would have been
outlined.

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attitude to UFOs, I do accept his Venus explanation for Rev.
Gill's sighting (actually three sightings on successive nights).

I believe you believe that. Indeed, I would be shocked if you
didn't. In your ideology all UFO reports have to be
transformed into mere misperceptions so that orthodoxy can sleep
soundly at night. And of course if you don't have Venus, you can
always find something else, such as Klass's charge that Gill was
just trying to impress his colleagues.

No offense, but I am rather more interested in what Gill, an
eminently intelligent, matter-of-fact man (and not, like Menzel,
an ax-grinder), thinks. He rejects the Venus claim.

It is, however, worth noting that Menzel's "explanation" for the
supporting statements by the Papua New Guinea witnesses who
confirmed seeing the disc and the moving figures aboard it
betrays not only the man's ignorance of what Papua New Guineans
were feeling in 1959 but his own blatant racism.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Socorro - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 15:11:23 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 07:28:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Rudiak

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 14:36:25 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Socorro

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>combustion byproducts, then traces would not show up (unless the
>fuel source was contaminated by these).

You are correct that a hydrogen/oxygen combustion system would
have left no traces. (Side question: I know the Space Shuttle
uses such a system, but were they even testing them back in
1964? They have a reputation of being extremely difficult to use
and perfect.)

However, any organic propellant like kerosene would be
incompletely combusted. If the testing was properly done with
something highly sensitive like a gas chromatograph was used, it
should have been able to pick up traces of incompletely
combusted products.

However, as Brad Sparks notes in another post, the point is
largely academic, since even a more exotic hydrogen/oxygen
propulsion system would have blasted a huge crater in the
ground. My guess is that this was a magnetohydrodynamic plasma
propulsion system: ionize the air beneath the craft and then
push off it with a large pulsed magnetic field. Zamora reported
that what he saw did not look like a normal flame and seemed to
penetrate into the soil.

>>If this craft had a mechanical problem, it was
>>obviously extremely minor (because it immediately took off
>>again, etc.). All experimental craft encounter snags. The
>>engineers fix them. If there are serious ones that can't be
>>fixed, then maybe that's reason for cancellation. But, again,
>>this craft seemed to have no problems fleeing the scene in a
>>hurry. It was a wingless, high-performance, VTOL vehicle with,
>>except for landing and takeoff, a silent propulsion system. The
>>military would kill for an aircraft like that.

>The terrestrial explanation fails for an experimental vehicle
>because you just don't "fly one around" and land and take off
>again. Not if you are sane test pilots and a sane test program.
>Its just not "Heh, John, lets take the experimental UFOlike VTOL
>vehicle for a spin". Its more of a massive, detailed program
>with hundreds of folk involved and a rigorously defined test

>area beyond which they don't go without failsafes shutting it
>down.

No disagreements here. Any testing would have been restricted to a test site, certainly in its initial stages. They also wouldn't send it off-range without at least one chase team in another aircraft.

>>Your logic seems to be that because the object made a roaring
>>noise, it must be a human craft. However, you leave out the part
>>where the craft took off with a roar but then went completely
>>silent when it sped off at high speed into the distance. Please
>>tell us what known conventional propulsion system can silently
>>accelerate a craft like this.

>The only idea I had about this noisy-then-silent phenomena was
>that the sound waves were directed based on the propulsion
>system. Thus, a messy rocketlike propulsion system near the
>ground is very noisy because it is bouncing sound all over the
>place. But after take off and at a high enough altitude, the
>plume of the thruster may be tuned enough and aimed sufficiently
>to reduce the noise level considerably. It is hard to say for
>sure without knowing the kind of propulsion system.

Zamora was at most 200 feet away and probably 50-100 feet closer when he heard the craft go silent. (According to Zamora, the roaring was confined to the craft lifting straight up until it had just cleared the ravine. Then, while hovering, it went silent and started to move away horizontally, still very near the ground.) I can't imagine how any conventional rocket or jet propulsion system (especially supporting a craft whose weight was in tons) could be silent at that distance, even if it was pointed directly away from Zamora, which it couldn't have been. The propulsion system had to hold the craft up when it was still barely moving, meaning most of the thrust would have to be directed downward.

David Rudiak

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Google Tracks UFO Sightings With New Map

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Subject: Google Tracks UFO Sightings With New Map

Source: The New Mexican - Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA

<http://www.freewmexican.com/news/33610.html>

October 12, 2005

Google Tracks UFO Sightings With New Map
By The New Mexican

Using their Google Maps API (or application program interface), Google has launched a map of UFO sightings at:

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

The interactive map is dotted with "flying saucer" icons indicating where UFOs have been sighted. Clicking on the icon pulls up a short summary of the sighting, with an additional link to a more detailed report. The data is from the National UFO Reporting Center.

The Google initiative is not the only site to use maps to chart UFO activity.

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

is a detailed effort to graph UFO activity from the past 50 years or earlier, and as a sizable set of graphs, charts, histograms and other data.

<http://www.ufodisclosure.com>

tracks alleged UFO flight corridors and patterns near Bisbee, Arizona.

While not offering maps, another serious effort of research is at:

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

Enjoy the skies!

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Re: EMF & UFOs - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 20:10:39 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 07:35:07 -0400
Subject: Re: EMF & UFOs - Sparks

>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 19:05:55 +0100
>Subject: EMF & UFOs [was: Memory Without Klass]

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 12:34:08 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>>>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 01:14:43 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>>electromagnetic interference effects that have been associated
>>with UFO sightings for 50 years or more. (The classic example
>>was the November 1957 miniflap in Texas/New Mexico involving
>>dozens of cases of car stallings.)

>I found the post on the Levelland cases from Larry Robinson that
>I mentioned previously. It was to Easton's UFORL list on March 12
>2004. I think this is unusually interesting but I don't recall
>any discussion of it.

>Robinson said that he found a story in the May 1938 issue of
>Popular Science, describing an event (a few years before 1938)
>where a number of cars stalled on the same section of a road in
>eastern Colorado. The road travelled through higher ground in a
>cut and a total of 23 cars reportedly stalled there in a short
>period of time, whilst 6 others (all Model-T Fords) drove
>through unaffected. It was windy and there was a lot of dust
>blowing. A rescue truck that was called in also stalled. A
>remedy was discovered by a mechanic who accidentally earthed his
>vehicle with a chain, when it started fine.

Robinson has a poor track record for "old magazine articles" he
read "years ago" with his longstanding claim to have read an ad
in a magazine he has never been able to find (and no one else
has either) with a story of a manned balloon landing where the
crew found a scary New Mexico policeman staring at them. This
supposedly "explains" the Socorro case as a manned balloon. Is
there an actual verified copy of this May 1938 Popular Science
article?

I think this car stopping tale is an urban legend going back to
the 30's and earlier, which includes variations where the Nazis
have developed a super duper raygun that can stop cars at a
distance, or aircraft engines, or the Italians have developed
the superweapon, or Marconi and Tesla are rumored to have
developed it. Other stories claim that certain areas of the
country cause car engines to stall or that ghosts or gremlins
interfere with car and aircraft engines. The following article
quotes a Sandi Labs spokesman who rightly points out that the
amount of electromagnetic energy that could fry a car engine
components would also fry the human
occupants to a crisp (like a microwave oven).

<http://www.soci.niu.edu/~crypt/other/chupax.htm>

British scientific intelligence pioneer R. V. Jones ran into a "flood" of these car-stopping raygun devices in the pre-war days of 1937-8. Jones tells how he spent two years tracing these rumors until he finally found the answer: The Nazis apparently found that when they tried to test the field strengths of new radio transmitters they would get interference from nearby car engines. So they would stop the cars for a certain distance until the tests were over and then allow drivers to restart their engines and proceed. So the rumor version garbled the details so that it was the radio transmitters that "stopped" the cars. Supposedly Jones himself spread these rumors to see if he could deceive the Nazis:

<http://www.rafcaa.org.uk/admin/legends.htm>

<http://ncas.sawco.com/condon/text/appndx-v.htm>

The idea that an electromagnetic pulse from a nuclear explosion could burn out the microchips controlling most modern-day car ignition systems has run into the problem that Army tests have reportedly shown that vehicles are like Faraday cages. They have metal surrounding the engine compartment suspended from the ground on rubber insulators (tires) so they are difficult for EM energy to penetrate into the interior of the engine compartments.

Of course, the biggest mistake in history about the science of all this was made by Klass in his ball-lightning UFO book UFOs Identified! He thought that in EM physics theory that when they talked about a "mirror image charge" on the opposite side of a flat metal plane that this was a real electric charge that magically formed on the opposite side when when an electric charge was placed on one side.

So he theorized that if an electrically charged plasmoid were to appear over a metal car hood that an "image charge" would form on the opposite side of the flat metal hood, inside the engine compartment where it could interfere with car ignition. Thus he "explained" all the cases of UFO's causing car ignition failures or stalling by this "mirror image charge" pseudoscience of his "plasma UFO's."

The problem is that in EM theory the "image charge" is not real. It is an imaginary concept designed for simplifying calculation of electric fields in one idealized situation only. It is where the flat metal plane can then be imagined to be removed from the problem situation to do the calculation, it is replaced by the charge and its symmetrical but imaginary "image charge" with no metal plate in between. If the "image charge" was real then so would the magical dematerialization of the entire metal plate have to be real too!

When McDonald pointed out this error of elementary electromagnetic theory to the CASI scientific group in Toronto on March 12, 1968, Klass was in the audience and as a result apparently redoubled his efforts to "get" him, started putting out his infamous "White Papers" on McDonald, etc.

<http://ufologie.net/htm/mcdonaldca.htm>

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>>>>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2005 19:33:07 +0200
>>>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>>>>>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>>Date: Sun, 2 Oct 2005 22:39:36 -0400
>>>>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

>>>><snip>

>>>>>When it was pointed out to him that a British firm had invented
>>>>>a device which did stop car engines

>>>>>Jan, can you tell me the references of such a claim I have never
>>>>>heard before?

>>>>After about three weeks with various computer problems, I have
>>>>access to most of my files, but not the old E-mail files. So I
>>>>can't give you the specific url.

>>>>The device was produced by a British firm, the car had to run
>>>>over a strip with the electrical components in it. The device
>>>>didn't just stop the car, it wrecked the engine. Not exactly the
>>>>EME associated with UFOs, but neither is it a mystical device
>>>>Klass claimed. Once the effect has been established obviously
>>>>something more close to UFO EMES could be engineered.

>>>>See also:

>>>><http://www.guardian.co.uk/crime/article/0,2763,1259138,00.html>

>>>>(Murray Bott found an incident in which RF with engine function
>>>>stopped blimp motor near large radio transmitter.)

>>>>Roos, John G. "Arresting Development: Non-Lethal Vehicle-
>>>>Stopping Device for the Army's Peacekeeping Bag of Tricks."
>>>>Armed Forces Journal International, vol. 138, no. 10, May 2001,
>>>>p. 24.

>>>><http://tinyurl.com/ch8oy>

>>>>The Air Force Scientific Advisory Board also put out a lengthy

>>white paper in 1997 (or maybe 1999) outlining their vision for
>>the 21st century American Air Force. Most of it was about laser
>>and space-based weapons systems. However, it also mentioned the
>>existence of high-power microwave weapons capable of stalling
>>internal combustion engines (making the vehicles easy targets
>>for subsequent bombing), also capable of scrambling aviation
>>electronics and causing power blackouts. These are all
>>electromagnetic interference effects that have been associated
>>with UFO sightings for 50 years or more. (The classic example
>>was the November 1957 miniflap in Texas/New Mexico involving
>>dozens of cases of car stallings.)

>But don't forget that the EMP-type methods in the two sources
>referenced by Jan above are only effective against the
>electronics in modern vehicles, not the combustion engine
>itself, and so wouldn't have had any effect on the variety of
>petrol and deisel vehicles reported disabled before about 1990
>or so.

>>The AFSAB paper was on the Net for a while, but was subsequently
>>pulled. I regret now not having made a copy.

>Incidentally Larry Robinson (with whom I have rarely failed to
>_disagree_ strongly on a the few occasions we've "met") claimed
>to have chapter and verse on a natural explanation for the
>Levelland car-stallings - this was a year or two ago on Easton's
>list. Does anyone recall?

Robinson does not impress me at all after our discussions of the
Socorro case. He failed to read the case all the way through,
and his explanation was based on a half-remembered article in a
magazine he could not recall. Many of his other explanation
suffer from the same problem.

The incident Muarry Bott referred to has nothing to do with
modern computerized motors. The Blimp flew near a very high
power radio transmitter and its engines were knocked out.

There are similar reports of car stalling and aircraft effect
from lightning.

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Re: Socorro - Clark

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Well, of course. This is precisely the sort of sleazy innuendo in which he had to engage, in the absence of an iota of evidence for a hoax.

In fact, the Socorro case was well investigated - as I well know, having spent a whole lot of time going through the investigative reports as I researched the case for my encyclopedia - and is among the most impressive of UFO reports. It baffled Quintanilla, who was ordinarily able to conjure up an explanation out of thin air (e.g., the Portage County case); so all that was left to him was ... well ... nothing, and that's exactly what he expresses in the quote above. Poor bastard.

Jerry Clark

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'Einstein's Big Idea': Atoms And Eves

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[Did anyone else see this? I thought the last part, at least, pretty awful. On the other hand, my wife thought it wasn't a bad way to get the young interested in science. JK]

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'Einstein's Big Idea': Atoms And Eves

By Stephen Reiss
Washington Post Staff Writer
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It turns out that the casting directors at the "CSI" franchise are right: Science is a babe magnet.

That must be the explanation for all the hot young scientists and their lusty lovers populating "Einstein's Big Idea," airing at 8 tonight on PBS. This latest installment in the Nova series of science documentaries has to be accurate, because those do-gooders in educational television wouldn't think of appealing to our baser instincts, would they?

Here's 18th-century French scientist Antoine Lavoisier and his fetching young bride discussing the ins and outs of oxidation as they wend their way to the bedchamber through his laboratory.

Here's Emilie du Chatelet, the brilliant daughter of a French courtier, who could disprove Isaac Newton on the mathematics of motion and look great doing it. (Now I know what rocker Thomas Dolby meant with his 1983 hit "She Blinded Me With Science.")

And here's the young Albert Einstein rousing his negligee-clad wife with the speedy bowing of his violin, and suggestively asking that she "Come with me and... think about the electromagnetic theory of light."

"How you enchant a lady," she responds. (What an operator!)

When you get past the heavy breathing, this two-hour show traces the origins and impact of the most famous equation in science - $E = mc^2$ - in a fast-paced and entertaining fashion. This year marks the 100th anniversary of one of the most productive and pathbreaking periods in science. For it was in 1905 that Einstein, an obscure young patent clerk, had a "miracle year," publishing five papers on atomic structure, the nature of light and the relationship between energy and matter. The work was so radical and poorly understood that it took four years and the intervention of physicist Max Planck before Einstein got his first faculty position.

The show breaks down each part of the equation and demonstrates how Einstein's insights built on the work of many scientists who came before him. In each case, heaping spoonfuls of sugar help the mathematics and physics go down. The scientists' stories are told in the context of their ambitions, loves and disappointments. And the producers have taken the trouble and

expense to get quality actors and put them in believable period settings and costumes. For instance, Irish actor Aidan McArdle, who portrays Einstein, succeeds in the Herculean task of persuading the audience to follow his thinking on the nature of light and then to care about this self-centered, obnoxious cad when he callously divorces his wife (the impressive Shirley Henderson, whose credits include "Bridget Jones's Diary" and "Trainspotting").

After a brief opening tease in which Einstein's wife offers to check his mathematics (wink, wink), the story begins in the London of 1812, with Michael Faraday, a bookbinder's apprentice, doing a pratfall into a puddle. Science at the time was a gentleman's pursuit and the working-class Faraday needed persistence, luck and brilliance to get into a laboratory full time. Driven by his religious faith to understand God's works, Faraday did pioneering experimental work on electricity and its relationship to magnetism.

Other characters include Lavoisier, who demonstrated that mass is never lost, even as it changes states from solid to liquid to gas (his beheading during the French Revolution keeps the plot moving); James Clark Maxwell, who had the mathematical chops to prove that light is a form of electromagnetism; and the lovely du Chatelet, who demonstrated the importance of squaring (multiplying a number by itself) in determining the energy of a moving object. That may sound like a snoozefest, but her affair with Voltaire does spice up the presentation.

The history closes with the wrenching story of Lise Meitner, an Austrian Jew who became the first woman in Germany to have the title of professor. Despite her important work on radioactivity, she was forced by the Nazis to leave her university and fled the country. Taking a walk through the snow with her nephew, also a physicist, in 1938, she had the insight that the uranium atom could be split, releasing huge amounts of energy. That discovery eventually led to the Manhattan Project - in which she refused to participate - and the creation of the atomic bomb.

It's a fitting end, proving again that whether it's the French Revolution, World War II or the more quotidian concerns of careers and loves, the pursuit of science cannot be divorced from the world around it.

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>>>>>Subject: Re: Socorro [was: The Global UFO Cover-Up]

>Brad,

>>Speaking of Klass both he and Menzel were involved early on in
>>the case. Why didn't they get Zamora's "eye-glass" data? Or did
>>they and they found nothing out of the ordinary that they could
>>get any traction with so they quietly dropped the issue? Menzel
>>was famous or infamous for "asking the eye-glass question" and
>>lying to make up the answer he wanted to hear: He lied and
>>claimed, for example, that Father Gill "wasn't wearing his
>>glasses," when in fact Hynek found out Gill was wearing his
>>glasses.

>Thanks for bringing up the matter of Menzel's spurious charge
>about Father Gill's not wearing glasses at the time of his
>sighting. The current discussion brought it to my mind, too. A
>correction, however:

>It was I, not Hynek, who (in a 1977 interview) showed Gill what
>Menzel had claimed about his famous sighting: namely, that Gill
>had not been wearing glasses, thus causing him to mistake Venus
>for a UFO because his astigmatism led him to see an elongated,
>out-of-focus image.

<snip>

>For other absurdities in Menzel's (and Klass's) reconstruction
>of the incident, see The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd ed., pp. 451-52.

Sorry but I have to correct the correction: In Hynek's 1972
book, 5 years before the 1977 interview (The UFO Experience
1972; Ballantine ed. p. 172) he writes:

"The self-styled 'arch enemy of UFOs,' Dr. Donald Menzel, of
Harvard has taken a characteristic opposite view. In his

Analysis of the Papua-Father Gill Case... he dismisses the entire case as a sighting of Venus under the hypothesis that Reverend Gill was not wearing his glasses at the time. Unfortunately, he neglected to ascertain the following: the UFO at times was seen under cloud cover; Venus was pointed out separately by Gill; and Reverend Gill was wearing properly corrected glasses at the time."

As for the Venus theory smugly re-asserted in another posting, note astronomer Hynek's refutations above. The "men" were seen when heavy cloud cover blanketed the sky (the multiple UFO's were also seen descending and ascending "through" the clouds according to Gill). Venus was pointed out by Gill separately in the sky (Hynek also personally interviewed Gill on this, see The Hynek UFO Report 1977).

To which I must add that Gill and the dozens of other witnesses saw the main UFO until past 10:30 PM according to Gill's detailed and timed log entries. Whereas Venus had set below the mountainous west-northwest horizon by about 9 PM. It is a flatout physical impossibility for Venus to have remained visible for over 1-1/2 hours after it had set!

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Disclosure Australia Newsletter 25 has just been posted to the Project web site at:

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In this issue

- * We look at what official Government documents exist on the 1978 disappearance of pilot Frederick Valentich
- * We locate a UFO report from Maralinga in South Australia the home of atomic bomb testing, with a comment by none other than Harry Turner the former Joint Intelligence Bureau officer we interviewed last year
- * We pose the question as to what happens to UFO reports from Department of Defence personnel?
- * We present the results of our recent survey about the Disclosure Australia Project. Respondents indicated they were very happy with the work to date. They give feedback as to what suggestions they have for stages 2 and 3 of this work. Remember this is a project being conducted on behalf of all Australian UFO researchers and organisations and will only work with your support.

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Re: Socorro - Ledger

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>>>I see that your response conveniently leaves out the rundown of
>>>my UFO experience.

>>>Others, including Paul Kimball, think that the eye-glass
>>>question is legitimate. It's not a small matter when it goes to
>>>the heart of an eyewitness's claim.

>>>What position does one have to be in for them to be able to
>>>question anything ufological?

>>>Are there rules that prohibit questioning, by neophytes and
>>>others?

>>>Who makes up those rules?

>>>While you think I'm wasting time, others do not I surmise. The
>>>Socorro episode is not a done deal. It's still open to scrutiny,
>>>or should be.

>>I think the word 'cavalier' applies best to someone who goes
>>around strewing red herrings all over the place when he
>>obviously has done zero investigation of the case, not even the
>>elementary reading of contemporary investigations. I was
>>involved real time in the Socorro investigation and have written
>>fairly extensively about the case. Back in the good old days we
>>at NICAP even obtained the full Air Force Socorro file for
>>examination via the Air Force Office of History in Washington,
>>D.C.(flown from Maxwell AFB via courier plane at our request).

>>If you had read the contemporary reports you would know that
>>Zamora did not say the small beings had human-like uniforms,
>>that he was of the highest repute locally, that there is no
>>issue whatsoever about his eyesight (what utter nonsense that
>>you keep spewing in that regard).

>>There is nothing at all wrong about raising questions on any
>>historical case or reinvestigating it, but any rational person
>>who wasn't simply grinding axes and spicing blogs would first
>>study the literature thoroughly. You obviously have not done so.
>>Nor apparently have you read Maj. Hector Quintanilla's account
>>of how thoroughly the Air Force checked for experimental
>>vehicles, etc., and how puzzled he was by the case.

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That what you're hoping for, Christopher. Doesn't read that way, and sounds like you are putting words in his mouth. No doubt he would have used it though if he'd thought of it. But since Quintanilla was an embarrassment to the research in the latter days of Blue Book, who the hell really cares what he thought?

Don Ledger

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>>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>Hi Brad!

>You know, you raise a number of points, some of which
>I could argue about till I am blue in the face and
>some of which I would concede that you are correct.

>Briefly,

>1) Just because I cannot easily use the optical triangulation
>method in daylight is not adequate reason to dismiss it.

Your strategy would reject the best UFO cases in preference to
some of the worst cases with Low Strangeness (low
unexplainability; Hynek's Strangeness = Unexplainability).

It is well-known in UFO research that Daylight Discs are cases
to be preferred over the "less strange" Nocturnal Lights for the
reason that it is so hard to tell what a "night light" is about.
Hynek emphasized that he put more strict standards on filtering
NL cases because of this. Some UFO researchers reject all
Nocturnal Lights out of hand to simplify the process.

Integral to this distinction is the fact that in daylight cases
a large angular size is more readily accepted as being necessary
to see that there is a metallic "disc" or some other
unconventional shape. Whereas at night one usually cannot see a
metallic "disc" and for some reason any funny movement or streak
of a pinpoint of light at night is more likely to be reported
than a streaking of a pinpoint-sized "something" in the daytime.

I'm not sure whether you are receptive to any wisdom from long
years of struggling with the UFO problem since you are so
critical and rejecting of any common sense understanding that
has been developed that way.

>2) You keep mentioning how in the old days they weren't
>successful so we can't be today. Well, they had the ancient
>technologies of the 40's-60's for optical tracking. They had
>good ole vacuum tubes and slide rules. This is the 21st century
>and tech has advanced a little since then. So your zero
>detection rate is bolderdash.

Your argument is balderdash. The problem isn't the technology
it's the distance factor together with terrain obstructions and

horizon limits. Despite the intensive concentration of UFO sightings over New Mexico in the 1949-50 period where at least 100 unexplained cases can be documented, the UFO tracking networks in NM only caught a few of them. The sightings were too far away and/or below the local horizons. New Mexico is quite mountainous.

The UFOs didn't concentrate all their displays at one single convenient spot within the State of New Mexico. So instruments could not be collocated at such a spot. Yet this was probably the best UFO sighting concentration of documented genuine Unexplained cases of all time. And still the ground-based UFO "field lab" capture rate was only on the order of magnitude 1%.

Now UFOs are much lower in rate of occurrence and more dispersed globally than they were in New Mexico in 1949-50. A global UFO detection and tracking system is required or at minimum a continental-coverage system, such as the Passive Radar system which you disparage for some reason and refuse to consider mating up with an optical system for some reason.

>3) There are miniflaps and then there are miniflaps. One must be >able to sort out which are worthy and which are not. Set your >standards right and maybe you will be lucky. Automation gives >you the liberty to be less finicky about operational time and >sighting frequency. Also, there ARE areas of more or less >continuous sightings to rely on (NOT meaning Area 51).

I'm glad you are so sure you know where these mini-flap areas are located. Let's see you present convincing evidence of a mini-flap and also convince a financial backer of a UFO "field lab" of that fact.

>4) About NORAD not being able to identify EVERY single blip. How >do you know? Who are your sources? What clearance do you have? >The fact is we don't know and never will know what NORAD can or >cannot do. They very smartly do not tell us and the enemy their >abilities. Perhaps they file such data in the alien spaceship >file. If they gathered data showing that an unknown went from >low altitude to space and it was too fast to be earthly, then >they must either assume radar instrument error or a spaceship. >With optical data, this can eliminate instrument error.

The GAO has security clearances and conducted a study of Air Space Violations since 9-11, based on NORAD data. Of the 3,400 air space violations from 2001 to 2004 some 4% or about 136 were unknowns or unidentified after tracking and/or attempted interceptions. Interestingly, I've read many declassified AF air defense histories from the 50's and this was roughly the same order of magnitude "unknowns" back then. ADC experts said they believed most of these were civil aviation they simply could not identify, when no flight plans were required or had failed to be filed, and of course some were UFOs.

<snip>

>6) About your never hearing about restrictions of passive radar >development, I was not aware that they had to inform you! >Really, this kind of nudging does not get the headlines. >Conspiratorial, yes, in a way, but seems to be the >government/industry way of doing business in many areas.

Major aerospace companies such as Lockheed Martin do not announce major projects such as developing Passive Radar without checking whether the government objects or considers it all classified. That kind of thing could jeopardize Lockheed's billions of dollars of defense contracts. Lockheed's Passive Radar project hasn't been shut down as you would have us believe would have to be done to keep it away from "terrorists."

<snip>

>8) About passive radar used by foreign powers, it has been >expressed as a concern in some articles I have read. The >millions of points problem you mention is likely invalid in case >of war. There isn't likely alot of non-military traffic at such >a time.

Civil aviation has not been stopped in times of war going on all over the earth. The emergency grounding of civil flights for a few days after 9-11 in the US was unprecedented and has not been

done in other wars or war zones. Lots of "concerns" are expressed by ill-informed or jealous commentators in various articles on many subjects.

<snip>

>You also mention about the huge processing time
>required for passive radar. Well, ideally you are right, but the
>problem is that with the kind of technical development of
>passive radar you advocate, the processing problem becomes
>solved.

Again you misunderstand the argument. "We" who would want to find UFOs with a Passive Radar system are looking for things that stick out like a sore thumb, highly unconventional speeds, altitudes and trajectories. These are obvious and can easily be programmed into any automated system so we're not swamped with millions of ordinary behaving data points we don't care about.

"They" (the terrorist or enemy nations) are looking for non-UFO, non-strange behaving, but radar-invisible, Stealth aircraft hiding among a mass of other ordinary looking aircraft radar blips. These blips would be ordinary and if "we" picked them up "we" would not even know they were Stealth aircraft. No labels appear on the blips. Passive Radar has no coded transponders to electronically interrogate and identify unknown aircraft. "Enemy" nations won't have any help from our Stealth aircraft in identifying themselves.

Since a Stealth plane picked up on Passive Radar looks just like any other ordinary (non-UFO) aircraft "They" (terrorists) will have to spend months or years pouring over millions of radar data points from both their ordinary radar sites and a hypothetical Passive Radar system you claim they would want to build, trying to find a blip on the Passive that didn't show up on ordinary radar and then conduct an exhaustive investigation to eliminate radar blind zones, horizon limits and targets-too-small. In the end "They" (the terrorists) will never be sure that by this tedious process of elimination that they have ever 100% positively identified a Stealth or not. Far too late to warn of an impending attack.

Or if the terrorists didn't want to conduct an exhaustive investigation of civil aircraft-too-small or radar blind zones they can just naively assume that all radar blips that their Passive Radar picked up that weren't picked up on their regular radars were all Stealth aircraft - hundreds and hundreds of false alarms of Stealth aircraft that were not that at all.

<snip>

>9) About the problems of optical triangulation being able to
>differentiate between two signals. I would simply say, its all
>in the software dude! And, its far, far simpler than passive
>radar software.

No software will be able to tell the difference between one pinpoint of light that looks like another pinpoint of light. Two pinpoints of light 0.1 degree apart might be interpreted as a single pinpoint of light 6 miles away by an optical triangulation system (twenty-meter baseline), even though they are actually two pinpoints of light a meter apart on a dark object only 500 meters away. Or one pinpoint of light is a distant star (or aircraft) and the other is on a dark object (maybe even a UFO) close by and the optical triangulation system misinterprets it as a single pinpoint at an intermediate distance. All sorts of other scenarios and combinations are highly likely and no way to distinguish them. Etc. etc.

<snip>

>11) Distortion of passive radar comes from all sorts of things,
>weather, solar flares, weird ionospheric activity, signal
>interference from other sources. Remember you are measuring
>signals from 100s of miles away and their reflections.

>This becomes tedious after a point, though.

Pray tell how a "solar flare" distorts a Doppler shift in a radio signal??? You're just throwing a bunch of technical words at us that don't do what you claim they can do. Masking signals

in noise is not the same thing as "distorting" a signal.

>It never occurred to me that UFO field research would be
>considered a useless waste of time unless one had these mythical
>passive radars. And after so many such field researchers had
>stated that radar was so unreliable a tool since a high
>percentage of UFOs do not show up.

Huh? I've never heard that before, that radars are "so
unreliable" because a "high percentage of UFOs do not show up"
on them. Got some statistics on that? It's a new one on me.

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>This becomes tedious after a point, though.

>It never occurred to me that UFO field research would be
>considered a useless waste of time unless one had these mythical
>passive radars. And after so many such field researchers had
>stated that radar was so unreliable a tool since a high
>percentage of UFOs do not show up.

James:

This whole correspondence regarding field research has been an eye-opener for me. I find myself continually slipping into "clinical mode" because so many responses are strikingly similar to language used by co-dependents and battered wives. "It's too hard" - "I can't do it" - "It will never work" - "Next time he will tell the truth" - "I can't make it without him" - "I don't have the resources to make it on my own". This is dysfunction. How many times have you watched Ufology get bitch-slapped, only to come crawling back on its knees holding out a hand and begging for another version of things? Now if a version ever comes out worthy of tagging as the truth, how much is it really worth after taking into account the history of abuse?

I see a "news-reporter-scoop" mentality/approach as the method of choice for Ufologists. It is difficult to classify this field as science when it uses this methodology. I do realize this approach has some value due to the dynamics involved. However, the approach which is being ignored is the "science - researcher - data" mindset and Ufology is suffering because of its omittance.

Rob

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Re: Field Research & Images - Kritkausky

From: Rob Kritkausky <robkrit.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 22:58:26 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 08:32:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Kritkausky

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 20:18:59 EDT
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 9 Oct 2005 12:07:24 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>Of course such data could be used to track "UFOs", but the
>>primary reason is to track military targets of human origin.

>That isn't the development history which was dual-use two-
>tracked from the very inception, for both UFOs and "military
>targets." Obviously one was better for attracting and
>maintaining funding appropriations than the other.

That is interesting. I would like to know more about the
motivational history behind this dual-use system. I assume this
is a documented history of some sort and not just speculation.
Could you point me to this documentation?

>I should have added that a 1% detection rate applied to a low
>UFO occurrence rate as we have today is essentially zero. Zero
>UFO detections likely from a UFO "field lab."

This seems erroneous on many levels. I can see how an increase
in sightings could account for an increase in locations
designated to be flaps. Also, I can see how an increase could
make such designating more difficult. You are assuming a
decrease in quantity equals a 0 value for the variable of
"flap". Which must equal 0 detections? Hmmm You cannot get here
from there... that is not statistics, its speculative rounding-
off. Would an increase in technology not effect a variable like
detection potential? I would think so. Also, whether I extract
subset (flap) from a database of 1200 units or 500 units, the
validity or legitimacy of that subset should not suffer.

>>No, Area 51 would not be high on my list. However, I am sure
>>some mini-flap areas could be found by examining witness
>>reports.

>I am just as sure that mini-flap areas cannot be found by the
>usual Area 51-type of witness reports, assuming that any true
>"mini-flaps" are even taking place. This is the prescription for
>pointless responses to numerous hair-trigger false alerts every
>time it "seems" initially there is a localized mini-flap
>somewhere. The Colorado Project spent a lot of useless time
>running around on such alerts from its so-called Early Warning
>Network.

A researcher should want a location with a recent history of
quality sightings from varied and credible witnesses supported
by quality documentation(video, stills). This documentation
should illustrate anomalies which cannot easily be attributed to
conventional sources. Whether one calls this a "flap", "mini-
flap", "flip-flap" or "flapenuguen", it makes no difference. We
just need one(subset) to start. If you would like me to

illustrate at least one such location that fits the above requirements, I would happily do so.

>>I think we differ in this. All one needs is adequate
>>triangulation resolution to define the flight path of the
>>object. If the flight path matches an aircraft or satellite
>>behavior, then all we can say is that it might be an aircraft
>>or satellite (it could simply be a UFO behaving like these too).

>Even with NORAD and its vast resources with FAA and military
>flight plan data NORAD still cannot be sure of the identity of
>every single radar blip appearing like an aircraft or satellite.
>I don't see how that realization changes the situation from
>before.

I agree, that is why I would prefer the field lab approach.
Proof should come via multiple data streams. In fact, multiple
data streams from a reliable and objective source. Does radar
data via the government resemble this in any way? In addition,
it is important to note our own known abilities to manipulate
radar signatures and take into account what the potentials of an
advanced technology might be in this regard.

Rob

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2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 08:33:46 -0400
Subject: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

13-10-05 21:00

<http://www.channel4.com/listings/C4/index.jsp>

UFOs: The Secret Evidence

Journalist Nick Cook, a British Aerospace specialist, applies his expert knowledge to the fantastical realm of UFOs, close encounters and tales of alien abduction to establish once and for all what has really been flying through our airspace over the last 20 years.

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Re: Socorro - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 11:59:07 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 08:35:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Hall

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 19:37:35 +0100
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 18:52:15 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

<snip>

>>I think the word 'cavalier' applies best to someone who goes
>>around strewing red herrings all over the place when he
>>obviously has done zero investigation of the case, not even the
>>elementary reading of contemporary investigations. I was
>>involved real time in the Socorro investigation and have written
>>fairly extensively about the case. Back in the good old days we
>>at NICAP even obtained the full Air Force Socorro file for
>>examination via the Air Force Office of History in Washington,
>>D.C.(flown from Maxwell AFB via courier plane at our request).

>>If you had read the contemporary reports you would know that
>>Zamora did not say the small beings had human-like uniforms,
>>that he was of the highest repute locally, that there is no
>>issue whatsoever about his eyesight (what utter nonsense that
>>you keep spewing in that regard).

<snip>

>In the Fortean Times book , UFOs 1947-1997, (ed Hilary Evans &
>Dennis Stacy), there is a chapter by Hector J. Quintanilla which
>is mainly devoted to Socorro. He had conducted a very thorough
>investigation and was genuinely baffled.

>However, he writes (p.116): "Although I labelled the case
>'unidentified' I've never been satisfied with that
>classification. I've always felt that too many essential
>elements of the case were missing. These are the intangible
>elements which are impossible to check, so the solution could
>very well be lying dormant in Lonnie Zamora's head".

>Was this Quintanilla's way of saying that he surmised that
>Zamora may have invented, or embellished, his story?

Shall we now engage in posthumous mind reading that, conveniently
for debunkers, maligns Zamora's reputation, counter to what is
known about him? Far more simply, it is well known that
Quintanilla was an extreme skeptic. To his way of thinking (with
which you ought to be familiar), it can't be something (a
controlled and powered craft) that is unexplained. so Zamora
must have been mistaken somehow.

- Dick

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Channel 4 UK UFOs: The Secret Evidence

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 08:39:43 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 08:39:43 -0400
Subject: Channel 4 UK UFOs: The Secret Evidence

Source: The Daily Mirror - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/ct5fy>

13 October 2005

UFOs: The Secret Evidence
Pick Of The Day Channel 4, 9pm
Jane Simon

More people than ever believe in the existence of UFOs. But Unidentified isn't the same thing as Extra-Terrestrial, of course.

It just means that no government is putting up its hands and saying: "That saucer-shaped thing in the sky with the flashing lights? Oh yes, that's one of ours. We call it Harold."

The bad news for anyone hoping for proof that We Are Not Alone is that this scrupulously researched two-hour film is essentially a history of top-secret aerospace technology.

Leading defence journalist Nick Cook uses his expert knowledge and contacts to try to get to the bottom of 60 years of real-life X-Files.

He's certainly not the first person to suggest that the balls of light - known as Foo Fighters - which Allied pilots spotted during the Second World War were unmanned aerial combat vehicles developed by the Nazis.

But if you follow the 2,000 German rocket scientists to the States where they were put to work after the war as part of Project Paperclip, even the most famous UFO incident at Roswell in New Mexico starts to make sense.

Because if there is life on other planets, it does seem a bit of a coincidence that the aliens' favourite place for a joy ride in their flying saucers is around the White Sands missile base - about 150 miles from Roswell.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Filer's Files #42 -- 2005

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Subject: Filer's Files #42 -- 2005

Filer's Files #42 -- 2005
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Earthquakes and Sightings Increase

This week's files cover: Increase in Earthquakes. Seashells and life found on Mars.

Also UFOs were seen over Arizona, Atlantic Ocean, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wisconsin.

Many sightings were also reported in Bolivia, Canada, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Ocean.

The purpose of these files is to report weekly the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life not only exists, but my hypothesis is that of the over one hundred UFOs reported each week many represent alien craft.

Expect more disastrous earthquakes

Is it possible the Sun=92s activity results in earthquakes? Almost every day for two weeks in September, solar flares issued from a giant sunspot named "active region 798/808." X-rays ionized Earth=92s upper atmosphere, charged magnetic particles and Solar protons hit our atmosphere. Surprisingly <http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap021103.html> <http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap021103.html> luring the storms, radiation levels onboard the International Space Station (ISS) dropped. "The crew of the ISS absorbed about 30% fewer cosmic rays than usual but we can assume the Earth absorbed some of the terrific energies from the sun and may have resulted in movement of the tectonic plates." The reason is simple: When sunspots explode, they often hurl massive clouds of hot gas away from the sun. These clouds, called CMEs (coronal mass ejections), contain not only gas but also magnetic force fields, knots of magnetism ripped away from the sun by the explosion. Magnetic fields deflect charged particles, so when a CME sweeps past Earth, it also sweeps away many of the electrically-charged cosmic rays that would otherwise strike our planet. This is the "Forbush decrease."

The Earth has a layered structure, with a relatively thin crust of mobile plates, a solid mantle with gradual overturning movement, and the outer and inner core of molten and solid iron. Probably the greatest factors to effect the Earth are solar flares. The magnetosphere protecting the Earth is being generated by the dynamo action in the Earth's interior that may be effected by activity on the sun.

It is logical to assume the heat and energy coming from the Sun may effect our Earth=92s molten iron core. I seems logical that there may be a cause and effect as the Earth's magnetic field is

effected by CMEs and flares on the sun, it may effect the 4,300-mile-wide outer core and its mobile tectonic plates. When the plates move they result in Earthquakes like the one that hit Southern Asia. When a plate moves it seems to effect other tectonic plates at different places in the world. The recent Indonesian Tsunami may have helped caused the later movement in Pakistan.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - A powerful 7.6-magnitude earthquake near the Pakistan-India border Saturday reduced villages to rubble, triggered landslides and flattened thousands of buildings and killing 30,000. In the capitals of Pakistan, India and Afghanistan, buildings shook and walls swayed for about a minute, and panicked people ran from their homes and offices. Tremors continued for hours afterward. Communications throughout the region were cut. Guatemala was also hit by an earthquake

The Asian area as far west as Turkey and the Ring of Fire around the Pacific Rim appears unusually unsettled, and we can expect major earthquakes and increased volcanic action at any time. This are includes the American West Coast, Japan, Indonesia, and China.

Mars has seashells

Sir Charles W. Shults III, of Xenotech Research writes, "I have a new web page that details life on Mars and also supports Panspermia theories that some organisms here on Earth were imported from Mars on meteorites." Dr. Shultz has found that Mars Rover Opportunity's images of fossil seashells match seashells on Earth. The spiral seashell shown here has an apparent 3 mm size with a depressed area where the hole would be similar to Earth fossil shells.

The original NASA link is at:

<http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/all/1/m/505/1M173017399EF555VWP2936M2M1.HTML> Compare to these Earth sea shell fossils.

Thanks to Sir Charles W. Shults III,
<http://www.xenotechresearch.com/mk505a.htm> Arizona two boomerangs or V shaped crafts

GILBERT -- My wife and I were driving home from Scottsdale, on Wednesday evening September 14, 2005, at 8:45 p.m., when in the southeast sky I noticed a stationary pulsating light. I thought it was very odd to see that sort of light characteristic in the flight path of Sky Harbor airport. It just hung over the San Tan Mountains in the southeast sky. When I got home, my wife who was behind me, pulled into our driveway and was very excited - she was yelling, "Did I see the green lights?" She said she saw two boomerang or V shaped craft with green lights. NUFORC Note: We spoke via telephone with the husband.

Atlantic Ocean disk flies next to jet

PARIS-PHILADELPHIA -- On September 18, 2005 The witness was on a Trans-Atlantic flight when he saw a lenticular black cloud fly formation with our jet right off the wing, at 2 PM. It quickly formed a solid sphere shaped mass and accelerated away at a high speed in the clear sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

California spider like threads and a saucer

PINECREST --We were in the woods off Highway 108 when we saw what looked like long strands of spider like web, some short, long etc. The spider like strands were swirling, falling and drifting somewhat very high on September 28, 2005, at 1:30 PM.

Then I saw the saucer like a flat plate with a dome which was a dark gray in color. I told my friend that I saw a UFO, but because of his poor eyesight he had not see it. However, he did see the spider web stuff.

When I picked up my binoculars, I could not find it as it was out of sight. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

MODESTO, CA -- R. David Anderson writes, "I saw the photo that you had on your web site last week of the orbs taken in North Carolina on September 22, FF #41, by The Carolina Group Research

field team. I took a photo that bears some similarity to it at the Christmas parade downtown in December. I recently enlarged the spherical-like objects that appear to be green orbs. They were located above the ground, elevated by at least 30 feet.

Most of the orbs were surrounding the McHenry Mansion, a historical home that was one of the earliest houses built in Modesto. I am wondering if these light sources are of an energy vortex of some type? I learned there had been many premature deaths at the McHenry Mansion. Robert McHenry died there only six years after he built the house, and his wife passed away seven years later. Then the son lived there, and his daughter was killed tragically in a gas appliance accident. Thanks to R. David Anderson,

Colorado boomerang shaped object

BOULDER -- On September 19, 2005, I was lying down in our local park at 8:20 PM, just looking at the stars when I witnessed a boomerang shaped craft cross the sky directly overhead. The craft had no lights, but was quite large and easy to spot as a nearly full moon was just coming up over the horizon. I managed to see the craft as it blocked out the stars, and they blinked in and out as it traversed the sky.

The craft was 3 or 4 inches between my thumb and index finger at arm=92s length. The craft was definitely under intelligent control and moved from north to southwest without sound. It was dark in color similar to the night sky. I watched the craft traverse overhead in a straight line for ten seconds. Other airplanes with lights were in the area. It could have been a glider flying at night, a black military project, or an unknown craft guided by intelligence. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

Florida 10 to 15 boomerang shaped objects

VENICE --About 10-15 boomerang shaped craft flew over on September 4, 2005, at 9:45 PM. They appeared suddenly as if descending from a very high altitude and were glowing milky white. The outline of the group shifted fluidly -- as if they were keeping formation loosely. Their lights did not blink and was solid lighting. The silent over flight lasted only about fifteen seconds as they disappeared into clouds as burglar alarms were set off in the neighborhood. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

Illinois red lights in triangular pattern

NEW LENNOX =96 I work as a large equipment fueller and usually load my truck for the days stops at around 4:45 AM every day. While the truck was is loading on September 30, 2005, I noticed three extremely bright stars in the shape of a triangle. I stood there for a minute when all of the sudden the bottom left star moved about a foot and half to the north.

At first, I thought it was a satellite, but then it stopped. Then the bottom right object flew off to the east and I eventually lost site of it. I looked back at the two remaining objects only to see the top object slowly fade into the night sky as if it was rising straight up. The first objects remained in position. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

TINLEY PARK/ORLAND PARK =96 Ten miles east and eighteen hours later three red lights hovering were seen over the Chicago Suburbs on September 30th, about 11 PM. The following night on October 1, 3005, they were seen again. They changed from red to green and back again. Similar lights were seen last year. Video and photographs to be looked at latter today. First report was noted as being seen at 11:23 PM on, at 11:30 PM and last after 1:30 AM

OAK FOREST -- Two red lights were dangling in the air swaying side to side slowly and looked just like stars disappeared after about ten minutes. They were occasionally blinking when one just disappeared the other went east until we no could no longer see it. My brother lives two miles away and he said the lights were directly above.

Last year aircraft on approach to O'Hara International Airport

were diverted due to unidentified flying objects on radar southwest of the airport not far from this area. The Chicago Sun Times carried the story on October 2nd. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

Michigan red lights and triangle

ANN ARBOR -- My Cousin and I were fishing on the Huron River on September 4, 2005, when I saw a very dim red-orange satellite moving slowly at high altitude from west to east. Two seconds later another satellite" appeared next to he first. The second one was the same color as the first, only slightly dimmer. Almost as soon as the second object appeared, it encircled the first, one time in a counter-clockwise direction, and then the two objects split up. The first, having changed its course only slightly, continued in an easterly direction. The second bolted south and disappeared.

Missouri fast moving triangle

ASHLAND -- Driving home from a friend=92s house, I approached my exit into Ashland and saw three of four lights on the bottom of an object with a blinking red light near the middle.

At first, I thought it was a fast flying plane as it flew across the sky and crossed from one side of the highway to the other. After crossing the highway, the object came to a stop and hovered over a field.

The object slowly lost altitude and as it passed, I saw a faint outline was triangular in shape. This object seemed to be moving faster, hovered, and flew much lower than the planes I normally see.

Nevada Dimly lighted chevron

RENO -- The witness saw an object on the northwest horizon that was delta or chevron shaped on September 29, 2005 at 4:07 AM. At first, I thought it was a dimly lit flock of geese, but realized it was moving extremely fast and actually had very dim lights. I am outside a lot between 0345-0410 PDT for my job and this was by the far the weirdest thing I have ever seen. It was not bright, but appeared close and made no sound. I just happened to catch it because I was watching the weather balloon I had just launched. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

New Hampshire Disk

LACONIA -- I first noticed two small parallel vertical white lines hovering just beneath a cloud on September 19, 2005, at 2 PM. I watched for twenty seconds what I thought was the back end of a plane, but as it moved, it appeared to change shape. Then I clearly saw a large silver-white disk, for fifteen seconds before it just disappeared without moving. I believe it was still hovering, but became invisible as the cloud next it was blown by the wind, decreasing its reflection ability. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

New Jersey alien in my wooded backyard.

COLLINGS LAKES -- I did not see a UFO, but and actual being, which I believe to be an alien on September 22, 2005. At 1:25 AM,. I only saw it for a couple of seconds. I was running back home to grab something for my husband, and a "thing" shuffled from one side of my house, to my garage, and back into the woods. He was only fifteen feet away from me. Mid-walk, he turned to look at me, and he looked like the so called "gray" alien. He was short, and I got the feeling of fear from it. It had a very wrinkled forehead, black eyes, with very small whites of his eyes showing. He seemed also to have wrinkles or bags in other places; and its head was large. His eyes were very large with a small and somewhat flared out nose. He was a gray or whitish color, as was his cloak/hooded robe that covered most of its body. He made a quiet sound and might have been trying to

eat from my trash?

My brother said, "I saw the same creature, a little weird dude with a hood on out back" My family is quite scared, because we do not think it left because we keep hearing loud noises. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

SEASIDE PARK =96 We observed very bright orange lights over the ocean from the beach in Island Beach State Park at 9:30 PM, on September 22, 2005. They were like fireworks bursting to the east-southeast, about on-third up in the sky. There were no boats or ships below the lights or any evidence of a rocket from a boat. Lights would come on one, two, and then a group, looking like a rash or pimples. We saw them for about ten seconds, and then they reappeared in the same pattern for 30 to 45 seconds, and then twice more.

The remarkably bright lights might be rotating. After a final appearance of about fourteen seconds in a similar pattern, they disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

New York teardrop

BROOKLYN -- I was watching television when I heard a gong or church bell at 11:45 PM, on September 20, 2005. It seemed too late for church bells, so I looked out my window and saw what I thought was a blimp. It was making a whining sound that was a cross between a quiet helicopter and blimp. It was flying lower than any plane and too small to be a blimp. I was watching from my high floor 10th Street building and realized it was too close and low to be blimp.

The UFO was a cross between a small blimp and some kind of "quiet" helicopter. It flew southwest over Prospect Park and Coney Island out to sea. I described it over the phone to 911, but they hung up on me. I called 311 and asked how to report a UFO. They said it was outside their jurisdiction. I called the FBI and they said to call the FAA, but I was unable get a working number. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

North Carolina are we alone?

High Point in Davidson County -- Jack Madison writes, "A Gallup poll shows that 72 percent of Americans believe there is life on other planets." And one in five of us believe aliens have been in contact with human beings. Our own curiosity made us want to find out what evidence, if any, there is of alien spacecraft flying over North Carolina's skies. And why do people believe in, and explore, life from beyond. At a farm, in an undisclosed location, west of High Point in Davidson County, independent UFO researchers like Alan Caviness look to the sky, looking for signs of life. Life unlike anything we know. We sat down with Caviness to talk about his experiences. "Earth has always been visited. We've never been alone. I think this is a gradual awakening that we're all in the middle of. And I believe I'm a part of that. And so are many other people." Using digital cameras, Caviness takes pictures, hundreds of them, and video. He says the cameras pick up objects unseen to the naked eye. Caviness said, "We do know that our cameras can pick up in the near infrared part the light spectrum, which is beyond human visibility."

Caviness says some UFO's can be seen without high technology-if the aliens on board want you to see them. He and other believers in High Point say the space crafts only come here from the middle of March through early August. "These UFO's are conducting some kind of annual operations. We know that because we just don't see anything in the winter months when it's coldest. March 11, out of 400 photographs, we got six UFO's. So, we know that they're back."

In one account, Caviness and a companion saw two UFO's approaching. They took these pictures. Then, whatever it was gone. "We looked up, and they had to be right over our heads because they were approaching us, and there were just not visible. But they clearly showed up in the photos." Caviness does not just believe these unidentified flying objects are alien crafts, but that aliens are part of human life. He said,

"There are a lot more people being abducted by these UFO's than you would ever dream."

People like Alan Caviness himself. "I know I've been abducted before." Once, he says, he heard a strange clicking noise in open air. On the way from his mailbox to his home, something happened. Caviness recounted, "I walked to my front door-about 30 feet over short grass-and I no longer had my house key, my car key, in my hand. I think I was taken and returned, minus my keys. These things are happening." After entering his home, he found a scar on his chest, a hole through his shirt. He claims, within hours, the scar was gone. snip Thanks to Jack Madison
[JMADISON](#).nul

Ohio 500 video tapes of UFOs

FOSTORIA =96 George Ritter recently took this video of a UFO over farm next door.[]

John E. Combest, Inspection Engineer who investigating Ritter's video images, "The attached sketch and notes addresses the mystery of why there are no lenticular disk- -shaped craft evident in any of the over 550 frames examined to date - but it does not propose to have solved the mystery. The above images makes my point.

Unless there is some reason why all the disk-shaped craft in the area being photographed fly no higher than say 200 feet. altitude, there should be some views of disk-shaped craft at higher altitudes such as there seems to be of cylindrical, rectangular, and compact craft. If a disk is flying horizontally at low altitudes, then it would most likely be viewed edge-on, and would have the appearance commonly described as two pie-plates joined at their rims. But at increasingly higher altitudes of horizontal flight a disk-shaped craft when directly overhead would appear to be round. As it moves further away on a horizontal path, it would increasingly appear to be elliptical in shape with the elliptical shape becoming more and narrower as the craft moves away.

I have identified 100 original frames as appearing to be "small" to "medium" sized disk-shaped craft, but they all seem to be at relatively low altitude, and all appear to be viewed edge-on. Logic says there ought to be at least a few views in which a disk at some higher altitude plainly has an elliptical shape - but so far there are NONE. Further, with regard to what seems to be disk-shaped craft - they ALL seem to be moving within about 5-degrees of horizontal flight, and NONE of them seem to have the high angle with the Earth's surface that many of the other shape craft seem to exhibit on occasion - including a few that are 90-degrees to the ground plane. More about this topic later. Thanks to John E. Combest, Inspection Engineer
[jecombest](#).nul

Oklahoma flying soup can

MIDWEST CITY -- I was traveling north on Sunny Lane Road at 1 PM, and noticed a very white high altitude object almost overhead on September 17, 2005. It looked like a soup can and was stationary but very high. I viewed it through both my windshield and the sunroof. Tinker Air Force Base is a couple miles away, but this was clearly not a jet.

It did not float, move, flicker or change direction. At a traffic signal I was able to watch it for at least a full minute. It was cylinder shaped and just hovering. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

Pennsylvania black tubular object flying

BELLEFONTE =96At 10:30 AM, on September 30, 2005, the witness saw a tubular shaped object that looked like a flying black telephone pole in length and size. It was flying across Penn State near the airport and towards New York with several low flying planes flying close to the object.

Several witnesses reported it to the local 911 center, and the airport confirmed that something was in the air, but was not concerned. Later a similar looking object appeared again and

pictures were taken with a digital camera. Police were also notified. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

Washington flying triangle

TACOMA --On September 18, 2005, at 6 PM, my wife, mother in law and myself witnessed an object in the sky over Tacoma, it was a V or triangular shape and appeared to be at an altitude well over 4000 feet. For ten minutes it did not change position. Then it flew off at a medium pace under 400 mph for several miles. It was much too high to be a helicopter and since it was hovering for several minutes, it was not a plane, My mother in law thought it was a kite, but the distance it covered was much further than would have been possible for a kite. It held its altitude as it flew from west to east. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director Wisconsin oval disk

PELICAN LAKE =96 The witness reports seeing a bright white oval shaped craft orbiting for about three hours on September 4, 2005. The disc was extraordinary and seemed to multiply like a pearl necklace in an upward fashion every in a counter-clockwise rotation, as if there were several rounded crafts coming out of it, then it went back in kind of like a slinky.

The large discs were amazing and one emitted a beam of light and their size was about 3/4 the size of the moon. They were very large and extremely fast, much faster than any airplane. The craft seemed to be circling. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

Australia flying triangle

QUEENSLAND, ATHERTON TABLELANDS -- Ross writes, "A picture taken October 8, 2005, of a UFO circling around me in a broad circle that was silent, with all three lights pulsing strongly," At no time did I go over 16 degrees zoom, a fixed aperture of +6, fixed/manual focus and no night enhancement /vision was on. Thanks to Ross

Bolivia images captured on video

ORURO -- An UFO flew over the skies on early morning of October 8, 2005, for an hour. It was recorded by Gustavo Ponce about 1:30 AM. He saw a yellowish light in the sky that drew his attention. "It was very strange and shiny when he saw it through his binoculars so he took out my camcorder to videotape the UFO." I zoomed toward the object, and it broke down into a shape resembling a jellyfish." It was very strange."

La Patria visited Ponce's home to see the images attesting to the fact that the shining object broke down into a full circumference, adopting the shape of a jellyfish. Translation (c) 2005. Scott Corrales, IHU.

Canada UFOs spotted

St. John=92s Newfoundland -- Bob Butler writes, "Recently, while taking pictures with my digital camera at Signal Hill, I shot some moving lights. This photo is taken from across the harbor earlier. I'm sending all the pictures to get your opinion on the last one more so than the first three since I feel that a pick up truck that turned around behind me is responsible for the strange red lights. The camera was its tri-pod, and I was between the truck and the camera. Somehow it appears the taillights caused the anomaly similar to the recent LA picture that shows motion. I took the photos with the camera on a tri-pod so the object must have been moving. The last one however was taken a year prior in midday, and if you zoom in on the orb in the sky, it is, for sure, unidentifiable. Thanks to bobbutler.nul

Mexico: security cameras record UFO

RAMOS ARIZPE, COAHUILA =96 The Vanguardia Newspaper reports, "A strange unidentified object that flew over the eastern part of this city on October 3, 2005, was recorded by the urban cameras of the Municipal Public Security's System. The 27-minute video was shown to the media by Homero Duran Flores, head of this government agency. "A phone call was received at 3 AM, from a citizen that lights that could be seen. The cameras were focused and picket up a perfectly visible disk," he explained. The image

shown to the media clearly depicts a round object with a gray-colored ring and a black circle in its middle was rotating as it approached and withdrew.

We are startled by the magnitude of the object and the clarity of an object at altitude of one kilometer above the camera. Duran Flores said that the video, recorded between 03:07 and 03:34, is at the disposal of experts in the subject, since it is "without a doubt an important document, taking into consideration the clarity and sharpness of the images." The strange flying object startled witnesses by shifting shape says Prof. Ana Luisa Cid: "I believe, from my personal perspective, this video represents one the best items of UFO evidence in Mexico." Translation (c) 2005. Scott Corrales, IHU.

Mongolia UFO over

ULAANBAATAR -- On September 30, 2005, I was going to Internet cafe by bus a twenty minute ride from my home. I'm very interested in astronomy and was watching the sky at 19:35 hours. That thing was flashing a high intensity light, on and off during the daylight. I observed very carefully it was also ejecting some kind of dim smoke.

After two minutes, the UFO disappeared. I was checking its trajectory, and suddenly the UFO appeared again, this time UFO ejecting light flares, and now the light was off.

It was huge disk colored silver and two minutes later the UFO started to blink its light and suddenly disappeared. I called the local airport and the military RADAR control tower and asked if any planes were currently landing? They said, No. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

New Zealand light

CHRISTCHURCH =96 A strange light was seen in the north skies at 8 PM, on September 21, 2005. I noticed what I thought was a star while talking on my phone. When I looked back up at it, I realized it had moved quite far away. Looking closely I realized it had an orb like glow around it and was moving! Its movement was up and down and side to side and it was too high to be a plane.

There was also a light on the object that showed occasionally, which indicated the craft might be spinning in the sky. Later on, I went to look at it again and it had disappeared. A week later, I saw about the same thing with a helicopter and airplane circling the area where the light was. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

Truk Island, Pacific Disk Landings

Micronesia =96 During the last few weeks, there have been reports of UFO landings and stayed on ground for four hours. Shipping noticed craft landing near the shore. Most heavy sightings continue along ring of fire.

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Re: Socorro - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 09:25:41 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 12:15:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Smith

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 16:28:11 EDT
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 14:36:25 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>About Blue Book investigators not finding fuel traces at Socorro

>Just a nit, but if they were looking for products of combustion
>from jet fuel or other dirty fuels, you are right in assuming
>that would imply such was not used. But if the combustion was
>hydrogen and oxygen or chemical combinations with gaseous
>combustion byproducts, then traces would not show up (unless the
>fuel source was contaminated by these).

>Any rocket engine capable of landing and lifting off a 20-foot
>vehicle with 2 men aboard would have blasted a giant crater in
>the ground and melted lots of soil and rock with its many
>thousands of pounds of thrust. No such crater was produced. Any
>balloon that landed while still intact and functioning but
>suddenly lost the ballast of two men's weight (however small
>they might have been) would have instantly shot up into the sky.
>Leaving the two men to face a New Mexico cop and within minutes
>a bevy of investigators with nowhere to run or hide. Obviously
>that didn't happen either.

I did not mention anything about a balloon. I thought we dealt
with that issue a long time ago. Sadly, the balloon theory
doesn't seem to work here.

But your presumptions about the rocket engine thrust level are
erroneous. No giant crater needed to be generated. Your
assessment of the weight of the vehicle is based on the
indentations of the ground I assume, but those could be caused
by either a heavy vehicle at 1 g or a lighter vehicle at a
higher incoming landing g-force. Are you assuming a static, hard
landing gear or a smart, complete force absorbing one? You can't
make definitive remarks about rocket engine thrust levels
without knowledge of the vehicle mass. The whole object could be
a shell of lightweight substance and could only be carrying
fuel, engine and two pilots, which had a hard landing giving the
impression of huge weight.

Also, the thrust plume of a rocket or clean burning engine could
be controlled to reduce cratering.

I am not saying it was a H2/O2 rocket though. Seems more like an
alien spaceship with gas or something.

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Re: Socorro - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 09:46:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 12:17:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Kaeser

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 11:59:07 +0000
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 19:37:35 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>In the Fortean Times book , UFOs 1947-1997, (ed Hilary Evans & >>Dennis Stacy), there is a chapter by Hector J. Quintanilla which >>is mainly devoted to Socorro. He had conducted a very thorough >>investigation and was genuinely baffled.

>>However, he writes (p.116): "Although I labelled the case >>'unidentified' I've never been satisfied with that >>classification. I've always felt that too many essential >>elements of the case were missing. These are the intangible >>elements which are impossible to check, so the solution could >>very well be lying dormant in Lonnie Zamora's head".

>>Was this Quantinilla's way of saying that he surmised that >>Zamora may have invented, or embellished, his story?

>Shall we now engage in posthumous mind reading that, conveniently for debunkers, maligns Zamora's reputation, counter to what is known about him? Far more simply, it is well known that Quintanilla was an extreme skeptic. To his way of thinking (with which you ought to be familiar), it can't be something (a controlled and powered craft) that is unexplained. so Zamora must have been mistaken somehow.

As pointed out, Quintanilla viewed the Socorro case as baffling. This was a difficult position for him, since this was a good witness case with physical evidence of a landing and many people involved in the immediate response. He took the time to visit military bases in that region and sought out any experimental programs that might explain the incident. Unfortunately, he was never able to come up with an explanation.

There has been a lot of speculation regarding this being a hoaxed event, and I think you'll find that students at the New Mexico School of Mining in Socorro still believe that this strange tale from the 60's was a student prank. But while that might make a good movie, I think that's really a stretch for the mid-60's given the behavior described.

During a trip to the Socorros area and a visit to the School of Mining I met with a Geologist who had been called to the scene of the landing shortly after the event (while the smoke from the Pinon Pine was still in the air).

If it makes one feel better to think that Quintanilla really believed that the Socorro event was hoaxed (by Zamorra or anyone else), go for it. But I don't believe this is shown by the evidence.

Steve

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How To Contact Budd Hopkins?

From: Craig Beasley <fallingleaf.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 08:57:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 07:04:36 -0400
Subject: How To Contact Budd Hopkins?

Hey All,

I've been trying to get Budd Hopkins' attention on some technical questions for a couple of months now, but I have recieved nothing but one automated response. Basically, it said "I ain't here, bucko".

Does anyone know how to reliably contact the guy, or get his attention. It is a matter dealing with some information from his Intruders book.

Thanks for any help with this.

J. Craig Beasley

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Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill - Watson

From: Nigel Watson <VALIS23A.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 10:04:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 07:06:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill - Watson

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 17:17:49 -0300
>Subject: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

>Kathy Marden has given me permission to post her response to
>that terrible Fulford column

>Stan Friedman

>From: Kathy Marde <Kmarden.nul>
>To: robertfulford.nul
>Sent: Sunday, October 09, 2005 4:41 PM
>Subject: Betty and Barney Hill

>Dear Mr. Fulford,

>The following is a quote from Betty Hill posted by Lan Fleming
>on September 25, 1996:

>"Lan, to this day, I have no idea what the 'Outer Limits'
>programs were about. I never saw them. I never saw 'Twilight
>Zone.' I never watched that type of program, so I don't know
>what was shown on them. Neither did Barney. At that time, he
>never would have had the opportunity, since he worked nights."

>It has been posted on the Internet that the "Outer Limits"
>show aired on February 14, 1964, a Friday night. Barney and
>Betty did not watch science fiction programs (They preferred
>news and talk shows.) and Barney worked Monday through Friday
>nights at the South Postal Annex in Boston as a City Carrier,
>according to his employment record. Dr. Simon questioned Barney
>in deep hypnotic regression regarding the "Twilight Zone."
>Barney stated that he had never watched it but heard that it was
>"weird."

They were obviously aware of such programs and certainly
discussed these topics with ufologists long before their
regression sessions. Betty was quick to read all the UFO books
she could get so was not totally uncontaminated by UFO stories
and ideas.

Nigel Watson

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Re: Gill sighting [was: Socorro] - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 09:53:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 07:10:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill sighting [was: Socorro] - Clark

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 20:53:42 EDT
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:26:16 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 21:32:46 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Socorro

<snip>

>>Thanks for bringing up the matter of Menzel's spurious charge
>>about Father Gill's not wearing glasses at the time of his
>>sighting. The current discussion brought it to my mind, too. A
>>correction, however:

>>It was I, not Hynek, who (in a 1977 interview) showed Gill
>>what Menzel had claimed about his famous sighting: namely, that
>>Gill had not been wearing glasses, thus causing him to mistake
>>Venus for a UFO because his astigmatism led him to see an
>>elongated, out-of-focus image.

>Sorry but I have to correct the correction: In Hynek's 1972
>book, 5 years before the 1977 interview (The UFO Experience
>1972; Ballantine ed. p. 172) he writes:

>"The self-styled 'arch enemy of UFOs,' Dr. Donald Menzel, of
>Harvard has taken a characteristic opposite view. In his
>Analysis of the Papua-Father Gill Case... he dismisses the
>entire case as a sighting of Venus under the hypothesis that
>Reverend Gill was not wearing his glasses at the time.
>Unfortunately, he neglected to ascertain the following: the UFO
>at times was seen under cloud cover; Venus was pointed out
>separately by Gill; and Reverend Gill was wearing properly
>corrected glasses at the time."

Sorry, Brad, now I have to correct your correction of my
correction. Actually, since you don't know anything about the
circumstances of our respective interviews, perhaps confusion is
inevitable. My memory of what really happened, however, is quite
clear, and on this point you're almost certainly wrong.

Nothing is said above about Allen Hynek's asking Gill
specifically about Menzel's explanation. Allen may have asked
him casually, during that first interview, if the reverend was
wearing glasses at the time, and the reference to Menzel may
well have been Hynek's subsequent editorial addition when he (or
Elaine Hendry) wrote his book. If Hynek went into Menzel's
"theory" about the case (which included racist twaddle about
gullible, illiterate natives going along with Gill's delusion
out of awe for the Great White Father, you will recall), Gill
had no memory of it when I showed him Menzel's account, because
he expressed surprise and amusement as he read it.

Gill visited the United States in the fall of 1977. When he arrived in Chicago, I was alerted very quickly (by Allan Hendry) and almost immediately thereafter got to spend a full day with Gill. This was before the extensive interviewing Hynek and Hendry conducted with him, recounted in detail in IUR for November and December 1977. (Gill stayed at the Hynek residence in Evanston for about two weeks, if memory serves.) There Hendry rules out the Venus identification and concludes that the occupant-bearing- object report was indeed of a UFO and not some of some prosaic stimulus such as Venus.

The Venus explanation may have too strained even for Klass, who proposed another: that Gill was some insecure dweeb who tried to impress others with bogus UFO stories. To do that, he had to misrepresent Gill's personality (the two had never met, no surprise) and his relationships both to an Australian fellow missionary and to a native colleague.

Still, Gill's generosity of character and genuine desire to get to the bottom of an extraordinary observation are expressed in Bill Chalker's book *The Oz Files*. There the author recounts a 1995 exchange with the witness, recalling the Gill I remember as opposed to the caricature one encounters in debunking portraits:

"He still remains puzzled by what he saw ...[but] he questioned my characterization of some attempts to explain [the sightings] as 'silly.' He felt that these 'explanations' were serious attempts to bring understanding to the events. I think that attitude encapsulates the integrity of Gill and the reality of the affair."

Jerry Clark

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Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 12:18:16 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 07:15:45 -0400
Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK - Ledger

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 11:44:17 +0100
>Subject: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

>13-10-05 21:00
><http://www.channel4.com/listings/C4/index.jsp>
>UFOs: The Secret Evidence

>Journalist Nick Cook, a British Aerospace specialist, applies
>his expert knowledge to the fantastical realm of UFOs, close
>encounters and tales of alien abduction to establish once and
>for all what has really been flying through our airspace over
>the last 20 years.

Hi Joe,

Not Nick Cook, writer for Janes, but just plain old journalist?
What happened to him, did he get the pink slip from Janes over
"The Hunt for Zero Point"?

Aerospace specialist, eh? I must remember that the next time I
send out my bio. Damn near as good as having a degree in
aeronautical engineering. I smell another book in the offing.

Don Ledger

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Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 11:26:55 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 07:19:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 01:00:57 EDT
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 13:24:02 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

I think you are very kind to worry about us neophytes wasting our time with fruitless field research without being aided with passive radars.

But don't worry about us. Let us learn our own lessons. If we fail, so what?

>>1) Just because I cannot easily use the optical triangulation >>method in daylight is not adequate reason to dismiss it.

>Your strategy would reject the best UFO cases in preference to >some of the worst cases with Low Strangeness (low >unexplainability; Hynek's Strangeness = Unexplainability).

I admit nocturnal lights have traditionally been the least loved of UFO sightings. However, they have the merit of being easily distinguishable at night (given good weather). For my experimental goal, they are enough. If you want to set up your own experimental goal, go ahead. I guess you will be waiting for the passive radar to come out before bothering to do so.

>It is well-known in UFO research that Daylight Discs are cases >to be preferred over the "less strange" Nocturnal Lights for the >reason that it is so hard to tell what a "night light" is about. >Hynek emphasized that he put more strict standards on filtering >NL cases because of this. Some UFO researchers reject all >Nocturnal Lights out of hand to simplify the process.

Good for them. Their job is to identify the UFO. Nocturnal lights are difficult to identify. But with triangulation at least you could track the path. If the path is like an aircraft or satellite, then you must conservatively place it in that category, even if it is really an alien spaceship. I am looking for the nocturnal lights which meets my experimental goal of going from low altitude to space or visa versa. Also, spectra is a useful tool in sorting these too.

>Integral to this distinction is the fact that in daylight cases >a large angular size is more readily accepted as being necessary >to see that there is a metallic "disc" or some other >unconventional shape. Whereas at night one usually cannot see a >metallic "disc" and for some reason any funny movement or streak >of a pinpoint of light at night is more likely to be reported >than a streaking of a pinpoint-sized "something" in the daytime.

Screw the angular size! I am talking about an illumination threshold that I can set on the automated system(s) to trigger the recording and used by the software to do triangulation. If

you want to set up an experiment to get nice stereo images of daylight UFOs, then go ahead! My goal is more focused since I really don't think such photos will answer questions of point of origin.

>I'm not sure whether you are receptive to any wisdom from long
>years of struggling with the UFO problem since you are so
>critical and rejecting of any common sense understanding that
>has been developed that way.

Yes, I am receptive to lessons learned. But I am not going to put my intelligence in the drawer while listening to the wise old folks. You see, part of the problem with UFOlogy folk is that they get stuck in paradigms. Just because Blue Book or Hynek deduced something or said something is no reason to let everything stop right there.

Its hard enough in life to get enough energy to do anything since everything except inertia seems doomed to failure, but when folk come along with a little bit of energy to do something in a field (UFOs or anything), then it is not a suitable course of action for the old guard to try to give them endless reasons to not try! The best course of the old guard is to encourage the newsters to try their approach while giving them pointers. Encouragement is essential for the new blood else they will get ticked off and say screw you folks!

>>2) You keep mentioning how in the old days they weren't
>>successful so we can't be today. Well, they had the ancient
>>technologies of the 40's-60's for optical tracking. They had
>>good ole vacuum tubes and slide rules. This is the 21st century
>>and tech has advanced a little since then. So your zero
>>detection rate is balderdash.

>Your argument is balderdash. The problem isn't the technology
>it's the distance factor together with terrain obstructions and
>horizon limits.

I guess we shall just have to agree to disagree. I guess we shall just have to see for ourselves and learn hard lessons from life on our own.

>Despite the intensive concentration of UFO
>sightings over New Mexico in the 1949-50 period where at least
>100 unexplained cases can be documented, the UFO tracking
>networks in NM only caught a few of them. The sightings were too
>far away and/or below the local horizons. New Mexico is quite
>mountainous.

Well, I guess I either have to set up on a mountain or groundrule out mountainous regions from investigation. Or wait for some passive radar.

>The UFOs didn't concentrate all their displays at one single
>convenient spot within the State of New Mexico. So instruments
>could not be collocated at such a spot. Yet this was probably
>the best UFO sighting concentration of documented genuine
>Unexplained cases of all time. And still the ground-based UFO
>"field lab" capture rate was only on the order of magnitude 1%.

To be fair, I would have to see the setups, procedures, instrument sets. My guess is that it wasn't automated. Obviously it did not have digital cameras or high speed processors or internet connections.

>Now UFOs are much lower in rate of occurrence and more dispersed
>globally than they were in New Mexico in 1949-50. A global UFO
>detection and tracking system is required or at minimum a
>continental-coverage system, such as the Passive Radar system
>which you disparage for some reason and refuse to consider
>mating up with an optical system for some reason.

A global UFO detection system may be needed for the kind of data YOU want. But I need just one set of tracking data confirming travel from low altitude to space. I am willing to wait and have the automated system give me the data. Do I have to wait a year? Fine. I am not sitting there.

I think passive radar is COOL! I think it would be neat to have! Regular radar is great too! It would be GREAT to link it with optical systems. But as I have said, I think commercial passive

radar systems for tracking UFOs in real time (to do optical tracking) is going to take alot of money and will likely not be something the government will permit in the public's hands (like active radar systems). How many "radar hams" are out there? Can you get a license to run your own active radar? No.

But if it was allowed by the government (and who knows what mentality is in control, since the US borders are wide open), then I think it would be a crime not to use passive radar for UFO research. Just a matter of funding.

>>3) There are miniflaps and then there are miniflaps. One must be >>able to sort out which are worthy and which are not. Set your >>standards right and maybe you will be lucky. Automation gives >>you the liberty to be less finicky about operational time and >>sighting frequency. Also, there ARE areas of more or less >>continuous sightings to rely on (NOT meaning Area 51).

>I'm glad you are so sure you know where these mini-flap areas >are located. Let's see you present convincing evidence of a >mini-flap and also convince a financial backer of a UFO "field >lab" of that fact.

First, I don't want financial backing. If I had to pay for passive radar, then I would need a sugar daddy. My little field stations are not going to break a bank. I estimate <\$20K for two.

About "mini-flap" areas, it all depends on what you want. Do you want daylight discs or nocturnal lights? In fact, I should not even use the term "mini-flap", it more like chronic small infestations.

But then, I really don't think I even need these to get the data I need over a 12hr/7day a week very long time period. Your data doesn't prove me wrong. You only have data on reported sightings.

Also, all the UFO passes that were never seen by anyone is not in the dataset.

>>4) About NORAD not being able to identify EVERY single blip. How >>do you know? Who are your sources? What clearance do you have?

>The GAO has security clearances and conducted a study of Air >Space Violations since 9-11, based on NORAD data. Of the 3,400 >air space violations from 2001 to 2004 some 4% or about 136 were >unknowns or unidentified after tracking and/or attempted >interceptions.

Excellent. Assuming the data is true (and who are we to argue with the GAO, a nice independent organization), then that is interesting. Still, it doesn't address the problem of optical UFOs not showing up on radar. (Are you going to now tell me this doesn't happen often???) If NORAD mostly depends on active radar, then it will only detect the UFOs that are opaque to radar.

Personally, I do not believe the GAO, but thats just me.

>>6) About your never hearing about restrictions of passive radar >>development, I was not aware that they had to inform you! >>Really, this kind of nudging does not get the headlines. >>Conspiratorial, yes, in a way, but seems to be the >>government/industry way of doing business in many areas.

>Major aerospace companies such as Lockheed Martin do not >announce major projects such as developing Passive Radar without >checking whether the government objects or considers it all >classified. That kind of thing could jeopardize Lockheed's >billions of dollars of defense contracts. Lockheed's Passive >Radar project hasn't been shut down as you would have us believe >would have to be done to keep it away from "terrorists."

Yes, go and buy a nice passive radar system from a "Lockheed". You know there are restrictions. Also, you can't judge too much from press releases. The problem is that such "data" can be intentionally released for misdirection to encourage other companies to research in areas already proven infeasible (at least for the application).

>>8) About passive radar used by foreign powers, it has been
>>expressed as a concern in some articles I have read. The
>>millions of points problem you mention is likely invalid in case
>>of war. There isn't likely alot of non-military traffic at such
>>a time.

>Civil aviation has not been stopped in times of war going on all
>over the earth. The emergency grounding of civil flights for a
>few days after 9-11 in the US was unprecedented and has not been
>done in other wars or war zones. Lots of "concerns" are
>expressed by ill-informed or jealous commentators in various
>articles on many subjects.

Somehow I think if China or North Korea felt it was going to be
invaded or attacked, civil aviation (as it exists there) would
not be functioning. Also, the millions of points problem would
be eliminated in your world by nice companies building fast chip
sets to do the processing.

>>You also mention about the huge processing time
>>required for passive radar. Well, ideally you are right, but the
>>problem is that with the kind of technical development of
>>passive radar you advocate, the processing problem becomes
>>solved.

>Again you misunderstand the argument. "We" who would want to
>find UFOs with a Passive Radar system are looking for things
>that stick out like a sore thumb, highly unconventional speeds,
>altitudes and trajectories. These are obvious and can easily be
>programmed into any automated system so we're not swamped with
>millions of ordinary behaving data points we don't care about.

No way!. Although we want to have a passive radar system, you
can't just pick out what you going to process. I guess you could
aim your receiving antenna to cover higher elevations and thus
miss most aircraft, but you can't pick out fast or odd signals
to process ONLY!!! You must deconvolve the entire signal, which
gives you every reflection in range.

>Since a Stealth plane picked up on Passive Radar looks just like
>any other ordinary (non-UFO) aircraft

Wrong. Point of origin, speed and altitude would be indicators.
Also, in war, the civil aircraft would be reduced.

>"They" (terrorists) will
>have to spend months or years pouring over millions of radar
>data points from both their ordinary radar sites and a
>hypothetical Passive Radar system you claim they would want to
>build, trying to find a blip on the Passive that didn't show up
>on ordinary radar and then conduct an exhaustive investigation
>to eliminate radar blind zones, horizon limits and targets-too-
>small.

Wrong. First, there is not millions of data points. Second, your
commercialized passive radar system would have chipsets to
answer all their processing needs. Thus, they would not take
"months".

>>9) About the problems of optical triangulation beign able to
>>differentiate between two signals. I would simply say, its all
>>in the software dude! And, its far, far simpler than passive
>>radar software.

>No software will be able to tell the difference between one
>pinpoint of light that looks like another pinpoint of light.

You need to look at content and background. Also, calibration of
camera orientation is a must.

>Two pinpoints of light 0.1 degree apart might be interpreted
>as a single pinpoint of light 6 miles away by an optical
>triangulation system (twenty-meter baseline), even though they
>are actually two pinpoints of light a meter apart on a dark
>object only 500 meters away.

In one camera, perhaps. But this doesn't make sense for
triangulation. In fact, it defeats the whole purpose of such a
system. How can I aim one telescope at one site at the two
lights and aim the telescope at the other site at the two lights
and not have absolute knowledge of the altitude and location? If

you are trying to say that I would not know which light to match with the other data from the other telescope, then again, I say, context (star background) and standard 3D stereo imagery processing algorithms can extract this.

>>Or one pinpoint of light is a
>>distant star (or aircraft) and the other is on a dark object
>>(maybe even a UFO) close by and the optical triangulation system
>>misinterprets it as a single pinpoint at an intermediate
>>distance. All sorts of other scenarios and combinations are
>>highly likely and no way to distinguish them. Etc. etc.

Sorry, but this makes no sense. Why even have invented triangulation? Lets just give up!

>>11) Distortion of passive radar comes from all sorts of things,
>>weather, solar flares, weird ionospheric activity, signal
>>interference from other sources. Remember you are measuring
>>signals from 100s of miles away and their reflections.

>Pray tell how a "solar flare" distorts a Doppler shift in a
>radio signal??? You're just throwing a bunch of technical words
>at us that don't do what you claim they can do. Masking signals
>in noise is not the same thing as "distorting" a signal.

I am not a communications or radio engineer. You keep talking about Doppler shift as being something set in stone and I am telling you that signals are not so nice as you make them out to be. First, the signal you are relying on is not designed for radar. It is weak. Listen to any AM radio and you can see that weak station signals are affected by weather/smoke/clouds/rain/trees.

Solar flares affect the ionosphere. This affects radio wave propagation. Terrestrial EMF can affect radio wave propagation. Gravity waves may too.

A strong signal (active radar) and nearby reflection can even have "ghosts". Now you are telling me that you know enough about passive radar to say the same effects are not the minimum we can expect?

>>And after so many such field researchers had >>stated that radar was so unreliable a tool since a high >>percentage of UFOs do not show up.

>Huh? I've never heard that before, that radars are "so
>unreliable" because a "high percentage of UFOs do not show up"
>on them. Got some statistics on that? It's a new one on me.

I do not bookkeep these data. Its based on personal communications and review of the literature. Reports frequently say that although a UFO was seen, it did not show up on radar. In fact, this is a refrain heard so many times it becomes suspect. How many reports have you read where the FAA or airport was called and nothing was seen on radar? Assuming they are telling the truth. But this is confirmed by field researchers.

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Re: EMF & UFOs - Shough

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>>>Subject: Re: Memory Without Klass

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>>>>electromagnetic interference effects that have been associated
>>>>with UFO sightings for 50 years or more. (The classic example
>>>>was the November 1957 miniflap in Texas/New Mexico involving
>>>>dozens of cases of car stallings.)

>>>>I found the post on the Levelland cases from Larry Robinson that
>>>>I mentioned previously. It was to Easton's UFORL list on March 12
>>>>2004. I think this is unusually interesting but I don't recall
>>>>any discussion of it.

>>>>Robinson said that he found a story in the May 1938 issue of
>>>>Popular Science, describing an event (a few years before 1938)
>>>>where a number of cars stalled on the same section of a road in
>>>>eastern Colorado. The road travelled through higher ground in a
>>>>cut and a total of 23 cars reportedly stalled there in a short
>>>>period of time, whilst 6 others (all Model-T Fords) drove
>>>>through unaffected. It was windy and there was a lot of dust his
>>>>blowing. A rescue truck that was called in also stalled. A
>>>>remedy was discovered by a mechanic who accidentally earthed
>>>>vehicle with a chain, when it started fine.

>>>>Robinson has a poor track record for "old magazine articles" he
>>>>read "years ago" with his longstanding claim to have read an ad
>>>>in a magazine he has never been able to find (and no one else
>>>>has either) with a story of a manned balloon landing where the
>>>>crew found a scary New Mexico policeman staring at them. This
>>>>supposedly "explains" the Socorro case as a manned balloon. Is
>>>>there an actual verified copy of this May 1938 Popular Science
>>>>article?

>>>>I think this car stopping tale is an urban legend going back to the
>>>>30's and earlier . . .

Hi Brad

I don't know the status of Robinson's claim and have no access
to archives of Popular Mechanics, which is/was a US publication
I believe. I was hoping someone on the List might know more or
be able to look into it.

On the face of it it's a very interesting story. I'm surprised that there was no response whatsoever on the UFORL List or (as far as I can see) anywhere else. I think the answer is for me to ask Robinson about it. I'll do so today and post his reply.

I concur with everything you say about the history of "car stopping tales", except that if we take UFO reports seriously then not all such tales are "urban legends". The effect associated with UFOs, whatever it is, must have some underlying physics, and it's possible that the same or similar physics happens in nature from time to time without UFOs being seen.

Martin Shough

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We Haven't Had A Signal Yet Could You Try Again?

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Guest Column

Does Alien Life exist? This is one of the most fascinating questions in the whole of science. I'm hopeful that we'll learn the answer by the end of this century.

In earlier centuries, many believed that the Moon and Mars were inhabited. The science fiction of Jules Verne and H. G. Wells popularised the idea of alien life. We're less optimistic about Mars than our forebears were 100 years ago. There is certainly nothing there like the "Martians" of popular fiction.

* An armada of space probes is being launched towards the Red Planet to analyse its surface, to fly over it and (in later missions) to return samples to Earth. Life could also exist in the ice-covered oceans of Jupiter's frozen moon, Europa, and there are plans to land a submersible probe that could explore beneath the ice. Detection of even the most primitive life would be a great discovery - it would offer clues to the mystery of how life began.

Not even the optimists expect to find "advanced" life elsewhere in our solar system. But our Sun is just one star among billions. And in the vastness of space far beyond our own solar system we can rule out nothing. Other stars have their own retinue of planets circling around them, just as Earth and Mars circle the Sun. Could some of these planets, orbiting other stars, harbour life forms far more interesting and exotic than anything we might find on Mars? Could they even be inhabited by intelligent beings?

Claims that advanced life is widespread must confront the question first posed by Enrico Fermi, the great Italian physicist: if intelligent aliens were common, shouldn't they have visited us already? Why aren't they, or their artefacts, staring us in the face? Shouldn't we have seen so many UFOs that there's absolutely no doubt about them? This argument gains weight when we realise that some stars are billions of years older than our Sun: if life were common, its emergence should have had a head start on planets around these ancient stars.

But the fact that we haven't been visited doesn't imply that aliens don't exist. It would be far harder to traverse the mind-boggling distances of interstellar space than to transmit a signal. That's perhaps how aliens would reveal themselves first.

Searches for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) have concentrated on "listening" for radio transmissions that could be artificial in origin, using large radio telescopes - this option is familiar from fictional depictions, such as Carl Sagan's Contact. Short stretches of data from the SETI searches

have been downloaded by millions of people to use as screensavers on their home PCs – each hoping to be the first to detect ET.

If we found such a signal, could we build up communication? Intelligent aliens would probably be hundreds of light years away, or more. Can we communicate with beings whose messages may take hundreds, thousands, even millions of years to reach us? There's no scope for snappy repartee.

I wouldn't hold my breath for success. But even if these searches fail, that doesn't mean that we are alone. The brains and senses of the aliens may be so different from ours that we couldn't recognise any patterns in their signals. Or they may not be transmitting at all. The only type of intelligence we could detect would be one that led to a technology that we could recognise, and that could be a minor and atypical fraction. Some "brains" may have a quite different perception of reality. Super-intelligent dolphins could be enjoying a contemplative life on some water-covered planet without us even knowing. Still other "brains" could actually be assemblages of "social insects". If evolution on another planet in any way resembled the artificial intelligence scenarios conjectured for the 21st century here on Earth, the most likely and durable form of "advanced life" may be super-intelligent machines whose creators may long ago have been usurped or become extinct. There may be a lot more out there than we could ever detect, or even imagine. Absence of evidence wouldn't be evidence of absence.

Fictional aliens are usually depicted as mammalian bipeds. But the reality, as the new Science Museum exhibition shows, could be far more exotic. There's an enormous variety of life on Earth, from slime mould to monkeys. Far greater variety could exist elsewhere in the Galaxy; huge bulbous creatures floating in the dense atmospheres of Jupiter-like planets; aliens the size of insects on a planet where gravity pulled strongly; or they may be freely floating in space. The great astronomer Fred Hoyle wrote a classic science-fiction novel called *The Black Cloud*, in which a cosmos cloud permeated by swirling electric currents behaves like a super-intelligent brain.

We know too little about how life began, and how it evolves, to be able to say whether alien intelligence is likely or not. Indeed, if asteroid impacts and volcanic eruptions hadn't happened the way they did, we don't know whether the Earth would have ended up harbouring intelligent reptiles, or just insects: or would there be a convergence towards something humanoid? The emergence of intelligence may require such an improbable chain of events that it is unique to our planet.

Even if aliens don't now exist, they may exist in the far future. It has taken nearly four billion years for human beings to evolve from the first life on Earth. Our Sun has burnt less than half its nuclear fuel supply so it will be another six billion years before it flares up and dies. That allows time for descendants of the human species to evolve, here on Earth and maybe far beyond, into creatures as different from us as we are from protozoa.

Sir Martin Rees is the Astronomer Royal. The Science of Aliens exhibition opens today at the Science Museum

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Pioneer Refines Plasma Healing Power

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ODU Pioneer Refines Healing Power Of Plasma

By Philip Walzer

NORFOLK =97 Remember E.T.? The extraterrestrial movie hero had unattractive, leathery skin, but his glowing finger could instantaneously heal wounds.

Old Dominion University researcher Mounir Laroussi thinks he can do the same thing .

Laroussi, an associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, has developed a "plasma pencil," harnessing the energies of the lesser-known fourth state of matter.

The pencil, a hand-held cylinder 5 inches long and one inch in diameter, passed its first test: It can kill E. coli bacteria but leaves skin cells unscathed.

"When we got this to work," Laroussi said this week, "we knew we were sitting on something really special."

He says this is just the beginning. The device, he hopes, will do even more: cleansing and healing wounds, treating dental plaque, even killing cancer tumors without damaging the surrounding tissue.

Like the whirling electrons and ions that Laroussi has studied for nearly 15 years, scientists have been buzzing since his paper was published last month in the journal Applied Physics Letters .

His progress has been reported on Web sites such as www.nature.com and www.physicsweb.org .

A plasma researcher in New Mexico calls Laroussi a pioneer in the field.

"It's really the first demonstration of this technology that is embodied in a practical manner," said Edl Schamiloglu, a professor of electrical and computer engineering at the University of New Mexico.

"In general," said another engineering professor, George Collins of Colorado State, "his plasma work is world-class and full of wonderful new innovations that are advancing the state of the art."

To understand Laroussi's work, you have to understand plasma.

There are solids, liquids, gases ... and then there's plasma. It's a stew of whizzing electrons, charged ions and neutral particles. It makes up 99 percent of the known matter in the universe, Laroussi said, though it can't be seen.

Its benefits, Laroussi said, have been exploited in such items as fluorescent lights and semiconductor chips.

"We wanted to push plasma where it hasn't been before, which is biotechnology," he said.

First, he needed to cool it off. In its normal state, at hundreds of degrees Celsius, the plasma could burn away the good with the bad.

So he brought it down to room temperature. That way, it can kill the bacteria. But it doesn't harm healthy cells.

Laroussi proved the point at his lab this week.

He turned on the power for the pencil. A narrow, 2-inch-long purple beam =96 Laroussi calls it a "plume" =96 shot out of it. He brought it across the hands of two visitors.

Nothing happened. No singed flesh.

He's done this with hundreds of others. The first guinea pig was Laroussi himself.

Of course, he wasn't scared. "I know what I have," he said.

Schamiloglu, the New Mexico professor, said the pencil improves upon two previous inventions in plasma research.

One was a "plasma torch." It was too unwieldy, he said. And, running on uncooled plasma, it could get too hot to handle.

The other was a "plasma needle" the size of a syringe. Much easier to maneuver. But also prone to pricking the fingers of even the most scrupulous technician.

"The plasma pencil represents a good compromise," Schamiloglu said. "It's always satisfying to see something practical emerge from basic research in universities."

Laroussi has received nearly half a million dollars in federal grants for his work. His spacious lab is on the fifth floor of the Norfolk Public Health Center on Brambleton Avenue, off Colley Avenue. The lab is part of the Frank Reidy Research Center for Bioelectrics, a partnership between Old Dominion and Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Laroussi has collaborated with a postdoctoral research associate, Xinpei Lu, and he has begun working with other ODU professors in the areas of biology, oceanography and dental hygiene.

One of them, Wayne Hynes, an associate professor of biological sciences, also holds high hopes.

"If it works and doesn't do any tissue damage," Hynes said, "it would potentially be able to kill the organisms associated with plaque and therefore decrease tooth decay and gingivitis."

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Invitation To ETI

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Hi Everyone!

Earle Benezet (Kentucky MUFON) brought this web site of a group with a wide range of backgrounds to my attention:

<http://www.ietl.org/who/index.html>

Welcome to Invitation to ETI, a Web-based, scientifically credible SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) experiment. In these pages, you will find an invitation, issued by an informal group of approximately 100 scientists, artists and futurists from around Planet Earth, to any Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (ETI) having the capability to read it. This invitation is issued in hopes of establishing a constructive dialog between humanity and our cosmic companions.

This group has many questions it wants to ask any ETs that reside in our neighbourhood of space that are capable of reading their invitation to them. They are very curious about many things about our neighbours, including their technological capacities; social organization and governance and conflict resolution; etc.

So far, the ETs seeming have not bothered to reply to their invitation but in fact they have. For example, our holy books contain direct revelations from ETs who have already provided us with the answers to these and many other questions. The problem is not with the ETs, it is with us who can read but ignore these factual historical records.

The Invitation to ETI Leadership Team was reorganized in August, 2005. I wish them better luck in the future.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK - Koi

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>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 03:09:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 11:31:12 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

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>>Hope someone on this List from the UK who saw or
>>recorded this TV documentary will fill us in on some
>>of these new revelations.

>There's a review by Steve Johnson at:

>http://www.ufodata.co.uk/pdf/UFOs_The_Secret_Evidence-a.pdf

Hi Joe, Nick, List,

Those that considered the Peter Jennings' UFO documentary a disappointment should avoid Nick Cook's documentary. They might blow a fuse.

Oh my goodness. Okay, Nick Cook's documentary had pretty computer generated graphics and sounded serious. It's just a shame about most of the content.

I know the views of a number of the people interviewed do not coincide with the thrust of Nick Cook's explanation (i.e. "As Cold War paranoia reached its peak, the CIA ruthlessly misled the American people about UFOs in order to hide their surveillance programmes against the Soviet Union"). However, the clips of interviews used in the documentary appear to have been selected to almost exclusively limit comments to those supporting Nick Cook's view.

For example, we briefly saw Bruce Maccabee a couple of times - but I don't think any comments were included from him on the basic thrust of documentary.

Nick Cook's view that sightings increased dramatically with the introduction of the U-2 and other surveillance aircraft is a view that Bruce has strongly taken issue with, e.g. in his article entitled "CIA's UFO Explanation Is Preposterous", available online on his website at:

http://brumac.8k.com/cia_explanation.html

(As many of you will know, Bruce's article was a reaction to a view expressed at footnotes 44 and 45 of the 1997 study by Gerald K. Haines (National Reconnaissance Office historian) entitled, A Die-Hard Issue: CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90 (Studies in Intelligence, Issue 1997 Vol. 1, No. 1). The text of the study is available online on various websites, including the CIA's website:

<http://www.cia.gov/csi/studies/97unclass/ufo.html>)

(I note in passing that in relation to footnote 44 of Gerald Haines' article ("44. See Gregory W. Pedlow and Donald E. Welzenbach, The Central Intelligence Agency and Overhead Reconnaissance: The U-2 and OXCART Programs, 1954-1974 (Washington, DC: CIA History Staff, 1992), pp. 72-73" also referred to in footnote 45 of the article by Gerald Haines), the relevant book is available online at:

<http://www.odci.gov/csi/books/U2/u2.pdf>)

Similarly, during the documentary we were treated to the sight of David Clarke and Andy Roberts nodding along to the wise words of Nick Cook about Nazi secret weapons being responsible for the foo-fighters reports. In fact, Dave Clarke has mentioned in an email to Joe McGonagle's Ufologyinuk email discussion List that "Andy made a very good point that the 'Nazi secret weapon' explanation for Foo-fighters was nonsense and most of the sightings can be explained as misidentifications, but because this did not fit Cook's thesis it ended up on the cutting room floor." See:

<http://tinyurl.com/bd79m>

In terms of factual errors in the documentary, life is too short to even list them all. I'll just cover a couple of the real howlers.

(1) After reference to the supposed fact that over 2 million Americans claim to have been abducted (which in itself caused me to wince, even though this is a claim I've heard made several times apparently as a result of the Roper polls), Nick Cook went on to say: "I've come to meet Travis Walton. He was the first alien abductee of this epidemic". Um, the first person to claim to have had an alien abductee was Travis Walton (who, by the way, had his "encounter" in November 1975)? Really? What about the Hills, Villas-Boas etc etc??

(2) Nick Cook claimed to have "discovered" a number of secret projects which could account for UFO sightings. We had endless shots of him shining his flashlight around a dark room filled with piles of yellowing documents. On the few instances when he was prepared to deal with specific instances, some of the things included in the documentary were a bit... odd. For example, Lonnie Zamora's 1964 Socorro incident was one of the few sightings to get the full treatment - a reconstruction, complete with actor (not wearing any glasses...) and fairly impressive computer generated imagery (impressive at least by the usual standards of British documentaries). It's just a shame that the computer generated imagery had no resemblance whatsoever to the description given by Lonnie Zamora. The object zipping around the sky in the relevant reenactment was a classic disc-shaped UFO, which looked nothing like the numerous descriptions and sketches provided by Zamora. This is not a simply a minor gripe about an inaccuracy in the imagery used - Nick Cook proceeded to determine the probable identity of the object seen by Zamora on the basis of this (incorrect) shape. Nick Cook said "Buried in the depths of the archives, I've discovered blue prints which reveal something quite fantastic - a supersonic saucer. Called the Silverbug...", later stating "I believe Silverbug could explain what Lonnie Zamora witnessed ... His description of a silver disc-shaped object appears to fit in with the Silverbug profile".

So, Cook "discovered" the relevant blue prints "Buried in the depths of the archives" did he? Well, perhaps he should have done an internet search or read a few UFO books. Project Silver Bug was discussed, for example, by the following authors (including Cook himself in his 2001 book):

Campagna, Palmiro in his The UFO Files: The Canadian Connection Exposed (1998) at pages 63-66, 73-77 (in Chapter 5), 147, 150 (in Chapter 10), 155 (in Chapter 11), 169 (in the Postscript) of the Stoddart softcover edition.

Cook, Nick in his The Hunt for Zero Point (2001) at pages 73-77 (in Chapter 6), 226, 227 (in Chapter 22) of the Century hardback edition.

Hyland, Gary in his Blue Fires: The Lost Secrets of Nazi Technology (2001) at pages 99-100 (in Chapter 4), 190-205 (in Chapter 8), 211-212 (in Chapter 9) of the Headline hardback edition.

Matthews, Tim in his UFO Revelation (1999) at pages 69 (in Chapter 5), 70, 72-79 (in Chapter 6), 81 (in Chapter 7) of the Blandford softcover edition.

Michaels, Susan in her Sightings: UFOs (1997) at page 34 (in the unnumbered chapter entitled Flying Saucers are Real) of the Fireside softcover edition.

Redfern, Nick and Roberts, Andy in their Strange Secrets: Real Government Files on the Unknown (2003) at pages 85-97 (in Chapter 5) of the Paraview Pocket Books softcover edition.

Sutherly, Curt in his UFO Mysteries: A Reporter Seeks the Truth (2001) at pages 99, 103 (in Chapter 7) of the Llewellyn softcover edition.

Also, the relevant blueprints were included in the 1955 joint Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) - Wright Air Development Center (WADC) technical report on Project Silver Bug (covering Project Y and Project Y2). (Technical Report No. TR-AC-47, project No. 9961.) Images of that report are available online at:

http://www.project1947.com/fig/sb/sb_html.htm

The text of report is also available online at:

<http://www.cufon.org/cufon/silverbg.htm>

Further relevant links are available at:

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/1955a.htm>

The images used in the reconstruction of Zamora's sighting looked liked they could have been based on the Silver Bug blueprints. Any viewers of the documentary could reasonably conclude that the apparent similarity between those shapes would was due to Zamora having seen a Project Silver Bug craft. However, the image used in the reconstruction has no resemblance to Zamora's description and his drawings of the object he claimed to have seen. See:

<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/a1999/mar/zamora.htm>

<http://www.nicap.org/zamoradir.htm>

What really got up my nose was the incredible number of times that Nick Cook made statements about things and documents "I've discovered" or "I've found", including the 23 September 1947 memo from Lt-General Nathan F. Twining and the 28 July 1952 memo from Prime Minister Winston Churchill to Secretary of State for Air, Lord Cherwell, asking what the truth was about "all this stuff about flying saucers".

Oh, and what about the comment that "many" UFO sightings were caused by lenticular clouds? I know that this was a comment made to, rather than by, Nick Cook but still it went completely unchallenged and just had him nodding along.

Kind Regards,

Isaac Koi

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Re: Gill Sighting - Borraz

From: Manuel Borraz <maboay.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 15:06:27 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 10:50:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Borraz

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 07:53:22 EDT
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 01:09:32 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>Rev. Gill on his June 26, 1959 sighting:

>>"I saw Venus, but I also saw this sparkling object which to me
>>was peculiar because it sparkled, and because it was very,
>>very bright, and it was above Venus and so that caused me
>>watch it for a while, and then I saw it descend towards us."

>>Basically, a very bright white light in the north western sky at
>>a 30 degree elevation, according to Rev. Gill.

>So Gill saw Venus separately from the main UFO.

>>At 18.45 there was indeed such a light: Venus. And just
>>below he should have observed another bright planet,
>>Mercury, of lesser brightness.

>That time at the beginning of the sighting was 6:45 PM local
>time (18:45 hours). But Venus set below the mountainous WNW
>horizon in eastern New Guinea at about 9 PM (21:00 hours).
>Gill and the others continued to see the main UFO until 10:30
>PM (22:30 hours).

It's not so clear that he was observing the same object all
the time, in particular in the final part of the June 26
sighting. Rev. Gill wrote in his notes:

[Begin Quotation]

8.50 Big one stationary and larger - the original (?) Others
coming and going through clouds. As they descend through cloud,
light reflected like large halo onto cloud - no more than 2000',
probably less. All UFOs very clear - satellites? "Mother" ship
still large, clear, stationary.

9:05 Nos. 2, 3, 4 gone

9:10 "Mother" ship gone - giving red light. No. 1 gone (overhead)
into cloud.

9:20 "Mother" back.

9:30 "Mother" gone across sea towards Giwa - white, red, blue,
gone.

9:46 Overhead U.F.O. re-appears, is hovering.

10.00 Still there, stationary

10.10 Hovering, gone behind cloud.

10.30 Very high, hovering in clear patch of sky between clouds.

10.50 Very overcast, no sign of U.F.O.

[end of quotation]

>Mercury is very difficult to observe being so close to the sun

See for example:

<http://tinyurl.com/7s98a>

>and for Gill there was heavy cloud cover throughout most of the
>sighting. More importantly Mercury set below the mountain
>horizon in the WNW at about 7:30 PM. It was gone.

Thus my original questions:

- Did Rev. Gil mention for how long he could observe what he thought was Venus?
- Was he asked if he also noticed Mercury?

>Mars however was 4 degrees below Venus in the sky but it was
>a dim magnitude +2 while Venus was about 250 times brighter at
>mag. -4. This was because Mars was very distant at this time,
>near superior conjunction.

That's why I even didn't mention it.

M. Borraz

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Re: EMF & UFOs - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 06:12:48 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 10:52:55 -0400
Subject: Re: EMF & UFOs - Hatch

Hello Dave, Martin and all:

Somewhere way back in this thread, I think somebody referred to a case of cars stopping etc. in 1930s Germany.

That rang a bell, so I fired up the trusty (obsolete) database program and came up with this jewel:

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#435: 1939/08/?? ??:??h d=10m 06:59E 51:26N WEU GER NRW  
ESSEN,GERMANY:EVERYTHING MECHANICAL+ELECTRIC STOPS/10min:  
EVEN CAR HORNS:NO UFO SEEN  
Ref# 176 STRINGFIELD,Leonard: SITUATION RED Page. 94
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Note the year 1939, 1 or 2 years later than I expected.

I have the 1977 Fawcett Paperback edition of Situation Red by Stringfield, and turned back to page 94.

Below is full copy of the relevant passage:

"We might ask which road, or is it both, that holds the answer to the mysterious force that made time stand still in Nazi Germany just before Hitler unleashed his armies into Poland in 1939. From a reliable source, the son of a member of the United States Department of the Interior who was on a secret intelligence assignment in Germany in the summer of 1939, an event of the highest strangeness befell the city of Essen.

During the traffic rush hour, everything mechanical, and electrical stopped - cars, buses, street cars, motorcycles, clocks. His father, who was there, recalled that during the peak of the frustration, which lasted ten minutes, not one car was able to blow its horn!

The answer seemed obvious at the time - a test maneuver of Hitler's secret weapon! The German newspapers did not report the incident, but the information describing the effects of the suspect weapon was conveyed the proper sources in Washington. Of course, time has proved that the Germans did not possess a weapon of this great magnitude, for the war would have ended less favorably for the Allies ... "

I regard Stringfield, now deceased, as an honest man, but one who like many of us is a bit on the credulous side. The 'son of a politician' could have been blowing smoke, or even testing Stringfield for leakage for all we know.

This might make a nice Google search: Essen + 1939 + (add your own terms). Essen was a big German city in 1939. Such events should be recalled by thousands of people, even now, and written about widely after the war.

Maybe this passage from Situation Red, vaguely recalled, gave rise to some of the German Secret Weapons stuff that emerges from time to time.

I left the listing in my database for reference, in the small hope that there is some connection to UFOs.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Gill Sighting - Lehmberg

From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 08:24:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 10:54:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Lehmberg

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 13:27:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 20:56:36 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 09:53:45 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting [was: Socorro]

>>>>Nothing is said above about Allen Hynek's asking Gill
>>>>specifically about Menzel's explanation. Allen may have asked
>>>>him casually, during that first interview, if the reverend was
>>>>wearing glasses at the time, and the reference to Menzel may
>>>>well have been Hynek's subsequent editorial addition when he (or
>>>>Elaine Hendry) wrote his book. If Hynek went into Menzel's
>>>>"theory" about the case (which included racist twaddle about
>>>>gullible, illiterate natives going along with Gill's delusion
>>>>out of awe for the Great White Father, you will recall), Gill
>>>>had no memory of it when I showed him Menzel's account, because
>>>>he expressed surprise and amusement as he read it.

>>>>I see you're still peddling this nonsense about 'racism'. It is
>>>>you who is making the interpretation about "gullible, illiterate
>>>>natives". My reading is that the local people did not wish to
>>>>challenge Father Gill's account because he was a respected
>>>>figure in their community, irrespective of his race. This is an
>>>>attitude which is not confined to Papua New Guinea, or even to
>>>>the so-called 'developing world'. I think you may be guilty of
>>>>imposing the reductive, analytical approach of a Western sceptic
>>>>onto a community of which you obviously know little.

>>>>Apparently you haven't bothered to inform yourself of the issues
>>>>in question. The above, no more than reflexive wing-flapping,
>>>>does not merit a response.

>>>>The time has long gone when I expected any sort of response from
>>>>you, Jerry. Some might think it's because you've actually got
>>>>nothing to say in response. Not me however, I realise it's just
>>>>sheer disdain.

Bat squeeze-- you don't want responses, you want supporting
justifications for a foundationless hubris, an intellectualized
cluelessness, and a threadbare anthropomorphism. That's what
provokes the disdain you correctly identify, Sir. Yours is a
tedious game, Mr. Rimmer, and tiresome for its tediousness.
Mr. Clark show a beatific patience in your regard.

Your ever-ready routine of "Lying, lazy, or loopy" won't even
get to first base (bust the wicket?). It certainly hasn't at
any rate.

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Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 08:27:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 10:55:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 13:27:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 20:56:36 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 09:53:45 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting [was: Socorro]

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>you, Jerry. Some might think it's because you've actually got
>nothing to say in response. Not me however, I realise it's just
>sheer disdain.

Sigh. One can only conclude that all pelicanists think alike and reflexively defend each other, even in (as is so often true) the most egregious cases of ignorance, baseless speculation, and (in the case of Menzel) the kind of racism that presumes all native peoples to be interchangeably illiterate and in awe of the Great White Father and all Western authority figures. Father Gill, who was there, explained to me why this last is balderdash, and it can be confirmed by anybody (not you, obviously) who cares enough to look at the amply documented history of anti-Western, anti-colonial sentiment in 1950s Papua New Guinea.

Yes, I confess it is hard not to hold in disdain views based on ignorance, intellectual laziness, and the sheer faith that, no matter what, you know better, from the confines of the Skeptics Club at the Pelican Pub, than all UFO witnesses what they actually saw. When it comes to what Gill and the PNG witnesses observed, I'll take their word over yours every time. No amount of arrogance and contempt toward them from you is going to change my mind on that score.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 09:50:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 10:57:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 18:18:21 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 17:06:57 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 19:36:46 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:26:16 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Socorro

Christopher,

>>>>Menzel had never contacted Gill to see if the allegation made
>>>>any sense, and Gill knew nothing of it until I brought it to his
>>>>attention. He said, "I cannot specifically remember wearing
>>>>glasses, but I certainly would have remembered if I could not
>>>>find the glasses or if they had been lost or broken..... That
>>>>would have been a very memorable occasion."

>>>>Menzel tried many times to get in touch with Rev Gill about the
>>>>matter of the latter's glasses (and the sighting in general).
>>>>See p.151 of the book "UFOS, a Scientific Debate" (ed. Sagan &
>>>>Page). Unfortunately he never received any reply, nor were his
>>>>letters sent back to him.

>>>>I simply don't believe anything Menzel says. Father Gill told me
>>>>he had never heard Menzel's explanation before, which means
>>>>there were no letters in which that "theory" would have been
>>>>outlined.

>>>>I decline to comment on Menzel's alleged racism. You clearly
>>>>disbelieve Menzel on everything, even when he says he wrote
>>>>several times to Gill but had no reply. Certainly you can fault
>>>>Menzel on his attitude and explanations re UFOs, but to claim he
>>>>was a liar on a matter of sending letters is taking things a bit
>>>>far. Equally, is it not possible (just possible) that he got it
>>>>right on the Gill sighting? Particularly as he was by no means
>>>>the first to suggest the UFO was Venus.

For reasons that have been explained in detail in other Updates
postings and in the UFO literature (see Hendry's IUR articles,
for example), Venus is a dead issue. From Brad Sparks's recent
post:

"That time at the beginning of the sighting was 6:45 PM local
time (18:45 hours). But Venus set below the mountainous WNW
horizon in eastern New Guinea at about 9 PM (21:00 hours). Gill

and the others continued to see the main UFO until 10:30 PM (22:30 hours)."

So let's move on, shall we? I have to note, however, that your insistence on holding to an unlikely, even impossible, explanation only speaks to the unfalsifiability of "skeptical" hypotheses. However dumb, however at variance with witness testimony, good sense, verified facts, and scientific principles, no pelicanist claim, once proposed, ever dies. No wonder it is so hard to take you guys seriously. It is hard to believe that you take yourselves seriously.

Menzel was a liar, a word I don't use loosely. For one egregious example, see his conveniently evolving story about his own UFO sighting. As long ago as the 1970s, Brad Sparks was documenting Menzel's problems with factual reporting, quite aside from sober analysis.

If Menzel in fact wrote all those letters to Gill - which I do not believe absent independent evidence to the effect - that fact is fairly easily verifiable, since copies of those letters ought to be in the archives of the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. I have not visited the place to go through Menzel's materials, but I know persons who have. If they have seen all those supposed letters to Gill, please let us know. Personally, I have a very hard time crediting the notion that Gill would have ignored letters from the Harvard Observatory, as opposed to communications from UFO buffs and the casually curious.

>Forgetting the matter of whether Gill was or was not wearing his
>glasses there are a number of pointers in Rev. Cruttwell's
>Report (see FSR Special Issue, UFOs In Two Worlds) that
>indicate Father Gill was not a good observer at all, and that
>some of the other objects, particularly the "Tilley lamps", seen
>in Papua that summer were indeed Venus, (or Mars or Jupiter).

Where are all those other observers? Or were they just illiterate, impressionable natives trying to impress the Great White Father?

>Thus the Venus answer was certainly put to Rev Gill at the time,
>so it is no good him saying years later that he had never heard
>of it (if that is indeed what he told you).

No, that is indeed not what he told me. He said he had not heard of Menzel's and Klass's particular fantasies about what happened. They surprised and amused him. You clearly have not read anything about my interview with Gill.

>Rev Gill even conceded, later, that some of the smaller UFOs he
>& his group had seen those 3 nights might have been bright
>planets. (What an admission and quite a climbdown after having
>first described them as UFOs in his report!).

>Admittedly this does not account for the 'big' UFO with figures
>onboard.

No, it certainly doesn't.

>But it does show Gill was a poor observer of the night
>sky; he also might well have been overcome with excitement.

This is pretty funny, Christopher, when one considers that it was his lack of excitement that Klass made so much of. Again, that speaks to the unfalsifiable nature of skeptical hypotheses. From Klass, the sighting is suspect because the most famous witness was not excited enough. From Allan, the sighting is suspect because the most famous witness was "overcome with excitement."

Give us a break, will you? Or is that asking too much?

And what again, by the way, of all those native witnesses who testified to the sighting? No wonder you don't want to speak to the issue of racism. It is implicit in any dismissal of the story. Mysteriously, Gill - by the way, a strikingly unexcitable man, as Bill Chalker will testify - becomes the sole witness, or the only one worth paying attention to. And it turns out, of course, that he isn't worth paying attention to, either, because after all, you know better than he does what he

saw.

That brings to mind a paper by Charles Eisenstein ("A State of Belief Is a State of Being") in the current issue of the Journal of Scientific Exploration. Eisenstein, of the Department of Science, Technology, and Society, Penn State University, makes this wry and telling observation:

"The unfalsifiable worldview of the Skeptic extends far beyond scientific paradigms to encompass a very cynical view of human nature. The debunker must buy into a world full of frauds, dupes, and the mentally unstable, where most people are less intelligent and less sane than he is, and in which apparently honest people indulge in the most outrageous mendacity for no good reason, for the witnesses are, on the face of it, sincere. How can I account for their apparent sincerity? I have to assume either (1) that this apparent sincerity is a cynical cover for the most base and fatuous motives, or (2) the witnesses are ignorant, incapable of distinguishing truth from lies and delusion."

Jerry Clark

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 11:53:20 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:03:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Ledger

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 10:42:00 -0700
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi2.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 20:50:14 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 10:59:39 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>>And I'll say again, that Zamora had his glasses on
>>>during important parts of the sighting. What it was without
>>>glasses doesn't matter, though we do know that it wasn't
>>>worse than 20/100 (a police standard).

>>>Further with his glasses on, his vision was at least
>>>20/20, another police medical standard. It is also exactly
>>>what one would expect for a healthy person his age. Unless
>>>there is some sort of eye pathology going on, like
>>>cataracts or diabetes, it is extremely rare (a tiny
>>>fraction of a percent) to see acuities lower than that in
>>>his age group. Had he had a developing pathology that
>>>compromised his eyesight, it would have been picked up in
>>>subsequent physicals, ending his career as a traffic cop.
>>>That didn't happen either.

>>>Whether he was near-sighted, far-sighted, and/or had
>>>astigmatism is truly a red herring, since it doesn't
>>>matter if he was wearing his glasses, which would have
>>>corrected any optical defects. And even without glasses,
>>>we know that he was at least 20/100 regardless of what his
>>>prescription was because that is a police medical
>>>standard. Comprehende?

>>>Incidentally, if Zamora was farsighted, he was probably
>>>close to 20/20 even without glasses, because young
>>>farsighted people can use their eye lens to compensate....

>>>The point is a whole lot can be deduced about Zamora's
>>>eyesight just from knowing his age and the fact that he
>>>was a traffic cop. And finally, it is almost entirely
>>>irrelevant because he was wearing his glasses and was
>>>corrected at critical times of the sighting.

>>However, in fact Philip J Klass has written "One possible
>>explanation for the vagueness of his description is Zamora's
>>vision which, according to the Air Force records, is
>>20/200. That is, without glasses, Zamora can see at a
>>distance of 20 feet what a person with perfect vision can
>>see at 200 feet. Because Zamora lost his glasses shortly
>>after getting out of the car, most of his observations were
>>seriously handicapped" (see "UFOs - Identified" (1968) by at
>>pages 200-201 (in Chapter 18) of the Random House hardback
>>edition).

>>Now, I fully understand the reasoning which causes David to
>>say "even without glasses, we know that [Zamora] was at
>>least 20/100 regardless of what his prescription was because
>>that is a police medical standard. Comprehende?". However, I
>>note that his comment states that 20/100 vision "is" (i.e.
>>present tense) a police medical standard. Was this standard
>>the same in April 1964? If so, that would cast serious doubt
>>on the statement made by Klass. (It may be possible to show
>>that Klass and/or the Air Force were wrong and/or misled the
>>public - always fun point to make).

>It is certainly true in the present day the requirement
>is 20/100, and I doubt it would have been worse 40 years ago.
>Some departments require even better than 20/100, such as
>20/60. The only exception to this seems to be for contact lens
>wearers, who in some departments can be as low as 20/200
>without correction. The rationale behind this is that when you
>lose glasses, the correction is lost for both eyes, but a
>contact lens wearer is unlikely to simultaneously lose both
>contact lenses and will have normal vision in the remaining
>corrected eye. Also most people these days wear soft contact
>lenses, which are very unlikely to come out at all.

>>I also note the repeated statements by David and others that
>>Zamora's uncorrected eyesight is irrelevant since he had
>>his glasses on during the most important part of the
>>sighting. This is a view that was shared by Hynek. For
>>example, Hynek's report on his 12/13 March 1965 trip to
>>Socorro refers to a letter from Menzel, which appears to
>>have commented adversely on Zamora's vision. Hynek comments
>>on that letter as follows: "Para 2. I can't agree with
>>Menzel here. When he wears his glasses, his vision is okay.
>>He had the glasses on when he saw the flame at the time the
>>object was preparing to rise". The relevant extract is
>>quoted at length by Steiger, Brad in his "Project Blue Book"
>>(1976) at page 133 (in Chapter Five) of the Ballantine
>>Books paperback edition.

>>If anyone has the relevant letter from Menzel, the contents
>>of "Para 2" may add to our knowledge of Zamora's eyesight.

>>Also, I'm not sure what document(s) Klass was referring to
>>when he stated that "Air Force records" indicate that
>>Zamora's eyesight was 20/200 and this may be worth checking
>>by anyone more interested in this issue than the rather
>>transitory interest I'm displaying by posting this email. I
>>presume that Klass must be referring to relevant records in
>>Project Blue Book. The Socorro sighting is listed as Project
>>Blue Book Case Number 8766 on US National Archives and
>>Records Administration ("NARA") Microfilm T1206-1. An image
>>of the relevant index page has the Page ID ("PID") of
>>NARA-PBB1-304 (page 304 of 1014) at the link below. If the
>>index at the beginning of Roll 1 is accurate and
>>comprehensive, I think the relevant case file is included on
>>US National Archives and Records Administration ("NARA")
>>Microfilm T1206-50. Someone who has access to this, or
>>remembers the contents of the Socorro related documents, may
>>be able to confirm whether (a) Klass is correct to have
>>stated that Zamora's eyesight was recorded in Air Force
>>documents as being 20/200, and (b) give more details of the
>>relevant record of Zamora's eyesight and any comments on
>>that record within the Air Force documents.

One would think that one would use common sense in some of these arguments. How in the name of heavens could Zamora have exercised his duties as a police officer with 20/200 vision. Doesn't that enter into the argument. Wouldn't one using common sense discount Klass's statement right off the bat as absurd. Klass said that Zamora lost his glasses shortly after he got out of his cruiser is playing fast and lose with the truth. You have to ask yourself if you enjoy getting sucked in by this type of slight of hand. If the event took place over a short period of time then "shortly after he got out of the car" is well into the sighting time frame. Why not question Klass's reasons for these obviations? Consider the position Klass occupied, the temptation to trade favors for information, the opportunity to sit at the apex of one of the best information flows from the US military to the public at Aviation Week. All he had to do is what he did. Klass's credibility is far lower than that of Lonnie Zamora's where the Socorro case is concerned. Zamora was an honest cop at

the scene with nothing to gain from his report while Klass was attempting to hold up his end of the bargain. Klass's explanations for most UFO events are absurd to anyone who takes the time to look past their own intellectual safety zone. If I come across a UFO event of which I had not been aware previously and I see Klass's name attached with one of his knee-jerk explanations I see that as a flashing green light telling me to examine further because if Klass got involved it is worthy of further study.

>If it was recorded as 20/200, it is highly unlikely to be correct. It would be just one more wrong number in the Air Force's report on the incident. Dollars to do-nut that doesn't even exist Dave.

E.g., Zamora said he ran maybe

>50 feet from his car, i.e. across the dirt road, while the >object was roaring on takeoff, but stopped because the roar >ceased. The Air Force map places his distance from the car at >100 feet. Ray Stanford said Zamora pulled is car right up to >the edge of the arroyo, only about 50 feet from the object. In >the A.F. report, this is again doubled to 100 feet.

>Usually when a person's acuity is recorded, it is their >_corrected_ acuity, not their uncorrected acuity. E.g., saying >somebody is "legally blind" because their acuity is only >20/200 refers to their best _corrected_ acuity, not their >uncorrected acuity. Otherwise there would be tens of millions >of "legally blind" people in this country. More likely the >acuity recorded (if it is there) would have been Zamora's >_corrected_ acuity. Knock a zero off of 20/200 and that would >have been 20/20. Maybe Klass couldn't read or maybe the A.F. >couldn't type.

That's probably closer to the mark.

>Anyway I wouldn't take anything Klass wrote at face value. I >think we all know the man was a pathological liar when it came >to UFO debunkery.

He was in the right position to stamp a case with the mark of the pseudo scientist warning away other curious scientists with his so-called reputation for the scientific method of which he exercised none. The more absurd the explanation made it easier for the mainstream scientist or journalist to quickly assess the report and move on for surely if it was that easy and absurd then the witnesses who reported the event were just more of those fools outside of science who don't know their asses from a hole in the ground.

I can't even blame mainstream science because I do it myself. James Smith raised the the NOSS satellites as the probable explanation [BTW-not new James] for some reported triangular shaped UFOs at high altitude seen by witnesses on occasion. I have no doubt of it myself [I've proffered this explanation often] and would add other satellites as well. Lights in the night sky that are just a point of light I tend to blow off because there are just so many lights in the night sky. But it takes a well positioned Klass type to do serious damage-or attempt to, to the Socorro case and Klass was well positioned to do so but in this case he failed.

But, hey you have to make a buck somehow.

>At the end of the day, we are still back to the fact that all >important parts of the sighting were done with Zamora's >glasses on. Further his eyesight had nothing to do with other >important aspects of the Socorro case, such as the silent >departure and the corroborating physical trace evidence left >behind.

These facts as well as common sense seem to go out the window where some are concerned.

Don Ledger

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Re: Gill Sighting - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 12:39:52 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:04:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Ledger

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 06:48:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 20:56:36 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 09:53:45 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting [was: Socorro]

>>>Nothing is said above about Allen Hynek's asking Gill
>>>specifically about Menzel's explanation. Allen may have asked
>>>him casually, during that first interview, if the reverend was
>>>wearing glasses at the time, and the reference to Menzel may
>>>well have been Hynek's subsequent editorial addition when he (or
>>>Elaine Hendry) wrote his book. If Hynek went into Menzel's
>>>"theory" about the case (which included racist twaddle about
>>>gullible, illiterate natives going along with Gill's delusion
>>>out of awe for the Great White Father, you will recall), Gill
>>>had no memory of it when I showed him Menzel's account, because
>>>he expressed surprise and amusement as he read it.

>>I see you're still peddling this nonsense about 'racism'. It
is you who is making the interpretation about "gullible,
illiterate natives". My reading is that the local people did not
wish to challenge Father Gill's account because he was a
respected figure in their community, irrespective of his race.
This is an attitude which is not confined to Papua New Guinea,
or even to the so-called 'developing world'. I think you may be
guilty of imposing the reductive, analytical approach of a
Western sceptic onto a community of which you obviously know
little.

>Apparently you haven't bothered to inform yourself of the
>issues in question. The above, no more than reflexive wing-
>flapping, does not merit a response.

>Jerry Clark

That could resurrect an old term from the 1920s, Jerry; it
being a "Flapper" -but with a new connotation and a cloud of pin
feathers.

Don Ledger

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Re: Gill Sighting - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 17:28:37 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:07:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Allan

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 07:50:21 EDT
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 09:53:45 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting [was: Socorro]

>All I said in my posting on Oct. 12 was that "Hynek found out
>Gill was wearing his glasses." I didn't say how Hynek had found
>this out. I tried looking up references but could not find a
>clear chronology of Hynek's involvement with the Gill case prior
>to 1972. Hynek did say he first heard about the case in a 1961
>visit to the British Air Ministry and he apparently had
>correspondence with Menzel about it in the 60's. Now you've
>filled in some more details. But it's hardly fair to say I don't
>know "anything" about interviews of Gill or that I'm "almost
>certainly wrong" about a point I never made (I never said
>anything about interviews). I read the Hynek UFO Report account
>but that covered the post-1972 period of Hynek's involvement,
>for the most part.

>>Hendry
>>rules out the Venus identification and concludes that the
>>occupant-bearing- object report was indeed of a UFO and not some
>>of some prosaic stimulus such as Venus.

>With all these astronomers involved, Menzel, Hynek, Elaine
>Hendry, I'm surprised that apparently no one figured out that
>Venus had set below the mountainous western horizon at about 9
>PM, about 1-1/2 hours before the main UFO disappeared to Gill
>and his other witnesses, a devastating refutation of the Venus
>theory.

The most devastating refutation of the Venus theory is not the
fact that it had set 90 minutes before the main UFO disappeared
(if it was indeed the main UFO), but the fact that Venus does
not, or ought not to, appear only a few hundred feet away as a
solid constructed craft with legs, and with three or four human
figures on board waving to the viewers below and beaming shafts
of light at them!

Father Gill is on record as saying some of the smaller objects
seen those nights could have been bright planets. Jupiter,
particularly, was prominent, at about 83 degrees altitude at
9pm. Mars was only a few degrees away from Venus and a bit lower
in the sky. Even Saturn was around. I conjecture that what Gill
saw at 10.30 was Jupiter, still high up at that time.

All through Rev Cruttwell's detailed report there are abundant
clues about Gill's poor observing ability. Never mind about his
glasses. On one definite occasion he did not recognise Venus
when another witness did. The "Tilley Lamps" and "kaleidoscopic
light" seen at times were almost certainly misidentifications of
Venus. Neither does the fact that he once claimed he saw Venus
and the big UFO simultaneously during the critical 3-day period
hold much water (as I said to Jerry Clark elsewhere).

The RAAF response is an obvious attempt to show that they did not trust Gill as an observer, though their spokesman cleverly avoided saying so.

The UFO may be a true unknown - nobody can say with certainty, but by conceding that what he first claimed were UFOs were possibly bright planets, Rev Gill has virtually hanged himself. The 'going in to dinner' episode also counts against him more than somewhat!

Gill using the term "mothership" shows his familiarity with the UFO literature of the 50s. A reader of Adamski and/or Keyhoe beyond a doubt.

CDA

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Re: EMF & UFOs - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 17:36:50 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:10:57 -0400
Subject: Re: EMF & UFOs - Shough

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 08:08:24 -0400
>Subject: Re: EMF & UFOs

>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 17:07:24 +0100
>>Subject: Re: EMF & UFOs

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 20:10:39 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: EMF & UFOs

>>>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 12 Oct 2005 19:05:55 +0100
>>>>Subject: EMF & UFOs [was: Memory Without Klass]

>>>>Robinson has a poor track record for "old magazine articles"
>>>>he read "years ago" with his longstanding claim to have read
>>>>an ad in a magazine he has never been able to find (and no
>>>>one else has either) with a story of a manned balloon landing
>>>>where crew found a scary New Mexico policeman staring
>>>>at them. This supposedly "explains" the Socorro case as a
>>>>manned balloon. Is there an actual verified copy of this
>>>>May 1938 Popular Science article?

>>>>I think this car stopping tale is an urban legend going back
>>>>to the 30's and earlier...

>>Hi Brad

>>I don't know the status of Robinson's claim and have no access
>>to archives of Popular Mechanics, which is/was a US
>>publication I believe. I was hoping someone on the List might
>>know more or be able to look into it.

>Martin,

>The problem with Robinson's claim in the end is that he has no
>supportive evidence that such an article is anything more than
>a figment of memory that has little or no basis in fact.

Steven

I think you are misreading this exchange. I am aware of the
manned-balloon article Brad mentions, the controversy over
Robinson's claim to recall it and the inability of others to
locate it. This is about an entirely different article.

>Perhaps I'm being a bit harsh, but a lot of people did make an
>effort to locate an article of that description, and that would
>have included Popular Mechanics archives that are available in
>many libraries on microfilm. But the quest to verify this story
>went further, with those involved in the early days of hot-air
>balloons interviewed to see if they recalled any such tale.
>All of this to no avail.

The story in question is stated to be from Popular Science and has nothing to do with hot-air balloons. As far as I am aware no one has attempted to find this article, or even made any public mention of having been aware of Robinson's post concerning it, prior to my List message asking if anyone knew anything. Apparently no one does, but if you do then I'd like to hear about it.

>Robinson, on James Easton's site, was able to promote this
>theory with a lot of effort in trying to make a hot-air balloon
>fit the description given by Zamora, along with the
>indentations and burn marks left behind. We would perhaps
>disagree on the validity of the arguments put forth.

Steven

I know about Robinson's hot-air balloon and the UFORL discussions. As you will know from my own posted discussion of it and related theories on this List, I certainly don't (and never did) think that a balloon of the kind envisaged by Robinson could explain Socorro. As you will also know, I tried my best to believe in some other type of balloon-assisted experimental LEM-type rig, but failed. We might not disagree as much as you imagine.

>I guess I'm surprised that you haven't found some of this
>discussion, but I don't know if the Easton site was archived or
>not.

I am aware of that discussion - and the Easton list is archived by the way (though it seems to have died some time last year as far as I can make out). But as I said, this 1938 Popular Science article has nothing to do with balloons or Socorro. I have not got a hard copy of this article, it is true but Robinson has in this case given a precise citation of publication title, issue date, article title and author, and has also quoted the full relevant text.

Martin Shough

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From: **Terry Groff** <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 11:33:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:13:18 -0400
Subject: 2 Autographed Redfern Proofs Remain

I still have 2 copies of 'Body Snatchers In The Desert' for sale. These are Autographed Advance Uncorrected Proof copies. Add 'em to your collection.

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Re: Serious Question - Koi

From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi2.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 18:13:13 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:17:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Serious Question - Koi

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 22:19:59 +0000
>Subject: Serious Question

<snip>

>The question being: How should we proceed to resolve the
>controversy in a meaningful way? Ideally (assuming unlimited
>funding) and practically (assuming a serious lack of funding)?

Hi Dick,

Speaking as a lawyer used to dealing with rather large and complex cases, I think the first steps would be to:

- (a) identify and define the issues, and then
- (b) identify the evidence relating to those issues and organise that evidence.

This applies whether funding is unlimited or seriously lacking.

Only after evaluating the results of these rather obvious and basic steps would I dream of anything more adventurous (such as well-equipped mobile inter-disciplinary investigatory teams). In fact, I would delay thinking about whether such effort is even justified until the more basic steps had been taken.

Realistically, if there isn't the funding/inclination/ability within ufology to take these basic (albeit boring) steps, then any attempt "to resolve the controversy in a meaningful way" is likely to remain a dream. Everyone will keep having fun enjoying the debates and investigating individual cases, but little (if anything) will actually be resolved. The wheel will be reinvented time and time again.

Without clarity as to the issues in dispute, more funding would almost certainly simply be wasted.

Without identifying the relevant evidence and organising that evidence, anyone looking at the subject will simply see a confusing mess. This will result in a failure to convince most independent by-stander with limited time of the implications of the evidence, and mean that new researchers will take a long time to get up to speed with the current state of the debate.

Has anyone even seen a simple list of the main issues that exist within Ufology?

I've previously indicated in outline my own views on how a lawyer (or at least this lawyer) would seek to define the issues and organise the relevant evidence. See the emails on my (rather static) Blog:

- (a) Problems within ufology:

<http://tinyurl.com/8hy1f>

(b) The need for basic reference documents:

<http://tinyurl.com/a23mp>

(c) Developing basic ufological reference/working documents:

<http://tinyurl.com/a7j7j>

(The draft Chronology I've been working on for over two years is my own major contribution to create basic reference documents of the sort I've advocated. I'm extremely keen to get that document completed because the other documents I'd like to see, including a cross-referenced List of Issues, are far more intellectually interesting and less mechanical to produce.)

Part of that effort would be to collate information on other researchers (active or inactive), as one of the many steps that could and should be taken to improve communication within ufology and attempt to reduce the amount of reinvention of the wheel that occurs. In relation to such an effort, a few days ago I indicated that I'm preparing 2 lists to put on a Blog with an invitation to provide comments - (a) a list of active UFO groups in the UK, and (b) a list of inactive UK UFO groups. I have over a hundred pages of notes typed up at present and have a lot more material to collate. In relation to those Lists, I indicated that I was drafting a letter I propose sending to various email Lists etc seeking further information. To entice responses I stated that I'd like to be able to say that certain recognizable names within Ufology (and/or certain groups such as BUFORA and/or MUFON) would be interested in the results of this exercise. So far, Stan Friedman (thanks Stan) has been the only person that has complied (off-list) with my request for a simple reply stating "interested". (Hint, hint ...).

(Sorry if the above is a bit less cheerful than my usual posts, but my wife has gone away for the weekend so I'm entitled to be a bit grumpy...)

Kind Regards,

Isaac Koi

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Re: A Curious Story About Socorro - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:02:49 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:25:07 -0400
Subject: Re: A Curious Story About Socorro - Gehrman

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2005 16:15:23 +0000
>Subject: Re: A Curious Story About Socorro

>>From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 17:30:41 -0600
>>Subject: A Curious Story About Socorro

>>Listerians,

>>Amid such daunting intellects (not to mention opinions), I've
>>long hesitated to post anything. But I notice the Socorro
>>sighting of Officer Lonny Zamora is being discussed yet again,
>>so I thought I'd throw my two cents in.

>>Some time ago, I read a strange little book called Flying
>>Saucers - Key to Creation? by a fellow who called himself
>>"George A. Eastland". Despite the New Age flavor to the title,
>>the writer actually sounded like an old aeronautical engineer
>>who'd been around, seen a few things, and thought hard about
>>them.

>>Amid his speculations, he tells a strange tale to illustrate the
>>point that things are not always as they seem. He said he once
>>met a biker, named Tea-Mex, in a bar who told him he'd built a
>>UFO. Tea-Mex said that some years previously he'd been working
>>as an aviation machinist in central New Mexico, and he and his
>>buddies got involved in building an engine from Popular
>>Mechanics and extensively modifying it.

>>One thing led to another; to make a long story short, when they
>>were done, they had basically a flying jet-powered gyroscope,
>>consisting of a vertically-mounted engine built with parts
>>purloined from their worksite inside a small two-man craft.
>>There's a lot of detail in the book - even illustrations on
>>napkins. He even explained the "glyph" as a logo on the aluminum
>>aircraft skin they were using that they attempted to paint over.

><snip>

>This is a re-cycled yarn. I suggest you check the archives...and
>be more selective in your reading habits.

>[It appears he has been Dick - see:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/feb/m02-008.shtml>

>and compare Kyle King's wording with 'Jay Nelson's' - seems like
>a phishing attempt to me. Mr 'Nelson' has been removed from the
>List... --ebk]

EBK, Dick, List,

(Sorry this it has taken so long for this reply, but I've been
traveling)

There must be some misunderstanding regarding Jay's mention of

the "Bean". I wrote him to ask if he knew why he'd been removed from the list and he was dumbfounded and perplexed. Jay wrote the original article describing the "Bean" on his web site,

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I do think folks should take a look at the complete story of the "Bean" and examine the diagrams and drawings found in two chapters in Eastland's book: "Flying Saucers - Key to Creation". I've copied those chapters and will send them, free, to anyone wishing to use them for research purposes.

Ed

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Re: A Curious Story About Socorro - Moderator

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:37:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:37:01 -0400
Subject: Re: A Curious Story About Socorro - Moderator

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:02:49 -0700
>Subject: Re: A Curious Story About Socorro

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 09 Oct 2005 16:15:23 +0000
>>Subject: Re: A Curious Story About Socorro

>>>From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 08 Oct 2005 17:30:41 -0600
>>>Subject: A Curious Story About Socorro

>>>Listerians,

>>>Amid such daunting intellects (not to mention opinions), I've
>>>long hesitated to post anything. But I notice the Socorro
>>>sighting of Officer Lonny Zamora is being discussed yet again,
>>>so I thought I'd throw my two cents in.

>>>Some time ago, I read a strange little book called Flying
>>>Saucers - Key to Creation? by a fellow who called himself
>>>"George A. Eastland". Despite the New Age flavor to the title,
>>>the writer actually sounded like an old aeronautical engineer
>>>who'd been around, seen a few things, and thought hard about
>>>them.

>>>Amid his speculations, he tells a strange tale to illustrate the
>>>point that things are not always as they seem. He said he once
>>>met a biker, named Tea-Mex, in a bar who told him he'd built a
>>>UFO. Tea-Mex said that some years previously he'd been working
>>>as an aviation machinist in central New Mexico, and he and his
>>>buddies got involved in building an engine from Popular
>>>Mechanics and extensively modifying it.

>>>One thing led to another; to make a long story short, when they
>>>were done, they had basically a flying jet-powered gyroscope,
>>>consisting of a vertically-mounted engine built with parts
>>>purlioned from their worksite inside a small two-man craft.
>>>There's a lot of detail in the book - even illustrations on
>>>napkins. He even explained the "glyph" as a logo on the aluminum
>>>aircraft skin they were using that they attempted to paint over.

>><snip>

>>This is a re-cycled yarn. I suggest you check the archives...and
>>be more selective in your reading habits.

>>[It appears he has been Dick - see:

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/feb/m02-008.shtml>

>>and compare Kyle King's wording with 'Jay Nelson's' - seems like
>>a phishing attempt to me. Mr 'Nelson' has been removed from the
>>List... --ebk]

>EBK, Dick, List,

>(Sorry this it has taken so long for this reply, but I've been
>traveling)

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>the "Bean". I wrote him to ask if he knew why he'd been removed from
>the List and he was dumbfounded and perplexed. Jay wrote the original
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>might be reinstated and forgiven for his 'transgressions'.

<snip>

It appears this Moderator suffered a moment of overly-zealous
List-protectionism and only a cursory scan of Kyle King's
original post.

My apologies to Jay Nelson. His subscription has been
reinstated.

Errol Bruce-Knapp
Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

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Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 14:43:58 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:40:12 -0400
Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK - Balaskas

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 17:27:54 -0300
>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 11:31:12 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 12:18:16 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

<snip>

>>>Not Nick Cook, writer for Janes, but just plain old journalist?
>>>What happened to him, did he get the pink slip from Janes over
>>>"The Hunt for Zero Point"?

>>>Aerospace specialist, eh? I must remember that the next time I
>>>send out my bio. Damn near as good as having a degree in
>>>aeronautical engineering. I smell another book in the offing.

<snip>

>>According to an e-mail from "Louis" about Nick Cook's
>>documentary that was forwarded to me by a well known and
>>respected Canadian researcher, don't expect to hear much rehash
>>of what is already known. There will be much new fascinating
>>documented evidence that some UFOs are our very own (yes, Don!)
>>designed back in the 1960s which include exotic new propulsion
>>systems based largely on data collected from...(make sure you
>>are seated)... Contactees!

>>If these official papers were mentioned on this TV documentary,
>>along with the contents of some recently discovered McDonnell
>>Douglas binders, a major U.S. aerospace company that Dr. Robert
>>Wood has privately worked for (yes, the same Wood that is
>>organizing 'The 3rd UFO Crash Conference' in Las Vegas next
>>month), then what our former Canadian Defense Minister, Paul
>>Hellyer, said at the 'Exopolitics Toronto' symposium last month
>>might be closer to the truth than many of us ufologists are
>>willing to accept!

<snip>

>It certainly wouldn't hurt to listen to what the man has to
>say. I met the Woods (father and son) last year when I presented
>at their conference in Vegas. What was Ryan Wood's job with
>McDonnell Douglas? Also which of Hellyer's statements are you
>referring to, Corso's "revelations" or the US General's remarks
>re the varacity of Corso's book?

Hi Don!

I too had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Wood and his wife at the

2002 MUFON International UFO Symposium in Rochester where I purchased a reproduction of the "SOM-101" UFO crash retrieval manual (one of the recently leaked so-called MJ-12 documents) which he kindly autographed for me. Robert Wood considered this manual to be the "real thing".

Robert Wood (Ph.D. in physics) was R&D manager at McDonnell-Douglas Corporation, the same company which these old UFO binders belonged to that I made reference to in my e-mail, until he retired in 1993. I find it interesting that soon after Dr. Wood retired, he became involved in disclosing the truth about UFOs and served as a conduit for more leaked official documents on UFOs. I also find it interesting that in Dr. Hall Puthoff's review of Dr. Paul Hill's book 'Synopsis of Unconventional Flying Objects' (a great UFO book!) he mentions that this book is also highly recommended by Dr. Wood. Dr. Puthoff is known for his zero-point energy research and exotic propulsion systems much like the secret studies conducted by McDonnell-Douglas when Dr. Wood worked for them.

Thanks to Joe McGonagle's post, I was able to learn that Nick Cook's UFO documentary on UK TV did indeed make brief reference to the contents of those McDonnell-Douglas binders (...defence contractors believe that some UFOs are alien craft and that we should attempt to learn how they work...) that are now in the public domain but apparently nothing about the "Contactee" connection which certainly played a part in replicating alien technology in Canada by researchers such as Wilbert B. Smith and a host of other top government scientists and engineers who avoided outside attention to their research that was based on information from "The Boys Topside".

Since the U.S. General's comment to former Canadian Defence Minister Paul Hellyer regarding the incredible claims in Col. Philip Corso's book 'The Day After Roswell' was "every word is true and more", this is something that should not be ignored, no matter what one thinks about Col. Corso or the contents of his book which he did not have full control over and was not written as he wanted it to be.

Maybe it is a big coincidence that 9/11 happened just before the first public showing of an alien technology film documentary at a cinema in Manhattan which the NSA (according to a pre-9/11 advertisement for this film in 'The New York Times') was trying to stop. This alien technology film featured Pentagon insiders, including Col. Corso, and how the recovered alien wreckage that was kept at the Pentagon (which interestingly was also targeted on 9/11) was forwarded to U.S. industry. When I phoned this cinema after 9/11 to ask about this alien technology film and if its showing would be rescheduled, the people I spoke with said they knew nothing about such a film! I tracked down the producer of this alien technology film and sent him money for a video copy but I yet to get it and subsequent e-mails that I have sent to him have remained unanswered.

The real world may be much stranger than we can imagine or even care to know about...

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Fireball Data Center? - Westra

From: **Frits Westra** <fw-nx.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 20:21:11 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:41:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Fireball Data Center? - Westra

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 20:51:35 -0700
>Subject: Fireball Data Center?

>Anyone know if this organization exists in some shape or form?

>Terry

Hello Terry,

You can submit fireball reports on this IMO webpage:

<http://www.imo.net/fireball/report>

A list of previous fireball reports is here:

<http://www.imo.net/fireball/reports>

Regards,

Frits Westra
UFO Working Group Netherlands

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Re: Serious Question - Sanchez-Ocejo

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <ufomiami.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 14:09:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:45:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Serious Question - Sanchez-Ocejo

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 22:19:59 +0000
>Subject: Serious Question

>What should we do with
>well-documented and well-investigated cases reporting craft-like
>UFOs that don't seem to have conventional/prosaic explanations?
>A long time ago when I participated in an American Psychological
>Association conference session on UFOs I sent a questionnaire
>around to this same effect. Dr. Donald H. Menzel responded
>"Throw in waste basket."

In the late 70's, Dr. Allen Hynek ask Dr. Willy Smith to create a data bank of selected UFO cases. At that time we had only UNICAT, a data bank full of thousands newspaper clips and all kind of non serious cases.

That was the beginning of UNICAT PROJECT. For years Dr. Smith work on this bank accepting only, like you said: "well-documented and well-investigated cases reporting craft-like UFOs that don't seem to have conventional/prosaic explanations"

Over the years UNICAT PROYECT accumulated 600 of selected cases.

Two years ago Dr. Willy Smith retired from Ufology and hand over the UNICAT PROJECT to Jan Aldrich of PROJECT 1947. One of the reasons of his retirement was that after hard years of work creating UNICAT, he complained, "only a handful ufologist use it".

As far as I can see, I have no alternative but to agree with Dr. Donald H. Menzel:

"Throw in waste basket."

Only a handful of ufologists care or understands the scientific method.

Regards,

Virgilio S=Elnchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 17:46:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:46:07 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - White

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 13:33:05 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

<snip>

>Anyone ask Alex Jones about UFOs yet?

Many have tried on air. Alex's position is that he is not interested in broadcasting anything he can't back up with solid evidence, his specialty being wire service reports not picked up by the main retail news sources, government and scientific reports, foreign press, or Freedom of Information Act reports.

He has stated many times it would not surprise him at all that there are ETs and their craft flying around, but because he can't document it, he won't discuss UFOs.

Eleanor White

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Re: Serious Question - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 18:15:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:48:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Serious Question - White

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 22:19:59 +0000
>Subject: Serious Question

<snip>

>The question being: How should we proceed to resolve the
>controversy in a meaningful way? Ideally (assuming unlimited
>funding)

I can't afford the UFO Encyclopedias, but if they contain a large share of these cases well presented, ideally I'd say hire and use volunteers to deliver a set to every residence in the world.

At the same time, again unlimited funding, I'd post billboard signs everywhere urging people to read their new free UFO encyclopedias seriously.

>and practically (assuming a serious lack of funding)?

One thing would be to register Strange Days... Indeed archives, in MP3 format, on every podcast directory. Ditto any other talk shows which take UFOs seriously.

This might be a stretch, but making soundtracks of the best UFO TV documentaries, if the owners might be willing, available on the podcast circuit as well.

Podcasting may turn into wireless broadcasting with the increasingly available city-wide wireless Internet services, and the advantage is that people can listen when they have time, as opposed to when the shows are live.

Eleanor White

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Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 22:27:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:49:57 -0400
Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK - Maccabee

>From: Joe McGonagle <Joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 03:09:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 11:31:12 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

><snip>

>>Hope someone on this List from the UK who saw or
>>recorded this TV documentary will fill us in on some
>>of these new revelations.

>There's a review by Steve Johnson at:

>http://www.ufodata.co.uk/pdf/UFOs_The_Secret_Evidence-a.pdf

From this review I gather that Cook's docu is a bust. He interviewed me. Don't know if I was left on the cutting room floor or if I'm in it.

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Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 14:16:50 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:51:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 18:18:21 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

<snip>

>Thus the Venus answer was certainly put to Rev Gill at the time,
>so it is no good him saying years later that he had never heard
>of it (if that is indeed what he told you).

>Rev Gill even conceded, later, that some of the smaller UFOs he
>& his group had seen those 3 nights might have been bright
>planets. (What an admission and quite a climbdown after having
>first described them as UFOs in his report!).

>Admittedly this does not account for the 'big' UFO with figures
>onboard. But it does show Gill was a poor observer of the night
>sky; he also might well have been overcome with excitement. When
>he claimed to have seen both Venus, and the 'big unknown' just
>above it, on one night, what odds would you give that he had
>actually seen Mars (mistaken for Venus) and Venus (mistaken for
>the UFO)? Mars was very close, only four degrees lower in the
>sky, and bright as well. The truth is that Rev Gill was useless
>as an observer, and simply could not recognise Venus when he saw
>it. This is exactly what the RAAF implied in their response to
>an enquiry in Feb. 1960, except that their spokesman was too
>polite to say so.

>Consider: A very bright object, with or without 'humanoids' on
>board, hovering above the same place at about the same time for
>3 consecutive evenings for 2 hours or more each time. You ought
>to be able to draw your own conclusions, without
>the need for people like Menzel.

Christopher,

These are some conclusions I draw on the Venus hypothesis:

At the time of the first observation at 1845 Venus was bright at mag -3.6 at about 26 degs elevation, 292 degs azimuth. About 4.5 degrees below Venus at about 21.5 degs elevation and relatively very faint at mag +3 was the planet Mars. (Of merely technical interest, given its very faint magnitude of +6.5, is that the planet Uranus was a further 2 degrees again below Mars.)

Gill said he looked at the sky with the purpose of spotting Venus, then saw the UFO brighter and sparkling above Venus? Might Mars have been mistaken for Venus, and Venus for a UFO? Rather unlikely because Mars was very distant and rather faint at this date, comparable in brightness to numerous surrounding stars in the surrounding regions of Leo, Sextans and Cygnus. Unlike Mars the star Regulus would stand out and could have attracted attention. It was much brighter than Mars at magnitude +1.4, but above Venus. So the Mars/Venus confusion is not a very strong theory, if we believe Gill when he says that he identified "Venus" below the UFO.

Secondly the setting times are in conflict with Gill's statement

that they watched the UFO until about 2230. The astronomical horizon setting of Venus was at 2036, probably much earlier given the highland terrain NW of the mission. At 2230 Venus was probably about 30 degrees below the visual horizon, and had been below it for more than 2 hours. So unless the recorded time is out by more than 2 hours it seems unlikely they were watching Venus. As I recall, Gill wrote down a contemporaneous log of events, which makes it unlikely that such an error could exist (there don't appear to be any strange "double summertime"-style clock anomalies that could account for a 2 hour discrepancy).

Martin Shough

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Re: Serious Question - Freeman

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 09:40:52 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:53:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Serious Question - Freeman

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 22:19:59 +0000
>Subject: Serious Question

<snip>

>The question being: How should we proceed to resolve the
>controversy in a meaningful way? Ideally (assuming unlimited
>funding) and practically (assuming a serious lack of funding)?

Mr. Hall, EBK and Listers,

IMO, the controversy can only be resolved by determining the root cause of the UFO cover-up. If the best UFO cases we have are to be taken seriously, it is best to know what institution, or whatever, has the most to gain and the least to lose in the event of exposing the reality of UFOs.

For example, what is the real impetus for suppressing the truth about UFOs? Could it be just a national security question? Is it purely a scientific coup against the vast amount of UFO data? Could it just be a political maneuver to maintain the status quo? Or is it religious in nature? Naturally, we could say it's all of the above but who/what is solely responsible for initiating the cover-up in the first place? These questions need to be answered.

Ideally, the best UFO cases we have could be submitted to some mainstream scientific body for their study and ask that they give an opinion on each one. It might be interesting to see just what those opinions turn out to be. Whatever response we get, positive or negative, we then capitalize on it and try to gain as much from it as possible.

Practically, we aim for the ideal scenario as described above.

For what it is worth,

Kelly

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The Real 4400

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 16:12:21 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:56:11 -0400
Subject: The Real 4400

An alien abduction documentary entitled The Real 4400 will be shown this Wednesday evening at 9pm on Sky One in the UK:

<http://tinyurl.com/czsbp>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Socorro - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:19:19 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:58:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Smith

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 11:53:20 -0300
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>James Smith raised the the NOSS satellites as the probable
>explanation [BTW - not new James] for some reported triangular
>shaped UFOs at high altitude seen by witnesses on occasion. I
>have no doubt of it myself [I've proffered this explanation
>often] and would add other satellites as well. Lights in the
>night sky that are just a point of light I tend to blow off
>because there are just so many lights in the night sky.

I did not claim to be the first to notice NOSS causes UFO reports. However, I did notice that in many UFO reporting databases that no one attempts to solve the report by easily correlating it with a NOSS triad. It is left to dangle as a probable unknown rather than clear NOSS. I would not complain if the tools to solve the case were not so simple (on the Internet-HeavensAbove). In fact I suspect any case on three lights that just move in a straight line as being NOSS unless proven otherwise.

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Re: Gill Sighting - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 10:55:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 12:02:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Sandow

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 13:27:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 09:53:45 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting [was: Socorro]

>>>I see you're still peddling this nonsense about 'racism'. It is you
>>>who is making the interpretation about "gullible, illiterate natives".
>>>My reading is that the local people did not wish to challenge Father
>>>Gill's account because he was a respected figure in their community,
>>>irrespective of his race. This is an attitude which is not confined to
>>>Papua New Guinea, or even to the so-called 'developing world'. I think
>>>you may be guilty of imposing the reductive, analytical approach of a
>>>Western sceptic onto a community of which you obviously know little.

>>Apparently you haven't bothered to inform yourself of the issues in
>>question. The above, no more than reflexive wing-flapping, does not
>>merit a response.

>The time has long gone when I expected any sort of response
>from you, Jerry. Some might think it's because you've
>actually got nothing to say in response. Not me however, I
>realise it's just sheer disdain.

John,

The issue here is very simple. The record of the Gill case shows that the New Guineans didn't react to western missionaries with automatic respect. There were a lot of tensions. Thus their support of Gill's sighting is quite significant, and it's remarkable, to say the least, that anyone would theorize as you do (or as Klass did) without first learning what was really going on.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Gill Sighting - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 09:34:03 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 12:05:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Connors

It would seem to me that researchers and armchair pundits in Ufology might find listening to Fr. Wm. Gill as an enlightenment to their positions on the case... from the proverbial "horse's mouth", so to speak. His interviews and lectures are on the Humanoids compilation available at Faded Discs:

www.fadeddiscs.com

Wendy Connors

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Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 12:03:07 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:11:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 17:26:26 EDT
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 11:58:07 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>Its more like passive radar has been an excuse for UFOlogists to
>>sit back in their chairs and do nothing, safe and strong in
>>their knowledge that someday their savior will come in the guise
>>of new technology. It is almost mythical in this respect.

>The UFO community is virtually unaware of the Passive Radar
>concept which was not my project but developed by NUFORC
>Director Peter Davenport, so your comments are way off base.

I do not think the UFO community is unaware of passive radar. It is the latest sensation. I am reminded of the sensations of artificial intelligence, robotics, nanotechnology. These latter three have certainly not made the dramatic progress that everyone (well at least the public) had thought. I could add space travel to the list since we are all aware of the early books and movies predicting moonbases in the 1980s-1990s.

I know Peter Davenport has tried to popularize and encourage passive radar's use for UFO research. This was a great buzz and the talk of the UFO Internet for a while. He has actually tried to get it going. Based on the SDI program (Oct15), it sounds like he is having problems for various reasons (academic stigma...government getting in the way??? I thought it would).

I am not trying to discourage its use but we really should not be putting all our eggs in one basket. You seem to be saying to me that all other UFO research is hopeless (based on the past results of UFO field research) until we can get this passive radar. I think its clear that there is at least a minority of UFO researchers who have gotten fed up with waiting.

>>I could be wrong. It just seems that active
>>radars (with a strong signal) have various anomolies due to
>>various hardware and weather issues, so why would not the weaker
>>signaled passive radar.

>It's a continuous wave system that is different from the
>ordinary pulse radar. You can't have "hardware" issues with all
>of the many thousands of broadcast transmitters at the same
>time. If "weather" is interfering with one transmitter's output
>just switch to another.

For the hardware issue, you may be right. A problem that is definitely in the hardware of the radar could be compensated using separate sets of hardware. (This works with active radar too.) Regarding weather, it does make sense that if you have multiple simulatenous hardware sites, you could minimize its effects. (Same for active radar). Larger scale phenomena (ionosphere, geomagnetic effects, gravity waves) may just be

something you have to accept (a black out period).

Regarding active radar, I was thinking that since these systems seem to be installed on boats and aircraft, then maybe its not so hard to get ones hands on them. Anyone know the restrictions of using these? Need a FCC radar operator's licence? Only allowed to use them in certain areas?

>It seems to me that even
>though waving flashlights or weak lasers may not be useful,
>somewhat stronger lasers can be used to attract sentiently-
>crewed vehicles to the site.

>If you try to beam a high-powered laser of whatever type visible
>or IR into the air you will have law enforcement, FAA and
>Homeland Security coming down on you like a ton of bricks. Don't
>you read the news? Didn't you read about the airline pilot who
>suffered temporary eye damage in flight from someone beaming a
>laser into the cockpit? It became a national issue.

I am quite familiar with the news.

I think the cases you are referring to was upon approach for landing. Aiming a laser beam for an extended period into a cockpit at cruise altitude is pretty difficult.

I was assuming that the laser operation required permission from authorities. I was not saying that we could just go out and do it ourselves. If promotional searchlights (which shine up into the sky rather than horizontally like airport lights or lighthouses) can be used relatively near airports and bright lights such as at the Luxor can be used, then lasers can be used if one does it out of the commercial airways with permission and knowledge by FAA and enforcement agencies.

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Re: Serious Question - Koi

From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi2.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 17:21:04 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:32:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Serious Question - Koi

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 18:15:25 -0400
>Subject: Re: Serious Question

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 22:19:59 +0000
>>Subject: Serious Question

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>>The question being: How should we proceed to resolve the
>>controversy in a meaningful way? Ideally (assuming unlimited
>>funding)

>I can't afford the UFO Encyclopedias, but if they contain a
>large share of these cases well presented, ideally I'd say hire
>and use volunteers to deliver a set to every residence in the
>world.

Although the most comprehensive UFO Encyclopedia is indeed rather expensive (the second edition of Jerry Clark's UFO Encyclopedia retails at about 150 US dollars, and I paid about the same to also get a copy of the out of print first edition), a cut down version ("The UFO Book") is available at a far, far lower cost (currently from 7 US dollars for second hand copy on Amazon).

See:

<http://tinyurl.com/cx1k9>

Not as insightful, but still useful, is the much cheaper encyclopedia edited by Ronald Story (which has a rather strong emphasis on individuals within ufology and their personal views). Second hand copies of Ronald Story's recent encyclopedia can currently be picked up on Amazon for under two dollars (plus postage). See:

<http://tinyurl.com/d5vdx>

Also, don't forget that whilst these resources are not free, there are a surprising number of UFO books that are entirely free online. In the present context, I'd highlight (again) the fact that the complete text, with most images, of the original volume of "The UFO Evidence" (edited by Richard Hall / NICAP), is available free on-line at:

<http://www.nicap.org/ufoe/contents.htm>

>>and practically (assuming a serious lack of funding)?

>One thing would be to register Strange Days... Indeed archives,
>in MP3 format, on every podcast directory. Ditto any other talk
>shows which take UFOs seriously.

Has anyone collated a list of UFO/SETI related podcasts available online?

I've come across a few general podcast directories, such as the one at:

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

In relation to directories specifically aimed at those interested in ufology, the "Anomaly Archives" website has several relevant lists, in the sections entitled "More Paranormal Podcasts" and "Podcasts cited last issue" which are both on the webpage below:

<http://www.anomalyarchives.org/enews/archivenews0509.htm>

Kind Regards,

Isaac Koi

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Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:22:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:34:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 17:28:37 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 09:53:45 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting [was: Socorro]

>>>Hendry
>>>rules out the Venus identification and concludes that the
>>>occupant-bearing- object report was indeed of a UFO and not some
>>>of some prosaic stimulus such as Venus.

>>With all these astronomers involved, Menzel, Hynek, Elaine
>>Hendry, I'm surprised that apparently no one figured out that
>>Venus had set below the mountainous western horizon at about 9
>>PM, about 1-1/2 hours before the main UFO disappeared to Gill
>>and his other witnesses, a devastating refutation of the Venus
>>theory.

>The most devastating refutation of the Venus theory is not the
>fact that it had set 90 minutes before the main UFO disappeared
>(if it was indeed the main UFO), but the fact that Venus does
>not, or ought not to, appear only a few hundred feet away as a
>solid constructed craft with legs, and with three or four human
>figures on board waving to the viewers below and beaming shafts
>of light at them!

Before we flap too far into pelicanist fantasy land, let's hear
from actual investigators:

"Dr. Hynek had Father Gill study the moon in the Illinois sky,
and he decided that the width of the object [with waving
occupants] was equal to five moons lined up end-to-end." As
Allan Hendry observes in the IUR piece from which this is quoted
(November 1977, p. 5), this alone rules out any imaginable
astronomical identification.

>Father Gill is on record as saying some of the smaller objects
>seen those nights could have been bright planets. Jupiter,
>particularly, was prominent, at about 83 degrees altitude at
>9pm. Mars was only a few degrees away from Venus and a bit lower
>in the sky. Even Saturn was around. I conjecture that what Gill
>saw at 10.30 was Jupiter, still high up at that time.

How many scoops of mud are going to be hurled at the wall before
one sticks? Perhaps someone with time on his or her hands ought
to start counting the varying pelicanist "identifications" of
the Gill UFO.

>All through Rev Cruttwell's detailed report there are abundant
>clues about Gill's poor observing ability. Never mind about his

>glasses. On one definite occasion he did not recognise Venus
>when another witness did. The "Tilley Lamps" and "kaleidoscopic
>light" seen at times were almost certainly misidentifications of
>Venus. Neither does the fact that he once claimed he saw Venus
>and the big UFO simultaneously during the critical 3-day period
>hold much water (as I said to Jerry Clark elsewhere).

And why is that, Christopher? Because you say so?

And what evidence do you have that he said that he had seen Venus and the UFO at the same time only "once"? I realize that you're throwing in that adverb to plant a sleazy innuendo without having to defend its content, while making Gill look shifty and untrustworthy, but I would love to see your documentation -- if it exists, which would surprise me -- on this.

>The UFO may be a true unknown - nobody can say with certainty,
>but by conceding that what he first claimed were UFOs were
>possibly bright planets, Rev Gill has virtually hanged himself.
>The 'going in to dinner' episode also counts against him more
>than somewhat!

Let's see now. The excitable Gill is a lousy observer because he is cautious enough to suggest some of the ostensible UFOs were "possibly bright planets." Huh? Does anybody follow the reasoning here? Is there any reasoning here? Remember, elsewhere Christopher wants us to believe Gill was a gullible, impressionable UFO believer who read Adamski and even borrowed phrases from him.

Why does Christopher fail to note Gill's perfectly reasonable explanation for his action in going to dinner? And why is he suddenly telling us that Gill's lack of excitement counts against him when in his last posting addressed to me he was telling us Gill's overexcitement counts against him? Is it because pelicanists are by nature incapable of anything but random squawking, with no one squawk connected in any way with the previous one or the subsequent one? In other words, are pelicanists random noise generators?

Is there any reason to fly, as this particular pelicanist does, from misidentification to misdescription -- two entirely different matters, the blurring of which is necessary for slippery pelicanist argument? Whole books and papers are written on the difference, which is crucial in both the physical and the social sciences, in the identification and understanding of phenomena under study.

>Gill using the term "mothership" shows his familiarity with the
>UFO literature of the 50s. A reader of Adamski and/or Keyhoe
>beyond a doubt.

I love that "beyond a doubt." And where does Christopher get that "beyond a doubt"? Why, he pulls it out of his a - I mean, his imagination.

Gill was in no sense a UFO buff. "Until I got down to Melbourne [after leaving Papua New Guinea]," he told Hynek and Hendry (and me; I queried him separately on the same point), "the only thing I'd read on flying saucers is what I'd written myself [about his own experience]. That is, I knew nothing. There might have been a magazine article, but I was just disinterested." Eighteen years after his sighting, Gill was asked if he had "any specific theory to explain what you saw," he said simply, "No." Some UFO buff. Some credulous twit.

The crapulous point about the "mothership," raised originally by pelicanist cult leader Phil Klass, is easily debunked by the simple matter of going to a dictionary (as I did when the King Pelican first raised this phony argument), where it turns out -- no surprise -- that the phrase was in use well before George Adamski borrowed it. (How provincial, for all his flights of fancy, is the pelicanist.) The skeptical sociologist/anomalist Marcello Truzzi thought this was hilarious when I pointed it out to him. Ever after, he cited that anecdote as one prominent example (usually to his fellow skeptics) of why Klass was not to be taken seriously. We may afford, I think, Christopher Allan the same courtesy.

For Gill's response to the pelicanists, see IUR, November 1977,

pp. 5-7, and December 1977, pp. 4-5, plus my article, based on my interview with the witness, in the February 1978 issue of Fate. Much, not all, of the last is incorporated into my entry "Gill CE3" in The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd ed., pp. 449-52.

And where, by the way, are those mysteriously vanished Papua New Guinea witnesses? I suppose the pelicanists would tell us that since they're just a bunch of illiterate, impressionable, superstitious natives trying to impress the Great White Father, it doesn't matter. And how do we know they were trying to impress the Great White Father? Because Menzel said so, and who are pelicanists to question their own Great White Father?

Jerry Clark

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Re: Socorro - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 17:17:25 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:37:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Hall

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:19:19 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 11:53:20 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>James Smith raised the the NOSS satellites as the probable
>>explanation [BTW - not new James] for some reported triangular
>>shaped UFOs at high altitude seen by witnesses on occasion. I
>>have no doubt of it myself [I've proffered this explanation
>>often] and would add other satellites as well. Lights in the
>>night sky that are just a point of light I tend to blow off
>>because there are just so many lights in the night sky.

>I did not claim to be the first to notice NOSS causes UFO
>reports. However, I did notice that in many UFO reporting
>databases that no one attempts to solve the report by easily
>correlating it with a NOSS triad. It is left to dangle as a
>probable unknown rather than clear NOSS. I would not complain if
>the tools to solve the case were not so simple (on the Internet-
>HeavensAbove). In fact I suspect any case on three lights that
>just move in a straight line as being NOSS unless proven
>otherwise.

James,

Peter Davenport's database routinely identifies reports as
probably NOSS satellites (or other know phenomena). Beware of
uncritical databases. Not all are that way.

- Dick

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Magonia Supplement Site

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 20:38:58 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:51:05 -0400
Subject: Magonia Supplement Site

A new web site is now online, devoted entirely to Magonia Supplement. All issues so far published (1-58) are available. The url is:

<http://magsupp.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk>

The Magonia Extra web site is still in operation at:

<http://magonia.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk>

John Harney

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Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 20:51:27 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:54:12 -0400
Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK - Miller

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 22:27:11 -0400
>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

>>From: Joe McGonagle <Joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 03:09:50 +0100
>>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 11:31:12 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

>><snip>

>From this review I gather that Cook's docu is a bust. He
>interviewed me. Don't know if I was left on the cutting room
>floor or if I'm in it.

Bruce,

As I'm sure you now know from Isaac's last post, you were indeed
in it, and a very fine effort it was too. A female friend here
in the UK told me how delightful it was to see you at last and
how she'd quite fancy getting to know you much better, but
regretfully adds that she prefers white wine to red.

As usual, we naively expect something original from a UFO
documentary and seem disappointed when it doesn't materialise.
Yes, Cook had a pre-arranged agenda but I'm not complaining
because I agreed with it even though he certainly took a few
liberties on the way towards his conclusion. A conclusion BTW
that was too vague but was, nevertheless, blindingly original -
namely that some UFO sightings can't be explained. That floored
me. He didn't give percentages. What percentage of sightings
can't be explained?

Well, as we know, that's a very variable figure depending upon
whom you talk to. Pro ETH'ers percentages tend to be much larger
than sceptic's percentages. But Ufologists often laugh and mock
at sceptics and I have to say that it is not a humane or kind
practise to laugh at those with small percentages because all it
does is affect their self esteem and their masculinity.

This could well breed a myth, like the one about Welsh coal
miners and men with large feet. Perhaps we ought to have a
bumper sticker that reads; "Ufologists Have Bigger Percentages"

Well, there's nothing on the TV and I'm bored.

Stuart Miller

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Re: Serious Question - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 16:52:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:55:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Serious Question - White

>From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 09:40:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: Serious Question

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>Ideally, the best UFO cases we have could be submitted to some
>mainstream scientific body for their study and ask that they
>give an opinion on each one. It might be interesting to see just
>what those opinions turn out to be. Whatever response we get,
>positive or negative, we then capitalize on it and try to gain
>as much from it as possible.

>Practically, we aim for the ideal scenario as described above.

And I'm suggesting that the best way to get any of the proposed
solutions moving is make every household aware of the best
UFO evidence. That is a massive undertaking, of course.

But I predict that if every ordinary citizen knew about the best
UFO data, the pressure on government (or any other entity
holding secret information about UFOs) would be irresistible.

Eleanor White

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Re: Gill Sighting - Sparks

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>in the sky. Even Saturn was around. I conjecture that what Gill
>saw at 10.30 was Jupiter, still high up at that time.

We can't be flipflopping around on astronomical theories here.
Gill described a main UFO with 3 other "satellite" UFOs nearby,
in the NW sky, which doesn't fit these planets scattered around
the heavens. Only Venus and Mars were relatively close at one
point in the night, around 8 PM, but Mars was very dim, as I
previously mentioned. Unless you want to count Uranus, which was
within 2 degrees of Mars. Oops! Uranus is not visible to the
naked eye for most people and you'd have to be really anal to
try to retain that theory.

You forgot that Jupiter was in the opposite side of the sky, in
the SE, whereas the UFOs were in the NW, and Jupiter started out
at only 36 degrees altitude (elevation angle) at azimuth 106
degs (ESE).

Astronomical theorizing would make a stronger case if Gill had
reported a vertical alignment of three objects (instead of 4)
with the main one the highest, and on both June 26 and 27,
1959.

The straightest alignment was at about 8 PM when Venus the
brightest was also the highest in the sky at 32 degs elevation,
Mars just below it at 28 degs and Mercury much much lower at 9-
10 degs elevation, and all three at azimuth 294 degs (WNW). And
it would make a stronger case if Gill reported disappearances
that coincided with setting times for these planets of around

8:30 PM (Mercury) and 9:30-10 PM (Venus on 27th and 26th).

Instead Gill logged times in his notes that UFO Nos. 2, 3, and 4 disappeared at 9:05 PM, main UFO disappeared at 9:10 but reappeared at 9:20. Doesn't fit any of the planets.

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Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 21:08:59 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 11:00:29 -0400
Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary - Sparks

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 14:43:58 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 17:27:54 -0300
>>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 11:31:12 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

>>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 12:18:16 -0300
>>>>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

<snip>

>>>>Not Nick Cook, writer for Janes, but just plain old journalist?
>>>>What happened to him, did he get the pink slip from Janes over
>>>>"The Hunt for Zero Point"?

>>>>Aerospace specialist, eh? I must remember that the next time I
>>>>send out my bio. Damn near as good as having a degree in
>>>>aeronautical engineering. I smell another book in the offing.

<snip>

>>>>According to an e-mail from "Louis" about Nick Cook's
>>>>documentary that was forwarded to me by a well known and
>>>>respected Canadian researcher, don't expect to hear much rehash
>>>>of what is already known. There will be much new fascinating
>>>>documented evidence that some UFOs are our very own (yes, Don!)
>>>>designed back in the 1960s which include exotic new propulsion
>>>>systems based largely on data collected from...(make sure you
>>>>are seated)... Contactees!

>>>>If these official papers were mentioned on this TV documentary,
>>>>along with the contents of some recently discovered McDonnell
>>>>Douglas binders, a major U.S. aerospace company that Dr. Robert
>>>>Wood has privately worked for (yes, the same Wood that is
>>>>organizing 'The 3rd UFO Crash Conference' in Las Vegas next
>>>>month), then what our former Canadian Defense Minister, Paul
>>>>Hellyer, said at the 'Exopolitics Toronto' symposium last month
>>>>might be closer to the truth than many of us ufologists are
>>>>willing to accept!

<snip>

>>It certainly wouldn't hurt to listen to what the man has to
>>say. I met the Woods (father and son) last year when I presented
>>at their conference in Vegas. What was Ryan Wood's job with
>>McDonnell Douglas? Also which of Hellyer's statements are you
>>referring to, Corso's "revelations" or the US General's remarks
>>re the varacity of Corso's book?

<snip>

In the comments I have snipped out they amount to nothing more than an appeal to authority, credentialism. If so-and-so was Minister of Such-and-such why everything he says must be taken as gospel truth. If So-and-so was head of R&D why then everything he says must be written in granite the word of an almighty, regardless how ridiculous and preposterous (such as space satellites being mentioned in a purported 1954 manual 3 years before Sputnik and before the "re-entry problem" was solved only in mid-1957 so that something could likely survive reentry to be recovered).

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Re: Why Can't Ufologists Get High Profile

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 22:41:29 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 11:01:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Can't Ufologists Get High Profile

Really,

Why can't some of the colorful characters of Ufology get high profile sponsors?

I mean guys driving in a circle at high rates of speed and going nowhere get sponsors.

Guys running into one another and jumping on each other get sponsors.

Guys sliding around on ice with sticks get sponsors.

Guys hitting a little ball with a stick get sponsors.

Even guys running through 100 degree heat get sponsors.

Yet guys facing insurmountable challenges, crawling through deserts, climbing mountains, sailing the seven seas and most of all inspring most of the mega billion money making sci fi and literature market don't get sponsors?

I wanna see STP and Valvoline and Pepsi stickers on Ufologists garbed in form fitting action suits.

I wanna see Stanton T. Friedman and Wendy Connors on tv debating whether Classic Coca Cola beats some new fangled Coca Cola.

I wanna see Budd Hopkins with the Pillsbury Doughboy or the Keebler Cookie Elves sitting on his couch explaining their experiences of being captured by mysterious beings who went after them for that special only chocolate chip recipe.

I wanna see Kevin Randle and Cap'n Crunch being abducted and showing the aliens that Cap'n Crunch stays crunchy even in outer space.

I wanna see Al Lehmberg and the Michelin Man praising those tires as the tires that can make a quick getaway in case one wants to make a fast retreat and outdistance those pesky bug eyed critters.

I wanna see Peter Davenport answering a phone call as a bevvvy of suntanned babes call in a UFO sighting and Davenport jumps into his James Bond style hotrod making the scene just in time to save the day and sport the bikini clad babes to safety in his Lexus.

I wanna see Don Ledger exhibiting 'The Matrix' type fight scene moves as he dodges skeptibunkers during an all out donnybrook whilst he espouses the benefits of the latest high tech sneaker.

I wanna see some recognition and appreciation for people who have walked the walk.

Science and research don't have to be boring. Good sense of humor and endorsements can fund lots of research.

Re: Why Can't Ufologists Get High Profile

Best ,

Greg

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Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 02:47:50 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 11:03:24 -0400
Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up - Boone

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 17:46:01 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 13:33:05 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Global UFO Cover-Up

><snip>

>>Anyone ask Alex Jones about UFOs yet?

>Many have tried on air. Alex's position is that he is not interested
>in broadcasting anything he can't back up with solid evidence,
>his specialty being wire service reports not picked up by the main
>retail news sources, government and scientific reports, foreign
>press, or Freedom of Information Act reports.

>He has stated many times it would not surprise him at all that
>there are ETs and their craft flying around, but because he
>can't document it, he won't discuss UFOs.

Brilliant response of him.

Now the question is, what documentation would he need?

Does anyone have any documentation they feel could stand up to
Jones' standards? If so, what?

I type this as I'm watching Academy Award Winning Director Ron
Howard's film, A Beautiful Mind.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 09:51:20 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 11:05:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 17:28:37 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 07:50:21 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 09:53:45 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting [was: Socorro]

<snip>

>The most devastating refutation of the Venus theory is not the
>fact that it had set 90 minutes before the main UFO disappeared
>(if it was indeed the main UFO), but the fact that Venus does
>not, or ought not to, appear only a few hundred feet away as a
>solid constructed craft with legs, and with three or four human
>figures on board waving to the viewers below and beaming shafts
>of light at them!

Hi Christopher

I've re-read the Crutwell report after my previous post, which relied on memory. I agree with you that the last recorded time of observation on June 26 (2230) does not relate to the "main UFO" but to a secondary object. What Gill called the "mother" seems to have vanished for the last time at 2130 according to his contemporary log. So the discrepancy with the setting hour of Venus is smaller.

Taking 4000' for the average height of the mountains around the west side of the bay at about 25 miles distance (tan 0.03 or nearly 2 degs) then we should take about 8 minutes off the astronomical horizon setting time of 2056. So Venus should have disappeared by about 2048, or some 40 minutes before the time recorded.

It would still be possible to argue that with the "heavy cloud over Dogura" and "patchy" cloud coming and going overhead at around 2050, they lost sight of Venus and then began looking at a different nearby body at somewhat higher elevation, perhaps the +1.4 magnitude star Regulus. If they transferred their attention from Venus (25 arcsec subtense) to a bright star then the final disappearance of the "mother" - "red, white, blue, gone" - could more easily be explained as scintillation. Regulus (horizon setting time 2139) should have disappeared behind the mountains close to the 2130 time recorded.

>Father Gill is on record as saying some of the smaller objects
>seen those nights could have been bright planets. Jupiter,
>particularly, was prominent, at about 83 degrees altitude at
>9pm. Mars was only a few degrees away from Venus and a bit lower
>in the sky. Even Saturn was around. I conjecture that what Gill
>saw at 10.30 was Jupiter, still high up at that time.

I think Mars was too faint to play a role. Mercury was brighter and could be a better candidate for a mistaken "Venus" at 1845, as Manuel Borraz points out. The fact that it was close to the horizon just above the mountains would have increased its visual prominence. Brad Sparks worries about the residual sky brightness an hour after sunset, which could be a factor; but Crutwell's notes for the evening of the 27th indicate that by this time the sky would be "really dark".

>All through Rev Crutwell's detailed report there are abundant
>clues about Gill's poor observing ability. Never mind about his
>glasses. On one definite occasion he did not recognise Venus
>when another witness did.

Strictly speaking, on one definite occasion (July 6) Gill and more than 12 others (David Durie, college principal and former RAAF astro-navigator; Mrs. Durie; and more than 10 "college men") saw an object which they all thought was a mobile UFO, when one other witness (Rev. Dams), who was only present for a short time before leaving to fetch his camera and so missed much of the sighting, decided later that it must have been Venus.

However, neglecting the reports of sudden movement most other features of the sighting could well indicate Venus seen through thin cloud, including the initial elevation and rate of descent from 2040 to setting at about 2100 and the description of reddening and a perceptible disc through binoculars. 10x magnification of Venus' 25 arcsec would yield an effective disc of about 4.2 arc minutes or around 1/7 the size of the moon; Venus' phase was not full, only about 0.4, but oriented horizontally with the sun directly below, and diffused by the thin cloud, this miniature "half moon" could well answer the description "shaped like a disc".

>The "Tilley Lamps" and "kaleidoscopic
>light" seen at times were almost certainly misidentifications
>of Venus.

Some sound like Venus, but on the other hand many of the "Tilley lamps" reported had large angular motions, were not in the western sky, and/or were travelling in various directions "across the sky" at significant rates, and in some cases they were reported against mountain backdrops. In one case observed by Gill the light moved in front of Mt. Pudi, SW of Boianai Station and a long way from Venus. Some of the steady light could perhaps have been satellites? But Venus is probably not involved in some of these cases.

>Neither does the fact that he once claimed he saw Venus
>and the big UFO simultaneously during the critical 3-day period
>hold much water (as I said to Jerry Clark elsewhere).

See above.

>The RAAF response is an obvious attempt to show that they did
>not trust Gill as an observer, though their spokesman cleverly
>avoided saying so.

It was certainly an attempt to be noncommittal in the absence of any really clear information, but is remarkable for completely avoiding any mention of a brilliant Venus as a possible cause of the "main UFO" whilst citing the very faint Mars nearby as a likely candidate for another one (Venus would still have been visible for quarter of an hour after Mars vanished). This was just a few months later in early 1960. Maybe, soon after the event, the RAAF Directorate of Intelligence was just being coy and surprisingly mindful of Gill's delicate sensibilities by leaving this most "obvious" of conclusions unspoken?

On the other hand, even 10 years later a letter cited by Hynek dated January 1970 from the Australian Department of Air "to a colleague" still stated that:

"the RAAF could come to no definite conclusion... As a result the sightings have been classified as aerial phenomenon [sic], but most probably they were reflections on a cloud of a major light source of unknown origin."

Still no Venus. We can only presume that, as you say, the descriptions of a very large and detailed structured object many

times the size of the full moon were considered by RAAF Intelligence to be impossible to reconcile with Venus without accusing Gill of being completely off his trolley and beyond all possibility of reasonable argument.

>The UFO may be a true unknown - nobody can say with certainty,
>but by conceding that what he first claimed were UFOs were
>possibly bright planets, Rev Gill has virtually hanged himself.
>The 'going in to dinner' episode also counts against him more
>than somewhat!

Saying that you are "prepared to accept the possibility" offered by the RAAF that "some of the smaller objects" could have been planets is not the same as truly believing it, but could be seen as the concession of a reasonable man to the point of view of well-meaning commentators who weren't there. Perhaps, like the RAAF, he turns aside from confrontation on the matter of the "main UFO" to offer pax on common ground. It is an inclusive tactic. Little is lost since these smaller objects were only featureless small lights "coming and going through the [patchy] clouds", doing nothing much except "hovering"; maybe they were stars that he would never have noticed at all had it not been for the main event sensitizing him to look for other UFOs. He described these starlike lights in a fairly starlike way. So this is not necessarily in any sense a concession that the main event - with a strikingly different character - did not happen.

>Gill using the term "mothership" shows his familiarity with the
>UFO literature of the 50s. A reader of Adamski and/or Keyhoe
>beyond a doubt.

This is very likely true.

Martin Shough

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Alien Intrigue Event

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:31:39 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 11:07:41 -0400
Subject: Alien Intrigue Event

There will be a free event in London on Wednesday October 26, where UFOs and alien abductions will be discussed. I'm taking part, along with Professor Chris French and Reverend Neil Hook.

We'll be looking at the UFO phenomenon and the alien abduction mystery, but also exploring the relationships between these phenomena and folklore, science fiction, religion and psychology:

<http://www.londonfreelist.com/details.asp?id=15899>

This debate is one of a number of events and media features arranged to complement the opening of the Science Museum's new exhibition, The Science of Aliens:

<http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/aliens/index.asp>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Improved UFO Attractor

From: Colin Stevenson <colswweb.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 13:16:44 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 11:08:59 -0400
Subject: Improved UFO Attractor

The much improved 'Great UFO and Extraterrestrial attractor'.
Also looks good as an Xmas tree so a good covert project for
this time of year.

http://www.colswweb.com/UFO_ET_attractor.gif

Observe for any visitations to the area with normal + IR + UV +
Light intensifier Video Cameras if possible. Telepathic contact
and interference from ET can also occur at the same time or
later as this attractor is almost irresistible for ET to
investigate especially if self contained with no electric wire
lead ins. Colswweb.com will not be held liable for ANY
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this devise is exhibited or used. Only try it at your own risk
from a safe distance outdoors only. Ounce success is achieved
then the disk should be redone and other configurations on the
design considered to attract again as ET will dismiss the devise
if it inherently remains the same over time. Recommendations;
alter the color disk or do a new design, alter motor speeds,
change the overall cone shape (cube, pyramid, vertical wall
etc), use less or more disk boxes although 2 are preferable for
pattern overlap inconstant interferences.

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October FOTOCAT News

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 14:43:14 +0200 (CEST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 11:11:42 -0400
Subject: October FOTOCAT News

The October 2005 updated of FOTOCAT News (English and Spanish versions) can be found at:

<http://fotocat.blogspot.com>

Current issue's highlights:

- 1) FOTOCAT exceeds the 6,000 case entry
- 2) A report on the Australian photographic cases on record, including the actual FOTOCAT spreadsheet for Australia
- 3) The paper: An Overview of FOTOCAT Project (Documents section)
- 4) Review of Malaga (Spain) classic UFO photos of March 27, 1974 (summary in English, full paper in Spanish)

Cooperation of local UFO colleagues is kindly requested. Regional listings of FOTOCAT are available to interested students for review purposes.

Sincerely,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
Manager, FOTOCAT Project
Anomaly Foundation, Spain

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Father Gill Australian Interview Transcript

From: Diane Harrison <aufor.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 22:59:47 +1000
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 11:17:16 -0400
Subject: Father Gill Australian Interview Transcript

Hi Listers

I've taken the time to type this up for you all to read as many of you may not be familiar with this interview.

Australian Flying Saucer Review
December 1959 Vol. 1 No 1

Tape recorded interview by
The Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society &
The UFO Investigation Center of New South Wales.

Transcript of Father William Gill interview.

Q: Father Gill will you be kind enough to let us know the nature of your activities in recent years in Papus?

A: I have been on the staff of the Anglican Mission in Papua for thirteen years - my many interest up there has been educational work, and I have been working mainly on the north-east coast of Papua, in Goodenough Bay area, about ninety miles from Samaria Milne Bay.

Q: Father Gill, we understand you, or your mission folk, had a series of interesting experiences during the month of June - when, and on what days did these occur? Also what did you think about unidentified flying objects before your experience?

A: Until my sighting I thought UFOs were a figment of imagination or some electrical phenomenon. Well, the first sighting occurred over Waimera about twenty miles from us. It was observed by Dr. Ken Houston at a place called Waimera, near Tagora, and that was late November of last year. At Boianai itself, where I'm working, the first recorded incident was on the night of Sunday, 21st June. My own observations began on 26th June and extended over a number of days.

Q: Take them, then in date order, when did the first sighting that you you saw occur?

A: That was on the 26th June, at 6.45 p.m, and it continued until 11.04 p.m.

Q: Over which direction was the object seen?

A: Milne bay district, over Boianai.

Q: Did the object - appear solid? Metallic? Gaseous? Transparent?

A: Well, it appeared solid, certainly not transparent nor gaseous; we just assume it was metallic from our own experience of things that travel and carry men.

Q: Was any sound perceptible?

A: No.

Q: Did the object change colour?

A: yes, it changed from a brilliant white light when it was far off, to a dull yellow, or perhaps pale orange, when it was close.

Q: Did the object hover, or remain motionless at any time?

A: It both hovered and remained stationary.

Q: What was its speed in flight?

A: Much faster than a passenger plane.

Q: The height you mentioned was a couple of thousand feet.

Which of the following objects held at arm's length would you described as apparent size? - grapefruit? A: Yes.

Q: describe the weather?

A: Well, the weather varied over the four hour period. I have recorded here. At the beginning, at 6.45 p.m, there were patches of low cloud over Tagora and Menapi, that is west and east of us, and clear overhead. At 7.10 i was recorded that cloud ceiling overhead was at about 2000 feet... I may mention that at this time the object was under cloud over the west at Tagora. At 8.50 cloud was forming again overhead, and for the next hour or so there were patches of cloud over the sky, then at 10.50 we recorded we had heavy rain at 11.04 - that's when we finished the recording.

Q: What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

A: I came out of the dining room after dinner and casually glanced at the sky with the purpose, I suppose, of seeing Venus. Well, I saw Venus bit also saw this sparkling object which was to me peculiar because it sparkled, and because it was very, very bright, and it was above Venus and so that caused me to watch it for a while, then I saw it descend towards us.

Q: Were there any witnesses to this?

A: yes, there were thirty-eight of us.

Q: What further remarks would you make regarding this first sighting of yours?

A: Well, of course, the whole thing was most extraordinary; the fact that we saw what appeared to be humans beings on it, I think, is the important thing. It is certainly the important and exciting thing to us. They were not noticeable at first - they came down, the object came down at about, I should say, 400 feet, maybe 450 feet, perhaps less, maybe 300 feet. It is very difficult to judge at that time of night and not having experience in measuring elevation, it's purely guess- work, but as we watcheed it, men came out from this object, and appeared on top of it on what seemed to be a deck on top of the huge disk. There were four men in all, occasionally two, then one, then three, then four - we noticed the various times that men appeared, and when one, two and three appeared and one and two, and then numbers one, three, four and two and so on. And then later all those witnesses who are quite sure that our records were right, they agreed with them, and saw these men at the same time as I did - they were able to sign their names as witnesses of what we assume was human activity or beings of some sort on the object itself.

Another peculiar thing about it was this shaft of blue light which emanated from what appeared to be the center of the deck. Now from time to time men, these men, seemed to be working at something on the deck; they'd bend forward and appear to manipulate something on the deck, and then straighten themselves up occasionally, would turn around in our direction, this blue light - rather like a thin spotlight emanated skywards to stay on for a second or two, and then switch off. I recorded the times that we saw that blue light come on and off - for the rest of the night. After all that activity it ascended and remained very high.

Q: What did the craft look like?

A: Like a disk with smaller round superstructure, then again on top of that another kind of superstructure - round rather like the bridge on a boat. Underneath it had four legs in pairs pointing diagonally downwards these appeared to be fixed, not retractable, and looked the same on the two nights - rather like tripods. On second night the pencil beam came on again for a few seconds, twice in succession.

Q: Do you have any clues to the dimensions of the object?

A: I'm very poor mathematician but I, at time, dared to say that it was about thirty-five to forty feet at the base and perhaps twenty feet at the top.

Q: Did you try to establish contact with the pilots of the craft?

A: We did. As one of the men seemed to lean over as though over a rail and look down on us, I waved one hand overhead and the figure did the same as though a skipper on a boat waving to someone on a wharf. Couldn't see the rail but he seemed to lean over something with arms over it... could see him from just below waist up. Ananias, the teacher, waved both hands overhead and the two outside figures seemed to wave back - no doubt that movement made by arms was answered by the figures.

Q: What was the reaction by the native at signals?

A: Surprised and delighted. Small mission boys called out - everyone beckoned to invite the beings down but no audible responses...no expressions discernible on the face of the men - rather like players on a football field at night.

Q: Did the machine cause any noise?

A: No engine noise heard at any time by anyone during the whole series of sightings.

Q: We understand you tried to signal; the beings with a torchlight?

A: Yes, we flashed the light and the object swung like a pendulum, presumably in recognition. When we flashed the torchlight towards the ground and we actually thought it was going to land but it didn't.
We were all very disappointed about that.

I hope you found this interesting

Regards

Diane Harrison

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Wilhelm Reich Orgone Energy & UFOs

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Peter Robbins at the Third Annual Crash and Retrieval Symposium
Wilhelm Reich, Orgone Energy, and UFOs

Wilhelm Reich and Orgone Energy, and UFOs

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Wilhelm Reich's many books all begin with this particular quotation: "Love, work and knowledge are the wellsprings of our Life. They should also govern it." This article is dedicated to living that idea.

It is fair to say that the past century saw more scientific advances than any preceding it. But perhaps its most important single, unified body of scientific knowledge remains its most controversial. The common functioning principle unifying this science, which its pioneering founder, Dr. Wilhelm Reich, named orgonomy, is the study of how energy functions in the living and the non-living realms. Orgonomy offers us ground-breaking applications in fields as diverse as biology, psychology, meteorology, cancer research, sociology, human sexuality, child rearing, political science and ufology, among other areas of study. But orgonomy was not well received into the times it was born. Some of its key findings challenged the basic precepts and physical laws our existing scientific order is built upon, while its bioenergetically based critique of mystical and mechanical thinking would have made it anathema to the majority of people in Western culture. So it should not surprise anyone to learn that orgonomy has been ignored, distorted, attacked and confounded since it was first codified, by both the scientific mainstream and by establishment thinking.

The perceived threat it represented was so pronounced during the Eisenhower Administration, that more than eight tons of Reich's hardcover books, monographs and other original literature were consigned to government incinerators because bureaucrats at the Federal Drug Administration had targeted him as a medical fraud. This, to the best of our knowledge, without ever having attempted to replicate any of his published experiments - the prevailing thinking being, why bother, he was a "quack". During his lifetime Dr. Wilhelm Reich was the target of attacks from both the right and the left, but his work and findings were especially reviled by uncomprehending liberals, communists and

active Soviet agents who more than understood the danger his work represented to their cause, especially as articulated in such books as *The Mass Psychology of Fascism*. Reich's blasts at Soviet-style communism have often been dismissed as the paranoid delusions of a great mind finally unhinged, but we can confirm that such observations were hyper accurate, and some even prophetic.

But it was Reich's acceptance of UFOs as a physical reality that dealt his professional reputation its most stunning blow. When you study the progression of his scientific work and thinking, it becomes obvious that his investigation into the phenomenon was merely the logical extension of a common functioning principle that had guided him throughout his almost forty years in professional life; that is, how energy functions in the living and non-living realm. Nonetheless, one of ufology's most significant chapters continues to remain one of its least known: in the early nineteen fifties Reich developed the cloudbuster, a simple yet effective apparatus which, when properly employed, was capable of altering weather patterns in the surrounding atmosphere. More, some of these weather modification operations attracted UFOs - first over southern Maine in 1953, then above Arizona in 1954. On December 14 of that year, this series of cloudbusting operations culminated in what can only be characterized as a "battle" in the skies over Tucson. Wild as these allegations may sound, they were well-documented and multiply witnessed.

What were the scientific dynamics which allowed such a deceptively simple apparatus to alter entire weather fronts, and why did this activity seem to attract the appearance of UFOs? What were the documented specifics of his contacts with the United States Air Force, and of his relationship with Albert Einstein? Is there any reason to suspect that MJ-12 was aware of or interested in Reich's work, and are there any realistic reasons to suspect foul play in his death? This paper draws from a number of print, archival, and human sources (all noted), including correspondence with A.S. Neil and Albert Einstein, Reich's final book, *Contact With Space*, and Wilhelm Reich and the Cold War, by my friend and colleague Jim Martin, who is also founder of Flatland Books. I am also indebted to Reich biographer Dr. Myron Scharaf, and to Reich's long-time first assistant, Dr. Elsworth F. Baker, for having taken the time and for having had the patience to answer many of my questions.

Jerome Eden was an author, educator and ufologist, and used to refer to UFOs as the idiot child of the media. If this characterization is accurate, and many of us would maintain that it is, then I respectfully submit that the truth about Dr. Reich's UFO-related observations, findings and conclusions are the idiot child of ufology. The intention of this article is to help familiarize the reader with the specifics of this remarkable episode in Post War History. To best appreciate this account however it is important that we view it in some context. More, that we have a basic understanding of how Reich came to arrive at that quietly historic moment in 1953 when he first pointed a series of long metal pipes at an unknown object high above his rural Maine property and observed that object react as a direct result, then upon re-aiming, react again, and again.

Background

Wilhelm Reich was born in the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1897. His father was a stern government bureaucrat, his artistic mother, a piano teacher. "Willi" and his brother Robert grew up on the family's rural estate observing nature and natural functioning first hand on a daily basis. Both were educated by private tutors. In 1914 the Balkans erupted in flames, and over the next four years World War One swept the empire and the rest of old Europe into oblivion. Reich served with distinction as an artillery officer in the Austro-Hungarian Army until war's end. With all of the family's property and holdings vaporized in the empire's defeat, Reich made his way to Vienna where he enrolled medical school, supporting himself as a tutor for the duration of his studies.

Reich was drawn to Vienna in part because of his intense interest in the pioneering work of Dr. Sigmund Freud. Following his graduation from medical school he became a pupil of Freud's, then went on to work as Freud's assistant for the next six years. They parted ways in 1929 when Reich, after much clinical

work and observation in the early psychoanalytic tradition, presented case findings to Freud supporting his view that literally all human neuroses were, at the deepest levels, were rooted in some form of sexual dysfunction, a radical notion for Victorian Vienna and mental health professionals of the 1920s.

Freud and his followers believed that many neuroses had a sexual basis, but certainly not all of them. Reich's radical view that the social problems of individuals and governments were caught up in the dynamics of sexual repression estranged him from his analyst colleagues. Reich's departure from the Freudian ranks created a backlash of resentment and the origin of the myth of his mental instability. After all, why else would he have split with the great Freud? The rumor mongering and innuendo begun by former psychoanalytic colleagues would follow him for the remainder of his life.

It was about 1927 when Reich first became involved with the Austrian Communist Party, his intention being to marry the revolutionary mission of their already-existing mental health clinics to those of healthy sexual functioning for workers. Here responsible sex education and contraceptives were freely disseminated. The popularity of these "Sexpol" (sex/politics) clinics extended into Germany and then the Soviet Union, and for a time were allowed to thrive. Much to the disappointment and upset of the communists however, sexually healthy workers and party members tended to put their personal happiness and goals above those of the party, a travesty that could not be allowed to stand: by 1934 Reich had been expelled from the Communist Party, their rationale for his expulsion being that, yes - the once-brilliant young scientist was now manifesting symptoms of insanity. The essence of his alleged mental illness is reflected in this obviously unhinged statement, "This is what I am fighting for: the prevention of emotional human misery by the establishment of a normal and natural - that is, orgasmically satisfying - human life in the masses of people. To any group or individual intent on controlling the lives and thoughts of others, these are the words of a truly dangerous man. The party never forgave him this travesty and efforts to damage his reputation and impugn his work became commonplace from 1934 on.

Later that year he immigrated to Scandinavia. Here he continued with his experiments and therapeutic practice with a core group of colleagues, devoting much of his experimental work and study to the dynamics of cancer formation. His outstanding books *The Impulsive Character*, *Character Analysis*, *People In Trouble*, *The Mass Psychology of Fascism* and *The Cancer Biopathy* all came out of this period. Reich immigrated to the United States in 1939 and was invited to join the faculty of New York City's New School for Social Research the following year. He settled in Forest Hills, a then-quiet district in the Borough of Queens where he went into private practice, wrote, and refined his character analytic therapy, or medical orgone therapy as it became known. Energetic functioning in people was now his primary interest and his key efforts were directed toward dissolving the chronic muscular contractions of his patients. This human "armoring" served to block natural feeling and hold neurotic behavior in place.

The Orgone Energy Accumulator

It was during this time that he discovered the specifically biological energy which he called orgone, and a deceptively simple therapeutic and experimental device that could concentrate the energy and allow it to be measured in a laboratory setting. He named it the orgone energy accumulator, or ORAC. Thinking individuals in many cultures had long pondered this energy. Early Hindu texts referred to it as the "Prana," while Victorians named it the "ether," but the former tended to mystify the concept while the latter to mechanize it. The size of the accumulators Reich and his associates constructed over the years varied, from that of a small box up to a large room. However the ORAC most people are familiar with was designed to hold a single person and about the size of a small phone booth. A properly constructed accumulator is made up of alternating layers of organic and inorganic material; steel wool and fiberboard were found to be ideal for the purpose. The non-metallic (organic) material tends to attract and hold the atmospheric energy, while the metal (inorganic) also attracts the energy, but unable to absorb it, rapidly reflects the energy. Simply put, the accumulator works on the basis of what

Reich termed the orgonomic potential. That is, unlike the conventional energy systems we are accustomed to thinking in terms of, i.e.: electromagnetic energy moves from the stronger system (the source) to the weaker - orgone energy flows from the weaker system to the stronger one.

Sitting in an accumulator has a most perceivable result for many, including myself. The weaker energy field radiating from the inner layer (organic) is drawn to the stronger field of the individual inside. The flow of the field is experienced as a warming or tingling sensation. An individual with a naturally high energetic charge may begin to feel uncomfortable fairly quickly, possibly experiencing some dizziness, or the sensation of some pressure in the head. Any such feelings quickly dissipate when you exit. A person with a low energy charge however can remain in an accumulator much longer while feeling little if any difference. The number of layers used in the device's construction contributes to its relative power; the more layers, the higher the energetic potential. Depending on the person, effects can be felt within a few minutes. A small accumulator can be used to germinate plant seeds at an accelerated rate while a slightly modified version speeds the healing time of wounds and burns. I speak here from many well-documented user and investigative accounts, as well as from personal experience. Therapeutically, sitting in an ORAC has an expansive effect on the organism, especially in terms of the blood vessels. It also increases the bioenergetic level of the experiencer by charging the tissues and the blood. There is no set or prescribed length of time for its use, though fifteen minutes to half an hour once or twice a day is not an unusual routine.

Reich persevered with experiments designed to isolate and confirm the reality of orgone energy, but aware of the controversy the announcement of such a discovery might create, he continued to verify his findings without fanfare or public acknowledgement. One of the experiments was calculated to measure the heat inside an ORAC and compare it with the temperature inside a control box. The experiment was named To-T (T oh minus T). Reich and his colleagues observed that a change in the atmosphere would alter the temperature differential, and To-T is a reliable predictor of changes in the weather. If there is a conventional explanation for this temperature differential, one that can be demonstrated under laboratory conditions, I am not aware of it.

The Einstein Affair

In late December 1940, Reich sent a carefully worded letter about his work to Albert Einstein. The letter, written in German, said, in part, "Several years ago I discovered a specific biological energy which in many ways behaves differently from anything that is known about electromagnetic energy. The matter is too complicated and sounds too improbable to be explained clearly in a brief letter. I can only indicate that I have evidence that the energy, which I have called orgone, exists not only in living organisms, but also in the soil and in the atmosphere; it is visible and can be concentrated and measured (emphasis his), and I am using it with some success in research on cancer therapy." The physicist responded by letter six days later, apparently intrigued enough to invite Reich to demonstrate the existence of this energy in person. The meeting was arranged through Einstein's secretary-assistant, Helen Dukas, and set for January 13, 1941.

The two men met for more than four hours that afternoon to discuss Reich's work and findings. He had brought several experimental devices with him to demonstrate his findings, and Einstein observed the glowing orgone energy for himself through a laboratory apparatus designed for that purpose. Seemingly unwilling to believe his own eyes, the great physicist acknowledged the decided glow, but refused to rule out what he described as "the subjective element." It was toward the end of their meeting that Reich told Einstein of the measurable heat created inside the ORAC. Conversation then shifted to the implications of such a discovery, something not lost on either scientist. Reich noted in his diary that Einstein's reaction had been, "That is impossible. Should this be true, it would be a great bomb (to physics)." An understandable reaction, given that the heat differential which had been repeatedly observed by Reich and his assistants during To-T violated the Second Law of

Thermodynamics - that is, that equal volumes tend to equalize in temperature. In anticipation of the meeting Reich had noted in his diary, "Orgone constitutes the "field" that Einstein is searching for. Electricity, magnetism, gravitation, etc., depend on its functions." Einstein wanted to verify this temperature differential for himself and Reich returned to Princeton the following week to deliver the necessary equipment. We do not know what Einstein wrote about this meeting, or about Reich. Author Jim Martin noted that Einstein's Archives never responded to any of his information requests, making them the only archive to ignore a research inquiry during the preparation of his book, Wilhelm Reich and the Cold War.

It is fair to say that in 1941 Albert Einstein was the best-known scientist in the world; he had been so since his Theory of General Relativity first began to make worldwide scientific news in 1919. Einstein arrived in America from Germany in 1933, along with his assistant and secretary Helen Dukas. While the FBI was aware of the physicist's left-leaning sympathies, they strongly suspected Ms. Dukas of being an active asset of Soviet intelligence since at least 1929. Both Ms. Dukas and Dr. Einstein were put under fairly close observation by the FBI from the time they entered this country. (The FBI would soon begin to build a huge file on Reich as well). Surveillance increased following his joining other physicists in signing a secret letter dated December 30, 1940 advising President Roosevelt to authorize development of an atomic bomb project, this as the Germans might be moving ahead on just such a venture (they were).

Einstein spent a week conducting and studying To-T, and on February 7 wrote Reich that he had confirmed (and reconfirmed) that the accumulator registered an average 0.3-0.4 degree temperature (centigrade) higher than the control box, confirming Reich's assertion, and the observations of numerous others of the past sixty years. But then one of Einstein's assistants offered a simple explanation. The differential was caused by "convection" - that is, the difference between the air temperatures under and above the table the accumulator had been placed on: Einstein had set one box on a table and suspended another in the air. He closed the letter, "I hope this (explanation) will awaken your sense of skepticism, so that you will not allow yourself to be deceived by an illusion that can be easily explained. Please have someone pick up your instruments, since they are of some value. They are undamaged. With friendly greetings, A. Einstein."

Stung, Reich wrote back imploring Einstein to re-conduct the experiment, but this time following the strict protocols devised to eliminate such a false explanation. Reich even describes his having repeatedly and successfully conducting To-T with both boxes buried underground, thus eliminating any possibility of "convection," but Einstein would hear none of it. Reich thought it memorable that that Einstein had been so willing to accept the first rationale that had come along, as his expressing no interest in re-conducting the experiment under more controlled conditions. The letter ended with a moving plea for some respect and consideration, but no direct response was ever forthcoming. We do not know if Einstein even saw this letter; at the time all of his mail would have been screened by Helen Dukas, who may have had her own reasons for not wanting Einstein to confirm Reich's findings. Letters from Reich and his colleagues and Einstein and his assistants continued to change hands over the next few years, but the no resolve was ever achieved. Jim Martin writes in Wilhelm Reich and the Cold War:

Reich's letter to Einstein in response to "convection" is the most eloquent example of scientific dialogue I have ever read. Indeed, Reich's description of the issues involved, the experimental protocols to test the objection, and the design of new experiments to shed light on the question, so inspired me when I first read The Einstein Affair, that I set up the experiment at home. I confirmed the basic fact, for myself, and have sought a rational explanation that fit into established physical science, without success. Like so many of Reich's discoveries, this has been completely ignored, but never experimentally refuted.

Anyone interested in learning more about this equally compelling and frustrating footnote to the scientific history of the Twentieth Century can secure a copy of The Einstein Affair from

the Wilhelm Reich Museum bookstore in Rangeley, Maine. The publication, which contains the complete Reich-Einstein correspondence, includes all the protocols necessary for conducting the To-T experiment; it is written in a manner that will allow any interested layperson to conduct the experiment for themselves.

Mrs. Brady and the FDA

The Federal Drug Administration began to build its case against Reich in 1947. The red flag which alerted them to the danger Reich and his work posed to the American people was an extraordinarily vicious smear article written by a far-left-leaning journalist, Mildred Edie Brady. "The Strange Case of Wilhelm Reich" appeared in the May 26, issue of The New Republic; other biased and distorted articles followed. Time Magazine's offering was entitled "The Marvelous Sex Box." Brady's article was a masterpiece of distortion which attacked Reich's "sex racket" while trumpeting an out-and-out lie; namely, that he had stated the orgone accumulator was a cure-all. Mrs. Brady was not your routine freelancer; she was, among other things, a respected member of the drug regulation elite and actively helped to create FDA legislation as early as 1938. She was also a founder of Consumers Union, a communist-dominated organization which had broken away from Consumers Research, Inc. in 1935. Brady was also professionally associated with one of Reich's lawyers: Arthur Garfield Hays was a Sponsor of Consumers Union. Former Consumers Research board member, J.B. Matthews, wrote that in the nineteen thirties Hays was known to support the Communist Party via its "united front" organizations. Reich was unaware of his attorney's politics, and of his association with Mrs. Brady.

There is no question that The New Republic article was clearly libelous, and Reich instructed Hays to initiate libel action against Mrs. Brady and the magazine. His medical colleagues agreed and likewise wrote to Brady in support of Reich's decision. Incredibly, Hays talked his client out of pressing the action, and the scientist, unfortunately, took his counselor's advice. This proved to be a crucial misstep and other scurrilous articles followed over the years that the FDA quietly went about building its case. Hays never told Reich that he knew and worked with Brady, but in an equally pronounced travesty of justice, one of Reich's other lawyers, Peter Mills, would go on to become the prosecuting attorney when Reich finally came to trial. But there were greater factors at play here as well. Jim Martin's tenacious investigative scholarship has established that The New Republic's owner, Michael Straight, was deeply connected to the members of the Cambridge Five Soviet spy ring, and a legal action against Brady and the publication might well have put Straight on the stand. With Hays successfully convincing Reich to waive any legal action, a trial-based opportunity to reveal the degree to which Soviet intelligence had penetrated British intelligence was lost.

"What do they want for Proof? There is no proof. There are no authorities whatsoever. No president, no academy, court of law, congress or senate on this earth has the knowledge or power to decide what will be the knowledge of tomorrow. There is no use in trying to prove something that is unknown to someone who is ignorant of the unknown, or fearful of its threatening power. Only the good, old rules of learning will eventually bring about understanding of what has invaded our earthly existence."

--Wilhelm Reich, Contact With Space

Reich moved from New York to an area just outside the town of Rangeley in rural southern Maine in the early nineteen fifties. Here he built a new home and laboratory personally designed to integrate home and laboratory into a single, brilliantly practical building, now the home of the Wilhelm Reich Museum. Another laboratory was added soon after for students. This structure was the setting for the so-called Oranur Experiment, a chilling example of the accumulator's undeniable ability to concentrate energy. The experiment called for the placing of a very small amount of radium in an accumulator, the unexpected result of which was to toxify a surprisingly large area of southern Maine surrounding his home and laboratory, one that took several months to dissipate.

And so we come to it. Reich's interest in UFOs dates from 1953.

Why did he become interested in them, and how did he arrive at his conclusions concerning them? Until 1953 there is no written or anecdotal indication that he had paid any attention to all the publicity surrounding "flying saucers," even when, in 1952, some visitors to his home and laboratory reported seeing shining objects in the sky that were decidedly not stars. In November 1953, though, he read one of the best books available on the subject at the time, *Flying Saucers from Outer Space*. The author, a retired Marine Corps Major named Donald Keyhoe, was a highly respected and decorated World War II fighter pilot and pioneered much of the basis for modern scientific UFO studies. Reich's writings indicate he was intrigued by Keyhoe's observation that the maneuverability, speed and silence of the unknowns repeatedly defied conventional laws of mechanical flight. At the time, Reich wrote, "I had not studied anything on the subject: I knew practically nothing about it. But my mind, used to expecting surprises in natural research, was open to anything that seemed real."

Keyhoe's book was followed by E. J. Ruppelt's Report on UFOs. Ruppelt was a retired USAF Captain who had headed the Air Force's ongoing UFO record-keeping (and public relations) program, Project Blue Book, and his book prompted Reich to note, "The Ruppelt Report on UFOs clearly reveals the helplessness of mechanistic method in coming to grips with the problems posed by the spacemen. The cosmic orgone energy which these living beings are using in their technology is beyond the grasp of mechanistic science since cosmic laws of functioning are not mechanical but what I term "functional." The helplessness of mechanical thinking appears in the tragic shortcoming of our fastest fighter jets to make and hold contact with UFOs. Being unavoidably outdistanced is not a flattering situation for military pride. The conclusion seems correct: Mechanistic methods of locomotion must be counted out in coping with the spaceship problem."

One night as he sat on the steps outside his home in Maine, something flashed by at great speed, its behavior not suggestive of a comet, meteorite, or shooting star. Reich reported the sighting to the Air Force Base at Presque Island, Maine; it was the first of many sighting reports he would forward to the Air Force. Following his report, he was asked to fill out an official questionnaire. In March, 1954, Reich sent a copy of his survey on UFOs to the Air Force. The survey was actually a manuscript detailing his theoretical conclusions of them as spacecraft.

The questionnaire came out of AFR 200-2, the Air Forces=82 regulations regarding the reporting of UFOs which had gone into effect in August of that year. Reich had filled out copies of the form following a number of sightings. His daughter, Dr. Eva Reich, now a retired physician living in Maine, recalled that "the interest of the Air Force in UFOs was being totally suppressed at that time. When you reported a UFO, they came to you with this questionnaire, and told you it was secret, and had you fill it out. Then they took it away; what happened with it, nobody knows. When Reich published the questionnaire in *Contact With Space*, he revealed a big secret."

Basic to this scientist's understanding of the universe was the pervasive presence of energy (which he termed orgone energy), implying the possibility of life in space. At this time his questioning encompassed the galactic currents, the formation and destruction of star systems, and the origin of the universe itself. Along with his deepening involvement in cloudbusting, he now began a careful examination of the stars and set about proving that some "stars" did not behave like others. The method he used was nocturnal, time-lapse photography. In this investigatory technique, the camera is carefully set to face the night sky with the shutter open: the experiment proceeded with unexpected results. Some of the stars did not produce the white lines caused by the Earth's rotation. These stars simply vanished indicating they were something else. He now began to wonder in earnest what they might be, and specifically what they were doing in the skies over Maine.

Reich saw the Oranur Experiment, with its massive pollution of the Maine area, as the cause of their immediate interest in the region. Considering his own observations, those of a number of co-workers, and independent reports of UFO activity over Maine, it was hardly egoistic that he should assume that his activities

might be the subject of their special attention. If these craft had harnessed the sea of energy pervading the universe, what might be the effect of training a cloudbuster on one? The results of this action were both profound and disturbing. He writes in Contact With Space:

"I hesitated for weeks to turn my cloudbuster pipes toward a "star" as if I had known that some of the blinking lights hanging in the sky were no planets or stars but space machines. With the fading out of the two "stars," the cloudbuster had suddenly changed into a space-gun. When I saw the "star" to the west fade out four times in succession, what had been left of the old world of human knowledge after the discovery of orgone energy, tumbled beyond retrieve. From now on everything, anything, was possible. Nothing could any longer be considered "impossible." I had directed the draw-pipes connected with the deep well towards and ordinary star and the star had faded out four times. There was no mistake about it. Three more people had seen it. There was only one conclusion: The thing we had drawn from was not a star. It was something else - a UFO! The shock of this experience was great enough not to repeat such an action until 10 October 1954."

Preceding this, on October 5 and 6, three large, yellow UFOs hung low over the southern horizon with another over the observatory on Reich's property. On October 10, a large reddish UFO hovered just to the south of the property. At this point, the cloudbuster was trained on it and it moved. The unknown became less red as the device kept its aim, then moved higher, and later sank down below the horizon. Shortly thereafter, a second light (yellow) appeared in the west. After two minutes of direct drawing, it faded, came back, flashed, pulsed, and wobbled while moving irregularly from south to north. There was for Reich the distinct, subjective impression of a struggle. It came back again shortly after, and again, became fainter and smaller after drawing on it. The remaining four unknowns (to the north, south and west) then removed themselves, disappearing from sight."

On October 10, for a second time, Reich dimmed "stars" and induced them to move, "as if in flight in different directions." He again concluded they were machines, and not ones of terrestrial origin. While it might seem naive to some, Reich chose to direct his written concerns regarding this likelihood directly to President Eisenhower. The White House response asked him to send such communications to the Air Force, and to the CIA. As a result, a letter articulating his observations of, and concerns about UFOs was sent to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, a career Naval Intelligence officer named Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter. Reich would have had no way of knowing, but in more rarefied circles the Director was sometimes referred to by another title - MJ-1.

Not only had Reich inadvertently made contact with a member of the President's Ultra Secret UFO working group, he had reached out to its top man. Was the information Reich supplied a contributing factor in Hillenkoetter's becoming such a vocal opponent of UFO secrecy following his stepping down as Director, or was this simply part of a plan to allow an extremely highly placed operative to insinuate himself smack in the center of civilian UFO counterculture? I cannot say, but I am convinced that if the members of MJ-12 were not aware of Reich's UFO-related activities prior to October 1954, they were from that time on, and would have identified him as a man whose actions bore monitoring, and possibly worse.

In Wilhelm Reich and the Cold War, Jim Martin identifies one other plausible link between Reich and MJ-12, and his name was Lewis W. Douglas. Reich refers to him briefly in Contact With Space as the Director Savings and Loan, and as a close associate of President Eisenhower. He was also Director of Research for the Institute of Atmospheric Physics in Tucson and a man very interested in weather control. Their first contact dates from 1954 when Reich had his assistant, William Moise, attempt to contact Douglas and arrange a meeting with him. It had not been Reich who suggested to Moise that he get in touch with Douglas, it had been Charles Gardner, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Advisory Committee on Weather Control for the government; he was also the National Weather Bureau's liaison with the Institute of Atmospheric Physics. Gardner had actually written to Moise on March 21, 1955 saying "we appreciate being informed of your

activities." Douglas's secretary wrote up Moise's calls in the form of memos. The first one read, in part, "He {Moise} had just come from Washington and had spoken to people in the Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau and in Mr. Gardner's office about weather control. They suggested that Mr. D {Douglas} might be interested in information he had." But no answer was forthcoming until July 27 when Douglas cabled Moise, and Reich and Douglas began to correspond. They likely would have met in Tucson later that year, but Douglas had to be hospitalized for major surgery during the time Reich visited Arizona.

My colleagues Jim Martin and Kenn Thomas (archivist, author and conspiracy-related publisher) have engaged in some educated speculation on the possibility of a link between Lew Douglas and MJ-12, and it is worth relating here. I draw directly from Martin's published comments in doing so. Douglas was known to be very close to Eisenhower and had a well known interest in weather control. The Douglas-Moise Memo=82 is dated July 14, 1954, only ten days prior to the seminal National Archives=82 MJ-12 document, the Cutler-Twining Memo. Thomas reminds us that Robert Cutler had been with the CIA as a psyops (psychological operations) expert, and instrumental in bringing Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" to completion. In his memo, Cutler informs USAF General Nathan Twining (MJ-4) that a scheduled meeting is being changed, and that the "Special Studies Project" would now meet "during the already scheduled White House meeting of July 16, rather than following it as previously intended." What the actual reason for this change, it insured that President Eisenhower would be in attendance. Quoting Martin:

Thomas suggests that the timing of this sequence of events might indicate that Douglas, as a member of Eisenhower's "kitchen cabinet," may have been privy to or associated with the MJ-12 group. I agree that Douglas, one of the most powerful men in American politics at the time, would have known about MJ-12 if it existed. Thomas argues that Douglas, having been briefed about the meeting of MJ-12 members on July 16 at the White House, developed a more serious interest in Reich's planned operations in Tucson on the basis of Reich's observations of UFOs. This would have explained the sudden change in attitude on July 27, 1955, when Douglas sent a telegram to Moise inviting further correspondence. After all, Douglas had hired a "UFO nut," James E. McDonald, to head the IAP in 1954."

Freewheeling conspiratorial musings or grounded, informed speculation? Personally, I subscribe to the latter. For the record, Martin establishes that Reich drove through Roswell on his way to Tucson. There is some intriguing anecdotal evidence that he returned there, but it is not inconclusive.

Reich's point of view on UFOs shifted between 1953 and 1957. At first he theorized they were benign observers, but gradually became convinced that, either by intention or accident, they were contributing to the pollution accumulating in the atmosphere. Contact With Space, privately published after his 1957 death, documents early weather modification, or CORE (cosmic orgone engineering) operations and the 1954-55 cloudbusting expedition to Arizona. The book, published in an edition of only five hundred, details a great deal more information than this paper is designed to cover, and it is not my intention here to synopsise this sweeping text, only that Reich's scientific observations of, interactions with, and findings on UFOs chronicled in Contact With Space made it indispensable in the preparation of this article.

The following day, October 11, Reich authorized his friend, research associate and son-in-law (who was a trained cloudbuster operator), to call the Air Technical Intelligence Command (ATIC) in Dayton, Ohio, and make an appointment to discuss the disabling of the UFOs the previous day. Moise was in Ohio on his way to Arizona at the time. A meeting with a General Watson was agreed upon on for October 14. Over the phone Watson asked Moise, if necessary, could their conference be continued into the evening, and how did Reich know that the UFOs had been disabled? Moise arrived at the facility early on the 14th where he was met by a Dr. Byers, a physicist employed by the command. Byers escorted Moise to the conference, also attended by a USAF Captain Hill and a civilian named Harry Haberer (6:8). Asking where General Watson was, Moise was told that he was unable to attend. Angered, Moise left and returned to his Dayton motel. The next day Moise received a phone call from Captain Hill

conveying Watson's apologies and was asked if the report could be made to ATIC Deputy Commander Colonel Wertenbaker. Moise agreed and they met later that day. Present were Captain Hill, Dr. Byers, Haberer and the Colonel. Moise gave an oral presentation and all took notes except the Colonel. Feeling that this had been a significant meeting, that at least some breakthrough had been made in interesting a branch of the government in Reich's observations of the involvement with UFOs, Moise wrote that:

The contact with Col. Wertenbaker was excellent throughout the conference. He was serious, intent and looked at me while I talked. He was the only one who did. His excitement increased as the report progressed.

Several days later, the Colonel wrote to the Director of Intelligence for the Air Force - somehow this note ended up in the Food and Drug Administration's case file on Reich. It read in part:

General Watson did not talk personally to Mr. Moise, I am happy to say, but I interviewed this person . . . the information given us by Moise defies description and I'll not attempt to give you the details . . . the Air Force will do well to avoid entanglements but what is absolutely necessary from the standpoint of good public relations.

Dr. Byers, the physicist, told Moise that he was familiar with Reich's work. Harry Haberer, the civilian in attendance, was described as working on the history of UFOs with the Air Force. Leaving Ohio, Moise continued on to Arizona. Meanwhile, Reich, his son Peter, and several others were driving west as well. Each vehicle carried an appropriate assortment of laboratory equipment and had a cloudbuster in tow. They arrived at the leased property ten miles outside of Tucson on October 19, 1954. Once settled in, they commenced drawing operations, regularly observing the atmosphere with their meteorological instruments. Records were kept in accordance with strict scientific method. Individual journals were also kept.

Robert McCulloch, another trained cloudbuster operator, assisted Reich and Moise in the operation. Drawing began at the end of October and many UFOs were observed during the nights of October 31 and November 1 over the area. By November 7, moisture in the atmosphere had risen from the usual 15% to 65%, an unheard of relative humidity for Tucson. Drawing continued, mostly from the southwest direction. On November 7, the first clouds were forming thickly and soon covered the sky, indicating rain. Then, without apparent explanation, the clouds began to decompose. That evening, a large, bright UFO was seen coming up from the north. It moved slowly southwest until it stopped and hovered for several hours ten to fifteen degrees above the southern horizon. A connection between the dissipation of clouds and the presence of UFOs in the skies seemed unavoidable after this sequence of events continued to repeat itself.

Weather modification was a subject of genuine interest to a number of military and civilian offices within the Eisenhower Administration, and the Tucson-based Institute of Atmospheric Physics was founded in 1953 as a direct result of the President's 1953 Advisory Committee on Weather Control. An atmospheric physicist with a background in Naval intelligence was appointed to the committee as Associate Director, and at some point during that November or December may have met Reich. His name was Dr. James E. McDonald, and we know him to be another scientist of great courage and passion, one who, like Reich, had the temerity to work toward bringing the subject of serious UFO studies to the American public, much to the detriment of both their careers. Eva Reich recalled that McDonald had visited the cloudbusting site when a TV crew came to film their operations, and that both he and Reich had been interviewed for the report. But the footage was never aired. From what we know of Dr. McDonald, there is every likelihood he would have had cause for serious interest in at least two areas of Reich's work. Still, we do not know conclusively whether the two actually met, and possibly talked that day, or whether their paths had merely crossed on the edge of that desert. But there is the additional factor to consider as well - that at the time McDonald was working closely with and for the previously discussed Lew Douglas.

By November 13, the relative humidity had risen to 67% and rain seemed imminent in a location which had seen none in five years. But by that evening the humidity had dropped twenty points to 47%. The next day, two bright, pulsating, flashing UFOs were seen low in the eastern sky. Upon direct draw, the first dimmed after an initial stronger blinking, then remained dim. The second wobbled, then it too, dimmed markedly. Suddenly, a third came up in the east, as if from nowhere. Early on the morning of the 18th, a UFO was seen on the horizon and within two hours an Air Force aircraft was seen circling the area. More UFOs continued to be observed in direct relationship with the destruction of the relative humidity.

On the morning of November 29, Reich, looking at the eastern sky through a three-and-a-half inch refracting telescope, observed a fully articulated cigar-shaped craft. In his notes he writes that he first refused to accept the notions, but windows were clearly observed on the object and recorded in his drawings. The ship was observed, as cloud cover would allow, off and on between December 1 and December 17. Charts of its movements were kept.

By December 14, the atmosphere in the area of the base camp, and indeed, in Tucson itself was oppressive and deadening. Just prior to this Reich's associate, Dr. Silvert, had transported a small amount of radioactive material that had been exposed in an accumulator from Maine to the Tucson site. The material had to be towed on a cable one hundred feet behind a hired plane as its lead shielding was unable to contain its altered reaction. At about 4:30 PM, a huge black cloud formed over the Tucson area, gradually turning deep purple with a somewhat reddish glow. The background radiation count in the area jumped to an alarming one hundred thousand counts per minute. The usual background count had been holding at six to eight hundred counts per minute. Twelve Air Force planes over flew the base camp and their contrails (made of water vapor) quickly dissolved. Twenty minutes after both cloudbusters began drawing, the skies cleared. At 5:30 PM four B-56 bombers flew in low over the area. Reich felt that this "cloud" masked the presence of other UFOs. If so, this incident was indeed properly categorized as a battle. Interest in the newly arrived and highly aggravated radioactive material was a suspected cause of their appearance.

As these historic events were transpiring, the University of Arizona's weather modification study was ongoing and in process. Part of the study involved the time-lapse photography of jet planes contrails. As recorded, Reich had observed and reported their presence during various cloudbusting operations, and had observed the disintegration of their contrails during operations in Arizona. He even wondered "Whether the Air Force had actually such problems in mind, I cannot tell." Investigative author Jim Martin was able to locate color film from the fifties in the University of Arizona's Physics and atmospheric Science Building showing Air Force jets being used in weather modification experiments as Reich himself had wondered about. These and other such findings led me to believe that our government had a very real interest in Dr. Reich's UFO observations and findings, as well as in his weather modification work =88 from the President on down. By way of one last example (or coincidence) we should take note that on November 22, 1955, President Eisenhower's proposal for the peaceful use of atomic energy was accepted by the United Nations. It was called "Atoms for Peace." Some months prior, Reich had sent Eisenhower a copy of his paper documenting the Oranur Experiment, and the operations and experiments that had sprung from it. The paper was entitled "Atoms for Peace."

The literature generated about Reich's contempt trial is considerable and any treatment here must oversimplify its many complexities. While interested readers should try and locate a copy of Jerome Greenfield's book, Wilhelm Reich versus the USA, among other works on the subject, the basics are as follows. The Federal Drug Administration had begun accumulating information toward building a case against the scientist shortly after Mildred Brady's article appeared in 1947, but it had been slow going. None of Reich's past or current patients or any of those with the physicians he=82d trained in medical orgone therapy had registered a complaint with the FDA, or any other authority for that matter. Reich and his associates had broken no laws, but given that the FDA knew he was a quack and orgonomy a fraud, it stood to reason there was no need to put any of his alleged experiments to the test. Their responsibility was to bring this

sex obsessed medical menace to justice and they remained undeterred in their efforts. And so the FDA went to the federal court and brought a complaint against the interstate shipment of accumulators or any components thereof. Their break came in 1955 when one of Reich's physicians, Dr. Michael Silvert, did just that, and Reich, then involved in the Tucson cloudbusting operation, took legal responsibility for the injunction's violation. Silbert felt that allowing the matter to go to court would be the equivalent of admitting they were in the wrong. Reich, after due consideration, agreed and wrote to the judge explaining his decision noting that his argument might be rejected; they did, and the complaint became an injunction.

FDA agents began showing up on Reich's property, but he refused to allow them access to any of his apparatus's or written materials and continued with his experiments. This resulted in a contempt of court citation, and while their original legal parry had been civil, it had now graduated to a criminal and a court date was set. Given the betrayal of his lawyers, he decided to represent himself, and against the advice of some of those closest to him, chose to make the trial a forum for the validity of his research and findings. Eloquent though he was, the judge would have none of it and he was convicted and sentenced to two years in Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. He was fifty nine years old.

Once in prison Reich underwent psychiatric evaluation. Staff psychiatrists noted that he "gave no concrete evidence of being mentally incompetent," but diagnosed him as being a paranoid schizophrenia, this while admitting their finding was "not based on physical evaluation." Early release was denied and the Supreme Court chose not to comment on his final writ. He was found dead in his cell on November 3, 1957, just seven days before his scheduled release date.

Since his death, most accounts of Dr. Wilhelm Reich's life and work, be they supportive or otherwise, follow a similar logic: that the level of importance which he ascribed to his UFO observations (and his allegations that the communists were out to get him) were, in themselves, a means of "proving," or at least suggesting that he had gone quite mad during his last years. Such material is often presented in a manner suggesting that a good deal of "fairness," objectivity and patience were spent in sorting all this out=82 for the reader. Some writers don=82t even bother. With no real interest in fair scientific inquiry or method, and no serious grounding in UFO studies, orgonomy, or the documented specifics of the conspiracy to destroy his reputation and discredit his work, Reich's detractors accuse and rant, exposing the madness they perceive. Often written in angry displays of public-spirited concern, they warn the good reader away, like police at the scene of an accident. Other accounts are simply inaccurate.

In Contact With Space, Dr. Wilhelm Reich's reflections on the possible implications of an extraterrestrial reality are often moving, profound and disturbing. He dares, as a scientist, to exercise a most precious right: the right to challenge an established and accepted belief, the right to think a thought, no matter how others might perceive it, recording that thought for publication and standing by it in the face of almost universal criticism. Read out of context - that is, without benefit of any serious study of his previous writings, methodology or discoveries - even the most intelligent and perceptive reader may find it preferable to dismiss his observations and conclusions as bearing witness to a great mind finally derailed, rather than even considering them seriously. The very act of claiming to have observed UFOs, and, over time, their behavior, interacting with them via the cloudbuster, ascribing to them intelligence and intention, keeping the Air Force, the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Bureau and the office of the President appraised of his activities, and finally, the posthumous publishing of Contact With Space, proved intolerable to all by a few.

Even A. S. Neill, the distinguished British educator who was Reich's loyal friend and colleague of many years, seemed convinced these findings would only prove to be an embarrassment to orgonomy. But not at first. In March of 1955, Neill wrote to Reich:

Thanks for the saucer book which came a few days ago. It sure

made me sit up. So much Air Force testimony can't be ignored, Inclined to accept your opinion that they are benign {an opinion which changed markedly}, the only problem I can imagine would be their arrival here to stop the inevitable atomic destruction of all life. Mutual fear won't stop war. Almost looks as if Freud was right in saying there is a death instinct when one sees the whole mass of people thinking of football and radio etc. at a time when the sinking of a U.S. aircraft carrier off Formosa or the enthusiasm of a U.S. pilot might set the light to the gunpowder barrel. Hence I say: let the spacemen come; they might save us and if they came as destroyers they could not be more dangerous than man himself.

I should stress here that Reich had few friendships or professional relationships of such duration and depth and it is not my intention to put a particular cast on Neill here. It is just that he articulated the prevailing attitude so well. In December 1957, a month after Reich's death, he wrote this to Ilse Ollendorff, Reich's former wife and co-worker:

The difficulty will not be to separate what's valuable from what isn't. The idea that the trial was orchestrated from Moscow is just bunkum, and we have no proof of flying saucers anyway. Why should Reich's great work be mixed up with either factor? That Reich later had some illusions I think right, but they don't do anything to lessen his work. We all have illusions and maybe the greater we are, the greater the illusions. But that Eva {Reich's daughter} and Moise {his son-in-law} and Steig {cartoonist and illustrator of Reich's book Listen Little Man}, and a financial backer of the Arizona expedition} should go on having illusions is bad, bad for the future of Reich's acceptance as a scientist.

And there's the rub: "bad for the future of Reich's acceptance as a scientist" - a consideration not taken lightly by Neill and others deeply concerned about the future of orgonomy. I can only wonder how Neill would have reacted had he been in the room when students and faculty members at his beloved Summerhill school described the UFO sightings they had had from the Summerhill property in Leiston, Suffolk on the occasions I was a speaker there. Author David Boadella sums the conundrum up:

why did the orthodox scientists and psychologists condemn Reich? Why did they dismiss him as a paranoiac while Raknes (a Norwegian colleague) and Dr. Hoppe of Israel and lots of the sane American surgeons and physicians and I thought him to be the most important thinker of our time? . . . I must face the question that was so often raised by his enemies - his sanity. . . . Apparently he believed that flying saucers were from other worlds without due proof. Yet when the judge ordered him to be examined by a board of psychiatrists, they pronounced him sane.

They were not alone. The great Reich scholar, Professor Paul Matthews of New York University observed in his 1973 review of Boadella's book, Wilhelm Reich: The Evolution of His Work:

Reich's scientific integrity, creativity, and genius, even to the end of his life, need no defense or confirmation from me; nor does his sanity need defense in the opinion of those who were closest to him and in a position to gauge his mental status, character structure, and work capacity at that time.

But does all this really come down to a question of Wilhelm Reich's sanity? Medical researcher Ludwik Flek notes in his 1979 book, The Genesis and Development of a Scientific Fact:

What we are faced with here is not so much a simple passivity or mistrust of new ideas as an active approach which can be divided into several stages.

A contradiction to the system appears unthinkable

What does not fit into the system remains unseen

Alternatively, if it is noticed, either it is kept secret, or discredited

Laborious efforts are made to explain an exception in terms that do not contradict the system

Despite the legitimate claims of contradictory views, one tends to see, describe, or even illustrate those circumstances which

corroborate current views and thereby give them substance.

Thus the unacceptable or unacceptable theory is excluded. The individual who persists in putting forth such a theory may ultimately be excluded and, in a number of historic incidences, declared to be out of touch with "reality" or insane. You may have the knowledge of a master scientist and still not be able to analyze or even see beyond the accepted theories of your own era. Reich's work demands that we do just this.

Do Dr. Reich's observations, deductions and conclusions concerning UFOs all conform to the best contemporary knowledge on the subject? Many of them do, and are virtually identical to those of countless other individuals. Can we say with certainty that his death was the result of a conspiracy or fowl play tracing back to MJ-12, the FDA, the Communist Party, the "Hoodlums In Government" ("HIGS," as Reich termed them) employed by the FDA, or to that powerful segment of society who tend to mystify biology, then mechanically attempt to impose their own sex-negative morality on the rest of us? No. The fact is that at the time of his death Dr. Reich had high blood pressure was overweight and a chronic smoker. But based on what he represented to such diverse and powerful groups, would any (or all) of the aforementioned have desired his death and had the will and means to implement it? Oh yes. Without a doubt. And with the official cause of death listed as a heart attack, the question of murder is likely to remain an open one.

Irregardless of whether he was murdered or died of natural causes, humanity lost a brilliant and courageous thinker in November 1957, and one whose UFO-related work remains an extremely significant area of study for any student of ufology. I hope this paper will encourage readers to seek out the truth of this matter for themselves, through reading and practical application. While the most recent of the events described here linger in the mists of history nearly fifty years past, they continue to remain as shattering and relevant as if they had occurred last week. Knowledge is often its own reward and anyone who takes the time to Reich's understand work will only benefit from it. To ignore the profound truths it embodies affirms the actions of those who array themselves against all that is life affirmative, and again sets the stage for the worst aspects of history to repeat themselves. Remember, "Love, work and knowledge are the wellsprings of our Life. They should also govern it."

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UFOs Just What Name Implies, Says Perrin Veteran

By Donna Hunt
Today

"UFOs are just what the name implies n Unidentified Flying Objects," Chandler Yergin of Tucson, Ariz., said this week when contacted after last Sunday's column included parts of an earlier interview with Yergin found on the Internet.

Yergin came to Perrin Air Force Base as an Airman Second Class in 1951 to help install radar equipment. He was a radar mechanic at the time and the crew had just completed the early warning radar system at Perrin in March or April 1953, when the incident in the column occurred.

The Internet piece told how Yergin was on duty performing routine maintenance on a Plan Position Indicator when he saw a huge blip in the New York sky. Yergin said that statement wasn't true and he tried to correct the error with the reporter, but it failed to be done. He learned about the huge blip through the network of radar systems across the Southeast as it was picked up on radar screens along the way.

Dick D. Williams of Denison pointed out last week that radar will only reach about 300 miles and New York is way beyond that boundary. Williams was at Perrin too in 1953 as a member of the radar squadron, but the two didn't know each other.

Williams called the sighting "a bunch of bull." He said he came to Perrin in 1953 before the radar site was completed and he and the crew spent several months with nothing to do waiting for the completion of the equipment. He worked with Carl Hagan, commanding officer of the Radar Squadron, and Tony Cupp also was among the first radar technicians who arrived here before the equipment installation was completed.

The equipment, being brand new, was the most modern available and could reach only about as far as Oklahoma City primarily because of the curvature of the earth. Maximum distance for radar is about 300 miles, Williams said.

Williams was one of the first members of the Radar Squadron, coming here from Alaska with four or five others. He had 22 years in the service, six of those years between January 1952 until 1959. He was sent back for another tour of duty and when Perrin closed, he retired as a Major and stayed in Denison.

Yergin agreed that the radar equipment would only reach about as far as Oklahoma City, but said emphatically that when he picked it up in that area he watched it split into nine smaller blips, flying in formation.

At that time, Yergin said, the government was paranoid about UFOs because there were so many reported sightings between 1950 and 1954. These sightings were being watched by Project Blue Book teams that were at all bases and were already at Perrin when the incident occurred.

He said this was the group of eight men in civilian suits with uniformed armed guards who came into the radar hut, separated the group and took them at gunpoint to a hangar on the back of the field. They were interrogated for about four hours, during which they had to draw diagrams of what they saw and write narratives of everything that took place. They were ordered never to talk about it to anyone under the threat of a \$10,000 fine and 10 years in prison for violating the Official Secrets Act.

Yergin said last week he has been on the "cutting edge" of technology with a remarkable career of more than 37 years in Aerospace Technology, working with prime contractors who manufactured critical components for our satellites and weapon systems. His clearances were secret and he was certified by NASA to perform certain activities, he said.

"I KNOW there is nothing that can violate the laws of Physics as we know them!" Yergin said, adding, "UFO's are simply Unidentified Flying Objects."

He agreed that there is not a shred of evidence to confirm any supernatural occurrence and the only real story about the sighting was the paranoia of the government at that time. He said a group of guys being taken at gunpoint, intimidated and threatened with fine and imprisonment if they spoke about that they had seen was pure paranoia.

"Eyewitness accounts of almost anything are notoriously unreliable," he said, "especially where flying objects are concerned and there is no frame of reference to determine size, shape, height, speed, etc," He said he thought about six percent of "sightings" have not been explained, but that doesn't mean there is no explanation.

Yergin said he would like to find someone who was at the Radar Annex at the time and/or one of the pilots that was scrambled to try and get a visual sighting so they could have a good laugh about it all over a drink.

Yergin remembers that the Perrin Radar Annex was located on FM 1417, not far from the main base. The facility was part of a large system of radar stations guarding this country's sky against attack during the Cold War. The facility also was known as a Ground Controlled Intercept (GCI) site and it remained active until Perrin closed.

Yergin said the large blip on the screen had been declared hostile in New York because it wasn't identified. F-86 Fighters from Perrin and planes from other bases were scrambled to try to check out the blips. Yergin said he watched as the objects crossed the Red River and when the fighters got to within 20 miles of them, the blips changed direction and took off toward the Northwest.

A few minutes later the mob of government Blue Book interrogators appeared with the armed guards.

In 1953 Yergin's father died and he asked for a transfer to a non-critical field so that he could get a hardship discharge. He was transferred to a survival school to become an instructor, then was given that discharge to return home to help his mother since he was the only surviving son.

He said he had a remarkable career that took him to France, England, Spain, Belgium, Canada and Mexico as well as most of the 50 states.

He said he had seen one other object that he couldn't identify. He was sitting in the spa one night in Tucson and saw a

beautiful white object that looked like a lighted globe in the sky. It was a cloudless night and he watched the object about 30 minutes, trying to figure how high it was. He noticed a small cloud and watched to see if it went over or under the object.

The cloud passed under it and he could still see the light through the cloud, he said. After about 40 minutes he looked away and when he looked back, the light was gone, he said. He put this sighting in the column of "unexplained," but that doesn't mean its it extraterrestrial, he said. It just means it was an "unidentified flying object."

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How many technically advanced civilizations exist in our galaxy? With this essay by Steven Soter, Scientist-in-Residence in the Center for Ancient Studies at New York University, Astrobiology Magazine initiates the first in a series of 'Gedanken', or thought, experiments - musings by noted scientists on scientific mysteries in a series of "what if" scenarios.

SETI And The Cosmic Quarantine Hypothesis

With this essay by Steven Soter, Astrobiology Magazine presents the first in our series of 'Gedanken', or thought, experiments - musings by noted scientists on scientific mysteries in a series of "what if" scenarios. Gedanken experiments, which have been used for hundreds of years by scientists and philosophers to ponder thorny problems, rely on the power of one's imagination to project these scenarios to logical conclusions. They do not involve lab equipment or, often, even experimental data. They can be thought of as focused daydreams. Yet, as in the famous case of Einstein's Gedanken experiments about what it would be like to hitch a ride on a light wave, they have often led to important scientific breakthroughs.

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In this essay, Soter examines the Drake Equation, which asks how many technically advanced civilizations exist in our galaxy. He also looks at the Fermi Paradox, which questions why, if there are other technological civilizations nearby, we haven't heard from them.

If civilizations exist in our galaxy with levels of technology at least equal to our own, we might be able to detect some of them using radio telescopes. And if civilizations exist with technologies far in advance of our own, we might expect them to have colonized millions of habitable worlds in the Milky Way, and even to have visited our own planet. Yet there is no evidence in the astronomical, geological, archaeological, or historical records that extraterrestrial civilizations exist or that visitors from other worlds have ever been to Earth. Does that mean, as some have concluded, that ours is the only civilization in the galaxy? Or could there be a natural self-regulating mechanism that limits the intensive colonization of other worlds?

In 1961 radio astronomer Frank Drake devised an equation to

express how the hypothetical number of observable civilizations in our galaxy should depend on a wide range of astronomical and biological factors, such as the number of habitable planets per star, and the fraction of inhabited worlds that give rise to intelligent life. The Drake Equation has led to serious studies and encouraged the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI). It has also provoked ridicule and hostility. Novelist Michael Crichton recently denounced the equation as "literally meaningless," incapable of being tested, and therefore "not science." The Drake equation, he said, also opened the door to other forms of what he called "pernicious garbage" in the name of science, including the use of mathematical climate models to characterize global warming.

Crichton rightly pointed out that any numerical "answers" produced by the Drake Equation can be no more than guesses, since most of the terms in the equation are quantitatively unknown by many orders of magnitude. But he is utterly wrong to claim that the equation is "meaningless." An equation describes how the elements of a problem are logically related, whether or not we know their numerical values. Astronomers understand perfectly well that the Drake Equation cannot prove anything. Instead, we regard it as the most useful way to organize our ignorance of a difficult subject by breaking it down into manageable parts. This kind of analysis is standard, and a valued technique in scientific thinking. As new observations and insights emerge, the Drake Equation can be modified as needed or even replaced altogether. But it provides the necessary place to start.

When Drake first proposed his equation, we had no way to estimate any of its terms beyond the first one, representing the rate of star formation in our galaxy. Then in 1995, astronomers began to discover planets in orbits around other stars. These results now promise to sharpen our estimates for the second term in the equation, denoting the number of habitable worlds per star. Who knows what unforeseen discoveries will tell us about the other terms in the equation?

In Classical antiquity, when Aristarchus conceived the heliocentric view of the solar system and Democritus developed an atomic theory of matter, they had no possible way to test their ideas. The necessary observational tools and data would not exist for another two thousand years. Of course, the Crichtons of antiquity denounced such speculations as pernicious. But when the time finally came, the ancient ideas were still there, quietly waiting to inspire and encourage Copernicus and Galileo, and the pioneers of modern atomic theory, who took the first steps to test the theories. It may take centuries, but eventually the Drake Equation and all its elements will be testable.

We can express the Drake Equation in several ways, all of which are more or less equivalent. Here is one form:

$$N = R_s n_h f_l f_i f_c L$$

where N is the number of civilizations in our galaxy, expressed as the product of six factors: R_s is the rate of star formation, n_h is the number of habitable worlds per star, f_l is the fraction of habitable worlds on which life arises, f_i is the fraction of inhabited worlds with intelligent life, f_c is the fraction of intelligent life forms that produce civilizations, and L is the average lifetime of such civilizations.

The rate of star formation in our galaxy is roughly ten per year. We can define habitable worlds conservatively as those with liquid water on the surface. Many more worlds probably have liquid water only below the surface, but any subterranean life on such worlds would not be likely to produce an observable civilization. Recent discoveries of other planetary systems suggest that habitable worlds are common and that n_h is at least one such planet in a hundred stars.

The remaining terms in the equation depend on the biology and social development of other worlds, and here we are profoundly ignorant. Our local experience may provide some guidance, however. We know that life on Earth arose almost as soon as conditions allowed - as soon as the crust cooled enough for liquid water to persist. This fact suggests that conditions for

the origin of life on other habitable worlds are not restrictive, and that the value of f_l is closer to one than to one in a thousand. But that is merely a guess. No one knows how life began on Earth, and we cannot generalize from a single case.

The conditions for intelligent life are probably more restrictive. On Earth this step first required the evolution of complex animals, which began about three billion years after the origin of life, and then the development of brains capable of abstract thought, which took another half billion years. Among the millions of animal species that have lived on Earth, probably only one ever had intelligence sufficient to understand the Drake Equation. This suggests that f_i might be a small fraction.

The probability that intelligent life develops a civilization depends on the evolution of organs to manipulate the environment. On Earth, whales and dolphins may well have intelligence sufficient for abstract thought, but they lack the means to make tools. Humans, with dexterous hands, began making tools over a million years ago. Starting about ten thousand years ago, civilizations based on agriculture arose several times independently, in Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, Mexico, Peru, and New Guinea. This suggests that the value of f_c is large, but again we should not generalize from the experience of only one intelligent and manipulative species.

We now come to the most intriguing term, the average lifetime L of a civilization. The Drake Equation assumes that, whatever the other factors, the number of civilizations presently in our galaxy is simply proportional to their average lifetime. The longer they live, the more civilizations exist at any given time. But what is the life expectancy of a civilization? On Earth, dozens of major civilizations have flourished and died within the last ten thousand years. Their average lifetime is about four centuries. Few if any civilizations on Earth have ever lasted as long as two thousand years.

History and archaeology show that the collapse of any given civilization causes only a temporary gap in the record of civilizations on Earth. Other civilizations eventually arise, either from the ruins of the collapsed one or independently and elsewhere. Those civilizations also eventually collapse, but new ones continue to emerge.

For example, in the eastern Mediterranean at the end of the Bronze Age, the prevailing Mycenaean civilization suffered widespread catastrophic collapse around 1100 BC. During a few centuries of "darkness" that followed, the population was illiterate, impoverished and relatively small -- but not extinct. Classical civilization gradually arose and flourished, and gave rise to the Roman Empire, which itself collapsed in the fifth century AD. Another period of impoverished Dark Ages followed, but eventually trade and literacy revived, leading to the Renaissance. Each revival of civilization was stimulated in part by the survival of relics from the past.

Our global technological civilization, with its roots in the Mediterranean Bronze Age, is now arguably headed for collapse. But that will not be the end of civilization on Earth -- not as long as the human species survives. And the biological lifetime of our species is likely to be several million years, even if we do our worst.

We should therefore distinguish between the longevity of a single occurrence of civilization and the aggregate lifetime of a sequence of civilizations. Almost all discussions of the Drake Equation have overlooked this distinction and therefore significantly underestimated L .

The proper value of L is not the average duration of a single episode of civilization on a planet, which for Earth is about 400 years. Rather, L is much larger, being the sum of recurrent episodes of civilization, and constitutes a substantial fraction of the biological lifetime of the intelligent species. The average species lifetime for mammals is a few million years. Suppose the human species lasts another million years and our descendants have recurrent episodes of civilization for more than 10 percent of that time. Then the average effective lifetime of civilization on Earth will exceed 100,000 years, or

250 times the duration of a single episode. Other factors being the same, this generally neglected consideration should increase the expected number of civilizations in our galaxy by at least a hundredfold.

While the aggregate lifetime of civilization on a planet may be only a hundred thousand years, we should allow the possibility that a small minority of intelligent life forms, say one in a thousand, has managed to use their intelligence and technology to survive for stellar evolutionary timescales -- that is, on the order of a billion years. In that case, the average effective lifetime of civilizations in our galaxy would be about a million years.

If we now insert numbers in the Drake Equation that represent the wide range of plausible estimates for the various terms, we find that the number N of civilizations in our galaxy could range anywhere from a few thousand to about one in ten thousand. The latter (pessimistic) case is equivalent to finding no more than one civilization in ten thousand galaxies, so that ours would be the only one in the Milky Way. In the former (optimistic) case, the nearest civilization might be close enough for us to detect its radio signals. Estimates for N thus range all over the map. While this exasperates critics who demand concrete answers from science, it does not invalidate the conceptual power of the Drake Equation.

If many civilizations have arisen in our galaxy, we might expect that some of them sent out colonies, and some of those colonies sent out still more colonies. The resulting waves of colonization would have spread out across the Milky Way in a time less than the age of our galaxy. So where are all those alien civilizations? Why haven't we seen them? The physicist Enrico Fermi first posed the question in 1950. Many answers have since been proposed, including (1) ours is the first and only civilization to arise in the Milky Way, (2) the aliens exist but are hiding, and (3) they have already been here and we are their descendants. In his book *Where is Everybody?* Stephen Webb considers fifty proposed solutions to the so-called "Fermi Paradox" but he leaves out the most thought-provoking explanation of all, one that I call the Cosmic Quarantine Hypothesis.

In 1981, cosmologist Edward Harrison suggested a powerful self-regulating mechanism that would neatly resolve the paradox. Any civilization bent on the intensive colonization of other worlds would be driven by an expansive territorial impulse. But such an aggressive nature would be unstable in combination with the immense technological powers required for interstellar travel. Such a civilization would self-destruct long before it could reach for the stars.

The unrestrained territorial drive that served biological evolution so well for millions of years becomes a severe liability for a species once it acquires powers more than sufficient for its self-destruction. The Milky Way may well contain civilizations more advanced than ours, but they must have passed through a filter of natural selection that eliminates, by war or other self-inflicted environmental catastrophes, those civilizations driven by aggressive expansion. That is, the acquisition of powerful technology ultimately selects for wisdom.

However, suppose an alien civilization somehow finds a way to launch the aggressive colonization of other planetary systems while avoiding self-destruction. It would only take one such case, and our galaxy would have been overrun by the reproducing colonies of the civilization. But Harrison proposed a plausible backup mechanism that comes into play in the event that the self-regulating control mechanism fails. The most evolved civilizations in the galaxy, he suggested, would notice any upstart world that showed signs of launching a campaign of galactic conquest, and they would nip it in the bud. Advanced intelligence might regard any prospect of the exponential diffusion throughout the Milky Way of self-replicating colonies very much as we regard the outbreak of a deadly viral epidemic. They would have good reason, and presumably the ability, to suppress it as a measure of galactic hygiene.

There may be many highly evolved civilizations in our galaxy, and some of them may even be the interstellar colonies of

others. They may control technologies vastly more powerful than ours, applied to purposes we can scarcely imagine. But Harrison's regulatory mechanisms should preclude any relentless wave of colonization from overrunning and cannibalizing the Milky Way.

By most appearances, the dominant civilization on our planet is of the expansive territorial type, and is thus headed for self-destruction. Only if we can intelligently regulate our growth-obsessed and self-destructive tendencies is our civilization likely to survive long enough to achieve interstellar communication. Steven Soter is Scientist-in-Residence in the Center for Ancient Studies at New York University, where he teaches a seminar on Scientific Thinking and Speculation, and a Research Associate in the Department of Astrophysics at the American Museum of Natural History.

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Researchers Want Contact With Other UFO Watchers

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Sunday, 16 October 2005

European Researchers Want Contact With Other UFO Watchers

CHALONS-EN-CHAMPAGNE, France, Oct 16 (AFP) - Europeans researching the phenomenon of unidentified flying objects, or UFOs, are looking for more cooperation and information from others who also are scanning the skies for such unusual events.

The UFO-watchers, gathered at a meeting since Friday in Chalons-en-Champagne, east of Paris, adopted a resolution Sunday calling for more cooperation.

"It is indispensable to strengthen and enlarge in Europe the level of cooperation and exchange of information between the groups and people who study the phenomenon in a rational way," the resolution sent to AFP read.

To foster more exchanges about UFO sightings, the group said it will create a specific Internet website to distribute information about ongoing research and its results.

The first meeting of European UFO watchers of the skies included researchers from six countries, representing national UFO organizations which study the phenomenon in "a scientific manner", the organizers said.

They were not alone. About 10,000 visitors also came to the UFO meetings over the past three days, according to the organizers.

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Science Fiction Or Fed Conspiracy?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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<http://tinyurl.com/e46ub>

October 14, 2005 10:23 am

Science Fiction Or Fed Conspiracy?
By Chip Minemyer

Do you believe in unidentified flying objects? If you answered "yes" to that question, you are among the roughly 50 percent of Americans who accept that there is life in places other than on earth, and you may believe that we've been visited by "people" from outer space.

9Insert eerie soundtrack music here =96 ooo-wee-ooo.]

If you answered "no," then you are among those who think the possibility that E.T. could land somewhere other than in Hollywood is utter hogwash.

[Hrumph!]

Me? Well, I bounce around somewhere between the two camps. I'm not totally convinced about extra-terrestrial life, since I've not personally seen an alien and I've not been abducted, nor have I experienced any close encounters. But I do work at a newspaper, which means I've experienced literally hundreds of strange occurrences.

And I have seen "E.T." several times, if that counts. I've also seen "Men in Black," "Independence Day" and "Invasion of the Body Snatchers," among other science-fiction classics.

The theme those movies share, and something researcher Robert Hastings insists is not fiction, is a government knowledge of alien activity and a cover-up of the evidence of excursions to our planet by space travelers.

Hastings will travel to the Pitt-Johnstown campus at 7 p.m. on Oct. 26 to make a presentation called "UFOs: The Hidden History."

He said he will offer evidence not necessarily of the existence of UFOs, but rather that the U.S. government believes in UFOs, and that there has been a conspiracy to keep information away from the rest of us. (Think Will Smith and the Arquillians here.)

"There is a well-documented paper trail that shows that the government accepts the existence of UFOs," Hastings said from his home in South Carolina.

"There is on-the-record testimony from retired Air Force personnel that aircraft have been recorded flying near our nuclear facilities, including over our missile silos," he said. "This is very serious, very real."

Don't believe him? Maybe you should be among those who check out his presentation at UPJ next week.

"When I speak somewhere, it always draws a large turnout," Hastings said.

"The topic of UFOs is of interest to literally millions of people. And according to most public-opinion polls, one in two Americans believes in the existence of UFOs, and that number is up significantly from decades ago."

Hastings says his most compelling piece of evidence is an FBI memorandum dated March 22, 1950, and addressed to then-bureau Director J. Edgar Hoover.

The memo says that "flying saucers" had crashed in New Mexico and been secretly recovered by the Air Force. The memo also says that aboard the spacecraft were found "bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall," Hastings said.

Phone home, indeed!

Hastings will bring to UPJ neither the bodies nor the flying saucers, I'm sorry to report. Just the FBI memo.

"It's not overly interesting unless you can produce something substantial to support it =96 either, 1.) a spacecraft, or, 2.) the person or being that was in it," he said. "But the memo does exist. It is authentic."

Hastings said this will be his fourth visit to Johnstown since he began speaking about UFOs in 1981.

His lecture and slide show will focus on what he calls the U.S. government's secret response to UFOs and is based upon "previously classified documents" that have been obtained by researchers thanks to the Freedom of Information Act.

Hastings expects his presentation will draw a mix of supporters and skeptics, and maybe even a few hecklers.

"I'm always skeptical about what I hear. And, if properly focused, skepticism is a very healthy trait," he said. "But I differentiate that from flat closed-mindedness."

You can believe this: Hastings is convinced that we've been visited, that the government believes it, and that there is a threat to national and global security.

"When I speak somewhere and ask the audience if they've read or heard about nuclear weapons-related incidents, usually about one in 10 people say they have," Hastings said. "It's been a well-kept secret, to say the least."

Hastings said he's not coming here to spread paranoia, just information.

"I think that if people give me the benefit of the doubt when I lay out the case," he said, "they will be genuinely impressed with the documentation of the information and the specificity of the data."

J. Edgar Hoover couldn't have said it better himself.

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Re: Socorro - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 14:19:55 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 09:49:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Ledger

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:19:19 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 11:53:20 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>James Smith raised the the NOSS satellites as the probable
>>explanation [BTW - not new James] for some reported triangular
>>shaped UFOs at high altitude seen by witnesses on occasion.

Snipped

>I did not claim to be the first to notice NOSS causes UFO
>reports. However, I did notice that in many UFO reporting
>databases that no one attempts to solve the report by easily
>correlating it with a NOSS triad. It is left to dangle as a
>probable unknown rather than clear NOSS. I would not complain
>if the tools to solve the case were not so simple (on the
>Internet- HeavensAbove). In fact I suspect any case on three
>lights that just move in a straight line as being NOSS unless
>proven otherwise.

From somewhere I learned that The NOSS satellites are separated
by approximately 21-23 kilometers in space and at slightly
different orbital altitudes. As you say, a horizon to horizon
sighting of three points of light over a specified period of
time would pretty much nail down the sighting as NOSS. Again,
reports of points of light in the night sky leave me bored and
anxious to move on.

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Re: Serious Question - Olmos

From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 15:54:38 +0200 (CEST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 09:53:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Serious Question - Olmos

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 22:19:59 +0000
>Subject: Serious Question

>All kidding aside (as Steve Allen used to say), I would like to
>ask all listers (wherever they may be on the spectrum of
>acceptance or rejection of alleged UFO data) to answer one
>simple (perhaps deceptively so) question: What should we do with
>well-documented and well-investigated cases reporting craft-like
>UFOs that don't seem to have conventional/prosaic explanations?
>A long time ago when I participated in an American Psychological
>Association conference session on UFOs I sent a questionnaire
>around to this same effect. Dr. Donald H. Menzel responded
>"Throw in waste basket."

>That certainly is one extreme answer on how to respond to
>anomalous data.

>On the opposite extreme, I suppose, would be to assume without
>further investigation that the reports are describing ET craft.
>Now, how about all kinds and degrees of intermediate positions
>that are not difficult to imagine for anyone who understands
>scientific method?

>I would be very interested to hear your views on this question.

>The question being: How should we proceed to resolve the
>controversy in a meaningful way? Ideally (assuming unlimited
>funding) and practically (assuming a serious lack of funding)?

Dick:

If there is any slightest possibility of an exotic response in
the UFO data it will only be in the high-strangeness, high-
credibility, (initially) unexplained reports.

Unless we find neutral researchers capable to revisit and study
them (either individually or collectively), and by that I mean
University-based professionals, I am afraid it will continue to
be our own responsibility to analyze the data.

This is why we need repositories of raw data (i.e., case
catalogues) where UFO and IFO reports are presented, for (a) to
base in-depth research on UFO reports, and (b) to use IFO
reports as control samples.

Best wishes,

V-J

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Re: Serious Question - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:56:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 09:55:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Serious Question - Sandow

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 22:19:59 +0000
>Subject: Serious Question

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>controversy in a meaningful way? Ideally (assuming unlimited
>funding) and practically (assuming a serious lack of funding)?

Very good question, Dick.

I think the database of sightings should be mined for statistically significant patterns. How consistent, in other words, is the data? Especially in details that both people reporting the sightings and people investigating them might not have put any stress on.

And then the same thing should be done with sightings that can be easily explained. What consistencies do these reports show, and how do they differ from those it's harder to explain?

Not that this hasn't been done before. But maybe not as thoroughly as I might like. Besides, it's always good (according to the scientific method) to repeat studies, to make sure that independent researchers, doing the same work, will get the same results.

I suppose, given enough funding, that it would be useful to establish teams to study the data, teams made up of skeptics, non-skeptics, and, maybe most crucially, people with no established position on UFOs, to whom the data might be entirely new. Those teams could - if they approached the work honestly - establish the guidelines for the research, and agree on the conclusions. Not on the explanation of the sightings, but on what the statistical study of the details revealed about consistency.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Serious Question - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 11:07:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 09:56:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Serious Question - Sandow

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 16:52:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: Serious Question

>And I'm suggesting that the best way to get any of the
>proposed solutions moving is make every household aware of
>the best UFO evidence. That is a massive undertaking, of course.

>But I predict that if every ordinary citizen knew about the
>best UFO data, the pressure on government (or any other
>entity holding secret information about UFOs) would be irresistible.

I'm sure that's true.

At the same time, a lesson I've learned from marketing in the music business (and elsewhere) is that massive publicity doesn't always get results, and isn't cost-effective. In other words, yes, it would be wonderful if every citizen had our UFO data, but how do we make that happen? Simply talking about it, or getting it talked about, in mass media might, surprisingly, not help all that much, though it couldn't hurt.

It's usually more effective to get information in the hands of people who'll do something with it, which includes spreading it around. So I might suggest, once we had our data properly organized and studied, a campaign to put the best of it in the hands of selected opinion leaders. Let them then talk about it, as they go about their active lives. Surprising how quickly that'll spread the information. So, if we had massive funding, I might want to identify 1000 people from science and the media (probably other fields, too - people like Bono) who might be open to what we have to say, and talk to them one by one. Slow start, tremendous momentum once this gets going.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Why Can't Ufologists Get High Profile

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 12:41:54 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 09:58:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Can't Ufologists Get High Profile

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 22:41:29 EDT
>Subject: Why Can't Ufologists Get High Profile Sponsors?

>Really,

>Why can't some of the colorful characters of Ufology get high
>profile sponsors?

>I wanna see Peter Davenport answering a phone call as a bevvv
>of suntanned babes call in a UFO sighting and Davenport jumps
>into his James Bond style hotrod making the scene just in time
>to save the day and sport the bikini clad babes to safety in his
>Lexus.

>I wanna see Don Ledger exhibiting 'The Matrix' type fight scene
>moves as he dodges skeptibunkers during an all out donnybrook
>whilst he espouses the benefits of the latest high tech sneaker.

Trust me, Greg, you don't want to see me in a form fitting
outfit; mind you there would be lots of room on the outfit for
logos. And my knees are so bad these days it's painful for me to
even think about leaping around like Keanu Reeves. How about I
trade with Peter and the hotrod and the babes?

Don Ledger

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Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:43:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 10:00:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 09:51:20 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 17:28:37 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 07:50:21 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 09:53:45 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting [was: Socorro]

>>Gill using the term "motherhip" shows his familiarity with the
>>UFO literature of the 50s. A reader of Adamski and/or Keyhoe
>>beyond a doubt.

>This is very likely true.

And this is very certainly rubbish. I don't know Martin Shough personally, but I have been impressed with his thoughtfulness and thoroughness, nowhere in evidence, alas, in the strange sentence just above. It would be bad enough if it read, "This could be true," but it's immeasurably worse when we read, "This is very likely true."

A simple consultation of a dictionary (in this case the unabridged Webster's Third New International Dictionary) reveals this definition of "motherhip":

"1: chiefly Brit: a naval vessel escorting or guarding smaller craft (as torpedo boats or submarines). 2: a ship serving several smaller craft: TENDER."

In other words, it's a British shipping term. UFOs are not even mentioned. It's a standard term predating ufologists and contactees. It is not, the preposterous contrary implication notwithstanding, a word only in the vocabularies of contactees, ufologists, and their readers. Gill's extrapolation is a perfectly understandable one, as reasonable as the borrowing of nautical language for the word "spaceship," and does not require immersion in UFO/contactee literature. And there are other problems with trying to link Gill's language and Adamski's.

Gill had not read Adamski at the time of his sighting. He had never even heard of him. Later, asked by Hynek and Hendry when he first came upon the name, Gill said it was in the office of Australian attorney/ufologist Peter Norris. "Of course, I was entirely ignorant of all these people [contactees]," he recalled. "It seemed rather extraordinary to me. You know [visits to] the moon, Venus, and that sort of thing."

In Norris's office, Gill said, he "raced through" an Adamski book (he told me it was Flying Saucers Have Landed, not the book [the subsequent Inside the Space Ships] in which motherships figure). Then, in Gill's words, "I read it, and afterwards I said, 'Look, I just can't swallow this, I can't take this; if this is what your UFO group is about, I wouldn't have anything to do with it.'"

The quotes above are from IUR, December 1977, p. 7.

As of 1977, according to what Gill told me, he had read all of three books relevant to extraterrestrial visitors: Von Daniken's best-selling ancient-astronaut opus Chariots of the Gods?, the Leslie/Adamski volume already mentioned, and Hynek's The UFO Experience. He told me that the first two were, in his estimation, "trash."

In my interview (Fate, February 1978) I noted, "He is frankly skeptical of most UFO claims he hears, so much so, in fact, that he did not really begin to trust me until I told him about several UFO claims I had investigated and disproved."

As I've pointed out previously, I showed Gill what Menzel had written about his case, namely that he wasn't wearing glasses at the time of the sighting and that the native witnesses had signed a confirming statement because they were illiterate and in awe of the Great White Father. I noted, "Gill cannot understand why Menzel assumed this without first checking with him. (Menzel never communicated with Gill or any of the other witnesses)." This puts the lie to Menzel's dubious claim that he wrote Gill numerous times with no response.

Jerry Clark

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NOSS Triple Satellites [was: Socorro]

From: James Ssmith <zeus001002.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 10:05:50 -0400
Subject: NOSS Triple Satellites [was: Socorro]

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 17:17:25 +0000
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:19:19 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 11:53:20 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>>James Smith raised the the NOSS satellites as the probable
>>>explanation [BTW - not new James] for some reported triangular
>>>shaped UFOs at high altitude seen by witnesses on occasion. I
>>>have no doubt of it myself [I've proffered this explanation
>>>often] and would add other satellites as well. Lights in the
>>>night sky that are just a point of light I tend to blow off
>>>because there are just so many lights in the night sky.

>>I did not claim to be the first to notice NOSS causes UFO
>>reports. However, I did notice that in many UFO reporting
>>databases that no one attempts to solve the report by easily
>>correlating it with a NOSS triad. It is left to dangle as a
>>probable unknown rather than clear NOSS. I would not complain if
>>the tools to solve the case were not so simple (on the Internet-
>>HeavensAbove). In fact I suspect any case on three lights that
>>just move in a straight line as being NOSS unless proven
>>otherwise.

>Peter Davenport's database routinely identifies reports as
>probably NOSS satellites (or other know phenomena). Beware of
>uncritical databases. Not all are that way.

Yes, I have seen his summations of various reports.

Unfortunately, it is unclear if any of these NOSS
classifications are based on analysis (i.e. are "probable"
because of lack of or low quality report data) or just Peter's
understanding of the behavior/appearance of NOSS triads. Has he
ever stated "definite NOSS" for a report? I don't think so. So
we end up with a never completely closed reports.

Other mediums (Filer's Files and others) seem to never consider
such analysis, focusing on reports rather than explanation.
Reports sell better I guess.

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Re: We Haven't Had A Signal Yet Could You Try

From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 20:56:19 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 10:32:17 -0400
Subject: Re: We Haven't Had A Signal Yet Could You Try

>Source: The Times - London, UK

><http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,1072-1826262,00.html>

>October 15, 2005

>Guest Column

>Earth To Aliens: We Haven't Had A Signal Yet. Could You
>Try Again?
>by Martin Rees

>But the fact that we haven't been visited doesn't imply that
>aliens don't exist. It would be far harder to traverse the mind-
>boggling distances of interstellar space than to transmit a
>signal. That's perhaps how aliens would reveal themselves first.

Hello List,

well, that is a fine but rather conservative article.

We all know that we have been visited. I am witness by myself because I am following the events in Wiltshire, UK, since more than 15 years. Numerous sightings took place there where the infamous crop circle phenomenon originally stems from.

Now that we know that most of the modern circles in England are man made we can sit back and ask: what else happened that makes up the fascination of that phenomenon in and around Avebury and Alton Barnes?

It is the increasing awareness about our own exoticism triggered by this phenomenon. It is the glimpse of insight that we've been educated, that someone at the end of the 80ies took humankind by the hand and guided it into cosmic primary school class No. 1 to learn basic cosmic principles.

One cosmic principle is: we are part of everything, we are linked to everything. We are a complex concentration of fields. For example, we do not need to travel physically because we are able to get information from any place at any time. It depends only on our training to get in contact with the cosmic matrix - the larger field - to call the information which is stored there.

This and much more is what is shown to us by "the Great Cosmic Smile" as Ron Russell, one of the serious researchers, once called this phenomenon.

We are bound to/we are slaves of our state of technology and therefore we look mainly for technology.

Any advanced alien culture will surely first have a look at our stage of mind and spirit to calculate the risks of an encounter. This was done and so 'they' decided to give us extra lessons in raising awareness and consciousness and to power up our spiritual abilities.

So it might be that Planet Earth is really the only one in that

density and dimensional field with us hereupon in the whole Universe. But that does not mean that the Universe is not overcrowded with similar complex concentration of fields - so called living matter - but on different dimensional levels and in different densities. It might be that we will never receive a signal because no one else is using similar devices.

At the moment, we are trapped here because we trust only on metallic vehicles. The advanced civilisations have left that stage behind and so they can come here without these craft and manifest only as energy forms. This is what can be seen in England. England is different. The modern UFO Phenomenon there is more advanced than the one in the USA because an intelligence manifested there which counts more on the spirit - another energy field - than on Bob Lazar's sports model.

We are more alien than we dare to give in to ourselves. We are part of the Universe. We are the Universe.

Joachim Koch

<http://www.kochkyborg.de>

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Re: Fireball Data Center? - Mancusi

From: Bruno Mancusi <swissufo.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 21:24:37 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 16:12:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Fireball Data Center? - Mancusi

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 20:51:35 -0700
>Subject: Fireball Data Center?

>International Meteor Organization
>Fireball Data Center
>c/o Andre Knoefel,
>Saarbruecker Str. 8, D - 40476
>Duesseldorf, Germany phone
>(+49) 211:450-719 (auto-answer)
>e-mail: starex.nul (Internet)
>100114,3235 (CompuServe)
>FIREBALL REPORTS ARE WELCOME !

>I e-mailed Andre Knoefel and received a permanent error. Also,
>tried Googling "Fireball Data Center" and found no recent
>entries.

>Anyone know if this organization exists in some shape or form?

Hello Terry,

I'm a member of the IMO (www.imo.net). Andre Knoefel's e-mail is:

aknoefel.nul

Sorry for the delay, I was at the French (Chalons) congress.

Bruno

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Re: Gill Sighting - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 23:06:17 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 07:54:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Allan

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:22:07 -0500
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 17:28:37 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>Before we flap too far into pelicanist fantasy land, let's hear
>from actual investigators:

>"Dr. Hynek had Father Gill study the moon in the Illinois sky,
>and he decided that the width of the object [with waving
>occupants] was equal to five moons lined up end-to-end." As
>Allan Hendry observes in the IUR piece from which this is quoted
>(November 1977, p. 5), this alone rules out any imaginable
>astronomical identification.

I agree it does, or ought to. But does it? Hendry himself notes
a case where a woman who said "I know what stars look like"
swore a UFO had illuminated windows with the round heads and
silvery-colored faces of the occupants inside. She observed this
over several nights. She was looking at the planet Venus. (See
UFO HANDBOOK p. 85, UK edition). All right I agree she was just
a single witness (with her husband).

>>Father Gill is on record as saying some of the smaller objects
>>seen those nights could have been bright planets. Jupiter,
>>particularly, was prominent, at about 83 degrees altitude at
>>9pm. Mars was only a few degrees away from Venus and a bit lower
>>in the sky. Even Saturn was around. I conjecture that what Gill
>>saw at 10.30 was Jupiter, still high up at that time.

>How many scoops of mud are going to be hurled at the wall before
>one sticks? Perhaps someone with time on his or her hands ought
>to start counting the varying pelicanist "identifications" of
>the Gill UFO.

>>All through Rev Cruttwell's detailed report there are abundant
>>clues about Gill's poor observing ability. Never mind about his
>>glasses. On one definite occasion he did not recognise Venus
>>when another witness did. The "Tilley Lamps" and "kaleidoscopic
>>light" seen at times were almost certainly misidentifications of
>>Venus. Neither does the fact that he once claimed he saw Venus
>>and the big UFO simultaneously during the critical 3-day period
>>hold much water (as I said to Jerry Clark elsewhere).

>And what evidence do you have that he said that he had seen
>Venus and the UFO at the same time only "once"? I realize that
>you're throwing in that adverb to plant a sleazy innuendo
>without having to defend its content, while making Gill look
>shifty and untrustworthy, but I would love to see your
>documentation -- if it exists, which would surprise me -- on
>this.

Are you saying he saw Venus & the UFO together more than once?
Ha! Stop accusing me of sleaze and innuendo, Jerry. And stop

planting words in my mouth. The documentation that he saw the two together, once, is in Cruttwell's report part V section 3. Have a look at part VII section 1 for the item on him misidentifying Venus. (So did ten others, all "college men" including one who had "great qualifications", was an ex-RAAF navigator and who "knows a good deal about aircraft and a lot about stars". They were all present). If in doubt ask Martin Shough, who seems to agree.

No racism here, Jerry. These were all the top qualified guys. And they were all fooled by Venus. Did I say all? I meant all but one. And Gill was not the one.

>>The UFO may be a true unknown - nobody can say with certainty,
>>but by conceding that what he first claimed were UFOs were
>>possibly bright planets, Rev Gill has virtually hanged himself.
>>The 'going in to dinner' episode also counts against him more
>>than somewhat!

>Let's see now. The excitable Gill is a lousy observer because he
>is cautious enough to suggest some of the ostensible UFOs were
>"possibly bright planets." Huh? Does anybody follow the
>reasoning here? Is there any reasoning here? Remember, elsewhere
>Christopher wants us to believe Gill was a gullible,
>impressionable UFO believer who read Adamski and even borrowed
>phrases from him.

So you refuse to admit that Gill has weakened his case in any way by this admission? What on earth ever caused him to suppose these accompanying objects were UFOs? Oh yes, I am willing to bet he had read Adamski or Keyhoe (maybe not their actual books but articles based on them) before June 26. Maybe supplied by Cruttwell.

>Gill was in no sense a UFO buff. "Until I got down to Melbourne >[after leaving Papua New Guinea]," he told Hynek and Hendry (and >me; I queried him separately on the same point), "the only thing >I'd read on flying saucers is what I'd written myself [about his >own experience]. That is, I knew nothing. There might have been >a magazine article, but I was just disinterested." Eighteen >years after his sighting, Gill was asked if he had "any specific >theory to explain what you saw," he said simply, "No." Some UFO >buff. Some credulous twit.

I never used the term "UFO buff". You did. I said he was familiar with the literature. He forgets that Cruttwell had already written to him about UFOs soon after his (Gill's) first sighting from a launch on April 9, and doubtless planted the idea in his head. For Gill to say: "the only thing I had read on flying saucers is what I'd written myself" is simply false. After 18 years he had simply forgotten.

I have conceded Gill may have encountered a genuine UFO. You prefer to concede absolutely nothing, Jerry. You refuse to believe what Menzel says, even if he said the sun was shining. Yet you accept Gill's accurate recall 18 years after the event. You just cannot or will not, accept that Father Gill, and his native 'gang', saw anything but a manned craft of some kind.

See Cruttwell's report part VI (Corroboration from Giwa and Baniara). Look particularly at the first paragraph therein. Don't you have even the slightest shade of doubt, Jerry?

I now bow out of this debate.

CDA

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Re: Field Research & Images - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 19:59:40 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 07:57:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Sparks

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 12:03:07 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 17:26:26 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 11:58:07 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>Its more like passive radar has been an excuse for UFOlogists to
>>>sit back in their chairs and do nothing, safe and strong in
>>>their knowledge that someday their savior will come in the guise
>>>of new technology. It is almost mythical in this respect.

>>The UFO community is virtually unaware of the Passive Radar
>>concept which was not my project but developed by NUFORC
>>Director Peter Davenport, so your comments are way off base.

>I do not think the UFO community is unaware of passive
>radar. It is the latest sensation....

Where is Davenport's Passive Radar concept "the latest sensation"? Certainly not on UFO UpDates where it goes virtually unmentioned. Whenever proposals for a "new approach" to UFO research are made on UpDates basically no one (except me I think) mentions Passive Radar. Which is my point in bringing it up on this thread.

>I am not trying to discourage its use but we really should not
>be putting all our eggs in one basket. You seem to be saying to
>me that all other UFO research is hopeless (based on the past
>results of UFO field reseearch) until we can get this passive
>radar. I think its clear that there is at least a minority of
>UFO researchers who have gotten fed up with waiting.

I am saying that optically-dominated ground stations have limited range in seeing UFO's close up enough to tell they are UFO's, essentially has to be within about 1/2 mile, and that a revolutionary concept such as Passive Radar with the potential for continent-wide coverage of say 2,000-4,000 miles from a single receiving site, is a quantum leap above a horizon-limited optical tracking station. You dispute the effective range of your UFO "field lab" based on zero data, but even if we accepted your outlandish tracking ranges (100 miles you say?) the Passive Radar covers a 30 x 30 x 30 = 27,000 times greater volume of space.

If your UFO "field lab" costs say on the order of \$10,000 and a Passive Radar on the order of \$100,000, then for the price of just 10 of your limited ground stations we could get 2,700 times better coverage with Passive Radar. My prediction is you'll just nitpick the \$10,000 order of magnitude price tag by a few thousand here or there, talk about how this or that piece of

equipment can be obtained for a few bucks less, etc. etc., all the while ignoring the meaning of "order of magnitude."

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Re: Serious Question - Faccenda

From: Joe Faccenda uforth.nul
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 22:06:38 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 08:03:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Serious Question - Faccenda

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 16:52:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: Serious Question

>From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 09:40:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: Serious Question

<snip>

>Ideally, the best UFO cases we have could be submitted to some
>mainstream scientific body for their study and ask that they
>give an opinion on each one. It might be interesting to see just
>what those opinions turn out to be. Whatever response we get,
>positive or negative, we then capitalize on it and try to gain
>as much from it as possible.

>Practically, we aim for the ideal scenario as described above.

>And I'm suggesting that the best way to get any of the proposed
>solutions moving is make every household aware of the best
>UFO evidence. That is a massive undertaking, of course.

<snip>

Sorry but I do not think this is in any way practical
or would contribute to ufo mainstream recognition.

Ufologists have been prodding and pushing, looking for nooks,
crannies, chinks, anything at all that they could use to prise
open governments files for years, and the result? Zilch.

If we were to compare the situation at present to a War Zone
what would be the disposition of the forces involved?

One side we have the Government/Military with there trillion
dollar budgets, World Corporations with there status quo, the
Media with its instilled debunking, and a Scientific community
who delight in explaining ufo reports/abductions as swamp gas,
balloons, Venus, or sleep paralysis.

On the other battle line we have what?

A few cranky individuals, myself included, who fight and
squabble over inane questions like did some guy have glasses on,
or do you think a priest is telling the truth...sheesh. Come on
guys, move on.

It seems to me we need to seriously question our whole approach
to what we are trying to achieve, we need to have a collective
voice, an agenda, in short we need to be organised.

As individuals we will achieve nothing, as an organised group we
will at least have a fighting chance of being recognised as the
'Ufo voice' and take on the debunkers/Media head on.

For far too long we have sat back and let our Governments propaganda dribble through the Media without challenge, ufos are not SF, they are real.

And we of this generation must set in place a 'blueprint' for our future generations, we can only do that through a collective agenda, a pool of our brightest stars, an organised and coherent programme for the steps that must be taken. It is only through such an organisation could we the troops support and defend what we know to be the truth.

Regards

Joe

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Mysteries Of Space & Sky Conference

From: **Dr. S. Peter Resta** <SPR100.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 08:10:02 -0400
Subject: Mysteries Of Space & Sky Conference

Announcing the Mysteries of Space & Sky UFO Conference
October 29, 2005, in Annapolis Maryland

Speakers include; Dr. David Jacobs, Robert Galganski (Roswell debris field analysis), Rob & Sue Swiatek, Anna Jamerson (co-author "Connections: Solving Our Alien Abduction Mystery"), and Dr. S. Peter Resta. For information/details, contact:

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Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK -

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 00:04:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 08:12:08 -0400
Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK -

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 20:51:27 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 22:27:11 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

>>From this review I gather that Cook's docu is a bust. He
>>interviewed me. Don't know if I was left on the cutting room
>>floor or if I'm in it.

>Bruce,

>As I'm sure you now know from Isaac's last post, you were indeed
>in it, and a very fine effort it was too. A female friend here
>in the UK told me how delightful it was to see you at last and
>how she'd quite fancy getting to know you much better, but
>regretfully adds that she prefers white wine to red.

Hey, I'm not knocking white wine!

Tell her whatever works is good!

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Exhibit Out To Show Truth About UFOs

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Subject: Exhibit Out To Show Truth About UFOs

Source: The El Paso Times - El Paso, Texas, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/ck78z>

18 October 2005

Alien Nation
Exhibit Out To Show Truth About UFOs

Leonard Martinez
El Paso Times

It's all there in black and white -- at least for those who believe in such things.

In the summer of 1947, a UFO allegedly crashed near Roswell.

For those who believe in UFOs, it was the undeniable proof of the existence of Unidentified Flying Objects, which was subsequently covered up by the government.

And for those who don't believe, it was all an elaborate misunderstanding.

El Pasoans can judge for themselves by visiting the Roswell Exhibit, on display through Oct. 31 at the Art Junction, 500 W. Paisano.

"A lot of people ask me 'Do you believe?' and I tell them to look at the faces of the people involved and read their testimony and to make up their own minds," said Albert Acosta of the El Paso Natural History Museum who worked with the UFO museum in Roswell to create the traveling exhibit.

The exhibit features large canvas photographs, sculptures and replica artifacts.

The exhibit shows different items that document when the crash was called a UFO crash by the government to subsequent claims by the government that it was not a UFO but debris from a weather balloon.

Also included in the exhibit are a cast of the alien prop used in the Showtime movie "Roswell," as well as toys inspired by the UFO phenomenon.

"I think of it as American mythology," said Marty Martin, who is co-director of the El Paso Natural History Museum with Acosta. "It is a popular subject, like paleontology."

The exhibit has drawn inquiries elsewhere in the country after record-breaking attendance at the Southwest Florida Museum of History in Fort Myers, Fla., where it was previously displayed.

"As a result of the show in Florida, we've been contacted with inquiries about the exhibit possibly being displayed at the

Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and the Strategic Air and Space Museum for the 60th anniversary of the Roswell crash in 2007," Martin said.

Michael Alford, president of the El Paso Art Association, which is hosting the exhibition, said his organization is happy to have an exhibit that fascinates so many people.

"Either you are sold and believe in UFOs or you don't," Alford said. "There is no gray area. It's unique for us to host it because as artists, we use our imaginations every day. With this exhibit, we ask people to open their minds."

Alford said that with Halloween coming up, it allows the imagination of people to run wild, making visiting the exhibit more fun and exciting.

One portion of the exhibit shows how UFOs are neither a recent nor strictly American phenomenon.

"Here in this painting of the Virgin Mary with child, there is a shepherd and a dog in the background drawing your attention to what the artist really wanted you to see," Martin said, pointing to the oval-shaped flying disc in the sky blown up to a larger size next to the complete replica painting from the Middle Ages.

Liz Gaidry recently visited the exhibit.

"I thought it was very, very interesting, from the newspaper clippings to the radio broadcast," Gaidry said. "Whether there are UFOs or not, it's a great mystery. Some days I think this is probably true. Then when my logical mind takes over, I think it isn't true. It depends on which day you ask me."

Though Acosta doesn't outright say he believes in UFOs, he said he understands why it might be necessary for those in power to not want us to know that UFOs and aliens exist.

"Can you imagine what would happen to the economy? What would happen to our religious beliefs? What would happen if each of us realized we are a progeny of something else? What would that do to the world?" Acosta asked.

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Re: Socorro - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 09:59:38 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 08:17:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro - Smith

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 14:19:55 -0300
>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:19:19 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>In fact I suspect any case on three
>>lights that just move in a straight line as being NOSS unless
>>proven otherwise.

>From somewhere I learned that The NOSS satellites are separated
>by approximately 21-23 kilometers in space and at slightly
>different orbital altitudes. As you say, a horizon to horizon
>sighting of three points of light over a specified period of
>time would pretty much nail down the sighting as NOSS. Again,
>reports of points of light in the night sky leave me bored and
>anxious to move on.

Yes, I agree that nocturnal lights are the most boring of UFO reports. However, they are actually the very best of sightings for triangulating trajectories. What with all the satellites/rocket bodies in orbit now as well as lots of aircraft, its pretty hopeless to expect to see a UFO. But with automated triangulation systems, these prosaic items can be filtered.

Of course, passive radar would be even better, but it will have to wait for some adventurous radio engineer to build such a system.

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False Targets Logan International Airport

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 09:12:37 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 08:19:42 -0400
Subject: False Targets Logan International Airport

Dear Listerions,

I'm curious to know if anyone heard about any "supportive visual references" pertaining to the "false targets" witnessed by air traffic controllers a week ago at Logan International Airport.

Interesting to note that out of the one hundred plus U.S. media reports (of course many a copy of the original) none used the term "UFO," "Bogie," "unidentified," etc. An "Argentinean" paper did entitle their article "UFOs Cause Alarm in Boston Airport" which can be found here:

<http://tinyurl.com/dwsh4>

I mention the latter because as an individual who scours media sources (chiefly via the Internet) for any "UFO" related tidbits using a variety of "key words," I found it "unusual" that the incident at Logan didn't instigate said usage of the afore mentioned words or a derivative thereof.

It's commonplace to see terms such as, "unidentified, strange, mystery etc., pertaining to "unexplained incidents" e.g., Logan et al as a story progresses; however, the reports in this instance were peculiaroriginatingarly (in my view) sanitary.

In addition, although the "FAA" attributed the incident to a "computer glitch," they also said, "A flock of geese [i.e., hard target] can cause the problem, but this seems to be recurring."

Finaly, the article said, "The Federal Aviation Administration's radar surveillance system in Merrimack, N.H., has been creating false targets on radar screens."

Don, if your reading this, or any other pilots please chime in; I'm assuming the "FAA radar surveillance system" is separate from that at Logan, or is it? The articles state that, "Logan air traffic control had to be switched to a backup radar system in Nashua, N.H." Interesting to know if "other" radar stations "saw" the same thing (as well as if there were "visuals").....

Cheers,

Frank

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Re: Gill Sighting - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 08:43:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:43:06 -0500
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>As I've pointed out previously, I showed Gill what Menzel had
>written about his case, namely that he wasn't wearing glasses at
>the time of the sighting and that the native witnesses had
>signed a confirming statement because they were illiterate and
>in awe of the Great White Father. I noted, "Gill cannot
>understand why Menzel assumed this without first checking with
>him. (Menzel never communicated with Gill or any of the other
>witnesses)." This puts the lie to Menzel's dubious claim that he
>wrote Gill numerous times with no response.

Jerry, do you think you would be able to point us to the
reference where Menzel talks about illiterate natives and the
Great White Father? Or better still perhaps you could quote the
paragraph to us.

Many thanks

John Rimmer

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Re: Father Gill Australian Interview Transcript -

From: Manuel Borraz <maboay.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 20:58:30 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 08:45:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Father Gill Australian Interview Transcript -

>From: Diane Harrison <aufor.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 22:59:47 +1000
>Subject: Father Gill Australian Interview Transcript

>Hi Listers

>I've taken the time to type this up for you all to read
>as many of you may not be familiar with this interview.

>-----

>Australian Flying Saucer Review
>December 1959 Vol. 1 No 1

>Tape recorded interview by
>The Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society &
>The UFO Investigation Center of New South Wales.

>Transcript of Father William Gill interview.

By the way, I would also recommend taking a look at other 1959 document: the transcript of Rev. Gill's talk to the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society on October 28, 1959 (is there any on-line version?).

Right now I have no spare time to elaborate on this but it's plenty of lively and interesting details on the interplay between Rev. Gill and the other witnesses, and others features of the sightings worth discussing.

Manuel Borraz

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Journalists Film UFOs Over Oruro Bolivia

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Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 16:19:05 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 08:48:44 -0400
Subject: Journalists Film UFOs Over Oruro Bolivia

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
October 18, 2005

Source: La Patria (newspaper)
Date: October 18, 2005

Bolivia: Journalists Filmed Two UFOs Flying Over Oruro

Two unidentified flying objects were recorded by the cameras of Bolivian TV channel ATB last Thursday. The first sighting occurred in the early hours of Monday, October 10th. Since then, local residents could not help but notice the presence of other UFOs in the skies over their city.

According to Julio Espinoza, Paola Medina and Jose Romero, the time was 20:30 when they went out to the street adjacent to the television station to see the possible presence of a UFO, since since last Saturday, the staff was following up on the phenomenon after having collected the images provided by Gustavo Ponce, a citizen who had visual contact with an unidentified flying object (UFO) in the morning hours on Monday.

According to Paola Medina's account, they began to watch the skies at 20:30 hours and by 21:00 had detected a strange object in to the southwest of the Bolivian city of Oruro, which was rhomboidal in shape and with incandescent lights that changed colors from yellow to red to blue.

"It also changed shape, since it transformed from a rhomboidal shape into a perfect square and into a classic flying saucer," she said.

This observation was confirmed by the citizens who phoned the TV station from various parts of the city to report the presence of the phenomenon. Citizens also saw another object flying over the eastern section of the city: it was circular in shape with a shiny yellowish light. It moved with a swinging motion and vanished from the sky half an hour later.

Last Friday, several persons reported the presence of strange objects in the skies over the city. One citizen even said that one of the UFOs was at the altitude of the radio and TV antennas located on San Felipe hill.

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Re: Why Can't Ufologists Get High Profile

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 17:13:31 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 08:54:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Can't Ufologists Get High Profile

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 22:41:29 EDT
>Subject: Why Can't Ufologists Get High Profile Sponsors?

<snip>

>I wanna see STP and Valvoline and Pepsi stickers on Ufologists
>garbed in form fitting action suits.

>I wanna see Stanton T. Friedman and Wendy Connors on tv debating
>whether Classic Coca Cola beats some new fangled Coca Cola.

How about 'famous ufologist action figures' in the stores?

Eleanor White

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Local UFO Investigator's Interviews Published

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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 09:03:40 -0400
Subject: Local UFO Investigator's Interviews Published

Source: The Lincoln Tribune - Lincolnton, North Carolina, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/crzcs>

2005/10/18

Local UFO Investigator's Interviews Published
by Jason Saine

Lincolnton - George D. Fawcett, a Mount Airy native and
Lincolnton resident for the past 65 years recently was
recognized for his extensive UFO investigations and research.

The October, 2005 issue of the Our State Magazine in Raleigh has
published a four page article entitled, Flights Of Fancy. The
article was written by Neal Thompson of Weaverville, NC.

The Fall 2005 Volume XXXIV of the Davidson Journal of Davidson
College in Davidson featured a two page interview of Fawcett,
who was a student with his twin brother Garnet in 1951. The
story, written by John Stennis Syme, Editor of the Davidson
Journal was titled, Out Of This World (UFO expert researches
mystery within mystery.)

Saucer Smear, official publication of the "Saucer & Unexplained
Events Research Society of Key West Florida Volume 52, No. 9
(October 15, 2005) mentions Fawcett's latest book, Human
Reactions to UFOs and UFOonauts Worldwide (1940-1983) and What We
Have Learned from UFO Repetitions (1947-1984).

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Naga Fireballs Of Nong Khai Thailand

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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 09:10:54 -0400
Subject: Naga Fireballs Of Nong Khai Thailand

[Thai television coverage is a bit sparse the past two days. I know FT did a spread on this phenomenon and at least one "scientific" study by the Europeans a few years ago but no definitive explanation of possible causes. If the full moon is one variable why aren't the fireballs seen at other full moons - or are they?. This year over 200 fireballs were seen. -Terry]

Source: TourismThailand.org

<http://tinyurl.com/9jssd>

17/10/2005

Naga Fireballs Of Nong Khai "Bang Fai Phaya Naga"

As the full moon crests the horizon, ruby orbs of light begin to rise out of the Mekong River. As if by magic, they float silently into the air and then evaporate in the inky blackness, a phenomenon that awes and delights observers privileged to have seen them.

For centuries, their existence was a closely-held secret among villagers living near the northeastern town of Nong Khai. Then, the miraculous event was discovered by outsiders who now flock to the riverbanks each October full moon night in enormous numbers--400,000, at last count.

The silence of the fireballs' ascent is emblematic of the mystery of their origins beneath the murky Mekong. Villagers claim that they are created by nak, mythical serpents as central to Thai belief and as enigmatic as the fireballs themselves.

The debate over their formation reflects a clash of cultures. On the one hand are the villagers for whom water and its denizens holds an almost mystical fascination. And little wonder: water nourishes the staple foods of rice and fish; it is central to every rite, festival, and procession from the Royal Barges to longboat races. Rivers and canals once supported most Thais' boats and homes, and water explains every elemental mystery. For a people who cling dearly to cherished beliefs about water--and especially about its chief denizen, the nak (naga, in Sanskrit)--the scientists' desire to find a rational explanation for the phenomenon, is an abomination. Faith and tradition vie with science.

Between 6 and 9 p.m. on the full moon night of the eleventh lunar month (October), the final night of Buddhist Lent, smokeless, scentless, soundless fireballs begin to rise from the deepest, Lao side of the Mekong. As many as 19 ruby globes at a time ascend to heights of 30 to 300 metres for three to eight seconds each, then simply vanish. In some years there are only a few; in 1999, nearly 3,500 fireballs were counted. They can be seen from ponds and a dozen riverbank villages but are most numerous near Phon Phisai.

The villagers' assertion that the nak are responsible for the miracle rests on an ancient Buddhist legend.

During his final incarnation, Lord Buddha returned to earth after teaching his mother in Thavatimsa heaven at the end of Buddhist Lent. Phaya Nak and his followers welcomed him back by blowing fireballs into the sky. Since then, on the October full moon night, fireballs--regarded as the fiery breath of the nak, mirroring medieval European beliefs of fire-breathing dragons--have risen from the Mekong River, a miracle that people call "Bang Fai Phaya Nak," in recognition of the serpent king's devotion.

On the preceding afternoon, villagers in traditional dress parade through Phon Phisai, accompanied by bands, and floats bearing images of the nak. In the evening, illuminated longboats float by the crowds gathered on the riverbanks. When the procession has passed, onlookers settle in to wait for the magic to begin.

Many villagers claim to have glimpsed the gigantic nak, a belief supported in some respects by science. Paleontologists say gigantic aquatic snakes termed Madtsoids appeared worldwide in the Cretaceous period. Fossilised vertebra found in South American suggest a serpent 18 metres (60 feet) long and a metre in diameter, near the size the villagers say they have seen. The ancient creatures also bore crests resembling those of the naga. Could descendants of the Madtsoids inhabit the depths of the Mekong River, much in the way that the pseudoryx, once thought extinct has surfaced in the mountains of northeastern Laos?

But, on the other hand, science has challenged folk belief in the fireballs and fired a controversy. It began with skepticism by one of Nong Khai's own citizens, Dr. Manas Kanoksilpa, who for a decade has conducted scientific experiments to explain the fireball phenomenon. Dismissing a human hand in their creation (a charge initially levelled at the villagers), he says that the Bang Fai Phaya Nak are globules of methane and nitrogen formed from decomposed organic matter trapped in pools deep beneath the Mekong. When the balls break the water's surface, they self-combust and remain alight until they eventually run out of fuel and fade. This is the explanation generally given for the formation of swamp gas and will-o'-the-wisp.

In 2002, the Ministry of Science and Technology appointed a committee of experts to study the issue. The team collected soil and water samples, developed a submarine robot to probe the riverbed, and set up eight gas-collecting and gas-monitoring stations in swamps and rivers where sightings had been reported. After a two-year study, they concurred with Dr. Manas that the fireballs are caused by the sun warming organic matter on the riverbed, causing it to decompose into flammable phosphine and methane gas and combust in the presence of ionised atomic oxygen. This explains why the fireballs are of uniform colour, do not emit flares, smoke or sound, and eventually dissipate without a trace.

Tracking studies have indicated that the phenomenon occurs in March to May, and September and October, when the earth is closest to the sun. But the committee sidestepped the question of how the fermented matter could form in swiftly-running water. Anticipating adverse reaction to their investigations, the Ministry announced that the Royal Thai Navy would also monitor the fireballs with equipment installed along the riverbanks.

Naturally, the findings have been disputed by Nong Khai residents who see their time-honoured beliefs challenged by what they view as attempts to portray them as superstitious country bumpkins.

Secular conviction or swamp gas? Superstition or science?

The debate rages on. What cannot be disputed is the fireballs' beauty. For those who have seen them, they are wondrous, whatever the explanation. So, each full moon night in October, spectators gather on the riverbanks to await the miracle. And secretly hope for a chance sighting of the nak himself.

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Re: Serious Question - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 09:12:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Serious Question - Sparks

>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:56:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: Serious Question

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 22:19:59 +0000
>>Subject: Serious Question

<snip>

>>I would be very interested to hear your views on this question.

>>The question being: How should we proceed to resolve the
>>controversy in a meaningful way? Ideally (assuming unlimited
>>funding) and practically (assuming a serious lack of funding)?

>Very good question, Dick.

>I think the database of sightings should be mined for
>statistically significant patterns. How consistent, in other
>words, is the data? Especially in details that both people
>reporting the sightings and people investigating them might not
>have put any stress on.

>And then the same thing should be done with sightings that can
>be easily explained. What consistencies do these reports show,
>and how do they differ from those it's harder to explain?

>Not that this hasn't been done before. But maybe not as
>thoroughly as I might like. Besides, it's always good (according
>to the scientific method) to repeat studies, to make sure that
>independent researchers, doing the same work, will get the same
>results.

It's been done before (George Valley, Grudge-Ruppelt, Battelle, Vallee, etc.) and it has not "resolved the controversy in a meaningful way." That is the question, not "how can we do more studies of UFO's in a scientific manner?" The AF made a policy decision on July 28, 1952, to deemphasize pattern analysis of anecdotal intelligence reports of UFO's, based on a broader MIT study of AF intelligence methodology in Project Beacon Hill, as well as to devalue anecdotal reports. Arguments can go back and forth on statistical analyses and they may never "resolve the controversy," which is more of a social and political issue than a scientific one.

A much better answer was in your other posting which does suggest a possible way to "resolve the controversy":

"It's usually more effective to get information in the hands of people who'll do something with it, which includes spreading it around. So I might suggest, once we had our data properly organized and studied, a campaign to put the best of it in the hands of selected opinion leaders. Let them then talk about it, as they go about their active lives. Surprising how quickly that'll spread the information. So, if we had massive funding, I might want to identify 1000 people from science and the media

(probably other fields, too - people like Bono) who might be open to what we have to say, and talk to them one by one. Slow start, tremendous momentum once this gets going."

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1 Million Bucks For Bigfoot Nessie & Abby

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 21:32:54 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 09:14:03 -0400
Subject: 1 Million Bucks For Bigfoot Nessie & Abby

http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2005-10-17-bigfootbounty_x.htm

This story focuses on a scientist who says he's posting a \$1 million bounty for pics that lead to the live capture of either Bigfoot, Nessie, or Abby the Abominable Snowman.

As offball as it seems a million smackeroonies is enough to make a lot of people give up some info.

Mayhaps Ufology could use more bona fide bounties for evidence and proof.

Yet even though I know of witnesses who could bust open many UFO investigations with solid confirmation or proof, even money doesn't persuade these people.

Fear is strong.

Best,

Greg

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Intelligent Design On An Another Planet?

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Subject: Intelligent Design On An Another Planet?

Source: The Seoul Times - Seoul, South Korea

<http://theseoultimes.com/ST/?url=/ST/db/read.php?idx=2303>

October 19, 2005

Global Views
Op-Ed piece

Intelligent Design On An Another Planet?
Special Contribution
By Babu G. Ranganathan

Imagine finding a planet where robots are programmed so that they can make other robots just like themselves from raw materials.

Now, imagine an alien visitor coming to the planet and, after many years of studying these robots, coming to the conclusion that since science can explain how these robots work and function there's no reason to believe that there was an ultimate intelligent designer behind them.

The analogy above certainly is not perfect but it is sufficient to reveal the fallacious thinking of those who attack intelligent design behind life and the universe.

Chance physical processes can produce some level of order but it is not rational to believe that the highest levels of order in life and the universe are by chance. For example, amino acids have been shown to be able to come into being by chance but not more complex structures such as proteins which require for amino acids to be in a precise sequence. A single cell has millions of proteins.

If the cell evolved it would have had to be all at once. A partially evolved cell cannot wait millions of years to become complete because it would be highly unstable and quickly disintegrate in the open environment.

The great British scientist Sir Frederick Hoyle has said that the probability of the sequence of molecules in the simplest cell coming into existence by chance is equivalent to a tornado going through a junk yard of airplane parts and assembling a 747 Jumbo Jet!

What if we should find evidence of life on Mars? Wouldn't that prove evolution? No. It wouldn't be proof that such life had evolved from non-living matter by chance natural processes. And even if we did find evidence of life on Mars it would have most likely have come from our very own planet - Earth! In the Earth's past there was powerful volcanic activity which could have easily spewed dirt containing microbes into outer space which eventually could have reached Mars. A Newsweek article of September 21, 1998, p.12 mentions exactly this possibility.

Contrary to popular belief, scientists have never created life in the laboratory. What scientists have done is genetically alter or engineer already existing forms of life, and by doing this scientists have been able to produce new forms of life. However, they did not produce these new life forms from non-living matter. Even if scientists ever do produce life from non-living matter it won't be by chance so it still wouldn't help support any argument for evolution.

Those advocating the teaching of intelligent design are not demanding that Darwinian theory no longer be taught. Rather, the advocates of intelligent design want the merits of both theories taught side by side when the issue of origins is covered in science classes and textbooks. This is only fair.

Science cannot prove we are here by either design (creation) or by chance (evolution), but students should have full information available to decide which position science best supports.

An organization of highly qualified scientists, The Institute for Creation Research has published some excellent books supporting faith in intelligent design for life and the universe.

The above story was contributed by Mr. Babu G. Ranganathan. Mr. Ranganathan has B.A. degree in Bible and Biology from Bob Jones University. He has also had the privilege of being recognized in the 24th edition of Marquis Who's Who In The East for his writings on religion and science. For details visit:

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Tenants Find Alien Protection Device Upon Move-In

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<http://www.kcci.com/news/5116630/detail.html>

October 18, 2005

Tenants Find Alien Protection Device Upon Move-In
Bomb Squad Called In

DAVENPORT, Iowa -- A home in eastern Iowa no longer has the power to scare off underground aliens.

Police have taken away a device from a home in Davenport after its new tenants discovered a box containing what they thought was a bomb.

But the house's former owner said it was designed to scare off aliens living underground.

Jessica Harper moved out of the house last month and left behind the box. She said she got it from her mother's friend, an astrologer who Harper describes as "off his rocker."

She said she didn't want to throw it away because it wasn't hers.

The new tenants discovered the box Monday and evacuated their home while the local bomb squad investigated.

Authorities would not confirm the device's purpose, but they said it looks dangerous.

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Ufologiques Meetings Of Chalons-in-Champagne

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The Ufologiques Meetings Of Chalons-in-Champagne

[Pictures & fractured English translation from French]

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UFOs: The Hidden History Lecture

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http://www.ntxe-news.com/artman/publish/article_29379.shtml

Oct 19, 2005

Lecturer at A&M-C presents 'UFOs: The Hidden History' on Oct. 20
By Tori Woods
A&M-Commerce News

COMMERCE, Texas -- UFO researcher and lecturer Robert Hastings will make a presentation on the Texas A&M University-Commerce campus on Thursday, Oct. 20.

Hastings will speak in the American Ballroom of the Sam Rayburn Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

Also on Thursday, there will be a Fright Fest at the Morris Recreation Center featuring a carnival, pumpkin carving, Halloween costume contest, and refreshments.

The Fright Fest, set from 6 to 8 p.m., is open to the community.

Hastings has spoken to over 500 colleges nationwide to discuss his research on UFOs and, what he says, is the government's effort to cover them up.

His fascination with this phenomenon began in 1967 while working as an air traffic controller at Malstrom Air Force Base near Great Falls, Mont.

He says, while he was at an air traffic control tower, five objects that "were not aircraft" were tracked on radar for several minutes. Jets were launched to investigate, and Hastings later learned that as the jets closed in "the UFOs, performed a vertical ascent and left the area at enormous speed -- beyond the capability of any aircraft."

Documentation of these unexplained events, made public through the Freedom of Information Act, goes all the way back to 1947.

One slide that will be shown during his lecture, shows a 1950 memorandum sent to former FBI director J. Edgar Hoover. It reports that "flying saucers" had crashed in New Mexico and had been recovered by the U.S. Air Force. The memo goes on to say that "bodies of human shape but only three feet tall" were found inside the aircraft.

Hastings says these types of events have taken place on dozens of occasions, and that there are documents to prove it. At the end of his lecture, he will provide websites that will allow members of the audience access to up to 600 pages of these now-released documents.

This event is free, and the public is invited. For more

information, contact Breakout Entertainment at
www.breakout.tamu-commerce.edu.

For more information on the Fright Fest, call the rec center at
903-468-3170.

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ET Lives... And He's Christian

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Subject: ET Lives... And He's Christian

Source: Raiders News - Salem, Oregon, USA

<http://www.raidersnewsupdate.com/lead-story225.htm>

October 18, 2005

ET Lives... And He's Christian
By Ruth Gledhill

There is probably intelligent life elsewhere in the Universe, and there is evidence in the Bible to suggest that it could be Christian, according to the Roman Catholic Church.

In a document published by the Catholic Truth Society, the official publisher for the Vatican, a papal astronomer speculates that "sooner or later, the human race will discover that there are other intelligent creatures out there in the Universe".

Brother Guy Consolmagno, a Jesuit, who is one of the Vatican's leading astronomers, concedes that he could be wrong. Ultimately, he says, "We don't know." But in the new book, part of the Explanations series designed to explain Catholic teaching in everyday language, he says that part of his hunch is scientific. With so many billions of planets, stars and galaxies, he says, "surely, somewhere in that number, there must be other civilised, rational beings".

To back up his hunch that the aliens will have been subject to Christ's saving grace, he cites the verses from John's Gospel known as the Good Shepherd passage. In John x, 14-16, Jesus says: "I am the Good Shepherd... I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one Shepherd."

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Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 09:54:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:43:06 -0500
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 09:51:20 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 17:28:37 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 07:50:21 EDT
>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 09:53:45 -0500
>>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting [was: Socorro]

>>>Gill using the term "mothership" shows his familiarity with the
>>>UFO literature of the 50s. A reader of Adamski and/or Keyhoe
>>>beyond a doubt.

>>This is very likely true.

>And this is very certainly rubbish. I don't know Martin Shough
>personally, but I have been impressed with his thoughtfulness
>and thoroughness, nowhere in evidence, alas, in the strange
>sentence just above. It would be bad enough if it read, "This
>could be true," but it's immeasurably worse when we read, "This
>is very likely true."

Jerry

I'll do you the courtesy of addressing you directly. What a
shame that of all the issues in all of the cases (including this
one) about which you might have engaged me in fruitful
discussion, it should be a wrangle over shades of meaning
attached to a very paltry remark! However it seems I have no
choice.

First, my casual use of the expression "very likely" was not
intended to indicate any particular degree of probability, but
was rather a figure of speech, much as one might say "could well
be" or "very plausibly".

Second, I was responding generally to the suggestion of
"familiarity with the UFO literature", not particularly to the
Adamski reference in Chris Allan's second sentence which assumes
such importance in your response.

(Perhaps I should have <snip>-ped with more surgical precision.)

Thirdly, if it should prove to be the case that some exposure of Father Gill to the language of 1950s saucer literature is possible, or plausible, or even very likely, one should perhaps avoid leaping defensively to conclusions about my opinion on the case.

Now . . .

>A simple consultation of a dictionary (in this case the >unabridged Webster's Third New International Dictionary) reveals >this definition of "mothership":

>"1: chiefly Brit: a naval vessel escorting or guarding smaller craft >(as torpedo boats or submarines). 2: a ship serving several >smaller craft: TENDER."

>In other words, it's a British shipping term.

And I am a Briton. I know this. I also know that it became almost an iconic usage during the late 'fifties and 'sixties among people who knew about flying saucers, from popular books, magazines and UFO clubs etc., but who may have known nothing whatever about shipping. I personally remember that it was a term used by UFO enthusiasts of my childish acquaintance (adult and not around 1963 and thereafter with, I am sure, no thought of its nautical origin. And, no, this doesn't mean that Gill had to have had this adopted usage in mind. But it is certainly reasonable (not "bad") to consider the possibility that he might have done.

>UFOs are not even >mentioned. It's a standard term predating ufologists and >contactees. It is not, the preposterous contrary implication >notwithstanding, a word only in the vocabularies of contactees, >ufologists, and their readers.

I am not implying this, therefore my contention cannot be considered on that account preposterous.

>Gill's extrapolation is a >perfectly understandable one, as reasonable as the borrowing of >nautical language for the word "spaceship," and does not require >immersion in UFO/contactee literature. And there are other >problems with trying to link Gill's language and Adamski's.

Immersion? Who said that? And I am not even specifically trying to link Gill's language directly with reading Adamski. This is Chris Allan's suggestion, and you might want to address him on the matter. I am however agreeing with Chris's broader point that it is quite possible that Gill may have had indirect exposure to some saucer terminology prior to June 1959.

>Gill had not read Adamski at the time of his sighting. He had >never even heard of him. Later, asked by Hynek and Hendry when >he first came upon the name, Gill said it was in the office of >Australian attorney/ufologist Peter Norris. "Of course, I was >entirely ignorant of all these people [contactees]," he >recalled. "It seemed rather extraordinary to me. You know >[visits to] the moon, Venus, and that sort of thing."

>In Norris's office, Gill said, he "raced through" an Adamski >book (he told me it was Flying Saucers Have Landed, not the book >[the subsequent Inside the Space Ships] in which motherships >figure). Then, in Gill's words, "I read it, and afterwards I >said, 'Look, I just can't swallow this, I can't take this; if >this is what your UFO group is about, I wouldn't have anything >to do with it.'"

>The quotes above are from IUR, December 1977, p. 7.

>As of 1977, according to what Gill told me, he had read all of >three books relevant to extraterrestrial visitors: Von Daniken's >best-selling ancient-astronaut opus Chariots of the Gods?, the >Leslie/Adamski volume already mentioned, and Hynek's The UFO >Experience. He told me that the first two were, in his >estimation, "trash."

>In my interview (Fate, February 1978) I noted, "He is frankly >skeptical of most UFO claims he hears, so much so, in fact, that >he did not really begin to trust me until I told him about >several UFO claims I had investigated and disproved."

Again, I'm not suggesting that the name Adamski need have meant anything to Gill in 1959. Neither am I unaware of Gill's conservatism, his reluctance to speculate and his early suspicion that he had seen some experimental aircraft etc.

The "mother ship" terminology in 1959 was very far from limited to the pages of Adamski. It was a widespread contactee usage (see Angelucci, *The Secret of the Saucers*, 1955, for just one other example that comes immediately to mind) and it spread beyond that niche to be widely used in popular UFO circles, as everyone knows.

So Gill might (as you suggest above) have originated the usage independently by an "understandable extrapolation" from seafaring terminology, or he might, by another equally understandable "borrowing", have absorbed the usage from some third party who had exposure to ideas from popular UFO books prior to June 1959.

Either seems to me about equally likely on the face of it. I wouldn't dismiss either as "certain rubbish". Maybe you think it very unlikely that a rather down-to-earth-seeming missionary in the remote SE highlands of Papua would have such exposure when he hadn't read any flying saucer books. But let's look at this.

Gill was "an old friend" of the Rev Norman Cruttwell of the Menapi Mission, across the bay from Boianai. They went out to Papua together in 1946 and had worked there together for 13 years. They knew each other "very well". They met and corresponded regularly.

In November 1958 a series of sightings had occurred around Goodenough Bay that prompted Cruttwell to write to the British periodical *Flying Saucer Review*. He tells us that he got the address of FSR from the back of a book on flying saucers (we don't know which particular book this was). The editor of FSR at the time, Brinsley le Poer Trench, wrote back to Cruttwell saying that he was very interested in the sightings. Moreover he asked Cruttwell to send him any further reports of sightings from the area, and thus it was that Cruttwell became "local observer and investigator for New Guinea in the International UFO Observer Corps."

It was in this capacity that he collected together the numerous reports of "flying Tilley lamps" etc during the first half of 1959 - many of them during a month-long routine "walkabout" in the mountains during June/July 1959 - and it was also in this capacity that he received the "fat envelope" of Boianai sighting material from Father Gill when he returned to Menapi.

Gill knew of Cruttwell's interest, and they had clearly discussed the topic. We know this because Gill and a number of Papuans sighted one of the "Tilley lamps" from a boat off Boianai on April 9. At the time Gill was merely puzzled, but following another sighting by a trader at Giwa on April 21, Cruttwell wrote to him about it. It then occurred to Gill that he too might have seen a UFO, and there was evidently some further correspondence on the matter for Cruttwell says, "This sighting [Gill's] was therefore of great importance to us at the time, suggesting that some mysterious, apparently controlled, craft were flying about over Papua at night."

So when Gill sent his materials to Cruttwell ("the kind you have been waiting for, no doubt") in June it was specifically because he had known of Cruttwell's interest in UFOs, and of his arrangement with *Flying Saucer Review*, for several months at least.

Is it possible that articles and books available to Cruttwell had familiarised him with the "mother ship" phrase in a UFO context? It is certainly possible.

Is it possible that Cruttwell had used the phrase to Gill in this context during discussion and/or correspondence re Cruttwell's interest in the Papuan sightings and his broader reading on the subject during the months prior to June 1959? Yes, of course it is possible.

Does this mean that Gill has to have been a credulous devotee of the Space Brothers? No. Does it mean that he cannot have been an

accurate observer on June 26 1959? No, of course it does not, any more than it means that Cruttwell must have been an unreliable investigator. In fact what checks I have done on the astronomical features of Cruttwell's reports indicate that he was probably every bit as careful as his writing in "Flying Saucers over Papua" would suggest him to be.

I hope this has gone some way to repairing the damage done to a (no doubt undeserved and probably highly localised) reputation for thoughtfulness and thoroughness.

Martin Shough

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Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

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>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 12:03:07 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>I do not think the UFO community is unaware of passive
>>radar. It is the latest sensation....

>Where is Davenport's Passive Radar concept "the latest
>sensation"? Certainly not on UFO UpDates where it goes virtually
>unmentioned. Whenever proposals for a "new approach" to UFO
>research are made on UpDates basically no one (except me I
>think) mentions Passive Radar. Which is my point in bringing it
>up on this thread.

It was the latest sensation a while ago. Now it is entrenched
in the psyche of ufology. Note that Davenport was on a number of
nationwide radio talk shows that appeal to the UFO audience.
This is much more than most of us can claim. He got his idea out
there. Even on UpDates his idea has been discussed, but not with
any real technical sense of implementing it (how many of us are
radio engineers?). Mainly the only interest is how can this be
funded. Sure it would be great to have everyone pitch in \$10 to
fund the thing, but we don't do that. No, we have conferences on
exopolitics.

Why can't this passive radar be tied to the University research?
If us researchers are so scared of ridicule, go to Canada where
Persinger seems to flourish with his UFO research.

>>You seem to be saying to
>>me that all other UFO research is hopeless (based on the past
>>results of UFO field reseearch) until we can get this passive
>>radar.

>I am saying that optically-dominated ground stations have
>limited range in seeing UFOs close up enough to tell they are
>UFO's, essentially has to be within about 1/2 mile, and that a

I am sorry but this is bull. Why is this so hard to convey? Is
anyone else out their in Listland confused when I say that
triangulating a tiny dot in the night sky (with a proper
distance between the triangulation stations) can give you the
altitude and position of the tiny dot of light at even satellite
distances, be it Casper the Ghost or an interplanetary pelican
or alien spaceship or supersecret military orbital spaceplane. I
agree that you cannot see the details of the object. It doesn't
matter. What matters in my experiment is that one can track
such a light going from low altitude to orbital altitude.

If your experiment involves very high resolution images of a UFO
(which I assume will provide you some sort of value added data),
then by all means wait for a passive radar system.

>revolutionary concept such as Passive Radar with the potential
>for continent-wide coverage of say 2,000-4,000 miles from a
>single receiving site, is a quantum leap above a horizon-limited
>optical tracking station.

So your one "passive radar" site/system is now powerful enough to cover a continent. This is getting funny. Sorry, but I think you do not understand the system enough to make such statements. Weak reflected signals coming from a myriad of objects MUST be deconvolved at the receiving site_S_ with a capital "S" and processed in real time to drive your high resolution cameras. Oh yeah! And by the way who told you you can get away with one site?

Anyway, potentially is a useless and meaningless qualifier because it could take decades or centuries, millions or billions of dollars.

>You dispute the effective range of
>your UFO "field lab" based on zero data, but even if we accepted
>your outlandish tracking ranges (100 miles you say?) the Passive
>Radar covers a $30 \times 30 \times 30 = 27,000$ times greater volume of
>space.

One can image and triangulate LEO and GEO satellites. This gives you an upperward range. A horizontal range of course depends on your site altitude. Weather permitting as with all satellite viewing.

But then your one passive radar site is not affected by weather (how many myriad of dense clouds, rain, etc are going to have to be processed!!! You need some hefty supercomputers!)

>If your UFO "field lab" costs say on the order of \$10,000 and a
>Passive Radar on the order of \$100,000, then for the price of
>just 10 of your limited ground stations we could get 2,700 times
>better coverage with Passive Radar. My prediction is you'll just
>nitpick the \$10,000 order of magnitude price tag by a few
>thousand here or there, talk about how this or that piece of
>equipment can be obtained for a few bucks less, etc. etc., all
>the while ignoring the meaning of "order of magnitude."

I think \$10K is about right for the field station I am talking about. However, I completely disagree with your passive radar coverage estimates (for "one" station). I also completely disagree with your pie in the sky estimation that passive radar will "see over the horizon". Maybe to a small extent it can, but certainly never one site used to see over the whole continent. That is lubricious. We are talking about not only primary reflections of radio signals from an object but also secondary ones. This is a waste of time to even attempt to build a system to try to perform.

At least 'my' UFO field lab can be fielded today with ubiquitous technology whose capabilities are being improved every day based on consumer demand.

You passive radar system may 'someday' be purchased for \$10K-\$100K per site, but the development costs to make your system 'real time' (to do the oh so critical very high resolution optical imaging to "verify" that it is a "UFO") will cost \$10Million+. We are talking about IC design and manufacturing probably parallel computing is needed. This is all state of the art.

If these aerospace/defense contractor companies you talk about are willing to pay your development bill, that's awfully nice of them. I wonder how willing or able they will be to sell units to UFO researchers even those with deep pockets as you seem to think exist.

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Re: ET Lives... And He's Christian - Chichikov

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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 18:02:11 -0400
Subject: Re: ET Lives... And He's Christian - Chichikov

>ET Lives... And He's Christian
>By Ruth Gledhill

>There is probably intelligent life elsewhere in the Universe,
>and there is evidence in the Bible to suggest that it could be
>Christian, according to the Roman Catholic Church.

>In a document published by the Catholic Truth Society, the
>official publisher for the Vatican, a papal astronomer
>speculates that "sooner or later, the human race will discover
>that there are other intelligent creatures out there in the
>Universe".

>Brother Guy Consolmagno, a Jesuit, who is one of the Vatican's
>leading astronomers, concedes that he could be wrong.
>Ultimately, he says, "We don't know." But in the new book, part
>of the Explanations series designed to explain Catholic teaching
>in everyday language, he says that part of his hunch is
>scientific. With so many billions of planets, stars and
>galaxies, he says, "surely, somewhere in that number, there must
>be other civilised, rational beings".

Brother Guy is an email friend of mine. He sent me a .pdf
version of an earlier proof, which has now been slightly
amended.

The article quoted above is not quite an accurate summary of
points in the book, 'Intelligent Life in the Universe?', which is
not available at this time in the US, though I understand it is
available in the UK.

I would advise against anyone taking this book as representing
an official Vatican position on the subject of ETs. I don't
believe that there is such a position. However, that it is
published at all by an official publisher is perhaps
significant. At least, there is no suggestion that the ideas in
it are doctrinally objectionable.

Pavel

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Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

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>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 23:06:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
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>>>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 17:28:37 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

Christopher,

>>"Dr. Hynek had Father Gill study the moon in the Illinois sky,
>>and he decided that the width of the object [with waving
>>occupants] was equal to five moons lined up end-to-end." As
>>Allan Hendry observes in the IUR piece from which this is quoted
>>(November 1977, p. 5), this alone rules out any imaginable
>>astronomical identification.

>I agree it does, or ought to. But does it? Hendry himself notes
>a case where a woman who said "I know what stars look like"
>swore a UFO had illuminated windows with the round heads and
>silvery-colored faces of the occupants inside. She observed this
>over several nights. She was looking at the planet Venus. (See
>UFO HANDBOOK p. 85, UK edition). All right I agree she was just
>a single witness (with her husband).

First off, Hendry, who actually interviewed the man, concluded
that Gill did not see Venus. End of that. Second:

You cite, of course, an extraordinary and extreme case, and a
dubious guide to anything else. Why do you believe it tells us
anything about what Gill and the others saw? Unless - as I
suspect - we are to believe that the Venus identification can be
hailed out when all else fails. As a long, dreary history has
demonstrated, Venus is the all-purpose, unfalsifiable
"explanation" of airborne CEs (or CE2s, as in the notorious
Portage County case or - for that matter - even in otherwise
solvable episodes such as the Mantell incident).

What I wonder, though, is this: why isn't Venus used, with
similar logic and cogency, to dispose of ball-lightning reports?
Couldn't many witnesses to BL actually be observing Venus and
wildly distorting their testimony because of their own
excitability and knowledge of BL reports and literature?

I would guess this argument isn't employed (1) because it would
sound crazy; (b) because ball lightning is respectable and UFOs
aren't, and (c) there is no desire to dispose of BL at any cost,
while the opposite is true of UFO reports. If not for those
small points, I'm sure we'd be hearing about Venus every time
someone described an anomalous lightning phenomenon. Future
historians of science, I suspect, will take note of precisely

these points.

>>And what evidence do you have that he said that he had seen
>>Venus and the UFO at the same time only "once"? I realize that
>>you're throwing in that adverb to plant a sleazy innuendo
>>without having to defend its content, while making Gill look
>>shifty and untrustworthy, but I would love to see your
>>documentation - if it exists, which would surprise me - on
>>this.

>Are you saying he saw Venus & the UFO together more than once?
>Ha! Stop accusing me of sleaze and innuendo, Jerry. And stop
>planting words in my mouth. The documentation that he saw the
>two together, once, is in Cruttwell's report part V section 3.
>Have a look at part VII section 1 for the item on him
>misidentifying Venus . (So did ten others, all "college men"
>including one who had "great qualifications", was an ex-RAAF
>navigator and who "knows a good deal about aircraft and a lot
>about stars". They were all present). If in doubt ask Martin
>Shough, who seems to agree.

This is, sadly, a non-answer. Gill said more than once, in any number of interviews, that he had seen Venus and the UFO at the same time. He showed Hynek and Hendry where it was placed during his and the others' observation of the manned craft with the waving crew. The use of "once," your disingenuous contrary insistence notwithstanding, could have been no more than a cheap effort to undermine his honesty.

>No racism here, Jerry. These were all the top qualified guys.
>And they were all fooled by Venus. Did I say all? I meant all
>but one. And Gill was not the one.

A "Venus" that appeared separately, was not visible for the whole duration of the sighting, and appeared the size of five full moons? There it is: pelicanism in a nutshell. The witnesses, stupid, gullible, and unable to make the most obvious distinctions, saw whatever the pelicanist declares they saw, however grotesque the counterexplanation may have to be. Given that less than scientific premise, it is no wonder that no puzzling UFO report could ever emerge from the death clasp of pelican wings.

By the way, an amusing and instructive paper addresses these very matters (in anomalistics generally, not just ufology) in the current issue of the Journal of Scientific Exploration. See Charles Eisenstein's "A State of Belief Is a State of Being." A quote noted at random applies to the present instance:

"Most of the skeptical materials I have encountered invoke 'reason' as the highest principle of human thought, implicitly assuming their authors to possess this virtue in superior qualities. Behind most skeptical explanations is the belief 'I am better (smarter, saner, etc.) than you are.'"

>>>The UFO may be a true unknown - nobody can say with certainty,
>>>but by conceding that what he first claimed were UFOs were
>>>possibly bright planets, Rev Gill has virtually hanged himself.
>>>The 'going in to dinner' episode also counts against him more
>>>than somewhat!

>>Let's see now. The excitable Gill is a lousy observer because he
>>is cautious enough to suggest some of the ostensible UFOs were
>>"possibly bright planets." Huh? Does anybody follow the
>>reasoning here? Is there any reasoning here? Remember, elsewhere
>>Christopher wants us to believe Gill was a gullible,
>>impressionable UFO believer who read Adamski and even borrowed
>>phrases from him.

>So you refuse to admit that Gill has weakened his case in any
>way by this admission? What on earth ever caused him to suppose
>these accompanying objects were UFOs? Oh yes, I am willing to
>bet he had read Adamski or Keyhoe (maybe not their actual books
>but articles based on them) before June 26. Maybe supplied by
>Cruttwell.

Your evidence? Or did you just make that up, too? See my separate post on Gill's UFO reading. Is it part of the pelicanist job description that you get to make stuff up whenever it suits your purpose?

>>Gill was in no sense a UFO buff. "Until I got down to Melbourne
>>[after leaving Papua New Guinea]," he told Hynek and Hendry (and
>>me; I queried him separately on the same point), "the only thing
>>I'd read on flying saucers is what I'd written myself [about his
>>own experience]. That is, I knew nothing. There might have been
>>a magazine article, but I was just disinterested." Eighteen
>>years after his sighting, Gill was asked if he had "any specific
>>theory to explain what you saw," he said simply, "No." Some UFO
>>buff. Some credulous twit.

>I never used the term "UFO buff". You did. I said he was
>familiar with the literature. He forgets that Cruttwell had
>already written to him about UFOs soon after his (Gill's) first
>sighting from a launch on April 9, and doubtless planted the
>idea in his head. For Gill to say: "the only thing I had read on
>flying saucers is what I'd written myself" is simply false.
>After 18 years he had simply forgotten.

Obviously, he meant published material, and he meant before he
came to Papua New Guinea. This is really clutching at straws.

>I have conceded Gill may have encountered a genuine UFO. You
>prefer to concede absolutely nothing, Jerry. You refuse to
>believe what Menzel says, even if he said the sun was shining.

Gill said Menzel never contacted him. Menzel said he sent
letters to Gill, and those letters never came back to him. The
evidence? If it exists (which I doubt), it's in the archives of
the American Philosophical Society. If anyone has seen them
there, please speak up. Meantime:

Menzel is known to have lied about significant things, including
his own sighting, as can (and has been) easily documented, and
about other matters (as Ruppelt, for example, has attested and
Brad Sparks has in other areas). There is no evidence that Gill
has lied about anything. Whom under the circumstances would any
rational person credit?

>Yet you accept Gill's accurate recall 18 years after the event.
>You just cannot or will not, accept that Father Gill, and his
>native 'gang', saw anything but a manned craft of some kind.

Not unless I see some contrary argument that makes sense. So far
I haven't, not even close. Neither, by the way, did Gill, who -
as I have quoted - as late as 1995 was saying he still awaited
one, too. In the real world, matters are settled with real
arguments and real evidence. You don't just get to make things
up.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 09:57:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 18:08:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 18:33:13 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:43:06 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>As I've pointed out previously, I showed Gill what Menzel had
>>written about his case, namely that he wasn't wearing glasses at
>>the time of the sighting and that the native witnesses had
>>signed a confirming statement because they were illiterate and
>>in awe of the Great White Father. I noted, "Gill cannot
>>understand why Menzel assumed this without first checking with
>>him. (Menzel never communicated with Gill or any of the other
>>witnesses)." This puts the lie to Menzel's dubious claim that he
>>wrote Gill numerous times with no response.

>Jerry, do you think you would be able to point us to the
reference where Menzel talks about illiterate natives and the
Great White Father? Or better still perhaps you could quote the
paragraph to us.

Be glad to, John.

Menzel prepared a report dated December 20, 1967, and in it
wrote:

"We are first to assume that Father Gill and Stephen Gill Moi
(teacher) both suffer from appreciable myopia and that they were
not wearing spectacles during the sighting. They probably had
appreciable stigmatism [sic] as well, so that the image of Venus
was large and definitely elongated."

(Earlier Menzel had stated, falsely, that "none of the sightings
by Father Gill and the mission group refers to" Venus.)

According to Menzel, the native witnesses did not observe either
the UFO or the waving occupants. He goes on: "Father Gill simply
assumed that the other people were seeing what he saw. Although
a great many 'witnesses' signed the report, I doubt very much
that they knew what they were signing and why. They would
certainly have been mystified as to why their great white leader
was seeing something that was invisible to them. On the other
hand, they would not have been too surprised because after all,
they looked upon Father Gill as a holy man."

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Re: Serious Question - Beasley

From: **Craig Beasley** <fallingleaf.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:01:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 08:08:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Serious Question - Beasley

>From: **Richard Hall** <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 22:19:59 +0000
>Subject: Serious Question

Here's my take for what it's worth:

I think there is continued value in tracking trends, patterns, and empirical characteristics of UFO's and related phenomena. If ufology can continue to build the clearinghouse of data on the subject, that's all to the good. If we can find a way to inform people in a serious, credible, and digestible way, that's all to the better. So we keep pulling together sighting reports and publishing, but go the extra mile in simply and unabashedly telling others that the clearinghouse exists.

That's a hurdle I've personally had to make, and recently it is like a switch has been flipped for me. I tell people I'm a Ufologist, a second career. No matter their reaction, my confidence, finally after many years of internal apprehension, is unshaken. That would be the "assuming a serious lack of funding approach".

To tackle the "assuming unlimited funding" approach, I can only speak for myself. I am interested and generally engaged upon many of the discussed aspects of our field. However, being just a single human with many other pragmatic things tugging at me, I have to narrowly restrict what aspect I act upon. Being an engineer, the restriction is obvious. If UFO's are craft of some sort, technological and physical, what makes them work? I devote myself to that. With the limited funds I have, I have some plans that have an unpleasantly long timeline. If I won the Powerball (i.e., unlimited funding) I would devote myself to building and testing apparatus for study of those things that interest me.

Unlimited funding? Do what interests you, see where it properly fits in with others' interests, then publicize the findings, produce products sale, and generally move down an R&D path to perpetuate new learning to complete the loop.

If Ufology could produce at least one physical and practical benefit for the rest of the world, then the rest of the world will begin to care. The rest of world may even begin to understand why we think Ufology is important.

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Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:35:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 08:10:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 14:35:14 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:43:06 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 09:51:20 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 17:28:37 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 07:50:21 EDT
>>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 09:53:45 -0500
>>>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting [was: Socorro]

Hi, Martin,

>>>>Gill using the term "motherhip" shows his familiarity with the
>>>>UFO literature of the 50s. A reader of Adamski and/or Keyhoe
>>>>beyond a doubt.

>>>>This is very likely true.

>>And this is very certainly rubbish. I don't know Martin Shough
>>personally, but I have been impressed with his thoughtfulness
>>and thoroughness, nowhere in evidence, alas, in the strange
>>sentence just above. It would be bad enough if it read, "This
>>could be true," but it's immeasurably worse when we read, "This
>>is very likely true."

>First, my casual use of the expression "very likely" was not
>intended to indicate any particular degree of probability, but
>was rather a figure of speech, much as one might say "could well
>be" or "very plausibly".

If your words are supposed to mean something else, use the words
you mean. I could only respond to the words you wrote in the
context in which they appear, not to the ones you may have had
in your head.

>Second, I was responding generally to the suggestion of
>"familiarity with the UFO literature", not particularly to the
>Adamski reference in Chris Allan's second sentence which assumes

>such importance in your response.

And how was I to know that?

>Thirdly, if it should prove to be the case that some exposure of
>Father Gill to the language of 1950s saucer literature is
>possible, or plausible, or even very likely, one should perhaps
>avoid leaping defensively to conclusions about my opinion on the
>case.

Again, I can't read your mind, only the words you wrote.

>>A simple consultation of a dictionary (in this case the
>>unabridged Webster's Third New International Dictionary) reveals
>>this definition of "mothership":

>>"1: chiefly Brit: a naval vessel escorting or guarding smaller craft
>>(as torpedo boats or submarines). 2: a ship serving several
>>smaller craft: TENDER."

>>In other words, it's a British shipping term.

>And I am a Briton. I know this. I also know that it became
>almost an iconic usage during the late 'fifties and 'sixties
>among people who knew about flying saucers, from popular books,
>magazines and UFO clubs etc., but who may have known nothing
>whatever about shipping. I personally remember that it was a
>term used by UFO enthusiasts of my childish acquaintance (adult
>and not)around 1963 and thereafter with, I am sure, no thought
>of its nautical origin. And, no, this doesn't mean that Gill had
>to have had this adopted usage in mind. But it is certainly
>reasonable (not "bad") to consider the possibility that he might
>have done.

And it is equally reasonable to conclude that this articulate,
non- UFO-book reader drew the term from his knowledge of
nautical terminology, with which he was presumably familiar as
both Brit and resident of an island in the South Pacific. There
is no "very likely" connection between Adamski and Gill in their
use of "mothership."

Again, I could respond only to what you wrote, not to what you
meant but did not express. Debunkers of the case, starting with
Klass, use the "mothership" reference to argue that Gill was a
UFO buff who read Adamski and others.

Your assertion that Gill may have learned the term in discussion
with Cruttwell is hardly unreasonable. If you had said that in
the first place and made clear that you did not consider
Allan's strange assertion about Gill's immersion in saucer
literature "very likely true," we wouldn't have had to go to the
trouble of this exchange.

You needn't fear: your reputation as thoughtful and thorough
remains solid with me. I'm glad we were able to reach an
understanding on this particular point.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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Re: Serious Question - Warren

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 09:23:22 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 08:11:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Serious Question - Warren

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 22:19:59 +0000
>Subject: Serious Question

Good Day DICK, Et Al,

>All kidding aside (as Steve Allen used to say), I would like to
>ask all listers (wherever they may be on the spectrum of
>acceptance or rejection of alleged UFO data) to answer one
>simple (perhaps deceptively so) question: What should we
>do with well-documented and well-investigated cases
>reporting craft-like UFOs that don't seem to have
>conventional/prosaic explanations?

<snip>

>I would be very interested to hear your views on this question.
>The question being: How should we proceed to resolve the
> controversy in a meaningful way? Ideally (assuming
>unlimited funding) and practically (assuming a serious lack of
>funding)?

Great question... and pardon my tardiness in giving my response.
Assuming you mean to resolve the controversy in a meaningful way
"for the masses," with proper funding, in my view, since the
"publics mind-set" is "the end product" of media minutiae, then
presenting well-documented and well-investigated cases in the
various forums e.g., print, radio, television etc., would be
prudent.

That said, everything is in the presentation in my opinion
would have to be given in a "news format."

With "how it would presented" understood, the next vital
component would be to whom the responsibility would fall to
orate the event.

For the most favorable impact, this would have to be a group of
highly respected, visible individuals from various countries.
Given the parameters of the "quality evidence" in hand, as well
"unlimited funding" this shouldn't be a problem.

Ideally, the individuals required should be a mix of the highest
government and military officials, active and or retired; as
well as top media personalities. These individuals would be used
to demonstrate the portentous matter of the material presented,
and the duties of presenting individual case/evidence could fall
to Ufologists who are most knowledgeable of the respective
case/evidence.

That would be the scenario assuming "unlimited funding."

On the other side of the fence, without the funds, raising the
capital would be essential to accomplish the afore mentioned
proposal.

This could be done by putting together a list of potential
investors, and a presentation of the pertinent data given to

them along with the proposal mentioned.

Of course the question in itself doesn't provide enough information; for example, would there be opposition? If so, then there would have to be a different construct, and that taken into consideration.

In all cases, the production would have to be repetitive.

Cheers,

Frank

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Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 12:31:16 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 08:14:01 -0400
Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary - Balaskas

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 21:08:59 EDT
>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 14:43:58 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 17:27:54 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

>>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 11:31:12 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>>Subject: Re: 2 Hour UFO Documentary Tonight In UK

<snip>

>>>>According to an e-mail from "Louis" about Nick Cook's
>>>>documentary that was forwarded to me by a well known and
>>>>respected Canadian researcher, don't expect to hear much rehash
>>>>of what is already known. There will be much new fascinating
>>>>documented evidence that some UFOs are our very own (yes, Don!)
>>>>designed back in the 1960s which include exotic new propulsion
>>>>systems based largely on data collected from...(make sure you
>>>>are seated)... Contactees!

>>>>If these official papers were mentioned on this TV documentary,
>>>>along with the contents of some recently discovered McDonnell
>>>>Douglas binders, a major U.S. aerospace company that Dr. Robert
>>>>Wood has privately worked for (yes, the same Wood that is
>>>>organizing 'The 3rd UFO Crash Conference' in Las Vegas next
>>>>month), then what our former Canadian Defense Minister, Paul
>>>>Hellyer, said at the 'Exopolitics Toronto' symposium last month
>>>>might be closer to the truth than many of us ufologists are
>>>>willing to accept!

<snip>

>>>>It certainly wouldn't hurt to listen to what the man has to
>>>>say. I met the Woods (father and son) last year when I presented
>>>>at their conference in Vegas. What was Ryan Wood's job with
>>>>McDonnell Douglas? Also which of Hellyer's statements are you
>>>>referring to, Corso's "revelations" or the US General's remarks
>>>>re the varacity of Corso's book?

<snip>

>In the comments I have snipped out they amount to nothing more
>than an appeal to authority, credentialism. If so-and-so was
>Minister of Such-and-such why everything he says must be taken
>as gospel truth. If So-and-so was head of R&D why then
>everything he says must be written in granite the word of an
>almighty, regardless how ridiculous and preposterous (such as
>space satellites being mentioned in a purported 1954 manual 3

>years before Sputnik and before the "re-entry problem" was
>solved only in mid-1957 so that something could likely survive
>reentry to be recovered).

Hi Brad!

Thank you for your comments regarding mine.

Whether you are a research journalist, a student, a scientist or just a curious person with an inquiring mind in search of the truth, unless you obtain your knowledge or facts through special revelation (i.e from God or the ETs themselves), what we do know about UFOs with any degree of certainty does come from people of authority and credentials. Of course such general revelation (i.e. from human sources) is often proven to be misinformed, biased or even intentionally wrong, are you suggesting that we ignore any comments about UFOs they make, including even prominent persons such as the Pope or the President should they go public with their beliefs that ETs are real, already here and that the world should be concerned?

Just because a respected former Canadian defense minister or a certain prominent UFO researcher who worked on UFO-related technologies in industry and even with the DIA's secret UFO working group closely with other now prominent UFO researchers (or insiders?), is no reason to accept what they tell us as the gospel truth but to totally dismiss them will only insure that the UFO phenomenon remains a mystery for this generation too.

As for those pre-Sputnik satellites in orbit around the Earth, although not mentioned at all in my e-mails above, the information about them came from unclassified articles and the personal correspondence of astronomers and aerospace specialists, including Philip Klass' 'Aviation Week (or Leak?) and Space Technology'. These pre-Sputnik satellites were not even the only one. From what I have been able to determine independently, analysis of the Ubatuba or so-called "Sputnik 0" UFO crash wreckage that is still in Dr. Peter Sturrock's possession at Stanford University, is very compelling physical evidence that these objects are not natural in origin but exhibit evidence of advanced non-Earthly technology.

Although I was a little confused as to what you wrote in your reply, I hope I at least answered any questions you may have had regarding what I wrote above and in some past posts to the this List.

Nick Balaskas

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The History of Mr. Wells

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Subject: The History of Mr. Wells

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The History of Mr. Wells

With the release of a new film version of the science fiction classic War of The Worlds, interest has been revived in HG Wells, the father of the modern genre. SF author and commentator David Langford takes a look back at the life and career of one of the key figures in 20th-century literature.

Michael Condron's Martian Tripod sculpture in Woking Town centre.

Image: <http://www.mcondron.co.uk/>

Everyone remembers Herbert George Wells as one of the greats of science fiction indeed as the father of the modern SF genre, whose classic tale of interplanetary invasion The War of the Worlds appeared in 1898 and has its latest film incarnation this year.

Perhaps not so often remembered is that Wells became a celebrity on a scale that today's SF authors can only dream of (unless they happen to be Sir Arthur C Clarke). Wells clawed his way to fame from working-class beginnings, despite being frequently scoffed at by Establishment snobs as a "vulgar Cockney".

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Re: Gill Sighting - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:26:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 08:19:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Rudiak

>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 14:35:14 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

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>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 09:51:20 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
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>>>>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 17:28:37 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>Gill using the term "motherhip" shows his familiarity with the
>>>>UFO literature of the 50s. A reader of Adamski and/or Keyhoe
>>>>beyond a doubt.

>>>>This is very likely true.

>>And this is very certainly rubbish. I don't know Martin Shough
>>personally, but I have been impressed with his thoughtfulness
>>and thoroughness, nowhere in evidence, alas, in the strange
>>sentence just above. It would be bad enough if it read, "This
>>could be true," but it's immeasurably worse when we read, "This
>>is very likely true."

>Thirdly, if it should prove to be the case that some exposure of
>Father Gill to the language of 1950s saucer literature is
>possible, or plausible, or even very likely, one should perhaps
>avoid leaping defensively to conclusions about my opinion on the
>case.

>>A simple consultation of a dictionary (in this case the
>>unabridged Webster's Third New International Dictionary) reveals
>>this definition of "motherhip":

>>"1: chiefly Brit: a naval vessel escorting or guarding smaller craft
>>(as torpedo boats or submarines). 2: a ship serving several
>>smaller craft: TENDER."

>>In other words, it's a British shipping term.

>And I am a Briton. I know this. I also know that it became
>almost an iconic usage during the late 'fifties and 'sixties
>among people who knew about flying saucers, from popular books,
>magazines and UFO clubs etc., but who may have known nothing
>whatever about shipping. I personally remember that it was a
>term used by UFO enthusiasts of my childish acquaintance (adult
>and not around 1963 and thereafter with, I am sure, no thought
>of its nautical origin. And, no, this doesn't mean that Gill had
>to have had this adopted usage in mind. But it is certainly
>reasonable (not "bad") to consider the possibility that he might

>have done.

<snip>

>The "mother ship" terminology in 1959 was very far from limited
>to the pages of Adamski. It was a widespread contactee usage
>(see Angelucci, The Secret of the Saucers, 1955, for just one
>other example that comes immediately to mind) and it spread
>beyond that niche to be widely used in popular UFO circles, as
>everyone knows.

<snip>

>So Gill might (as you suggest above) have originated the usage
>independently by an "understandable extrapolation" from
>seafaring terminology, _or_ he might, by another equally
>understandable "borrowing", have absorbed the usage from some
>third party who had exposure to ideas from popular UFO books
>prior to June 1959.

<snip>

>Is it possible that Cruttwell had used the phrase to Gill in
>this context during discussion and/or correspondence re
>Cruttwell's interest in the Papuan sightings and his broader
>reading on the subject during the months prior to June 1959?
>Yes, of course it is possible.

For what it's worth, I know of one instance from way before the
contactees and the 1950s where a witness spontaneously used the
term "mothership." This dates from July 1947 and was a sighting
in southern California by a woman who saw a large object with
multiple satellite objects. She called the object a
"mothership", since the satellite objects returned to the larger
one like chicks to a mother hen. (I'm doing this from memory, so
maybe the metaphor wasn't exactly that, but it's close.)

Thus Adamski. Flying saucer literature, and British naval
shipping terms don't necessarily have anything to do with Gill
using "mothership." He could have invented it on the spot, just
like the woman in 1947, using familiar terms and metaphor to
describe something new and unfamiliar.

David Rudiak

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Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

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Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 08:23:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Smith

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>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
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>>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 12:03:07 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>It seems to me that even
>>though waving flashlights or weak lasers may not be useful,
>>somewhat stronger lasers can be used to attract sentiently-
>>crewed vehicles to the site.

>Inspired by the famous 100 meter tall statue of the sun god
>Helios which is better known as the Colossus of Rhodes (a
>lighthouse and one of the seven wonders of the world) that
>served as a beacon to ships approaching the harbour from
>afar in ancient times, the massive 'Colossus Cinema
>Complex' was built in the northwest of Toronto not far
>from where I work at York U.

>This structure which looks like a giant flying saucer that has
>just landed, flashing lights and all, has a powerful beacon of
>its own to attract attention from all over. The beacon is a
>very bright beam of light that shoots vertically into the sky
>and remains on all night long to the annoyance of local
>astronomers.

>Although this complex, with spaceships and aliens in the
>lobby to greet movie goers (including an occasional ET
>dressed in black?), has been operational for many years
>now but it has not attracted the attention of any ET
>visitors, at least not enough to have them fly over the
>site in their uncloaked UFOs and risk being
>sighted by the public and making it in tomorrow's 'The
>Toronto Star' newspaper that happens to be printed nearby.

I think that although it may be visible from space directly
overhead the complex, from all other angles, it would not be
visible. Also, even this or the Luxor light would not be visible
at the Moon's distance. Finally, it could be that it is not
appearance but also content that should be considered. A beam of
light that appears every day may be boringly dismissed, but one
which is modulated in some way with a signal or message may be
worth investigating.

>>I was assuming that the laser operation required permission
>> from authorities. I was not saying that we could just go
>>out and do it ourselves. If promotional searchlights (which
>>shine up into the sky rather than horizontally like airport
>>lights or lighthouses) can be used relatively near airports
>>and bright lights such as at the Luxor can be used, then
>>lasers can be used if one does it out of the commercial
>>airways with permission and knowledge by FAA and
>>enforcement agencies.

>Where I work there is a mobile laser radar or lidar facility with

>a beam so bright that it outshines the Colosseum cinema complex
>beacon and although has not attracted any UFOs,

But were you/they looking for UFOs?

>its beam (or
>small segments of it) have occasionally been mistaken for
>a UFO. This laser radar was developed by Dr. Alan Carswell,
>my physics professor at York U. in the 1970s and is now
>used all over the world to study moving particles in our
>atmosphere from near the Earth's surface all the way to
>the edge of space and even beneath the world's large bodies
>of water. One such lidar will be aboard
>Phoenix, the next Mars lander which this same scientist
>is also involved with that will make another attempt to
>land in the water rich polar region of Mars where the
>terrain changes appearance with the seasons that can be
>easily explained as biological activity...

>A few years ago I joined up with a certain individual who
>claimed to attract the attention of UFOs over Lake Ontario
>and even to communicate with them with the use of a
>1,000,000 candlepower flashlight. Those bright lights that
>suddenly appeared and seemed to zig-zag back and forth
>could readily be explained as aircraft
>approaching and leaving an airport near Buffalo, New York
>just over the horizon but who was I to shatter someone's
>beliefs and discourage their personal scientific effort to
>try to observe and understand UFOs.

Funny story.

>As for lasers, such as those one can buy for a buck at the
>dollar store, they can easily shine a red spot of light on a
>house many blocks away at night and can be seen by someone
>many miles away if it is directed straight at them. I would not
>encourage playing around with such lasers at night near areas
>of high security since instead of attracting the attention of ETs
>in their flying saucers it may attract a bullet or missile fired
>at you in self defense!

Yes, our innocent time of pointing out constellations in the
back yard with a laser has gone kaput thanks to a few idiots
aiming at police helicopters and airplanes.

But do we hear of complaints from pilots due to the laser beams
shot by satellites? No. Probably most of the problems of pilots
with lasers is psychological. But you never know what crazies
are out there.

In any event, with proper authorization of course, a high power
modulated (or complexly pulsed) laser that covers as much of the
night sky as possible should be visible out to the Moon's orbit
(as evidenced by Surveyor) and should have at least a chance of
attracting interested parties out there should they be present
and the message interesting enough ("come here for free cattle",
etc).

>Just as James has been very successful in detecting UFOs or
>other anomalous objects in space from going through the
>enormous NASA image data base that even specialists do
>not have to examine carefully, there are many other such
>government, military, education and private raw data
>(optical, radar, etc.) that can readily be accessed via the
>Internet without us having to invest
>even one cent from our own pockets.

Really? Can you list some? The quality of most satellite image
data (resolution/frequency of update) is unacceptable for UFO
work. Weather radar data available is good enough to see an
Independence Day sized craft but is not refreshed enough for UFO
tracking or high enough resolution. So if you or others can
provide us with a list of these Internet resources, it would be
helpful to the cause.

>You may be interested to know that there is a big feud
>going on between Spanish and American astronomers
>over the announcement by the Spanish of a newly
>discovered object in our solar system (not
>a UFO this time, but a large planetoid) that the Americans
>claim they already knew about since it was already in

>their computer data files which the Spanish accessed prior
>to making their big announcement.

No, I think the problem was that the search coordinates or plan for aiming the telescopes was on the Internet (to the surprise of the astronomers) and not the actual images or new planet data/findings. All the Spanish had to do was look at the spot the Americans kept focusing at (who were gathering enough confirming data over multiple viewings) and then report their finding.

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PRG Update - October 19, 2005

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PRG
Paradigm Research Group

Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS) Presentation - Tonight
www.favors.org/ff [Events]

PRG Director Stephen Bassett will present tonight (Wednesday, Oct. 19, 6 pm) at the Institute of Noetics Sciences in Petaluma, CA.

Dr. Edgar Mitchell was the scheduled speaker but had to cancel as his home is directly in the projected path of category 5 hurricane Wilma. Dr. Mitchell has to prepare his family and home in advance of the storm.

Stephen will present on Consciousness, Word View and the Politics of Disclosure which will be excerpted from the Exopolitics presentations recently given at the University of Toronto, Canada and the University of Calabria, Italy.

PRG Updates recipients in the Bay Area are welcome to attend.

For complete information see "Events" at:

www.favors.org/ff

University of Toronto, Canada Presentation
www.exopoliticstoronto.com

The September 25 Exopolitics Toronto Symposium produced by Mike Bird, Victor Viggiani and MUFON Central Canada was a great success. The highlight of the Sunday event the 30 minute presentation by former Canadian Minister of Defense, Paul Hellyer. He served during the administration of Lester Pearson and was a contemporary of Secretary of Defense, Robert MacNamara.

Mr. Hellyer stated clearly he was convinced there is an extraterrestrial presence. He stated he had recently reread Lt. Col. Philip Corso's book, The Day After Roswell, and contacted an Air Force general in the United States who confirmed the books major assertions.

This is a nontrivial development which will have repercussions.

Stephen Bassett followed Mr. Hellyer with the Keynote presentation.

University of Calabria, Rende, Italy Presentation
www.cun-italia.net/welcome.htm

On October 5-6, 40 speaker from around the world came to Rende, Italy by invitation from Centro Ufologico Nazionale to address aspects of exobiology, ufology and exopolitics.

Stephen Bassett presented on exopolitics and ended his lecture with a call for truth. All future exopolitics presentations by PRG will end in the same way - a mantra for change:

"I call upon the government of the United States to end the embargo withholding the truth regarding an extraterrestrial presence from the American people. They are the sovereign citizens of a republic, they are not children, they should not be put on a need to know basis, they do have a right to know, they can handle the truth, they have a social contract with the government they pay for with their own money, and withholding seminal information from them regarding the reality of the world in which they live is not in that contract.

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Re: Gill Sighting - Borraz

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Concerning whether Rev. Gill knew anything about Adamski. In the following paragraphs, the Reverend was talking about Stephen Moi's sighting on June 21, 1959. Note the "saucer shaped object with four little black bumps" that Gill finds "at the back of his mind":

—
Now, I said, Stephen, surely you've seen pictures or heard people talk about flying saucers. He said no. I said well perhaps you were mistaken - perhaps it was like a basketball or looked like a shilling or something like that. He said no, it wasn't like a shilling. It wasn't like a basketball. It was like a saucer. So I picked up a saucer and I said, like that? He said, "Yes, like that, only upside down". So I wrote that down and then I said: "Anything else about it?". He said: "Yes, there were four little black dots underneath".

Well now, I had, somewhere or other, read about flying saucers, but I wasn't terribly interested in it, and I had recalled somewhere at the back of my mind that there was a saucer shaped object with four little black bumps -or bumps of some kind- underneath. So I reproduced from memory what I had at the back of my mind, and put in these little black dots that Stephen described. I said: "Was that it?" He said: "Yes, exactly".

[Rev. Gill's talk to the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society on October 28, 1959]

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C. Allan and M. Shough have commented on Rev. Gill probably misidentifying Venus on July 6, 1959. Note also how it all began on this particular occasion:

—
I was visiting David's college - the teachers' training college there - 20 miles away from us, and we were talking about this experience. With me was the Reverend Edwin Dams, the Reverend David Durie, the acting principal, and his wife. And after we had discussed it for a few minutes he said, well, why not come out and have a look at the sky and see if there's anything there? And I said, oh, they just don't come at beck and call like that, I think that would be rather useless. He said, well, I'm going out at any rate. And he went out and he came rushing back and said, "There is something - I'm sure there is". And so we all went out and sure enough, I identified it as one of these objects.

[Same source as above; Rev. Gill answering written questions at the end of the talk.]

—
M. Borraz

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Secrecy News - 10/19/05

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SECRECY NEWS
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** THE "INCOMPREHENSIBLE" ESPIONAGE ACT OF 1917
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** THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA ON FAS AND OPEN SOURCE RISKS

THE "INCOMPREHENSIBLE" ESPIONAGE ACT OF 1917

In its efforts to punish unauthorized disclosures of classified information to the media, the US Government is turning to the Espionage Act of 1917 (18 U.S.C. 793) which, among other things, prohibits "communication of national defense information to persons not entitled to receive it."

The Espionage Act was invoked in the recent indictment of two former employees of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, who did not work for the government and did not hold security clearances, yet who are charged with mishandling classified information, including disclosures to the press.

The Act may also be employed by the special prosecutor investigating the unauthorized disclosure of the identity of CIA officer Valerie Plame, according to news reports.

But using the Espionage Act to prosecute leaks to the press is an extraordinary step with potentially profound ramifications.

In fact, the precise meaning of the Act is uncertain and experts argue that it cannot mean what it says.

The Espionage Act is "in many respects incomprehensible," wrote Harold Edgar and Benno C. Schmidt, Jr. in a definitive study three decades ago ("The Espionage Statutes and Publication of Defense Information," Columbia Law Review, May 1973, vol. 73, pp. 929-1087).

As written, the espionage statutes are "so sweeping as to be absurd," wrote Edgar and Schmidt.

"If these statutes mean what they seem to say and are constitutional, public speech in this country since World War II has been rife with criminality," they wrote.

"The source who leaks defense information to the press commits an offense; the reporter who holds onto defense material commits an offense; and the retired official who uses defense material in his memoirs commits an offense."

Among many other textual difficulties in the Act, the language governing improper disclosure by "authorized" persons such as government employees (section 793d) is the same as the language governing improper disclosure by "unauthorized" persons (section

793e).

Therefore, it appears that if government officials are liable for unauthorized communications of defense information under the Act, then reporters and other members of the public should be as well - which would be plainly unconstitutional. Conversely, if reporters cannot be held liable under the Act for communicating defense information to the public, as they do all the time, neither can government officials.

Because of the Espionage Act's ambiguity, "We have lived since World War I in a state of benign indeterminacy about the rules of law governing defense secrets," Edgar and Schmidt wrote.

But today, by turning to the Espionage Act to punish disclosures to the press, even disclosures by non-government employees who do not hold a clearance (as in the AIPAC case), the government seems intent on bringing this state of benign indeterminacy to an end.

One major development that occurred after the publication of the Edgar/Schmidt law review article in 1973 was the use of the Espionage Act in the successful prosecution of Samuel L. Morison in 1985 for providing classified satellite images to Jane's Defence Weekly.

But this was a unique instance.

"The selective action against Mr. Morison appears capricious at best," wrote the late Senator Daniel P. Moynihan in a 1998 letter to President Bill Clinton, supporting a pardon for Morison.

Senator Moynihan noted (following Edgar and Schmidt) that when the Espionage Act was introduced in 1917 it included a provision sought by President Wilson authorizing government censorship of the press, but that Congress rejected the provision, indicating that the legislators' intent did not extend to regulation of the press.

"I would hope that in your review of Mr. Morison's application for a pardon you reflect not simply on the relevant law, but the erratic application of that law and the anomaly of this singular conviction in eighty-one years," Senator Moynihan wrote. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2001/04/moynihan.html>

President Clinton pardoned Samuel L. Morison on January 20, 2001.

REPORTERS COMMITTEE FILES MOTION ON THE AIPAC CASE

The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press has asked a federal court for permission to file a friend of the court brief in the pending prosecution of two former employees of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (US v. Franklin, et al) to explain the threat the case could pose to a free press.

Pointing out the strange fact that non-government employees are being prosecuted for mishandling classified information, the Reporters Committee argued that the AIPAC case "could affect the very nature of how journalism can be practiced."

"The defendant private citizens have been charged for conspiring to 'communicate' national defense information 'to any persons not entitled to receive it.' 18 U.S.C. 793(d). Overly broad, this language applies to any private party who speaks about national defense information regardless of their intent or whom they speak to."

"These charges potentially eviscerate the primary function of journalism to gather and publicize information of public concern particularly where the most valuable information to the public is information that other people, such as the government, want to conceal," the Reporters Committee motion argued.

See "Reporters Committee warns court of espionage law's potential harm to journalists," October 13:

<http://www.rcfp.org/news/releases/20051013-reportersc.html>

JASON ON NIF IGNITION

The JASON defense advisory group has prepared a report on the "prospects for achieving inertial confinement fusion (ICF) ignition at the National Ignition Facility (NIF) by 2010."

"The scientific and technical challenges in such a complex activity suggest that success in the early attempts at ignition in 2010, while possible, is unlikely," the authors concluded.

See "NIF Ignition," June 29, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/jason/nif.pdf>

DOE ORDER ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS SURETY

In a new Order, the Department of Energy has reestablished the Nuclear Explosive and Weapons Surety (NEWS) program, the prime objective of which is "to prevent accidents and inadvertent or unauthorized use of U.S. nuclear explosives (including nuclear weapons)."

See DOE Order O 452.1C, "Nuclear Explosive and Weapon Surety Program," approved September 20, 2005:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/doe/o452_1c.html

THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA ON FAS AND OPEN SOURCE RISKS

The President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, noted in a speech to Indian police officers last week that the world wide web offers new tools and opportunities for law enforcement and counterterrorism, but that it also presents risks.

He singled out the Federation of American Scientists web site as a source of potentially problematic high resolution satellite imagery.

"Most of you may or may not be aware that the high resolutions pictures are freely available on the internet provided by many sites including www.fas.org and Google earth," Dr. Kalam said.

In fact, however, the FAS collection of satellite imagery is highly selective, largely historical and altogether quite limited. For better or worse, we are simply not in the same business as Google Earth.

See the discussion of "open source intelligence" in President Abdul Kalam's October 15 speech at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy in Hyderabad here:

<http://presidentofindia.nic.in/scripts/sllatest1.jsp?id=615>

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Re: SETI And The Cosmic Quarantine Hypothesis -

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>Source: Astrobiology Magazine

><http://tinyurl.com/8z88n>

>October 17 2005

>How many technically advanced civilizations exist in our galaxy?
>With this essay by Steven Soter, Scientist-in-Residence in the
>Center for Ancient Studies at New York University, Astrobiology
>Magazine initiates the first in a series of 'Gedanken', or
>thought, experiments - musings by noted scientists on scientific
>mysteries in a series of "what if" scenarios.

<snip>

>Yet there is no evidence in the astronomical, geological,
>archaeological, or historical records that extraterrestrial
>civilizations exist or that visitors from other worlds have ever
>been to Earth.

Geez ... What about all the archeological artifacts which
strongly appear to reflect advanced visitors from elsewhere, or,
at least advanced technology in use in times past? What about
the Dogon tribe in which extraterrestrial history is part of
their lore?

Especially captivating are the gold 'model aircraft', at least
one of which has control surface breaks etched on wing and tail.

And what about the 4,000 (?) physical trace UFO cases? Or the
recording GPS unit showing a boat belonging to abductees passed
over land?

Those are evidence in my book. Such "no evidence" claims are
pure cover up propaganda, as I see them.

Eleanor White

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Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill - Randle

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 10:04:32 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

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>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 17:17:49 -0300
>>>Subject: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

>>>Kathy Marden has given me permission to post her response to
>>>that terrible Fulford column

<snip>

>>They were obviously aware of such programs and certainly
>>discussed these topics with ufologists long before their
>>regression sessions. Betty was quick to read all the UFO books
>>she could get so was not totally uncontaminated by UFO stories
>>and ideas.

>Just who were these ufologists besides Mr. Webb and when in
>relation to the experience did these discussions take place? Is
>there some basis for saying Betty read all the books she could
>get? How many was that? Just what abduction books were there
>prior to the Interrupted Journey that describe an experience
>anything like that of the Hills? It is certainly true that most
>people had heard of UFOs. So what?

>Let us not forget that Dr. Simon was a very well respected
>psychiatrist with long experience at using medical hypnosis to
>extract the truth about traumatic experiences. He was not a new-
>comer to the process.

>There is an enormous amount of emotion on the tapes... and it
>took great skill to break through the blocks without putting
>words in their mouths... which he didn't.

Stan, List, All...

Can't let this pass without a comment.

Recent studies, including those on soldiers who claim to have
seen horrific combat while serving in Vietnam has shown that the
amount of emotion displayed by the subject is no certain gauge
as to the reliability of the stories. In other words, many of
those who display the proper emotion while relating their tales
of combat have been proven to have never seen that combat, never
served in Vietnam and in some extreme cases, never even served
in the military.

What this means, simply, is that we cannot rely on the emotion
of the subject as a way of telling if the experience was real,

imagined, or is an outright lie.

KRandle

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Re: Gill Sighting - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 23:13:49 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 09:18:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 09:57:57 -0500
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 18:33:13 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>Jerry, do you think you would be able to point us to the
>reference where Menzel talks about illiterate natives and the
>Great White Father? Or better still perhaps you could quote the
>paragraph to us.

>Be glad to, John.

>According to Menzel, the native witnesses did not observe either
>the UFO or the waving occupants. He goes on: "Father Gill simply
>assumed that the other people were seeing what he saw. Although
>a great many 'witnesses' signed the report, I doubt very much
>that they knew what they were signing and why. They would
>certainly have been mystified as to why their great white leader
>was seeing something that was invisible to them. On the other
>hand, they would not have been too surprised because after all,
>they looked upon Father Gill as a holy man."

OK, Jerry, it's a fair cop.

John Rimmer

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Re: Gill Sighting - Sparks

From: **Brad Sparks** <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 18:18:22 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 09:19:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Sparks

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 23:06:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:22:07 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 17:28:37 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

<snip>

>... Cruttwell's report....
>Have a look at part VII section 1 for the item on him
>misidentifying Venus . (So did ten others, all "college men"
>including one who had "great qualifications", was an ex-RAAF
>navigator and who "knows a good deal about aircraft and a lot
>about stars". They were all present).

This would be a more cogent argument if that misidentification
had involved these multiple witnesses reporting a large craft
with "men" topside waving to those below, instead of a mere
light in the sky which they themselves identified as Venus.

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Passive Radar [was: Field Research & Images]

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 18:43:31 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 09:24:18 -0400
Subject: Passive Radar [was: Field Research & Images]

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:14:56 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 19:59:40 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 12:03:07 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>I do not think the UFO community is unaware of passive
>>>radar. It is the latest sensation....

>>Where is Davenport's Passive Radar concept "the latest
>>sensation"? Certainly not on UFO UpDates where it goes virtually
>>unmentioned. Whenever proposals for a "new approach" to UFO
>>research are made on UpDates basically no one (except me I
>>think) mentions Passive Radar. Which is my point in bringing it
>>up on this thread.

>It was the latest sensation a while ago.

No it wasn't and isn't. When "new approaches" to UFO research
are brought up on UFO UpDates such as the "Serious Question"
thread for example, not a single person has responded by
mentioning Passive Radar, or your ideas either, for that matter.

>Now it is entrenched
>in the psyche of ufology. Note that Davenport was on a number of
>nationwide radio talk shows that appeal to the UFO audience.
>This is much more than most of us can claim. He got his idea out
>there. Even on UpDates his idea has been discussed, but not with
>any real technical sense of implementing it (how many of us are
>radio engineers?). Mainly the only interest is how can this be
>funded. Sure it would be great to have everyone pitch in \$10 to
>fund the thing, but we don't do that. No, we have conferences on
>exopolitics.

Again I stand by my previous statement: "Whenever proposals for
a "new approach" to UFO research are made on UpDates basically
no one (except me I think) mentions Passive Radar."

<snip>

>>>You seem to be saying to
>>>me that all other UFO research is hopeless (based on the past
>>>results of UFO field reseearch) until we can get this passive
>>>radar.

>>I am saying that optically-dominated ground stations have
>>limited range in seeing UFOs close up enough to tell they are
>>UFO's, essentially has to be within about 1/2 mile, and that a

>I am sorry but this is bull. Why is this so hard to convey? Is

>anyone else out there in Listland confused when I say that
>triangulating a tiny dot in the night sky (with a proper
>distance between the triangulation stations) can give you the
>altitude and position of the tiny dot of light at even satellite
>distances, be it Casper the Ghost or an interplanetary pelican
>or alien spaceship or supersecret military orbital spaceplane. I
>agree that you cannot see the details of the object. It doesn't
>matter. What matters in my experiment is that one can track
>such a light going from low altitude to orbital altitude.

Your optical triangulation system could easily triangulate a satellite because a satellite is not a UFO! It moves in a smooth continuous fashion. Just limit your software to track only distant satellites moving at 18,000 mph and you won't have any false alarms with wildly accelerated false triangulations. But you won't get any UFOs either.

You conveniently dodged the argument I made in my posting on the 12th:

"No software will be able to tell the difference between one pinpoint of light that looks like another pinpoint of light. Two pinpoints of light 0.1 degree apart might be interpreted as a single pinpoint of light 6 miles away by an optical triangulation system (twenty-meter baseline), even though they are actually two pinpoints of light a meter apart on a dark object only 500 meters away. Or one pinpoint of light is a distant star (or aircraft) and the other is on a dark object (maybe even a UFO) close by and the optical triangulation system misinterprets it as a single pinpoint at an intermediate distance. All sorts of other scenarios and combinations are highly likely and no way to distinguish them. Etc. etc."

I've snipped out the rest of your tired argument about supposed software overloads with a Passive Radar system since they are off base. The system doesn't have to waste computing power calculating trajectories of well-behaved normal targets.

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Re: Gill Sighting - Sparks

From: **Brad Sparks** <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 19:25:42 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 09:26:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Sparks

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:43:06 -0500
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

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>A simple consultation of a dictionary (in this case the
>unabridged Webster's Third New International Dictionary) reveals
>this definition of "mothership":

>"1: chiefly Brit: a naval vessel escorting or guarding smaller craft
>(as torpedo boats or submarines). 2: a ship serving several
>smaller craft: TENDER."

>In other words, it's a British shipping term.

And Gill was highly dependent upon shipping to receive supplies and letters as well as transport to and from the remote mission outpost in New Guinea. Gill would have been more than ordinarily familiar with nautical terminology given his extraordinary dependence on shipping.

Whereas we who are steeped in UFO lore immediately jump to conclusions of a UFO or Adamski connection when we see a term like "mothership." But where is there any other Adamski terminology or folkloristic themes evident in Gill's vocabulary or narratives? Are the "men" who waved to him and the New Guineans labeled "Space Brothers" or even just "brothers"? Any described as blond or human looking? Are themes of peace and brotherhood evident in Gill's account or did he not in fact suspect it was a (warlike) military secret aircraft? Just the opposite of Adamski's peaceloving Space Brotherhood.

Did Gill's UFO look like Adamski's ball-tripod landing gear with two levels (no, Gill's had three levels and sticklike landing struts) or the cigar-shaped "mothership" with portholes in the side?

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Re: Passive Radar - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 20:17:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 09:28:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Passive Radar - Reynolds

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:14:56 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 19:59:40 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

<snip>

>That is lubricious.

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Lubricious? Sexually wanton?? This passive radar thing is starting to sound interesting.....

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Serious Question - Bird

From: Mike Bird <mikebird.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 23:11:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 09:32:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Serious Question - Bird

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 22:19:59 +0000
>Subject: Serious Question

<snip>

>The question being: How should we proceed to resolve the
>controversy in a meaningful way? Ideally (assuming unlimited
>funding) and practically (assuming a serious lack of funding)?

Dick,

I'd like to take a crack at your question.

I'll preface my approach by saying that I have been a computer professional for over 33 years. I tend to look at all things as being very yes or no-ish. There's no room in computers for "maybe" on any issue. It just doesn't compute! The same can be said about the UFO "controversy".

First of all, I think that the prize is already ours. The truth about UFOs is not about proof, it is about time. It's no longer about "are we alone", it's "when will we find out".

The skeptics are on the short end of the stick.

In your earlier question you asked, what do we do with all the best cases? We do what we've been doing for nearly 60 years, we keep on putting them on top of the pile of good cases that preceeded them.

I don't need a mountain of cases to help me make up my mind about are we alone. One or two will do. I think the Father Gill case is excellent. I think the Ruwa Zimbabwe School case is excellent. To that we could add the Shag Harbour case of 67, and a thousand other excellent cases...

The reality of UFOs has never been about science. It has been about politics. James McDonald learned this the hard way. He started out applying science, but in the end he was crushed by the politics.

I personally am tired of my Canadian government continuing to withhold the truth on the reality of UFOs. That's why Victor Viggiani and I organized Exopolitics Toronto - UFO Disclosure And Planetary Directions Symposium just 3 weeks ago.

Our planet cannot move forward intelligently, until we know that we are not alone. The best data more than suggests that we are not alone. It's time to move to a more forward thinking position.

A more important question should be, "will our planet survive if our governments continue to lie to us or withhold truth"? And not just about UFOs.....

Regards,

Mike Bird
MUFON Director For Canada

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Mexican Airliner Crew Reports UFO Encounter

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 06:41:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 09:37:34 -0400
Subject: Mexican Airliner Crew Reports UFO Encounter

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Source: Ana Luisa Cid
Date: 10.19.05

Mexico: Airliner Crew Reports UFO Encounter

Information provided by aviation expert Alfonso Salazar Mendoza, researcher and co-author of the book, Los Ovnis y la Aviacion Mexicana.

During the first days of October 2005, the crew of a Boeing 737-200 (registration XA-MAA) witnessed the maneuvers of a plate-shaped unidentified flying object, described by the flight engineer as being highly luminous and similar to platinum.

The event occurred at 12:30 p.m. in the air corridor of the Mexican state of Oaxaca, at an altitude of 20,000 feet and under conditions of perfect visibility.

Witnesses describe the mysterious object as having emerged from a cloud and entering another, becoming visible during that period of time. They estimate that it was at a distance of 10 nautical miles from their aircraft.

The crew found the sighting truly remarkable, as in an earlier instance, another airliner belonging to the same company (Magnicharter) had reported a strange sphere that remained static over the World Trade Center air corridor in Mexico City.

In the opinion of researcher Alfonso Salazar, a large percentage of aviation professionals is convinced that unidentified flying objects indeed exist and in his next book, Los Ovnis y la Aviacion Mexicana II, (co-authored with Carlos Guzman) he will reveal new cases of UFO and aircraft encounters.

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Re: Naga Fireballs Of Nong Khai Thailand - Johnson

From: Donald A. Johnson <donjohnson.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 05:21:42 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 09:41:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Naga Fireballs Of Nong Khai Thailand - Johnson

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 16:54:04 -0700
>Subject: Naga Fireballs Of Nong Khai Thailand

>[Thai television coverage is a bit sparse the past two days. I
>know FT did a spread on this phenomenon and at least one
>"scientific" study by the Europeans a few years ago but no
>definitive explanation of possible causes. If the full moon is
>one variable why aren't the fireballs seen at other full moons -
>or are they?. This year over 200 fireballs were seen. -Terry]

<snip>

Dear UFO UpDates List:

This afternoon (20 October 2005) I talked to an American, Christina Bradley, M.P.H., who came to our University to interview for a teaching job. She said she saw five (5) of the mysterious "Naga" balls of light during the full moon festival as she watched the Mekong River from Nong Khai, Thailand.

Donald A. Johnson, Ph.D.
Christian University of Thailand
Nakhon Pathom, Thailand

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Boris Chourinov?

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 14:34:03 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 09:43:16 -0400
Subject: Boris Chourinov?

Hi there,

Could anyone please supply me with an e-mail address for Boris Chourinov?

Many thanks,

Philip Mantle

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Filer's Files #43 2005

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 13:00:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 09:53:44 -0400
Subject: Filer's Files #43 2005

Filer's Files #43 - 2005
George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern
Vice President of Skywatch International
October 17, 2005, Web www.georgefiler.com

Radar and satellites track UFOs

This week's files cover: Arthur C. Clarke says life exists on Mars, as does Sir Charles W. Shults III, of Xenotech Research, September UFO Sightings Weather Map by Steve Reichmuth, and radar-92s and satellites are picking up UFOs.

In addition, witnesses saw UFOs over California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Utah, and Wisconsin. Many witnesses saw UFOs in Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Iraq, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the United Kingdom.

The purpose of these files is to report weekly the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world. These Files assume that extraterrestrial intelligent life not only exists, but my hypothesis is that of the over one hundred UFOs reported each week, many represent alien craft.

Arthur C. Clarke says life exists on Mars

Photo thanks to European Space Command

Arthur C. Clarke is one of the most celebrated science fiction authors of our time. He is the author of more than sixty books with more than 50 million copies in print, winner of all the field's highest honors. Sir Arthur C. Clarke, has again managed to upset the apple cart by directly stating what so few in the planetary sciences community are willing to admit: things are not as we have been told regarding our solar system. Surprising many he stated: "I'm fairly convinced that we have discovered life on Mars. There are some incredible photographs from [the Jet Propulsion Laboratory], which to me are pretty convincing proof of the existence of large forms of life on Mars! Have a look at them. I don't see any other interpretation.")"

Mars has trilobites in ancient seas.

Sir Charles W. Shults III, of Xenotech Research writes, "I have a new web page that details life on Mars and also supports Panspermia theories that some organisms here on Earth were imported from Mars on meteorites." Dr. Shultz has found Mars Rover Opportunity's images of fossil trilobites that match found on Earth". There were more than 500 trilobite species on Earth, so called because their bodies are composed of three lobes or segments. Trilobita are a Paleozoic group of Crustacea thought to have been extinct on Earth since the Carboniferous age. Their apparent size is 2.5 mm and common features are bilateral symmetry, three lobes or distinct segments. The Mars imager took these multiple small images of trilobites.

When you find the same pattern on different rocks, you have a

clue that these rocks might be fossils. When you find that not only is the same pattern present, but it is larger on large specimens and smaller on small specimens, you have support for the idea that it grew with the specimen.

Thanks to NASA/JPL/Cornell/USGS

<http://www.xenotechresearch.com/random01.htm>

<http://www.xenotechresearch.com/murch02.htm>

rover arm breaks a tooth from an urchin Thanks to Sir Charles W. Shults III, K. B. B. Xenotech Research The original NASA/JPL image link is here

<http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/all/1/m/593/1M180828264EF>

F6200P2936M2M1.HTML,

<http://www.xenotechresearch.com/mk505a.htm>

Radar=92s and satellites picking up UFOs

Since September 11, 2001, NORAD fighters have scrambled or diverted from air patrols in the U.S. Northern Command Area of Responsibility more than 2,000 times to respond to possible air threats, and have combined with Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) and air-to-air-refueling aircraft to fly more than 40,000 sorties.

Joe Stefula reports, "Our DSP satellites track the launch of various= missiles using various types of sensors but chiefly with Infrared sensors.= In addition to the missiles the sensors also are able to pick up= unidentified flying objects that are entering and leaving our atmosphere= called Fastwalkers." Slower anomalous objects are referred to as= Slowwalkers. The DSP satellite system once composed of 18 units in deep= space orbit picks up UFO intruders or "Fastwalkers" several times a week.= AeroJet General engineer Ron Regehr, helped design the satellites. Insiders= report there is a great deal of excitement as the UFOs sometimes trigger= the early warning system. Often they are referred to as Uncorrelated= Targets indicating they are not in the data base for objects in space.

Radar Problems Cause Long Delays

BOSTON AIRPORT - Travelers using Logan International Airport may continue to experience delays, as officials are still working on fixing the radar malfunction that has been causing major backups. The problem began Sunday, and some travelers experienced delays of up to five hours Monday, October 11, 2005, according to WCVB-TV in Boston.

The Federal Aviation Administration's radar surveillance system in Merrimack, N.H., has been creating false targets on radar screens, the television station reported. A conflict warning goes on advising of a potential collision, but the problem is caused by a computer glitch that causes the system to detect planes that aren't even there. Monday, Logan air traffic control had to be switched to a backup radar system in Nashua, N.H. All approaching planes had to be kept five miles apart, instead of the usual three causing five hour delays. The computer malfunction has occurred at other airports, according to FAA spokeswoman Arlene Murray.

Editor=92s Note =96 Radars almost daily pick up UFOs causing confusion with operators so the computers are set to not paint high speed targets such as UFOs. Frequently they are seen and videotaped near airports. FAA instructs operators to divert aircraft away from the UFOs..

September UFO Sightings Weather Map

Steve Reichmuth reports, "September 2005 has been the most active time period plotted yet so far since I began plotting since May 2005, with 454 sighting reports from NUFORC and 75 sighting reports from MUFON CMS data bases.

Map commentary shows Anomalous light as *, Triangle craft ^, disk craft <>, Other shapes , Landings L<>, and Entities E,

A MUFON CMS landing was reported in Killeen/Ft. Hood, Texas on September 17, 2005.

(IFOs (Identified Flying Objects) posted for September 22, 2005 (around 19:10 hours) was a brilliant missile launch from Vandenberg AFB, California with sightings reported into the NUFORC and MUFON CMS from San Diego, San Francisco Bay area,

Phoenix, western New Mexico, and Rifle, Colorado .

Chicago, Illinois and outlining burrows in the last week of September and into October has experienced some 40 plus reports within a small 50 mile square area! Similar activity (and similar objects) occurred in Cleveland, Ohio in July 2005.

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

The Chicago sighting flap is centered within Tinley Park, Orland Park, Orland Hills, Oak Forest, Lemont, Wheaton, Chicago Heights, Aurora, all within a few miles of each other, all just west of Chicago, Illinois. Alberta, Canada, and Ohio River Valley states shows activity. Thanks to Steve Reichmuth Northern California Mufon SSD- Alameda/Contra Costa Co.

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/ndx1IL.html#skip>

California huge flying triangle

MILPITAS - My fianc=E9 and I saw a very large triangle directly through our moon roof this spring. We just finished a dinner about 9:45 PM, We had to sit and wait for the RXR going by and we opened the sunroof! This huge triangle was black-matching with the night sky except we could see three red lights at each corner=85As it went by-there was no sound, but it was flying at less than 300 feet altitude and bigger than two football fields long.

We saw one back in December 10, 1994. I went to the backyard, and saw seven little triangles slip into the Milpitas Mountains. They went like little toys falling out of something. The big triangle had disappeared. Maybe it crashed or just blended with the night sky and that=92s why we could not see it. Thanks to Sharon

EAST OF MODESTO - On my way to work in the mornings I have been seeing some unusual activity over the Sierras. At 7:20 AM, on October 12, 2005, when I noticed several jets moving south and north over the mountains. Then I saw a brilliant crescent-like object that was about 35 degrees above the horizon. The jets seemed to be skirting near the UFO. The crescent object flew higher.

Suddenly, a spherical UFO shot out of the crescent-like object and flew up. As the sphere moved upwards, the crescent stopped moving, and began to fade away until you could no longer see it. The sphere moved up until it looked like a bright star, then it gradually faded. On October 14, 2005, I decided to take my camera with me and I took some interesting pictures.

Colorado orbs

Dr. Bruce Maccabee writes, "If the pictures are taken at night using a flash the "orb images" might very well be caused by reflection from tiny dust particles in the air close to the camera lens. Orbs that are seen at night without flash, i.e., orbs that are sources of light (not just reflectors of light) have been reported numerous times throughout the world. They are the orbs which are truly interesting. For a rare daylight orb report and photo see: See "flash orb" analysis at

<http://brumac.8k.com/orb1.html>

Florida huge boomerang craft

PORT RICHEY - On September 28, 2005, at 5:52 PM, I saw a huge craft flying quickly, with a distinct boomerang shape. Keep in mind what I saw broke out of the dimension of space itself, was red only to the fact that the red part of the UFO was like an outlined cartoon drawing, drawn with a red marking pen. The boomerang moved just like a boomerang would be thrown in a cartoon drawing. It was flat, with no dimension to it. I thought, a flying red tiger. So what did I see? Does it matter. Not really! My self I am just an average person with a penchant for Jesus, and his Father God Almighty! I have been seeing the "lights in the sky" since age 8. I see these "objects" around us almost daily. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

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Northern Idaho 1947

Ted Bloecher writes, "Here's one to add to the DBase and for the rest of us= to search for. It's a Category 5: July 3rd, 1947. This interesting report= describes the landing, seen by a family of ten in Northern Idaho, of eight= huge objects. This report should have been among those in the Air Force= files because it had been reported to intelligence officers from the= Spokane Army Air Base, and an intensive air search was carried out by two= missions of the National Guards 116th Fighter Group. Local sheriffs= deputies also made a ground search, but since no apparent trace of the= objects was found, a report was probably never forwarded to Wright Field in= Dayton. (Ted Bloecher)

Illinois red lights

TINLEY PARK - We were walking north towards 175th street on a path in Tinley Park on September 29, 2005, about 11:22 PM. All of us looked up and saw one red light in the sky. Our friend reminded us of the UFO sightings we saw a year ago around Halloween. The red light kept at a steady pace in the sky heading either straight up or northeast. About 20 minutes after staring at the light, we arrived at my friend's house and it was about the size of a star.

Two more came from the west around the same height and parallel to each other heading east. We watched these fly at a steady pace just like the others. We kept watching just as long as we watched the first one. After awhile the first red light we saw went out and the other two were slowly fading out. One went out after awhile and then the last one went out, but before it did, it fell really fast to the earth. Then, it shook back and forth and finally went out. Thanks to Brian

Massachusetts

BERKSHIRE =96 October 5th was a clear night, and a helicopter pilot took his dog for a walk in Pinegrove Park, when he noticed a very large object located 290 degrees west, and 30 degrees above the horizon at 10:20 PM, that had not been there a few minutes before. The object was a bright yellowish, white color, and "self-illuminating." It was about ten times larger than the North Star looks. It is very large if it is, and i've never seen it before!" I called my wife to bring me the camera as the object continued to hover for five more minutes. The object began to move to the southeast and changed to red and blue lights underneath the craft.

I estimated the hovering craft to be 7 to 10 miles away and close to four miles at about 10,000 feet altitude. Now, the only aircraft I know of that can hover like that is a helicopter with a large search light, but being a commercial helicopter pilot myself, there are no search lights that would look like that and give the impression of being self-illuminating, and being steady and non-directional. Also the craft moved too fast to be a helicopter, it flew about 400 knots (most military helicopters have a top speed of 220 knots.) Thanks to MUFON CMS

Michigan bright light at top of the trees

HOLLAND - We were out in our hot tub on September 26, 2005, at 9:24 PM, when we noticed a UFO moving slow at first. It quickly went forward then back then disappeared. Then three more appeared and maneuvered, then all the lights disappeared and all was silent and calm. We watched from the hot tub as all the objects disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

GOODRICH -There was a bright light from the top of the trees in the wooded area near our subdivision on September 27, 2005. I noticed the light from the window about 9 PM. The light was too bright to be a star, but it seemed to be a white color. Slowly the light descended into the trees so that it no longer could be seen. There was also another light in the distance that slowly hovered in the sky. This light or craft had different colored lights, like blue, green, red, yellow and they sort of flashed or changed color constantly. This craft eventually could not be seen as it descended down into the trees/wooded area. These crafts seemed to descend into the woods. There is a lake in that area as well. This all took place for an hour or so. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

New Jersey bright lights

MANALAPAN - The craft was hovering with the brightest lights I have ever seen just above the tree line at 11 PM, on September 21, 2005. It hovered for quite a long time and then slowly dipped below the tree line. We jumped into the car to follow and drove to Tennent Cemetery where we saw it again. The lights were all the way across the craft and it made no sound. It was hovering and did not move for some time, then dipped below the trees so we jumped into the car and drove to Wemrock Road to see if it would reappear there. A shooting star shot across the sky from where we saw it last. It was too large to be a helicopter. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

New York two bright lights

NEW PALTZ, CATSKILLS - On September 30, 2005, traveling north on the New York State Thruway and approaching Exit 21, Catskill exit around 8 PM, I saw two bright lights, close enough to each other to look like they were connected, but hovering in the sky! Its altitude was no more than 300 feet and it was hovering just off the Thruway near a construction area. I was stationed at Otis AFB for a year and I know this was not a plane or helicopter. There were no blinking lights, just two very bright lights almost touching each other hovering in the sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

North Carolina orbs

High Point in Davidson County =96 Alan Caviness writes, "There was continuing orb activity in central North Carolina on September 22, 2005." The Carolina Group Research Project field team again photographed orb images in the immediate vicinity of power lines. As in earlier cases, randomness would not allow for this to occur at such a high rate. Photographs taken around power lines once again suggest that orbs are attracted to them. Some of these orb type photos as well as lights, and UFOs are available in a free CD by obtaining a subscription to these files. These are similar or even the same, as the orbs photographed in the Crop Circles in England. Thanks to Alan Caviness

Ohio UFO video

AKRON =96 Amy writes, "I took an unbelievable one last night about 6:40 PM on October 15, 2005. We filmed it for about 3 or 4 minutes." I have this one and a really good one I took last week, I'm going to make another tape and send it to you. These are stills from the video yesterday. We were sitting in our car at the Outback Steakhouse waiting for them to bring out our food. (curbside service) My husband Ed was admiring the moon when he first saw the object.

I filmed it with a Sharp digital camcorder. It was about one mile away in the eastern sky. Thank God, I had my camcorder with me and was able to get great video. The object at one point looked like two black round things, they eventually joined to make one object, when they were joining each other they had a strange glow around them. They hovered in the same spot while joining, they were coming down as if they were landing.

I handed the camera to my hubby since he was on the driver's side and had a clearer view but we lost it. I am sure it landed since it was coming down as if it was going to land, when we lost sight of it. I am going out to the same spot tonight to see if it will come back. Thanks to Amy

FOSTORIA =96 George Ritter writes, "I am now shooting my 500th video tape and I often find UFOs in the tapes when I examine them.

This craft was videotaped on October 12, 2005. Occasionally, I spot them with the naked eye while taping. I have thousands that I have documented over the years on a scientific repeatable basis since 1998.
Thanks to George Ritter

Utah two disks over park.

DOCKSTADER PARK - On September 28, 2005, my wife and I were at the park with our children when she noticed something strange in

the sky at 2 PM. My wife pointed out two white disks losing altitude. We watched for three minutes and as they became clearer, my wife ran to the truck and grabbed a disposable Fiji Camera. She snapped the rest of the film on these two objects.

After ten minutes, one of the objects slowly moved upward and in about ten seconds, the object vanished. The other object was still in plain sight. It hovered for another five minutes and vanished in front of our eyes. We took the film and had it developed and only one photo showed the two objects but the others showed nothing in the sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

Wisconsin four bright orange lights

LAKE GENEVA - At 8 PM, three customers called me outside on September 18, 2005, to see four bright orange lights spread out across the sky. For ten minutes, they were moving slightly when they began moving toward each other and met up directly overhead. Once together, they flew one by one higher until they were out of sight. It took five minutes until the forth one flew up and was gone. Other workers who said customers came inside and saw the same thing the night before. Both nights were perfectly clear, the first night they were here at 9 PM, then back around midnight. Thanks to Brian Vike <http://www.hbccufo.com/>

Argentina aircraft accompanied by UFO

CIUFOS-LaPampa reports, "About 7:30 PM, the presence of a UFO was reported toward the south of Santa Rosa, La Pampa, near an airliner during the last week of July 2005. The airport control tower operator was observing the approach of a commercial flight from Buenos Aires when he detected the presence of a luminous object moving slowly and parallel to the aircraft, from east to west. Faced with this circumstance, the tower operator requested a confirmation of the unknown object's presence from the Flight Plan Operator, located in the lower level of the control tower building. Both men could visualize the airliner entering its final approach from a south to north direction while the luminous object halted its movement, issued a bright flash of intense blue-white light, re-started its movement, stopped again to emit another flash, and subsequently vanished before its departure trajectory could be detected. This UFO was seen on radial 140 and some 20 degrees over the horizon, vanishing toward radial 180, and at no point ever being detected by the airliner's crew.

LA PAMPA - On October 13, 2005, at 9:14 PM, a luminous object was seen by three witnesses as it flew over the northern sector of the city of Santa Rosa, La Pampa. Its luminosity was observed for some 15 seconds, being an intense white in color, dimming gradually until it vanished completely. Translation (c) 2005 Scott Corrales, IHU. Special thanks to Raul Oscar Chaves, CIUFOS-LaPampa.

Bolivia: UFOs cause amazement

EASTERN REGION - The Journal of Hispanic Ufology reports, "Channel 39 managed to capture images of five UFOs that were seen October 12, 2005, over Eastern Oruro, causing curiosity and amazement in thousands of witnesses. Channel 39 of the Corporacion Orurena de Comunicacion (COC) captured the UFOs at 10:30 PM. The two strange objects drew people's attention due to their red, green and blue lights. One was a silvery, circular UFO that presented two circumferences - a smaller one located inside the object and another outside spinning at an impressive speed.

Channel 39 journalist and show host, Pedro Rubin de Celis, said that Wednesday night's sighting confirms the theory that we are not alone in the Universe. "This has been a marvelous presence of UFOs in the firmament, and many people stepped out onto their balconies to observe this spectacle. The camera zoom has shown us, beyond the vehicle's flashes, a circle making concentric movements within other circles around the vessel and with a black dot at the center. The objects also had their own movement," he explained. Translation (C) 2005, Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology (IHU). Special thanks to Guillermo Gimenez, Planeta UFO.

Canada UFO Circling Military Base

CFB COMOX, VANCOUVER ISLAND, B.C. - I saw a UFO circling the military base at CFB Comox on September 25, 2005. I saw it at 12:15 pm and the skies were clear, except for one chemtrail nearby. I got some pretty good pictures and this time it was unmistakably a saucer. I got a half dozen images of it and in one of them, there is a mirrored shadow object nearby.

In a telephone interview Brian Vike reports, "The witness said in the photos you can see two objects, the white saucer shaped craft, with another off to the left which appears darker in color and seemed to be shadowing the other." The skies are clear except for a contrail and there was no sound. The object slowly made a direction change, but flew much slower than normal aircraft. Thanks to A.L. Photos c. 2005, viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.org/modules.php?name=3DNews> =3Darticle =3D3261

OSHAWA - I would like to share more photos of these white objects that I saw with the naked eye, quite high 2000 feet and photographed. I took this batch on Saturday, October 1, 2005 at about 11 AM. One other thing to note, in my observations in sky watching, that the flashes in the daytime sky, are in fact, becoming more frequent and more intense of brightness-like a camera flash.

LAKE ONTARIO =96 I have a report of the unknown, that stuck out like a sore thumb over Lake Ontario on October 15, 2005, at 7:10 PM, while driving west in Oshawa. I noticed a very intense, bright, white light in the sky, southwest of my position. No way that it was a plane, helicopter, or the brightest star or planet, and space station included. Five minutes after arriving home, I continued further examination of this unknown intense light. I am going to guess this very noticable light was over Lake Ontario, 2-3 miles south of the shoreline of Ajax to Pickering. The altitude appeared, well below orbit. This stationary light, was viewed for about 15 minutes. The clouds were starting to roll in from the west. This event, must have been seen by others on the highway 401, westbound traffic. The intensity was an awe of brightness.

I'm sure the security at the Pickering Nuclear Plant, were aware of the happenings above. This concludes confirmation, that the unknown, is making it's presence known to the masses. Thanks to Paul Shishis

Iraq orbs photograped:

TIKRIT -I took this photo a while ago, from the roof deck of the palace in which my unit hangs it's hat here in Tikrit. I shot a panorama of the countryside view from the roof and the photos before and after this photo do not have the "orbs" in them.

I have other shots of the same area taken when it was sunny and I have not seen the likes of the "orbs" in any of my other photos of this area. I have hundreds of other photos from FOB Danger (Tikrit) and the "orbs" do not appear in any of them. It looks to me that the "orbs" are in motion and moving towards me at an angle, that impression is very clear especially when you zoom in on an orb. Thanks to Pointman 7, Charles E. Ratliff, 1SG, HHC, 250th Signal Battalion, OIF III, FOB Danger, APO AE 09393

Mexican power station alien spotted

ALTAMIRA - According to the Mexican newspaper Hoy Extramex, "Widespread panic has been unleashed in Altamira after a strange creature was videotaped at the thermoelectric plant, spreading once more the theory that there is an extraterrestrial base in the area, presumably with designs on invading the territory." The power station=92s night watchmen claims to have captured the image of an alien on videotape on the plant's security cameras.. Thanks to UFO ROUNDUP, Vol. 10 # 40, 10/12/05 Joseph Trainor editor

Puerto Rico phantom

LAJAS - Jose Martinez of Puerto Rico's PROJECT ARGUS has

provided us with photographs of the alleged "highway phantom" that has been reported in the vicinity of Lajas, Puerto Rico. Mr. Martinez says that the original photo and the enlargement were taken by two agents of the Puerto Rico police, who witnessed the phantom in the company of some youngsters who shot video of the event.

The phantom, described as female, screams as it crosses the highway from one side to another (Rt.303) Thanks to Inexplicata, The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

U.K. Five Round Orange Orbs

HAINAULT, ESSEX - My partner and I, were just saying our goodbyes from my parents house, about 9.30 PM, on September 17, 2005, when I spotted two slowly moving orange lights in the sky. My Dad also saw them as they started to close in towards each other. We called for my mum to come outside and she said "look". She pointed towards three more orange bright lights traveling at the same speed as the previous two in a triangular formation. They were flying towards the original two lights, staying in a triangular shape, then slowly changing formation and drifting apart. My brother, ran back into the house to grab the digital camera and we began to take pictures. I managed to take one picture of the first two before they disappeared completely behind the clouds..

Then, our neighbor walked up the street, and said that he had seen the first two from his window. The three lights then stopped dead and we all just watched. The top and bottom lights (in the triangular formation) went out of vision as the clouds moved over them. We could still see the middle orange light, for three minutes until it shot off at amazing speed. The pictures show a more defined shape to them. Thanks to

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Interviews With Betty Hill & Jacques Vallee

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Subject: Interviews With Betty Hill & Jacques Vallee

A Belgian site has video interviews with Betty Hill and Jacques Vallee and other clips.

See:

http://www.ovni-alerte.com/video.php?id=galerie_video

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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10-20-05

We Believe In Aliens

By PETE BELL
Sun Online

Science fiction staples like time travel and human teleportation will be possible in the future...

At least that's what a large proportion of the British public think, according to a new survey.

It found a third believed time travel - as seen on Dr Who - would be possible in the future.

More than a quarter thought black holes could one day form the gateway to another universe.

A fifth believed Star Trek-style teleportation might become a reality.

And an amazing 12 per cent believed in the possibility that we were living in a Matrix-type parallel world situated alongside another.

The survey, commissioned by UKTV Gold also discovered the following beliefs:

- Some 19 per cent believed scientists would one day be able to bring back bodies to life after freezing them in liquid nitrogen
- Almost two-thirds were convinced humans have the capacity for ESP (Extra Sensory Perception) or a sixth sense enabling them to see into the future
- A quarter believed in aliens
- 40 per cent thought tales of alien abduction held some truth
- 34 per cent thought the Government has hidden information about extraterrestrial activity, scientific developments or UFO sightings

UKTV Gold's channel editor Red Johnson said: "Before we scoff too much, we must remember the 'factoids', the science fiction myths, which have come true.

"It would be difficult now to imagine a world without the all-pervasive internet, yet the concept of cyberspace was first suggested in William Gibson's 1984 novel Neuromancer.

"So it could be that in a few years we could all be like Dr Who travelling through time."

The survey was carried out for the launch of Doctor Who week on UKTV Gold starting on October 23.

Do you believe in aliens? Have you had any paranormal experiences? Are you a time traveller?

Let us know at yourviews.nul-sun.co.uk

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Area 51 Revelations

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Source: Greg Ericson's Free Press International Blog

<http://fpiarticle.blogspot.com/2005/10/area-51-revelations.html>

October 14, 2005

[Many interesting images at site]

Area 51 Revelations

The boys at Area 51 have been very busy over the years. The area in and around '51' is teeming with roads, facilities, and much more.

It's difficult to know what's actually going on in 51 and Nevada but I will try to explain. There are facilities that are blacked out all around 51. There are also huge sections of Nevada where the terrain is very blurry. It's my guess, the government is letting us see what they want us to see and either blacking out or blurring what they DON'T want us to see.

Here is a list of what I've found so far:

[Continued at site]

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Re: Serious Question - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 10:13:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 07:51:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Serious Question - Sandow

>From: Brad Sparks<RB47x.nul>
>Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 20:38:27 EDT
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Serious Question

>>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:56:57 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Serious Question

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 22:19:59 +0000
>>>Subject: Serious Question

>>I think the database of sightings should be mined for
>>statistically significant patterns. How consistent, in other
>>words, is the data? Especially in details that both people
>>reporting the sightings and people investigating them might not
>>have put any stress on.

>>And then the same thing should be done with sightings that can
>>be easily explained. What consistencies do these reports show,
>>and how do they differ from those it's harder to explain?

>>Not that this hasn't been done before. But maybe not as
>>thoroughly as I might like. Besides, it's always good (according
>>to the scientific method) to repeat studies, to make sure that
>>independent researchers, doing the same work, will get the same
>>results.

>It's been done before (George Valley, Grudge-Ruppelt,
>Battelle, Vallee, etc.) and it has not "resolved the
>controversy in a meaningful way." That is the question, not
>"how can we do more studies of UFO's in a scientific manner?"
>The AF made a policy decision on July 28, 1952, to
>deemphasize pattern analysis of anecdotal intelligence
>reports of UFO's, based on a broader MIT study of AF
>intelligence methodology in Project Beacon Hill, as well as
>to devalue anecdotal reports. Arguments can go back and forth
>on statistical analyses and they may never "resolve the
>controversy," which is more of a social and political issue
>than a scientific one.

>A much better answer was in your other post which does
>suggest a possible way to "resolve the controversy":

>"It's usually more effective to get information in the hands
>of people who'll do something with it, which includes
>spreading it around. So I might suggest, once we had our data
>properly organized and studied, a campaign to put the best of
>it in the hands of selected opinion leaders. Let them then
>talk about it, as they go about their active lives.
>Surprising how quickly that'll spread the information. So, if
>we had massive funding, I might want to identify 1000 people
>from science and the media (probably other fields, too -
>people like Bono) who might be open to what we have to say,
>and talk to them one by one. Slow start, tremendous momentum
>once this gets going."

Very reasonable, Brad. Thanks for listing the studies that do what I suggested. I didn't have them available, though I know they exist. I do think there might be some value in doing a similar study once again, though. We have more data, and the work could be done on a larger sample (certainly larger than the Battelle study, if I remember it correctly).

We're also in a different era now, a time when talk about aliens and their visits (the inevitable unspoken context of UFO discussions) is more acceptable than it used to be. So people might be more receptive than they were when the studies you mention were done.

That might especially be true if the two approaches were combined. Do the statistical study, assemble all the old ones, and then make the private visits to opinion makers. Bono, I can imagine, might not care about the statistical stuff, but any scientists who were approached would - if they were willing to take the subject seriously at all - be impressed.

You're right, though. The data is pretty much in place. What we need is a new way of getting it out.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Passive Radar - Smith

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Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 07:54:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Passive Radar - Smith

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 18:43:31 EDT
>Subject: Passive Radar [was: Field Research & Images]

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:14:56 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>It was the latest sensation a while ago.

>No it wasn't and isn't. When "new approaches" to UFO research
>are brought up on UFO UpDates such as the "Serious Question"
>thread for example, not a single person has responded by
>mentioning Passive Radar, or your ideas either, for that matter.

I agree it isn't right now because the public has moved on in their interests. You can't expect them to keep being amazed and impressed with the passive radar idea when many other interests keep popping up. It had its five minutes of fame. Ideas can be very interesting for a short time, but the rub is getting the thing going after the initial glow of "sensational idea" has rubbed off.

I agree that many List people are not participating in the discussion. Many people just like to read what's going on since they either haven't the time to read the technical reports or have little experience with radio engineering. I am sure we can elicit an amen chorus if we asked everyone if we should use passive radar to look for UFOs. Why should they add their two cents when they really want to have meaningful contributions and this really requires experts (not us) to inform them about the subject of passive radar? All we can do is make some assumptions and guesses and deductions about the thing.

>>Even on UpDates his idea has been discussed, but not with
>>any real technical sense of implementing it (how many of us are
>>radio engineers?).

>Again I stand by my previous statement: "Whenever proposals for
>a "new approach" to UFO research are made on UpDates basically
>no one (except me I think) mentions Passive Radar."

What exactly do you want people on the List to do? Tell you "atta boy" or "ditto" or other kudos? They may have various kinds of expertise but radio engineering is likely not one of them.

I will say that passive radar is a great idea if it can work. It can at least beat the FCC restrictions on signal emissions. Its problems seem many, which you think are minimal and I think formidable. We can't convince each other and I am sure the List is either on one side or the other and not willing to make fools of themselves trying to argue.

>>Is anyone else out there in Listland confused when I say that
>>triangulating a tiny dot in the night sky (with a proper
>>distance between the triangulation stations) can give you the

>>altitude and position of the tiny dot of light at even satellite
>>distances,

>>I agree that you cannot see the details of the object. It doesn't
>>matter. What matters in my experiment is that one can track
>>such a light going from low altitude to orbital altitude.

>Your optical triangulation system could easily triangulate a
>satellite because a satellite is not a UFO! It moves in a smooth
>continuous fashion. Just limit your software to track only
>distant satellites moving at 18,000 mph and you won't have any
>>false alarms with wildly accelerated false triangulations. But
>you won't get any UFOs either.

Computerized optical triangulation does not require that you aim
your telescope at the object (at two well separated sites) to
triangulate. It requires two images and software to extract the
position/altitude. For the special case of black background and
white dots, this is "easy". Well, at least with a reasonable
number of white dots. For this reason, you set the threshold of
the cameras properly to reduce the number of dots to a certain
magnitude. Thus, with this approach, which you seem to think is
impossible given all the decades of work on stereo visioning
systems, you determine all the positions simultaneously.

Remember that the cameras I am talking about have a fairly wide
field of view, essentially equivalent to having someone looking
up in the sky all night.

Is there some chance for inaccurate solutions? Improve it with
three sites.

Now if you are concerned about matching dots from one frame to
the next, you are right that it takes some guesswork but this
can be eliminated with adequate camera frame rate.

In order to automate the slewing of telescopes at each site
would require fast enough computational time for the cameras (a
trade of number of pixels and threshold/number of possible
targets and frame rate).

>You conveniently dodged the argument I made in my posting
>on the 12th:

Not really. I thought I lumped it into the "software solution".

>"No software will be able to tell the difference between one
>pinpoint of light that looks like another pinpoint of light. Two
>pinpoints of light 0.1 degree apart might be interpreted as a
>single pinpoint of light 6 miles away by an optical
>triangulation system (twenty-meter baseline), even though they
>are actually two pinpoints of light a meter apart on a dark
>object only 500 meters away. Or one pinpoint of light is a
>distant star (or aircraft) and the other is on a dark object
>(maybe even a UFO) close by and the optical triangulation system
>misinterprets it as a single pinpoint at an intermediate
>distance. All sorts of other scenarios and combinations are
>highly likely and no way to distinguish them. Etc. etc."

I grouped this question with the rest of your tedious questions
and said that state of the art stereo imaging software
(available on the Internet as source code) can process all the
dots at the same time from each separated site. Knowledge of the
orientation/position of the moderate field of view cameras at
each site (must be calibrated) and other things like star
positions are adequate to give a unique solution. I am talking
about processing stereo images (with a large baseline). If you
feel uneasy that the solution is "not unique" then over-
constrain the problem with three sites.

In any event, it is doable using today's technology. (Speaking
from a computer software and hardware perspective).

>I've snipped out the rest of your tired argument about
>supposed software overloads with a Passive Radar system
>since they are off base. The system doesn't have to waste
>computing power calculating trajectories of well-behaved
>normal targets.

Thinking that all you need is one site shows me that you have
not read the technical documents carefully enough. You need more
than one site to gather the position and altitude data.

I have not seen anywhere that it can look over the horizon. Such claims are unbelievable based purely on the knowledge that to "see" an object over the horizon would require multiple reflections off the ionosphere. Now talk about "non-unique" solutions! Passive radar is basically line of sight.

How do you think you are filtering targets with passive radar? The best way is to build you receiver antenna properly to gather signals in the direction you want. But you CAN'T apriori eliminate the chaff. The whole idea about passive radar is that you gather the reflected radio signal (at more than one site) from a known radio source and then examine the shift in signal at each site to determine the possible reflection locations. But you MUST process the signal as though there are many possible reflections, not just one that you choose. The complex (and very likely not real time) algorithms must be able to deconvolve the signal to essentially say "in order to have received this reflected signal at the three receiver antennas, then reflecting objects must be at these X,Y,Z positions in the sky". So you must process the aircraft and birds and clouds and everything else and HOPE that the TRUFO is reflecting enough signal back to the receivers to show up. And the issue is that you need enough reflected signal, so likely need a whopping antenna.

How is directional radio reflectivity handled? Probably you will assume a uniform reflectivity. Well, this may work with homogenous objects like meteors/ion trails/birds, but plasmas and TRUFO propulsion systems?

Don't believe all the hype about technology. Most of it is meant to misdirect the competitors and the rest to solicit investors. Remember that nuclear power would be "too cheap to meter".

Well, keep up the discussion. Maybe it will inspire someone (an expert) hopefully to correct me.

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Re: Passive Radar - Smith

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Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 07:56:02 -0400
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>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 20:17:30 -0500
>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:14:56 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>That is lubricious.

>Lubricious? Sexually wanton?? This passive radar thing is
>starting to sound interesting.....

How did that happen?!?! Its ludicrous to say the least!

Thanks. You made me smile!

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Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
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Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2005 11:18 PM
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Gill Sighting - Sparks

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 23:06:17 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

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>>... Cruttwell's report....
>>Have a look at part VII section 1 for the item on him
>>misidentifying Venus . (So did ten others, all "college men"
>>including one who had "great qualifications", was an ex-RAAF
>>navigator and who "knows a good deal about aircraft and a lot
>>about stars". They were all present).

>This would be a more cogent argument if that misidentification
>had involved these multiple witnesses reporting a large craft
>with "men" topside waving to those below, instead of a mere
>light in the sky which they themselves identified as Venus.

True. And as I pointed out, the majority of the group, including the ex-RAAF navigator (Durie, the College Principal), did not "identify [it] as Venus" at all. Only one individual out of more than a dozen, the Rev. Dams who left to fetch a camera "on first sighting the object" and didn't return until the object was gone, later decided that he had seen Venus. The rest, including Durie and Gill, remained certain that it was a UFO. "There is no doubt that it moved [an anticlockwise circular jiggle]. I yelled with astonishment," said Durie. So the example of this sighting from Dogura is somewhat double-edged.

On the other hand, presumably Venus was not simultaneously visible or the Rev. Dams scepticism could not have carried. Durie, Gill and the others would have pointed this out. But they don't mention Venus on this occasion, although it was there. The Patrol Officer on the island of Baniara also happened to be looking out for "the original object" that evening during the same time frame. He saw no UFOs but "the planet Venus . . . only" (he did wake up and see another light that hung there for an hour in the early hours; Jupiter was by then setting in a similar place).

So probably they were looking at Venus. Its elevation at the start of the sighting would have been about 3 degrees and it set close the time they lost sight of the light. The description is quite suggestive of a setting Venus seen through variable haze and the binocular appearance of a reddened disc seems consistent. The sudden circular motion sounds like a good description of an autokinetic illusion.

In other words, Durie's report seems to be outstandingly accurate. This shows that the propensity to be deceived about the meaning of what one is seeing can coexist with objective recording of sense data. It makes this group of witnesses including Gill collectively quite reliable, Durie in particular,

on this occasion.

What Gill might have perceived/reported had he not been with Durie and Dams at the time is something we can never know, of course. And the conclusion that Gill was able, a week after the Boianai experience, to watch Venus for 20 minutes without identifying it, or more to the point without wondering why this UFO had supplanted the habitual place of Venus in the western evening sky, does speak to the question of how familiar he can have been with the spectacle of Venus in the night sky on and before the nights of June 26-8. But still, it's certainly a long, long way from a shared autokinetic illusion of movement to seeing Venus as a huge structured object five times the width of the moon! I would not be happy to make such a journey without good reason. I don't at present see such a reason.

One can try though! Venus should have been prominent before and after these 3 nights. Something is necessary to make these 3 night special. I'd like to see weather reports for the whole period, but I don't suppose any still exist. Was the sky in the west from Boianai consistently cloudy before and after, allowing Venus to be only temporarily prominent in a weather-window where there were unusual local conditions?

One possible factor contributing to an illusion of size could be a thin mist, or haze. Seen through such a scattering layer the light of Venus could be diffused into a patch. It's somewhat consistent with this that when the object appeared to grow larger, coming lower and closer, Gill said it was "not so bright" and the colour became yellow or orange. Apart from moisture there are other possible sources of haze - for example, smoke particles from a forest fire somewhere, maybe - that might tend to scatter the blue wavelengths out of a white light source leaving it reddened, dimmed and looking enlarged.

Well maybe. But even so the amount of "exaggeration" involved in Gill's account would be more like "hallucination". It just doesn't square with his tone of voice somehow. And then there are the other witnesses to this multiple delusion. Cruttwell tells us that he personally interviewed a number of them - including five named teachers - and got all the same confirming details about the object and the men. They weren't vague about it but "most emphatic". Interestingly, he says that accounts which were given privately by Papuan witnesses to other Papuans, and which he then heard second-hand, were just the same. So there doesn't seem to be much mileage in Menzel's idea that these signatories to the sighting report had no idea what they were signing.

And what about the simultaneous sighting report on June 26 from Giwa, maybe 10 or 20 miles (I can't find very accurate maps) up the bay? This was a single-witness report but in some respects quite similar: A brilliant greenish light that descended rapidly, approached and enlarged to an oval at the same time as it dimmed in brightness to reveal a row of illuminated "portholes", hovered like that for 4 minutes then shot off again over the mountains. Whatever this was it could not have been Venus (in the opposite direction). The time of this apparition near Giwa corresponds roughly to the time when the manned object went "through the cloud" at Boianai and disappeared for the first time (the next sighting recorded there is 2028).

Admittedly, before making his own report to the Menapi Mission Secretary the Giwa witness had heard the story ("Did you see the American Air Force last night?") from some Papuans who he picked up by boat from Boianai on the 27th, and could possibly be echoing it. But if he got the story from the Papuans directly the very next morning, that is interesting in itself isn't it?

Martin Shough

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Re: Serious Question - Dickenson

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Subject: Re: Serious Question - Dickenson

>From: Mike Bird <mikebird.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 23:11:24 -0400
>Subject: Re: Serious Question

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 22:19:59 +0000
>>Subject: Serious Question

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>>The question being: How should we proceed to resolve the
>>controversy in a meaningful way? Ideally (assuming unlimited
>>funding) and practically (assuming a serious lack of funding)?

>I'd like to take a crack at your question.

<snip>

>First of all, I think that the prize is already ours. The truth
>about UFOs is not about proof, it is about time. It's no longer
>about "are we alone", it's "when will we find out".

<snip>

Mike, you went to the crux there

(I really should've tried to answer that way)

When funding finally arrives it'll be because 'they' have
publicly arrived - at which point Ufology becomes part of
physics, biology and lots of other `ologies'.

Cheers

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
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Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 19:25:42 EDT
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 10:43:06 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

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>>A simple consultation of a dictionary (in this case the
>>unabridged Webster's Third New International Dictionary) reveals
>>this definition of "mothership":

>>"1: chiefly Brit: a naval vessel escorting or guarding smaller
>>craft (as torpedo boats or submarines). 2: a ship serving several
>>smaller craft: TENDER."

>>In other words, it's a British shipping term.

>And Gill was highly dependent upon shipping to receive supplies
>and letters as well as transport to and from the remote mission
>outpost in New Guinea. Gill would have been more than
>ordinarily familiar with nautical terminology given his
>extraordinary dependence on shipping.

Fair point. There's also a question of the era. Shipping in
general and the memory of wartime convoys etc was much more a
part of people's lives then - and there - than it is now.

>Whereas we who are steeped in UFO lore immediately jump to
>conclusions of a UFO or Adamski connection when we see a term
>like "mothership." But where is there any other Adamski
>terminology or folkloristic themes evident in Gill's vocabulary
>or narratives? Are the "men" who waved to him and the New
>Guineans labeled "Space Brothers" or even just "brothers"? Any
>described as blond or human looking? Are themes of peace and
>brotherhood evident in Gill's account or did he not in fact
>suspect it was a (warlike) military secret aircraft? Just the
>opposite of Adamski's peaceloving Space Brotherhood.

>Did Gill's UFO look like Adamski's ball-tripod landing gear with
>two levels (no, Gill's had three levels and sticklike landing
>struts) or the cigar-shaped "mothership" with portholes in the
>side?

"No" to all these, but realistically the idea of Gill being a
closet contactee enthusiast has never really been the issue. I
think it's just a question of recognising that he was not
necessarily a total naif presented out of the blue with a
situation he could never possibly have imagined. Cruttwell may
possibly have "educated" him a little from his own reading - he
had at least one book, was interested enough to put himself out
investigating, probably subscribed to FSR after corresponding
with le Poer Trench (?), and probably mentioned things to his
friends. Gill _might_ have recalled that phrase from Cruttwell.

Incidentally, if we insist on making this about a connection with Adamski (and we needn't, as the "mothership" business was rife through the literature in those days; I mentioned Angelucci, you can also look in Dan Fry to pick another one, and probably we'd find some examples in Trench's FSR of the time) Cruttwell was familiar with Adamski. He says: "The resemblance of these objects to the craft seen and photographed by Adamski in America... is remarkable."

As far as the Gill sighting is concerned it isn't a big deal, just something to bear in mind.

Martin Shough

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>Again I stand by my previous statement: "Whenever proposals for
>a "new approach" to UFO research are made on UpDates basically
>no one (except me I think) mentions Passive Radar."

Just for the record, I think I did respond positively on List
(and certainly off-List) to Peter Davenport when I first saw the
passive radar idea floated here some time ago. I still think
it's a good idea, but maybe people need convincing that it could
work.

Perhaps a concept-demonstrator study could be piggy-backed on an
existing research set up, or amateur meteor trackers already
using it could be approached about doing some systematic trials?
Making use of other people's noise could be cheap. But maybe
these avenues have already been explored.

Martin Shough

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Re: Field Research & Images - Kritkausky

From: Rob Kritkausky <robkrit.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 08:24:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Field Research & Images - Kritkausky

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 19:59:40 EDT
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>I am saying that optically-dominated ground stations have
>limited range in seeing UFOs close up enough to tell they are
>UFOs, essentially has to be within about 1/2 mile,

Is this a type-o? A field lab with an effective range equal to shouting distance? This is an estimate "many orders of magnitude" shy of reality.

I have worked several evenings and days with such a Field Lab and the equipment that such a lab includes.

We had lightening/discharge detection with a range of 40 miles, cameras that could read the reg.#s of a helicopter 2 miles away and even got spectral signatures of flares on the Goldwater Range which is 60-100 miles in the distance.

Field Labs would be for local observation of flap areas and not for a continental detection system. Their value lies in the fact that they have the potential to - and in fact do - provide multiple data streams of information about an unidentified object.

You are comparing the coverage or range of these two concepts or methodologies.

Telescopes have much greater coverage than microscopes, but that does not translate into a greater "value" from telescopic imaging over microscopic imaging.

What we need to compare is the value of the data in terms of providing new information or a better quality of data. .

>a revolutionary concept such as Passive Radar with the potential
>for continent-wide coverage of say 2,000-4,000 miles from a
>single receiving site, is a quantum leap above a horizon-limited
>optical tracking station. You dispute the effective range of
>your UFO "field lab" based on zero data, but even if we accepted
>your outlandish tracking ranges (100 miles you say?) the Passive
>Radar covers a 30 x 30 x 30 = 27,000 times greater volume of
>space.

I know I am not basing my figures above from speculation or guesses... certainly not zero data. Speaking of which, from what data did you arrive at a 1/2 mile coverage area for field labs? Regarding coverage, we should all just throw out our binoculars I guess, as our eyes have about 30X more coverage.

>If your UFO "field lab" costs say on the order of \$10,000 and a
>Passive Radar on the order of \$100,000, then for the price of
>just 10 of your limited ground stations we could get 2,700 times
>better coverage with Passive Radar. My prediction is you'll just
>nitpick the \$10,000 order of magnitude price tag by a few
>thousand here or there, talk about how this or that piece of
>equipment can be obtained for a few bucks less, etc. etc., all

>the while ignoring the meaning of "order of magnitude."

Yes, we should ignore it for the sake of this conversation, because if we are going to make a useful comparison, logic demands it.

I love Peter's suggestion of Passive radar. I think every field lab should have one or a similar technology..... Believe me, the reason I have not commented on it is not because I don't share your admiration for such a technology. I think it is even more attainable than you realize.

A friend (and source for my field lab training), who stayed as our house guest last week, has utilized this technology for researching anomalies. It is amazingly sensitive and can even chart wind turbulence when calibrated to do so.

This method used low power pulse UHF radio signals with great success. I've seen the data, it is impressive.

The individual who built this is quite a sharp fellow and the utility is undeniable. If you want to see what it looks like and reference some real coverage specs, try this link:

http://www.itacomm.net/ph/radar/radar_e.pdf

This is a great technology, but I believe the developers would even tell you, when it comes to anomalies, what we need is "multiple data streams".

Rob

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Re: SETI And The Cosmic Quarantine Hypothesis -

From: Gary Matteson <mystrius.nul>
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Subject: Re: SETI And The Cosmic Quarantine Hypothesis -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 16:38:28 -0400
>Subject: Re: SETI And The Cosmic Quarantine Hypothesis

>>Source: Astrobiology Magazine

>><http://tinyurl.com/8z88n>

>>October 17 2005

>>How many technically advanced civilizations exist in our galaxy?
>>With this essay by Steven Soter, Scientist-in-Residence in the
>>Center for Ancient Studies at New York University, Astrobiology
>>Magazine initiates the first in a series of 'Gedanken', or
>>thought, experiments - musings by noted scientists on scientific
>>mysteries in a series of "what if" scenarios.

><snip>

>>Yet there is no evidence in the astronomical, geological,
>>archaeological, or historical records that extraterrestrial
>>civilizations exist or that visitors from other worlds have ever
>>been to Earth.

>Geez ... What about all the archeological artifacts which
>strongly appear to reflect advanced visitors from elsewhere, or,
>at least advanced technology in use in times past? What about
>the Dogon tribe in which extraterrestrial history is part of
>their lore?

>Especially captivating are the gold 'model aircraft', at least
>one of which has control surface breaks etched on wing and tail.

>And what about the 4,000 (?) physical trace UFO cases? Or the
>recording GPS unit showing a boat belonging to abductees passed
>over land?

>Those are evidence in my book. Such 'no evidence' claims are
>pure cover up propaganda, as I see them.

Hi Eleanor.

In an Ivan T. Sanderson book, Uninvited Visitors, inside the
cover is a photo of an incised stone, archeologists found on
Rome's Palatine Hill which features what appears to me and
Sanderson a "modern" building and a "rocket" ship. Sanderson
asks, what was the stone artist attempting to depict? Darned if
I know. Not evidence of anything I suppose yet I wonder.

Gary C. Matteson

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Re: Gill Sighting - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 18:14:15 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 08:29:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Sparks

>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Subj: Re: UFO UpDate: Gill Sighting - Sparks
>Sent: 10/20/2005 9:15:22 AM Pacific Daylight Time

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2005 11:18 PM
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Gill Sighting - Sparks

>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 23:06:17 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

<snip>

>>>... Cruttwell's report....
>>>Have a look at part VII section 1 for the item on him
>>>misidentifying Venus . (So did ten others, all "college men"
>>>including one who had "great qualifications", was an ex-RAAF
>>>navigator and who "knows a good deal about aircraft and a lot
>>>about stars". They were all present).

>>This would be a more cogent argument if that misidentification
>>had involved these multiple witnesses reporting a large craft
>>with "men" topside waving to those below, instead of a mere
>>light in the sky which they themselves identified as Venus.

>True. And as I pointed out, the majority of the group, including
>the ex-RAAF navigator (Durie, the College Principal), did not
>"identify [it] as Venus" at all. Only one individual out of
>more than a dozen, the Rev. Dams who left to fetch a camera "on
>first sighting the object" and didn't return until the object was
>gone, later decided that he had seen Venus. The rest, including
>Durie and Gill, remained certain that it was a UFO. "There is no
>doubt that it moved [an anticlockwise circular jiggle]. I yelled
>with astonishment," said Durie. So the example of this sighting
>from Dogura is somewhat double-edged.

Thanks for correcting my memory of the incident and adding in
the details. My point would be that it didn't take a Menzel to
come along and figure out that this July 6, 1959, sighting (if I
recall the date correctly) was Venus. One person at least, among
the witnesses figured out it was Venus and the rest may have
been persuaded as well later on, after Gill had written up his
report of it. No one, not a single person there, including Gill
who should have been the most disposed of all to see the "men"
again, no one saw any "men" waving their arms on top of a three-
leveled saucer the width of 5 Full Moons. Not a single person!
Not Gill! This Venus sighting did not generate the illusion or
hallucination of a Close Encounter of the Third Kind.

<snip>

>Patrol Officer on the island of Baniara also happened to be
>looking out for "the original object" that evening during the
>same time frame. He saw no UFOs but "the planet Venus . . . only"
>(he did wake up and see another light that hung there for an hour

>in the early hours; Jupiter was by then setting in a similar
>place).

>So probably they were looking at Venus. Its elevation at the
>start of the sighting would have been about 3 degrees and it set
>close the time they lost sight of the light. The description is
>quite suggestive of a setting Venus seen through variable haze
>and the binocular appearance of a reddened disc seems consistent.
>The sudden circular motion sounds like a good description of an
>autokinetic illusion.

Note too that Venus so low on the horizon at 3 degrees (or much less depending on the mountains) would look much different than it would high in the sky around 30 degrees on the nights of Gill's earlier sightings, due to the "Moon illusion" and actual atmospheric refraction and horizontal cloud layer occultation effects. This I think answers your later question as to how Gill could have failed to identify what should now have been the familiar sight of Venus in the western sky. It's near-setting appearance made it look very unfamiliar.

>In other words, Durie's report seems to be outstandingly
>accurate. This shows that the propensity to be deceived about the
>meaning of what one is seeing can coexist with objective
>recording of sense data. It makes this group of witnesses
>including Gill collectively quite reliable, Durie in particular,
>on this occasion.

Observation is much more accurate than interpretation by the witnesses of their observation. The interpretations can be highly inaccurate, while paradoxically the observational data remains highly accurate, as you point out. In my analysis of the Condon Report's suppressed IFO control studies I found that witness observations had been 97%-98% accurate, while their interpretations were on the order of only 50% accurate.

<snip>

>Admittedly, before making his own report to the Menapi Mission
>Secretary the Giwa witness had heard the story ("Did you see the
>American Air Force last night?") from some Papuans who he picked
>up by boat from Boianai on the 27th, and could possibly be
>echoing it. But if he got the story from the Papuans directly the
>very next morning, that is interesting in itself isn't it?

Yes, Gill did not invent the sighting and coerce the Papuans to go along with his hoax or delusion. The Papuans themselves independently recognized the extraordinary nature of the sighting and passed the word along to other Papuans independently of Gill. And the general interpretation was not ET's but a US secret weapon or aircraft, "the American Air Force."

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ABC-TV Affiliate Needs Miami UFO Info

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 19:15:50 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 08:38:17 -0400
Subject: ABC-TV Affiliate Needs Miami UFO Info

List,

Cathy Corso of WPLG, Channel 10 in Miami, is looking for someone to do a segment on UFOs. She's interested in anyone who has been following the UFO activity in the Miami area and who may have videos, photos, or anything else of interest related to UFO phenomena.

She contacted me a couple of days ago and said she can't find anyone.

She's willing to go anywhere within a 2 hour driving radius of Miami.

Those of you who meet her criteria should contact her at:

305-325-2348

The sooner the better.

Kelly Freeman [Mr.]
Florida UFO Network

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Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 21:08:13 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 08:59:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill - Friedman

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 17:54:25 EDT
>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 11:04:20 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

>>>From: Nigel Watson <VALIS23A.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 13 Oct 2005 10:04:32 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

>>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 17:17:49 -0300
>>>>Subject: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

>>>>Kathy Marden has given me permission to post her response to
>>>>that terrible Fulford column

><snip>

>>>They were obviously aware of such programs and certainly
>>>discussed these topics with ufologists long before their
>>>regression sessions. Betty was quick to read all the UFO books
>>>she could get so was not totally uncontaminated by UFO stories
>>>and ideas.

>>Just who were these ufologists besides Mr. Webb and when in
>>relation to the experience did these discussions take place? Is
>>there some basis for saying Betty read all the books she could
>>get? How many was that? Just what abduction books were there
>>prior to the Interrupted Journey that describe an experience
>>anything like that of the Hills? It is certainly true that most
>>people had heard of UFOs. So what?

>>Let us not forget that Dr. Simon was a very well respected
>>psychiatrist with long experience at using medical hypnosis to
>>extract the truth about traumatic experiences. He was not a new-
>>comer to the process.

>>There is an enormous amount of emotion on the tapes... and it
>>took great skill to break through the blocks without putting
>>words in their mouths... which he didn't.

>Stan, List, All...

>Can't let this pass without a comment.

>Recent studies, including those on soldiers who claim to have
>seen horrific combat while serving in Vietnam has shown that the
>amount of emotion displayed by the subject is no certain gauge
>as to the reliability of the stories. In other words, many of
>those who display the proper emotion while relating their tales
>of combat have been proven to have never seen that combat, never
>served in Vietnam and in some extreme cases, never even served

>in the military.

>What this means, simply, is that we cannot rely on the emotion
>of the subject as a way of telling if the experience was real,
>imagined, or is an outright lie.

In general I agree with Kevin in that there are good actors and many others who can be very emotional and lie at the same time.....

But the difference here is that Dr. Simon was a master at using medical hypnosis to extract a re-living of an experience as opposed to a mere re-telling.

Did the testimony about Vietnam battles etc., come out under hypnosis by a psychiatrist as competent as Ben Simon using medical hypnosis?

Obviously, I think there are a whole host of reasons for accepting the Hill story besides the emotion.

I was very impressed with Barney when I met with him and Betty in 1968 and with John Fuller and my conversations with Dr. Simon, and with my review of Fuller's papers at Boston University.

Because there are scam artists and liars certainly doesn't mean that nobody is to be believed.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Gill Sighting - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 00:15:29 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 09:02:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:35:24 -0500
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 14:35:14 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>In other words, it's a British shipping term.

Hello, sailors!

>>And I am a Briton. I know this. I also know that it became
>>almost an iconic usage during the late 'fifties and 'sixties
>>among people who knew about flying saucers, from popular books,
>>magazines and UFO clubs etc., but who may have known nothing
>>whatever about shipping. I personally remember that it was a
>>term used by UFO enthusiasts of my childish acquaintance (adult
>>and not)around 1963 and thereafter with, I am sure, no thought
>>of its nautical origin. And, no, this doesn't mean that Gill had
>>to have had this adopted usage in mind. But it is certainly
>>reasonable (not "bad") to consider the possibility that he might
>>have done.

>And it is equally reasonable to conclude that this articulate,
>non- UFO-book reader drew the term from his knowledge of
>nautical terminology, with which he was presumably familiar as
>both Brit and resident of an island in the South Pacific. There
>is no "very likely" connection between Adamski and Gill in their
>use of "mothership."

This is pretty feeble stuff.

I doubt that a Church of England clergyman would be overly
familiar with a fairly specialised piece of maritime jargon,
used almost entirely in the Royal Navy. I see no reason why Gill
should be assumed to have any detailed knowledge of submarines,
naval supply ships, etc.

To assume that a person, in describing a UFO incident, would use
the word "mothership" via a naval analogy, rather than via the
wealth of popular books, newspaper and magazine article which
made the word familiar to most people even in the 1950s, shows
an element of desperation which is extreme even for you, Jerry.

When Gill said "mothership" he meant mothership in exactly the
way that Adamski and dozens of other contactees, ufologists,
journalist and science-fiction writers used it at the time, and
I do not see what you think you have to gain by trying to
wriggle out of this obvious conclusion.

>Again, I could respond only to what you wrote, not to what you
>meant but did not express. Debunkers of the case, starting with
>Klass, use the "mothership" reference to argue that Gill was a
>UFO buff who read Adamski and others.

Not a UFO "buff" (like you and me, Jerry) but someone who had at

least a glancing familiarity with what was being written about UFOs in the popular press at the time. I find it amusing that you are so desperate to portray Gill as a UFO-naif, whose only contact with the word "mothership" would be through naval jargon.

>Your assertion that Gill may have learned the term in discussion
>with Cruttwell is hardly unreasonable. If you had said that in
>the first place and made clear that you did not consider
>Allan's strange assertion about Gill's immersion in saucer
>literature "very likely true," we wouldn't have had to go to the
>trouble of this exchange.

Depends what you mean by "immersion". Some topics, flying saucers amongst them, were so widely discussed and reported in the late 50s, early 60s, that it would be impossible for any intelligent, well-read individual, as I'm sure Father Gill was, not to have absorbed at least some of the vocabulary of the subject. This is even without bringing up the subject of the "flying saucer vicars" who were such a feature of British life at the time!

Cheerio, shipmates...

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John Rimmer

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Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 08:31:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 21:43:31 +0200
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>Concerning whether Rev. Gill knew anything about Adamski. In the
>following paragraphs, the Reverend was talking about Stephen
>Moi's sighting on June 21, 1959. Note the "saucer shaped object
>with four little black bumps" that Gill finds "at the back of
>his mind":

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<snip>

>Well now, I had, somewhere or other, read about flying saucers,
>but I wasn't terribly interested in it, and I had recalled
>somewhere at the back of my mind that there was a saucer shaped
>object with four little black bumps -or bumps of some kind-
>underneath. So I reproduced from memory what I had at the back
>of my mind, and put in these little black dots that Stephen
>described. I said: "Was that it?" He said: "Yes, exactly".

>[Rev. Gill's talk to the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society
>on October 28, 1959]

Hello Manuel

Thank you very much for sending me the full text of this talk.
I'd only seen excerpts before.

That image may have come from hearing Norman Cruttwell
describe an Adamski "scout ship". Cruttwell was familiar with
Adamski's photographs and describes showing them to a Papuan
witness after a sighting in July. Or it could have come from
seeing magazine pictures at some time.

Gill himself suggested to David Durie in a letter on June 26,
before the main event at Boianai that night, that the "saucer"
seen by Stephen Gill Moi (or Moi Gill) on the 21st could have
been influenced by an image lodged in his unconscious, as it was
"very likely" that Stephen had "seen illustrations of some kind
in a magazine". He challenged Stephen: "Surely you've seen
pictures or heard people talk of flying saucers?" Stephen said
no. But evidently Gill was aware that such materials had been
available from time to time around Boianai.

But it's also interesting, isn't it, that Stephen's sighting was
completely independent of Gill in the sense that the latter had
been away on patrol in the mountains and returned to hear
Stephen's story a couple of days after the event. Stephen
apparently volunteered the description spontaneously, without
any coaching from Gill, who believed that Stephen had "no
knowledge of previous sightings". And Gill himself did not
describe seeing an Adamski-style craft on June 26, but rather an
object with an odd arrangement of "legs", just like the other
witnesses, including Stephen. The only thing in Gill's report
that might plausibly be traced to things he had previously heard
or read from Cruttwell is the "mother ship" reference. —

>C. Allan and M. Shough have commented on Rev. Gill probably
>misidentifying Venus on July 6, 1959. Note also how it all
>began on this particular occasion:

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>I was visiting David's college - the teachers' training college
>there - 20 miles away from us, and we were talking about this
>experience. With me was the Reverend Edwin Dams, the Reverend
>David Durie, the acting principal, and his wife. And after we
>had discussed it for a few minutes he said, well, why not come
>out and have a look at the sky and see if there's anything
>there? And I said, oh, they just don't come at beck and call
>like that, I think that would be rather useless. He said, well,
>I'm going out at any rate. And he went out and he came rushing
>back and said, "There is something - I'm sure there is". And so
>we all went out and sure enough, I identified it as one of
>these objects.

>[Same source as above; Rev. Gill answering written questions at
>the end of the talk.]

I find this interesting too, again on the positive side. I pointed out elsewhere that what they described was a fairly accurate portrait of Venus setting, correct as to times and elevations and with details of the planet's phase visible in binoculars, reddening due to atmospheric scattering near the horizon, and autokinetic jiggles of the observer's eye. Now we find that this is so, even though they had just been talking about Gill's sighting and were (at least some of them) very much "in the mood" to see UFOs.

The mundanity (is that a word?) of this sighting is in contrast to the very remarkable phenomenon described by Gill at Boianai a week earlier. Just the restraining influence of normative peer pressure maybe? Or do we have to concede that there were other physical factors involved at Boianai? So very gross is the disparity that in my view we ought to concede that there were other physical factors. But what were they? As I can't really believe in the astronomical/meteorological theory as it stands, that leaves the Gill case - and several others from the flap - an unknown in my book.

Martin Shough

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Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill - Reynolds

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Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 08:28:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 08:46:54 -0400
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>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>that nobody is to be believed.

It would seem sensible to dismiss two of Kevin Randle's
observations, lying and imagining, when it comes to Betty and
Barney Hill, Lonnie Zamora, Reverend Gill, Velez, Bueche, and a
few others who have have sightings or experiences.

Betty Hill, on the very face of it, had an experience. She
didn't make it up, and she didn't imagine it. Zamora saw
something, as did Gill.

And the abductions of Velez and Bueche were real to them; they
are not liars or prone to imagining things in the psychiatric
sense.

To keep bringing in those epithets (lying and imagination)
merely beclouds the issue and the episodes that occurred. The
impression left is worse than skepticism and debunking.

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 10:23:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 08:50:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 00:15:29 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

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>>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
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Sigh, John,

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>familiar with a fairly specialised piece of maritime jargon,
>used almost entirely in the Royal Navy. I see no reason why Gill
>should be assumed to have any detailed knowledge of submarines,
>naval supply ships, etc.

Of course you're just blowing smoke here, since you really have
no idea which words were or were not in Father Gill's vocabulary
- which, I might note, having met him and spent hours talking
with him (as you haven't), I found to be an excellent and
erudite one, reflecting his good education and knowledge of the
world beyond his own provincial concerns. Anyway, in due course
we shall have occasion to be reminded precisely of what Gill
himself had to say on the subject.

As you of course fail to note, the only reason anything is made
of his use of the phrase "mothership" is that debunkers are
grasping at any straw available, and this one is thin even as
straws go. Having much more experience of the nautical than you
and I have - simply by function of his being dependent on
shipping owing to his remote, ocean- bound geographical location
- Gill could easily have known the word.

If only Klass were still alive, you could take your complaints
to him, where they belong. Klass took great delight in wasting
ufologists' time. Apparently you have chosen to perpetuate that
grand avian tradition.

Nautical matters were certainly closer to Gill's daily concerns
than the claims of George Adamski. In other words, his use of
"mothership" is a matter of no particular consequence to
anything and betrays no special knowledge of UFO terminology.

>To assume that a person, in describing a UFO incident, would use
>the word "mothership" via a naval analogy, rather than via the
>wealth of popular books, newspaper and magazine article which
>made the word familiar to most people even in the 1950s, shows
>an element of desperation which is extreme even for you, Jerry.

Sounds more as if your wings are flapping even more vigorously
than usual.

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>way that Adamski and dozens of other contactees, ufologists,
>journalist and science-fiction writers used it at the time, and
>I do not see what you think you have to gain by trying to
>wriggle out of this obvious conclusion.

One can only presume you are being disingenuous again. Let me
repeat, since apparently you have memory problems:

"Mothership" came into the discussion only because Klass used it
to try to discredit Gill as a UFO-obsessive who could only have
gotten the phrase from Adamski. Got that now? My point was
simply that this is hardly necessarily true and almost certainly
untrue. Got that? Klass clearly believed, hilariously, that
"mothership" did not exist in the vocabulary of English-speaking
people who had not read Adamski. If Gill used it, it betrayed
his immersion in, or at least keen awareness of, the most
extreme saucer beliefs. In fact, Gill had little interest in
UFOs. Got that? Can we drop this now?

Significantly, when asked about his use of the term, Gill, who
is the ultimate authority here, replied thus: "Well, it seemed
as though it was a 'mother' with her 'children.' Just a sort of
feeling. The use of the term 'ship' is natural because of the
superstructure, see; it reminds you of a ship. I could have even
called it a 'launch.' It gave the impression of a 'mother
chicken'" (IUR, November 1977, p. 6). Allan Hendry then asked if
"that was your own choice of words, then, rather than something
you'd read before." Gill responded, "That's right." Note, by the
way, the nautical terms in Gill's vocabulary. In short:

(1) "Mothership" existed in English in a non-UFO context prior
to Adamski and could have been used by Gill

and

(2) Gill himself says that the term seemed a logical one to
employ in context and did not allude to "something [he'd] read
before."

and

(3) Gill did not say that his observation brought to mind a neat
phrase he'd encountered in UFO literature or popular saucer
discourse.

and

(4) Gill was bright, articulate, and creative enough to speak in
his own words and draw his own analogies.

Reflecting on this recently, I was struck at how often I hear
the phrase "mothership" used in, for example, CNN's coverage of
naval matters, usually in connection with the war in the Persian
Gulf. We may confidently expect, I'm sure, to learn from our
pelicanist friends how this betrays the UFO interests/awareness
of journalists.

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>saucers amongst them, were so widely discussed and reported in
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>intelligent, well-read individual, as I'm sure Father Gill was,
>not to have absorbed at least some of the vocabulary of the
>subject. This is even without bringing up the subject of the
>"flying saucer vicars" who were such a feature of British life
>at the time!

Why the exclamation point? To give phony weight to a matter of
little interest or relevance? I could respond by pointing out
that "flying saucer postal workers" are a feature of American
life!

The second, central sentence in the quote above speaks to something I've long noted: the provincialism of UFO-interested persons, who profess to see reflections of their own fascinations in the broader society where they don't exist. Perhaps next we'll learn that every time somebody uses the word "brother" or "scout," it's an allusion to Orthon and his spacecraft. Come on, John. Give it a rest.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Passive Radar - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 11:45:58 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 17:04:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Passive Radar - Smith

>From: Rob Kritkauskay <robkrit.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 13:39:59 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 19:59:40 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>I have worked several evenings and days with such a Field Lab
>and the equipment that such a lab includes.
>We had lightning/discharge detection with a range of 40 miles,
>cameras that could read the reg.#s of a helicopter 2 miles away
>and even got spectral signatures of flares on the Goldwater
>Range which is 60-100 miles in the distance.

Great!

>Field Labs would be for local observation of flap areas and not
>for a continental detection system. Their value lies in the
>fact that they have the potential to - and in fact do - provide
>multiple data streams of information about an unidentified
>object.

>You are comparing the coverage or range of these two concepts or
>methodologies.

>Telescopes have much greater coverage than microscopes, but that
>does not translate into a greater "value" from telescopic
>imaging over microscopic imaging.

>What we need to compare is the value of the data in terms of
>providing new information or a better quality of data. .

I agree with you on all points.

>I love Peter's suggestion of Passive radar. I think every field
>lab should have one or a similar technology..... Believe me, the
>reason I have not commented on it is not because I don't share
>your admiration for such a technology. I think it is even more
>attainable than you realize.

See below, but passive radar obviously can be done since
there are reports of its use with meteor counting and such.
I don't see any real benefit of passive radar over active
radar except that you don't have to worry about FCC regulation
with passive radar. The signal processing for passive radar
seems more complex.

>A friend (and source for my field lab training), who stayed as
>our house guest last week, has utilized this technology for
>researching anomalies. It is amazingly sensitive and can even
>chart wind turbulence when calibrated to do so.

The only problem I have is with your classifying this friend's
radar with "passive radar". Since it is emitting a radio signal,
it is active radar. Still, I think active radar is a great
addition to any field station if you can afford it. Its great

that he lists how to build it and everything!

>This method used low power pulse UHF radio signals with great
>success. I've seen the data, it is impressive.

>The individual who built this is quite a sharp fellow and the
>utility is undeniable. If you want to see what it looks like and
>reference some real coverage specs, try this link:

>http://www.itacomm.net/ph/radar/radar_e.pdf

A very good report. Just the sort of report I like to see which describes the field setup up in detail and presents results (although I would like to know if any more results were generated using the system since the report was published in 2002).

Also, the report is good in pointing out that even though the radar "saw" something, nothing was visible with the eyes.

Also, of interest is the requirement of most active radars to rotate. The described setup antenna was fixed.

>This is a great technology, but I believe the developers would
>even tell you, when it comes to anomalies, what we need is
>"multiple data streams".

Of course.

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Secrecy News -- 10/21/05

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 13:19:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 11:55:59 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 10/21/05

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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** FAILURE TO DECLASSIFY INTEL BUDGET TERMED "UNSATISFACTORY"
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FAILURE TO DECLASSIFY INTEL BUDGET TERMED "UNSATISFACTORY"

In a progress report on the status of the recommendations made by the 9/11 Commission, the former Commissioners rated Congress "unsatisfactory" for failing to declassify the intelligence budget total.

The final report of the bipartisan Commission last year had singled out budget declassification as best place to begin combating the excessive secrecy that has degraded the performance of U.S. intelligence agencies (at page 416).

But not even the national catastrophe of September 11 proved sufficient to dislodge the official prejudice in favor of unfettered secrecy.

Ironically, the intelligence community has probably suffered more than anyone from budget secrecy, as significant cuts to classified intelligence spending were imposed in the 1990s without public awareness or even the possibility of debate.

("In the 1990s, we suffered deep cuts in intelligence funding," DCIA Goss recalled on June 29, 2005.)

The proponents of budget secrecy thus bear a heavy burden of responsibility for the steadily eroding quality of U.S. intelligence.

Last year, the full Senate voted in favor of intelligence budget disclosure, but the measure was opposed by the Bush White House and rejected by most House Republicans. It was abandoned in a House-Senate conference.

Now, the 9/11 Commission members urge in their new report, "Congress should pass a separate appropriations act for intelligence, making public the overall amounts being appropriated from national intelligence and being assigned to the various components of the intelligence community."

See "Report on the Status of 9/11 Commission Recommendations" from the 9/11 Public Discourse Project, October 20:

http://www.9-11pdp.org/press/2005-10-20_report.pdf

A new critique of the Silberman-Robb Commission on WMD Intelligence written by David Isenberg and published by the

British American Security Information Council is available here:

<http://www.basicint.org/pubs/Research/05WMD.pdf>

LEE HAMILTON ON SECRECY

"At a time when the U.S. intelligence community is under intense scrutiny in the aftermath of 9/11 and the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, we only increase public skepticism about our government by denying the public information," said Lee H. Hamilton, the distinguished former Congressman and vice chair of the 9/11 Commission.

Mr. Hamilton was the keynote speaker this week at a remarkable symposium sponsored by the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Executive Order 12958 on national security classification.

Under other circumstances, many of Mr. Hamilton's remarks would be considered truisms, e.g. "Information must be made available -- to the maximum extent possible -- to the American people." But today, such sentiments practically amount to a radical critique of government policy.

See the text of his presentation here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/eprint/hamilton.pdf>

The superb ISOO symposium offered genuinely diverse and strongly argued perspectives, unresolved disagreements, and even a few laughs.

For a partial account of one of the symposium panels, see "Official: Secrecy decisions 'subjective'," by Shaun Waterman, UPI, October 18:

<http://www.upi.com/inc/view.php?StoryID051018-070909-6371r>

F-16 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT FOR PAKISTAN

The United States may offer to sell Pakistan "up to 55 new and 25 used F-16" fighter aircraft, a newly updated Congressional Research Service study says, citing unspecified "reports."

See "Pakistan-U.S. Relations, Congressional Research Service, updated October 13, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/IB94041.pdf>

DOD ON CONTRACTORS AND ARMED FORCES

A new Department of Defense Instruction defines "DoD policy and procedures concerning DoD contractor personnel authorized to accompany the U.S. Armed Forces."

Contractors deployed alongside U.S. military forces in Iraq and elsewhere have assumed increasing responsibilities for military tasks up to and including prisoner interrogation, but in doing so they have also created legal, administrative and procedural problems.

The new DoD Instruction attempts to bring some order to what has occasionally been a chaotic situation and addresses, for example, the conditions under which contractors may be armed.

The issuance of the Instruction earlier this month was first reported by InsideDefense.com.

See DoD Instruction 3020.41, "Contractor Personnel Authorized to Accompany the U.S. Armed Forces," October 3, 2005:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/i3020_41.pdf

ZAWAHIRI TO ZARQAWI: THE ASPENS ARE TURNING

The letter purportedly written from Al Qaeda's Ayman al Zawahiri to Abu Musab al Zarqawi and released October 11 by the Director

of National Intelligence has met with continuing skepticism and has now entered the domain of spoofery.

The anomalous fact that the supposed letter to Zarqawi advises the recipient, if in Fallujah, to "send greetings to Abu Musab Al Zarqawi," noted last week in Secrecy News, was elaborated in a Reuters story by David Morgan.

See "US Cannot Explain Suspicious Zawahri Letter Passage," October 14:

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N1460892.htm>

The story was picked up appreciatively by Harry Shearer in his satirical broadcast "Le Show" on October 16. An audio clip can be found here (thanks to A):

<http://tinyurl.com/ajtep>

Taking it to the next level, T.A. Frank wrote his own letter from Zawahiri to Zarqawi in the The New Republic:

"Please remember that here in Waziristan, out East, where you train, the aspens will already be turning. They turn in clusters-- partly because their roots connect them, partly because a recent volley of daisy-cutters has reduced them to charred stumps."

<http://www.tnr.com/doc.mhtml?i051031&s=frank103105>

U.S. intelligence analysts are not completely oblivious to the peculiarities of the proffered Zawahiri letter.

A national security reporter who was briefed by senior intelligence officials told Secrecy News:

"One hypothesis from the analysts is that the last line--about giving regards to Zarqawi if in Fallujah--was a note to one of the couriers who would have carried or transmitted the letter-- and not, therefore, part of the letter addressed to Zarqawi. The senior official said that he has 'rarely been more confident' that the letter was indeed authored by Zawahiri, based on intelligence from 'multiple' sources."

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What Makes Them Work? [was: Serious Question]

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 15:17:08 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 11:58:54 -0400
Subject: What Makes Them Work? [was: Serious Question]

>From: Craig Beasley <fallingleaf.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:01:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Serious Question

<snip>

>Being an engineer, the restriction is obvious. If UFOs are
>craft of some sort, technological and physical, what makes them
>work? I devote myself to that. With the limited funds I have, I
>have some plans that have an unpleasantly long timeline.

Craig -

We had a discussion on this List a couple of years ago about the Townsend Brown experiments in which he demonstrated net thrust using high voltage capacitors. I'm sorry I don't remember/can't find details now, but it turns out there are two effects involved:

One is a bit of thrust where the capacitor plates are exposed to the ambient air, and some of the air molecules become ions. The electric field actually causes a small flow of air near the plates, forming a very small thrust electrostatic "rocket engine". This is apparently the principle behind the model "UFOs" which are sold on the web and look like the flying triangles, and which depend on lightweight tether wires to supply the charge to them.

The other, much more promising for those who would like to construct a home made "UFO" were some experiments in which capacitors enclosed within solid dielectric were found to produce net thrust, again small, but seemingly these did not depend on electrostatic rocketry.

I did see some web documentation on the solid dielectric enclosed capacitor thrusters from what I recall was a serious source.

Presumably, if a dielectric could be found which is light enough (like some of the amazingly lightweight ceramics?) and if multiple plates could be stacked up like pancakes, and if circular plates could be segmented and individually charged to provide attitude control, maybe a "UFO" could be built on the second principle which could indeed operate outside the atmosphere.

Clearly, UFO reports indicate far more sophisticated and powerful technology is in use in the actual craft, but at the same time, a "home brew" machine using electrostatic technology would (or should) really shake the ground under the "noisy negativists."

Eleanor White

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Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 16:48:11 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 12:04:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill - Randle

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 21:08:13 -0300
>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 17:54:25 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2005 11:04:20 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

<snip>

>>>Let us not forget that Dr. Simon was a very well respected
>>>psychiatrist with long experience at using medical hypnosis to
>>>extract the truth about traumatic experiences. He was not a new-
>>>comer to the process.

>>>There is an enormous amount of emotion on the tapes... and it
>>>took great skill to break through the blocks without putting
>>>words in their mouths... which he didn't.

>>Stan, List, All...

>>Can't let this pass without a comment.

>>Recent studies, including those on soldiers who claim to have
>>seen horrific combat while serving in Vietnam has shown that the
>>amount of emotion displayed by the subject is no certain gauge
>>as to the reliability of the stories. In other words, many of
>>those who display the proper emotion while relating their tales
>>of combat have been proven to have never seen that combat, never
>>served in Vietnam and in some extreme cases, never even served
>>in the military.

>>What this means, simply, is that we cannot rely on the emotion
>>of the subject as a way of telling if the experience was real,
>>imagined, or is an outright lie.

>In general I agree with Kevin in that there are good actors and
>many others who can be very emotional and lie at the same
>time.....

>But the difference here is that Dr. Simon was a master at using
>medical hypnosis to extract a re-living of an experience as
>opposed to a mere re-telling.

>Did the testimony about Vietnam battles etc., come out under
>hypnosis by a psychiatrist as competent as Ben Simon using
>medical hypnosis?

Yes.

The point was that in many cases of reliving of events under
hypnosis, medical and otherwise, there are no records that might

be used. Those telling of childhood assault, Satanic Ritual Abuse, and in other cases, there is no record that might be consulted for veracity of the tale.

In these cases, where 'wannabes' were telling of their combat, in a clinical environment, under medical hypnosis, they were exhibiting the emotions that would be expected. Then, when the records were checked, it was found that they didn't agree with the stories being told.

As an aside, many of those caught with records that did not reflect their tales of combat, suggested that the records had been altered because they had been in Cambodia or Laos, or on secret missions. Does this sound familiar?

So, my point, and the whole point, was that a display of the proper emotions does not 'prove' that the subject is telling the truth. The recovered and recalled memories, under hypnosis, with the proper emotion, should be just one small part of the overall assessment.

>Obviously, I think there are a whole host of reasons for
>accepting the Hill story besides the emotion.

>I was very impressed with Barney when I met with him and Betty
>in 1968 and with John Fuller and my conversations with Dr.
>Simon, and with my review of Fuller's papers at Boston
>University.

>Because there are scam artists and liars certainly doesn't mean
>that nobody is to be believed.

All I'm saying here is that we cannot rely only on the emotions exhibited by the subject. That they were properly emotional just doesn't mean anything by itself.

And I didn't suggest that we reject all cases because there are the liars out there, only that we be aware that emotion of the subject means very little by itself.

KRandle

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Re: SETI And The Cosmic Quarantine Hypothesis -

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 17:24:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 12:12:13 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI And The Cosmic Quarantine Hypothesis -

>From: Gary Matteson <mystrius.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 16:14:52 -0500
>Subject: Re: SETI And The Cosmic Quarantine Hypothesis

<snip>

>Hi Eleanor.

>In an Ivan T. Sanderson book, Uninvited Visitors, inside the
>cover is a photo of an incised stone, archeologists found on
>Rome's Palatine Hill which features what appears to me and
>Sanderson a "modern" building and a "rocket" ship. Sanderson
>asks, what was the stone artist attempting to depict? Darned if
>I know. Not evidence of anything I suppose yet I wonder.

>Gary C. Matteson

"Not evidence of anything..."? That is my whole point. Such
things are evidence. That is my whole beef with naysayers, who
wave away huge amounts of evidence which, in a murder trial,
say, would be admissible.

Being less than perfect, undeniable does not disqualify an
item of evidence, it just makes it less than enough to win the
case solely on its own merit. Evidence is not black and white
in any other field, so why should it be in ufological matters?

It makes my toes curl when senior ufologists let that "no
evidence" crack pass by unanswered without challenge.

Eleanor White

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We Are Alone

From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 21:25:56 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 12:17:05 -0400
Subject: We Are Alone

Since no one else in the Universe will talk to us Earthlings (beyond basic instructions such as, "Come with me"), for all practical purposes, we are alone. We are isolated from communicating with them. We are in the same room, but they won't speak with us.

I want to know why ET refuses to do it. I want to know why we are ignored and effectively alone.

Is that one of the reasons the UFO cover-up exists? Because so many people believe we are not alone in the Universe, and are hopeful for the future, but in fact, we are ignored and can rely only on ourselves?

Even if SETI picked up signals from a civilization, sent a query, and was prepared to wait for hundreds or thousands of years for a reply, there's no guarantee that a reply would be forthcoming, based on the non-communication we've seen with the UFO-nauts - assuming flying saucers are occupied. Yet an assumption of SETI, I believe, is that communication might be possible if the other planet is close enough. Hope springs eternal.

The reality appears to be that aliens want to conceal their identities and home planets, and have no desire to conduct a discourse with us. Why? What would have to change for a discourse to take place?

Dave Morton

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Today Is National Nut Day

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 05:13:12 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 12:19:24 -0400
Subject: Today Is National Nut Day

Hello all:

According to at least one website, today Saturday, 22 October is National Nut Day, in the USA at least. (Google that up.)

If that is so, why are the forums so quiet?

- Larry

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Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No. 2

From: Matt Graeber <Matthewgraeber.nul.com>
Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 10:07:37 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 12:33:55 -0400
Subject: Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No. 2

The Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles

Entry No. 2 BUFO's OFFICIAL PETITION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION regarding their request for the initiation of a (GAO) Government Accounting Office inquiry into the cover up of The Carbondale UFO incident of November 9-11,1974.

(A gentle critique).

Welcome back to the Carbondale Ufo Crash Chronicles - I'm really glad you've returned and may be sharing this information with your fellow saucerheads or saucerheadettes... as the case may be.

This time we are going to explore the lack of merit to the BUFO PETITION for a G. A. O. inquiry into the Carbondale UFO crash cover up - which of course, the BUFOrian's believe to be a factual and potentially historic event... or, as their ace investigator Ron Hannivig refers to the matter, "The big one!"

Since some of my reader's may not be aware of the fact that I was one of the three primary UFO field investigators at the Carbondale crash site on the 11th of November,1974. It might be a good idea for those readers to peruse my essay/report on the Carbondale UFO/Lantern Hoax at the

<http://magonia.mysite.wanado-members.co.uk/ms55.htm>

the story is posted in full-length. It's not a quick read so, have some milk and cookies at the ready.

The essay/report is far too lengthy and detailed to place in this journal but, it suffices to say that quite a few serious UFO researchers who have read it feel that it is a revealing, instructive and informative article. I won't bother to quote them here as I wouldn't want to be accused of tooting my own horn... But, then again,what the hell, "toot-toot!!"

However, that's not really what I wanted to discuss with you this time. The thrust of this writing is directed at the frivolous and extraordinarily nonsensical BUFO PETITION that Mary Sutherland recently came up with. Of course, I may be giving Mrs. Sutherland far too much credit here, as the document does seem to have a rather pronounced Hannivigian flavoring to it. (one may recall Ronald Hannivig is one of BUFO's pair of Carbondalean saucer sleuths).

Anyway, while reading the BUFO petition, I quickly realized that it was not only seriously flawed but, contained several wonderful examples of unbridled UFOology that I wanted to share with you. (I hope you'll recall that UFOology is a kind of investigative dysfunctioning which permits quantum leaps of illogical assumptions to taint UFO reasearching and investigative thought processes). So, with UFOology redefined, I think we may safely continue...

Hmm, if you go to:

<http://www.burlingtonnews.net/carbondalerussian>

you can see the petition. You'll quickly notice that it contains a lot of 'Whereas' lingo and looks kinda official too. However, I'm certain that when the Congressional Delegates read the petition they are not only going to wonder who in the hell wrote this drivel but, "why?" The answer to that question may not be very difficult to grasp, once those legal beagles sink their teeth into it. Let's start at the beginning...

PETITION TO PENNSYLVANIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FOR INVESTIGATION OF NOVEMBER 9, 1974 Carbondale Incident.

1. "Whereas, on November 9, 1974 something crash landed into the silt pond of Carbondale, Pennsylvania. "

Actually, no one observed anything crash landing in the pond at the time of the initial incident. It was thought that a meteor which the original reportees (three local teens) had observed was assumed to have been the same object they discovered moments later glowing in the pond - that object was actually a six volt battery powered R. R. lantern.

Twenty-five years later one of the boy's confessed that he made up the part of the story about seeing an object in the sky plummet into the pond. However, there may have been some "I saw it too!" bandwaggoning eyewitnesses who came forward after the downed UFO rumors had spread throughout the community?

2. "Whereas, for the past 27 years, citizens of Carbondale and surrounding communities have attempted to find out what it was. "It's actually been 31 years since the incident occurred but then again, who's counting except BUFO's Hannivig, Sutherland and Scassellati? During that time not one person from Carbondale or its surrounding communities has ever contacted me regarding the on site field investigation and witness interviews that Mr. Douglas K. Dains and I performed on the incident. I had several phone calls on November 12, 1974 and shared reports with several UFO researchers at that time, but that was the extent of it.

This obvious lack of interest and objectivity in the case is a rather curious state of affairs because I know that BUFO's Mr. Hannivig was informed in 1995 that I was one of the primary investigators at the scene; and he claimed that "my name didn't ring a bell for him. "I thought this to be highly unusual because many news paper stories of the incident mentioned the names and organizations of all three UFO field investigators at the alleged crash scene.

Yet, Ron Hannivig never bothered to contact me, it was only after I contacted BUFO on the internet (in April of 2004), that Mary Sutherland and a fellow named Rick Fisher, (Fisher had gone to Carbondale to interview Frank Scassellati). Mr. Fisher of Paranormal, Pa. inquired as to when I might be sending a "duplicate copy" of the original report on my findings regarding the incident to Carbondale's Historical Society - (as the original 31 page report to the Carbondale Police Department had mysteriously vanished).

I tried to assist Mrs. Sutherland and her investigators by providing them with names, addresses and investigative leads that they might follow up on regarding "unanswered questions" that they found to be baffling, suspicious and mysterious about the case. I also provided Mrs. Sutherland with a draft of my essay on the Carbondale Hoax which she promised to post at her website for her readership to peruse. (In lieu of correcting several posted distortions about my involvement at the pond years earlier).

That didn't happen, and I finally told her to forget about it as I was planning to post the story myself. But her investigator, Frank Scassellati did post a "rebuttal" to some of the thoughts I shared with Mrs. Sutherland. He seemed to be particularly upset with my comment that the story of the incident had over the years obviously become a piece of Lackawanna County folklore.

Mary Sutherland finally did post a wee bit of my essay in March of 2005. (i. e., 11+ months after she promised to do so) but, at "MJ Graeber", not BUFO sites or links. That posting suddenly and

mysteriously appeared along with BUFO's Petition after I informed Mr. Scassellati that I planned to post this journal exposing all the BUFOrian nonsense regarding the Carbondale matter. Mary's response also appeared when Mr. Harney of Magonia sent my Carbondale essay/report to UFO UpDates and it appeared on "Virtually Strange".

3... "Whereas, military personnel from the Army and Air Force were identified at the scene by eyewitnesses, including news reporters and fire fighters, as involved in the search, and military vehicles were observed at or near the impact site. "

There were not any military personnel at Carbondale during the entire 44 hour incident. There were Civil Air Patrol members (some wearing fatigue uniforms - they came from Carbondale and Scranton, Pa.) Some of the C. A. P. members were driven to the scene in a military truck with a canvas tarps, its doors were clearly marked with the "Civil Air Patrol" logo yet, some near sighted or simply mistaken folks thought it read U. S. Army, U. S. Air Force and NASA too.

I briefly spoke to a one Air Force officer who was with the C. A. P. at the site on Nov. 11, 1974 - perhaps this lone individual is the military personnel that BUFO is talking about (?) Perhaps the C. A. P. lad who wore a pistol on his hip is the armed Army troops or military police personnel that some people thought they saw and encountered at the scene (?)

Perhaps the sighting of the C. A. P. truck sparked the various covert military truck stories. (?) Perhaps the fact that a piece of damaged machinery from the defunct DeAngelis company's coal breaker at the pond had been taken away on a lowboy trailer at approximately 6 A.M. on Nov. 10th. further fueled the rumors of a saucer retrieval(?) Perhaps BUFO should have mentioned all this information in their flimsy, non-objective and woefully slanted petition.

I once worked for a construction firm, and it was standard operating procedure to move equipment on Sundays to avoid traffic, and have it available on Monday morning work crews or necessary repairs.

BUFO's investigators probably are well aware of these facts yet, they seem to prefer to say that the military were there, and that news reporters and fire personnel had reported seeing them. But, Hannivig and Scassellati have failed to post copies of the five fire company's daily log entries confirming their claims, and they have not posted the published news articles that mention any groups other than the C. A. P., the Carbondale police and volunteer fire companies being present at the so-called crash site. Doing so is very basic investigative procedure.

They also have not identified which military units were present, and posted copies of such units daily "Morning Reports" which would certainly verify their presence at the scene. Strangely, BUFO's defective detectives haven't even posted the information contained in the Carbondale police reports concerning the incident and that information would be very easy to obtain. BUFO also hasn't posted the UFORIC report which is available as a matter of public record at the Carbondale Historical Society, and that lengthy and detailed document has been available for many months.

4. "Whereas, some witnesses report seeing a glowing object moving in the waters of the silt pond located in Carbondale, Pennsylvania prior to the arrival of military. "

Egads, BUFO almost got this one right! Police and several witnesses actually did see the disc of light on the surface of the water "appear to move. "It is highly probable that the " illusion of movement "occured as the submerged lantern was nudged by police as they were attempting to scoop it up in a fish net which was fitted on the end of a 10ft pole.

What was observed by the witnesses and the police may have been a shift of the railroad lantern's light beam as the lamp resettled in the silt after it fell out of the fish net. (there are three illustrations of this light beam shifting in UFORIC's 31 page report on the incident at the Carbondale Historical Society), and BUFO is well aware of that document because I informed Mr. Fisher when I would be sending it along.

5. "Whereas, some witnesses state that a large covered object was transported out of the area on a military flat bed tractor-trailer truck:"

Well, the only witnesses BUFO has mentioned in their postings regarding this claim is a "child-at-the-time" gal named Dawn Race, her mother and her sister Kim whose statements are completely contradicted (and probably discredited) by two other eyewitnesses who say they saw a strange object being taken from the pond during the early morning hours of Nov. 10th 1974 too. The problem is that neither of the alleged total of five eyewitnesses mention seeing each other at the pond during the covert activities. (i. e., the three never saw the other two, and vice versa.) So, it seems that someone may be fibbing, mistaken or visually impaired.

Moreover, the witnesses descriptions of the object do not match, and two of them are certain that the men at the pond were "not in uniform. "The same two also say that it was so dark that they couldn't make out the facial features of the men who asked them to leave the area - but, they think one of them may have been the Acting Police Chief.

Yet, BUFO's investigators would ask us to believe that Ms. Race age 4 at the, her sister Kim age 7, and Mother were able to see precisely what was going on from a much greater distance than the original reportees who told their version of events to the Isis Center's Ms Mary Schmitt, only days after the incident had been deemed a hoax. Moreover, Dawn Race recently informed me that she was actually with her Grandfater and sister at the time of her observations.

Additionally, the two 1974 (Isis Ceneter) witnesses came forward at the behest of the young Bobby Gillette's Mother, who was upset that her boy was suspected of perpetrating a costly and embarrassing prank. Apparently, Vera Gillette didn't like the idea that some neighbors were calling her boy a liar! Bobby Gillette was 14 years old at the time.

BUFO's star eyewitness (Ms Dawn Race) was allegedly in the company of her Mother and sister Kim, at 3 a. m. on the very dark and frigid morning of Nov. 10th,1974. They were standing in the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery observing the military place a UFO on a flat bed truck according to BUFO - While the other couple (19 year old Bill Brady and Ms. Peggy Mendez-16, who were described as teenage friends), had managed to skirt the police cordon and sneak into the area where they observed a small humming blue object with seven or eight men around it. (Young Brady and Ms Mendez said they got to within thirty feet of the object).

Interestingly, the couple were also friends of Bobby Gillettes' - while BUFO's newest eyewitness is a friend of another boy (i. e., John Lloyd) who was at the pond with his brother a Gillette. In fact, after BUFO's investigators visited the pond with Ms. Race on April, 27th 2004 she, her sister Kim and Rick Fisher (of Paranormal, Pa.) were reported to have visited John Lloyd at his home by Frank Scassellati but, Fisher categorically denies that ever happening. Ya know, in the old days of UFO investigation we tried to interview the witnesses separately, on a one to one basis somehow, it seemed to be the proper thing to do. (I personally believe that Mr. Fisher's version of the story is factual).

Of course, there were also rumors that an object was secretly removed from the pond and placed on a flat bed railcar, in an armored truck, lifted by two military helicopters- and that even a locally owned delivery truck was somehow involved in the recovery activities at the silt pond. So, I guess you can take your pick of which "unverifiable rumor" you prefer on this matter.

BUFO's investigators seem to embrace the military flat bed tractor-trailer story which their child-at-the-time witness has told them about. (Eventhough she says the recovery took place at a time they do not agree with so, I guess somebody at BUFO seems to be a little confused about the matter). Moreover, Ms Race told me that she never saw anything being loaded upon the truck... she just observed it leaving the area.

Curiously, the UFO that was said to have been spirited away by the military at Kecksburg, Pa. nine years earlier, was also reported to have been removed from the area on a flat bed military truck and covered with a tarps just as BUFO's eyewitness reports. But, Mr. Hannivig, Mr. Scassellati and Mrs. Sutherland only passingly mention this striking similarity in their many postings.

Nor do they sound a note of caution about child-at-the-time witness testimony, which quite often turns out to be more of what the child heard adults saying about a situation than a matter of observed fact.

Then of course, there is the sad, but valueable lesson learned in the acceptance and endorsement of child-at-the-time star Roswell eyewitness Gerald Anderson. He completely bamboozled Stanton Friedman, Walter Andrus of MUFON, the folks at CUFOS and countless others in the UFO field until Thomas J. Carey unmaskd him as a chronic and habitual yarn-spinner. I hope the folks at BUFO contact Mr. Carey about this highly instructive story. (tcarey1947.nul.com).

Additionally, a month before the Carbondale saucer crash incident occurred, a retired professor of mass communications from the University of South Florida, (Robert Spencer Carr), was appearing on many nationally syndicated TV and radio talk shows discussing the alleged crash of three flying saucers in New Mexico back in the late 40's. The Professor was a hoaxer who also appeared at quite a few universities with his yarns. -

Carr's son revealed upon his father's passing that his Dad told these bogus stories because he simply enjoyed the attention that the stories afforded him. (in short, he was a bit of a lonely and eccentric old man.)

I later learned from another Ufologist that the professor wasn't actually a professor at all; he had retired after working for the Disney Corp. But, he was the first to use the term "Building 18" (One might recall from the vast saucer literature, that building or, hamger 18 is were quite a number of downed UFOs and alien bodies are said to be warehoused). Brad Sparks was the first to inform me of Carr's link to hangar 18.

Mr. Carr was a silver-haired gent who looked something like a Kentucky Colonel... many people believed his stories which included visits to his Florida home by little aliens on numerous occassions. One wonders how much Carr's yarns may have helped to trigger all the "spontaneous rumors" that sprang up in the coal-cracking community of Carbondale back in '74 (?)

6. "Whereas, some witnesses report being stopped by armed U. S. military officials who prevented them from approaching the crash site;"

There were not any armed military units or military police at the scene, Carbondale police and Civil Air Patrol younsters were used to cordon off the area because it was feared that a satellite or space capsule's nuclear powered battery - or, "Snap Unit" as they are commonly called might have survived re-entry and may have been leaking its radioactive contents into the pond.

One young C. A. P. member did come to the site with a pistol on his hip. It was reported to have been a 45 caliber automatic, and it was removed by the lad's superior at the request of Carbondale acting police chief Det. Sgt. Francis X. Dottle, when he was alerted to the situation by Jerry Palko, a Scranton Times Reporter (and life-long resident of Carbondale) who was at the scene covering the story.

Additionally, two of the pond's banks were quite steep and slippery so quite naturally, it was also feared that someone might accidentally fall into the pond in the fridged darkness. But, press people and curiosity seekers were permitted in the area during day light hours. Yet, some conspiracy-minded indivuduals have deemed these routine safety precautions to be evidence of a "Press Lock out".

7. "Whereas, after all these years our government insists that nothing occured and police department of Carbondale continues to claim that this was a hoax by some local teenager. Both government and City of Carbondale refuse to disclose records and

evidence on the incident. "

The primary flaw with this claim is that it is completely foundationless and lacking in candor. BUFO should post all of it's requests to authorities along with the authorities' response to those alleged requests if they are going to accert that they were denied access to them or some type of physical evidence.

I suspect the "evidence" that BUFO is talking about would be the railroad lantern because nothing else was found in the pond. Hannivig and Scassellati had also been actively seeking information concerning the whereabouts of 10 photos of the glow on the pond's surface, as well as the missing lantern which Frank thought was still in police lock up. (see his posted 2004 e-mail to Mrs. Sutherland on the matter).

I provided BUFO with the name of the photographer who took 13 (not 10) photos at the pond on Nov. 10th,1974 and told them that the lantern was taken home as a retirement souvenir by the policeman who was Acting Police Chief during the UFO incident. The lantern had also been on display at a local tavern for awhile as a curiosity piece. There's not a hint of this information to be found in the BUFO petition.

8. "Whereas, the Cold War is long gone;"

This is a rather curious comment which Ron Hannivig may have thought to include in the petition. I think the general idea is to inform the delegation that it is alright for the government to fess up about recovering a Soviet missile in the pond, and it's okay for the Russians to know that we did. If correct, this bit of mental gymnastics is probably Mr. Hannivig's most creative UFOOlogical fantasy.

9. "And whereas, The public has the right to know what its government recovered and answers to the following questions:"

"What landed near Carbondale,PA on November, 1974"

Nothing but a railroad lantern which was tossed into a pond by three teenagers on a nothing-else-to-do Saturday night in Carbondale. But, Bobby Gillette later confessed that he and the Lloyd brothers had also tossed a flashlight into the pond before they tossed the lantern in- and that the flashlight didn't burn very long. Gillette said that he and his buddies were trying to scare his sister Maria with a story that a monster or, something scary was in the water... (i. e., a post halloween prank that simply got out of control).

"Where did the orders come from for Army, Air Force, personnel to be dispatched to the scene."

The Army, the Air Force and local National Guard were not at the scene. The Carbondale police and a few surrounding community police were, along with Civil Air Patrol members from Carbondale and Scranton,PA. There were also five volunteer fire companies at the site from nearby communities.

"Why did the military personnel and local officials contain the area to prevent the object from being observed."

Although this question contains its own answer, I'll correct its errors by pointing out that the area was cordoned off to "protect "the public from potential danger as it was initally feared that the object in the pond "may" have been radioactive Space Junk (i. e., a damaged Space Nuclear Auxillary Power unit).

It was Dr. Hynek of CUFOS, who first warned the Acting Police Chief of this "potential danger", and explained that a falling meteor would have been instantly extinguished as it struck the pond. Dr. Hynek instructed the acting chief to proceed with caution and obtain a geiger counter to check out the pond area. The geiger counter was then loaned from the Forest City Police Department. (All of this is a matter of public record).

"What was the importance of the object that caused the military to rapidly respond to the Carbondale area. "

I'm hoping that the BUFOrians will be able to figure this one

out for themselves, if they cannot, perhaps the question should be engraved on the wall of a UFO Mysteries Museum for all future BUFOrians to gaze upon in breathless wonder. A routine examination of newspaper archival photographs taken diuring the incident reveal that no military personnel were present, along with the complete lack of any reporter mentionoing they were.

Well, I think that we've discussed enough of the BUFO PETITION'S ridiculous claims for now. Unfortunately, even with these unfounded charges, accusations and questions responded to, I'm certain that the inquisitive folks at BUFO will manage to come up with a few more.

But, I think we have a good enough start to realize that the BUFO slant on this topic is not only frivolous, it's almost moronic too. (i. e., they are not presenting a fair and balanced (i. e,objective) accounting of the Carbondale incident... perhaps the G. A. O. can look into that little problem too?

Moreover, BUFO bases all its investigative assumptions on the statements of the late Robert D. Barry of the 20th Century UFO Bureau; who claimed that a military man (an unidentified colonel), told him about a Soviet missile "probably" being in the pond. However, this colonel was never named and BUFO doesn't even know if he ever existed. - yet, the BUFOOLOGists refer to him as a " military spokesman "thereby giving their spin on the story a bit of high-ranking (albeit, highly-questionable) authority. Mr. Hannivig appears to be the most prolific Spin Meister of the group, and we'll discuss several of his gems in the next entry of this journal.

I once informed Mrs. Sutherland that the Carbondale UFO crash story had become a part of Lackawanna County's folklore - and that just as Davy Crockett hadn't actually kilt him a barr when he was only three (and everybody knows it), that knowledge hasn't compelled anyone to alter the lyrics in ole Davy's song of praise. I even asked Mary if she knew that Davy had reportedly riden on a light'n bolt?

Mary replied, "No, I didn't know that Davy Crockett was said to have riden a light'n bolt. Was this light'n bolt of natural origin or ET engineered "... smiles. Mary continued, "But getting back to Carbondale, what happened that day was not folklore but it may be an important part of our American History someday. It is up to us now to find out all the facts so that our future generation can have a better source than what we had given to us from prevoius generations. Davy Crockett is a good example of how history rewrites according to how they "wanted" it instead of what really happened. Let us not repeat this same mistake. "

After having read Mrs. Sutherland's highly informative and instructive words, I didn't have the heart to inform her that the Davy Crockett ballad was written at Disney Studios during the 1950's (not the 1850's), somehow I feel she may have missed the point entirely but, I did tell her that Davy's ride on a light'n bolt may have given rise to the 1960's term "Hot Pants!"

I Anyway, I suppose that Mary's failure to post my complete essay on the Carbondale incident is an indicator that future generations are not going to receive an objective, fair and balanced reporting on the Carbondale incident from BUFO. That's why I'm going through the effort of writing this journal to pass along... I just wish I had a Tee-shirt or a UFO keyfob to offer for sale too but, I don't.

So, stay tuned, and we'll continue our probe of this continuing BUFOOLOGical activity in the next entry of the CARBONDALE UFO CRASH CHRONICLES... 'til then, " Keep on watch'n the skies, reading UFO Updates" and NEVER under estimate the wisdumb of BUFOOLogy!

Matt Graeber

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Hair Of The Alien Interviews Online

From: **Bill Chalker** <bill_c.nul>
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For those who may be interested I have quoted below a link to my blog:

<http://theozfiles.blogspot.com>

which describes a recent interview on

www.radiooutthere.com

that features Peter Khoury and I talking about the subject matter of my new book, Hair Of The Alien.

Further on line radio interviews such as 21st Century radio, Hilly Rose etc can be accessed via links provided on some of my earlier weblog posts, accessible on my site directly or through its archive section.

Regards,

Bill Chalker

The Blog:

Available now at:

www.radiooutthere.com

is Barry Eaton's recent excellent interview of Peter Khoury and myself. Barry Eaton's interview first appeared on his Sydney, NSW, Australia FM 99.3 radio show on 2NSB North Shore on Wednesday September 28th 2005. It will be available directly on the web site and later via its archived shows for a while.

I particularly enjoyed the interview because it gave me the opportunity to catch up with Barry again. The first time I encountered him was back in 1991 when he was the MC for Gary Wiseman's highly successfully UFO conference held at the Sebel Town House in Sydney. This conference also featured my friends Jenny Randles from the UK and Jerome Clark from the US.

I remembered that Barry was fielding questions after my lecture, which was on physical evidence of UFO reality, one of my long term focuses in this subject. I had given what I thought was a somewhat conservative presentation anchored in hard data that argued for a physical reality for UFOs. So I was hoping to get some intelligent questions on the subject of UFO reality. The first question fell far short of that and turned out to be a question that Barry even characterised as a pretty silly question. He was asking me to confirm whether I was a CIA operative!

Only a week or two earlier I had been fingered by a Nexus group video presenter as being an ASIO agent! Fortunately I over heard that bit of stupidity and wild and wooly thinking and confronted the fellow on the spot. He was clearly apologetic, but I was more interested in getting him to try to critically think through his silly claim.

Back to the Sebel Town house lecture and the question as to whether I was CIA, I was thinking how to respond to this silliness. If you try to seriously respond and deny it you are accused of lying (assuming a conspiratorial believer mentality), if you try the humorous route one is accused of avoiding the issue, and if one tries the joking approach of agreeing to the fantasy, you run the risk of such people actually believing you. Surprisingly it was the then president of the Australian Skeptics Barry Williams who came to my rescue! Barry and I had jostled on the subject of UFOs from time to time. Barry was in the audience and interjected saying , I know Bill and yes he is CIA! Yes, he works in the food industry and he is in the Catering Institute of Australia (CIA). Barry new that I worked in the food industry as a chemist and laboratory/quality manager. He invented the Catering Institute of Australia connection. While I did work in the food industry at the time, the humorous connection was a good healthy way to diffuse a silly question and the audience seemed to agree.

Later I sought out the fellow who asked the question to give a more considered reality check for his rampant delusions about me. I found him manning his stand, promoting a Nazi UFO theory and other conspiratorial takes. It seemed clear to me that no matter what I said and no matter what evidence I highlighted to the contrary I would be viewed in a conspiratorial light!

I welcomed Barry Eaton's good sense and Barry Williams unlikely defence of me.

I hope you find the interviews with Peter Khoury and myself of interest, and that it encourages you to consider the subject more deeply, including getting into the detailed evidence my book on Peter Khoury's experience presents: Hair Of The Alien - available via

www.amazon.com

or via various bookstores.

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>>>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

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>>>What this means, simply, is that we cannot rely on the emotion
>>>of the subject as a way of telling if the experience was real,
>>>imagined, or is an outright lie.

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>>Obviously, I think there are a whole host of reasons for
>>accepting the Hill story besides the emotion.

<snip>

>>Because there are scam artists and liars certainly doesn't mean
>>that nobody is to be believed.

<snip>

Gentlemen, List:

You have all raised valid points. The level of emotions expressed in witness testimonies cannot be considered the only or even a major factor in evaluating the credibility or lack of in sighting/encounter cases. How much the subject believes his or her encounter to be true is not a baseline upon which to begin or end analysis. Unfortunately, in the past, too much emphasis has been placed on the emotional involvement of the witnesses while recounting their encounter(s).

After studying hypnosis and even obtaining my certification (in a one weekend seminar, Ha!), I quickly realized I could not, in any sense of professionalism, use this tool to evaluate abduction claims. I threw all the books about abduction by many of the most famous investigators/researchers out the door and into storage (a process I highly recommend to anyone interested in doing genuine scientific studies or investigations of abduction claims). All the techniques used up to that point (1997) and even to this day simply do not qualify as valid tools upon which to base any scientific research or study.

What we have seen thus far in reference to abduction "research" is nothing more than half-baked attempts to either find the truth or keep it hidden. The very fact that these wholly inadequate tools are still the main techniques used in

abduction research is a clear indication little, if any, progress has or will be made in solving this mystery.

Before anyone can think of researching even one abduction claim, investigators/researchers must FIRST investigate whether or not the individual has or has not actually been abducted. Unlike UFO sightings, abductions are claimed to involve very close interaction of the witness with objects and/or beings either physically or through some other yet unknown method. As far as research and investigations are concerned, a study of abduction claims must begin with the search for physical evidence in some form using witness testimony only as a supplement rather than the foundation of the entire study. (Note: the emphasis of these studies are for research and investigation purposes not necessarily required for therapeutic considerations.)

As long as we run around crying, "But they don't leave cocktail napkins!" we won't even think to look for alien beer bottles under the bed or in the closet. What I'm saying is, if we are ever going to find the evidence needed to support or invalidate abduction claims, we must dig much deeper into the human psyche as well as the mysteries surrounding us.

Keeping in mind (always!) that, like humans, alleged abductors may be quite capable of many levels of deception, our studies must first focus on obtaining evidence that will qualify as valid for the purpose of scientific research. Using individuals claiming recurring abduction encounters, we may begin investigating these claims by implementing double and triple-blind studies designed to gather any possible physical evidence left at the initial scene of the encounter, on the body of the claimed abductee and at any point along the timeline during which the claimed abduction takes place.

Since power failures are often claimed to occur during abduction sequences, mechanical devices which do not rely on electric or battery powered sources are the preferred tools for gathering potential evidence. These devices can be easily hidden within conventional objects in order to conceal their existence and purpose not only from the claimed abductee but also from the awareness of the "abductors". Keeping the existence of these devices and tools hidden help rule out possible manipulation of the information/evidence by the claimed abductee or others with whom he or she may interact.

Unfortunately, before any such studies can begin, we must first find researchers and investigators not only qualified to conduct such studies but also more interested in finding the truth than hiding it.

A. Hebert
"Follow the white rabbit..."

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>>C. Allan and M. Shough have commented on Rev. Gill
>>probably misidentifying Venus on July 6, 1959. Note also
>>how it all began on this particular occasion:

>>I was visiting David's college - the teachers' training
>>college there - 20 miles away from us, and we were
>>talking about this experience. With me was the Reverend
>>Edwin Dams, the Reverend David Durie, the acting
>>principal, and his wife. And after we had discussed it for
>>a few minutes he said, well, why not come out and have a
>>look at the sky and see if there's anything there? And I
>>said, oh, they just don't come at beck and call like that, I
>>think that would be rather useless. He said, well, I'm
>>going out at any rate. And he went out and he came
>>rushing back and said, "There is something - I'm sure
>>there is". And so we all went out and sure enough, I
>>identified it as one of these objects.

>>[Same source as above; Rev. Gill answering written
>>questions at the end of the talk.]

>I find this interesting too, again on the positive side. I
>pointed out elsewhere that what they described was a fairly
>accurate portrait of Venus setting, correct as to times and
>elevations and with details of the planet's phase visible in
>binoculars, reddening due to atmospheric scattering near the
>horizon, and autokinetic jiggles of the observer's eye. Now we
>find that this is so, even though they had just been talking
>about Gill's sighting and were (at least some of them) very much
>"in the mood" to see UFOs.

However, on the "negative" side, since Gill also stated that "I
identified it as one of these objects", it casts serious doubts
on Gill's ability to identify Venus.

We can also deduce that the majority of "these objects" must
have looked like celestial bodies.

And concerning this very sighting, we read in the same
transcript:

"And as we watched it it came down and hovered under a
cloud."

"And we saw it come down through the cloud"

"And then it went through a cloud and it came out again and hovered" . Needless to say that Venus was always over the clouds. Thus, we must concede that this kind of statements could involve a high degree of subjectivity.

So, following what has been said in this thread, it appears that some of the usual arguments against the astronomical hypothesis might be weaker than supposed:

- Venus was pointed out by Gill separately in the sky (what about Mercury?).

- Whereas Venus had set by about 9 PM on June 26, it is a flatout physical impossibility for Venus to have remained visible until past 10:30 PM (but don't forget that, by the end, the sighting was in fact discontinuous...).

- The UFOs were seen descending and ascending "through" the clouds according to Gill (it seems that Venus "did" the same on July 6).

Manuel Borraz

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Re: Passive Radar - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 20:05:25 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:09:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Passive Radar - Sparks

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 11:45:58 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

>>From: Rob Kritkauskay <robkrit.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 13:39:59 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 19:59:40 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

<snip>

>>I love Peter's suggestion of Passive radar. I think every field
>>lab should have one or a similar technology..... Believe me, the
>>reason I have not commented on it is not because I don't share
>>your admiration for such a technology. I think it is even more
>>attainable than you realize.

>See below, but passive radar obviously can be done since
>there are reports of its use with meteor counting and such.
>I don't see any real benefit of passive radar over active
>radar except that you don't have to worry about FCC regulation
>with passive radar. The signal processing for passive radar
>seems more complex.

There are hundreds of broadcast transmitters filling up almost
the entire volume of space received by Passive Radar. Whereas a
single active radar must both transmit and receive along a line
of sight limited by the horizon.

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Re: Gill Sighting - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 17:18:25 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:11:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Rudiak

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 10:23:13 -0500
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 00:15:29 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:35:24 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

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>>I doubt that a Church of England clergyman would be overly
>>familiar with a fairly specialised piece of maritime jargon,
>>used almost entirely in the Royal Navy. I see no reason why Gill
>>should be assumed to have any detailed knowledge of submarines,
>>naval supply ships, etc.

>"Mothership" came into the discussion only because Klass used it
>to try to discredit Gill as a UFO-obsessive who could only have
>gotten the phrase from Adamski. Got that now? My point was
>simply that this is hardly necessarily true and almost certainly
>untrue. Got that? Klass clearly believed, hilariously, that
>"mothership" did not exist in the vocabulary of English-speaking
>people who had not read Adamski. If Gill used it, it betrayed
>his immersion in, or at least keen awareness of, the most
>extreme saucer beliefs. In fact, Gill had little interest in
>UFOs. Got that? Can we drop this now?

>Significantly, when asked about his use of the term, Gill, who
>is the ultimate authority here, replied thus: "Well, it seemed
>as though it was a 'mother' with her 'children.' Just a sort of
>feeling. The use of the term 'ship' is natural because of the
>superstructure, see; it reminds you of a ship. I could have even
>called it a 'launch.' It gave the impression of a 'mother
>chicken'" (IUR, November 1977, p. 6). Allan Hendry then asked if
>"that was your own choice of words, then, rather than something
>you'd read before." Gill responded, "That's right." Note, by the
>way, the nautical terms in Gill's vocabulary. In short:

>(1) "Mothership" existed in English in a non-UFO context prior
>to Adamski and could have been used by Gill

>(2) Gill himself says that the term seemed a logical one to
>employ in context and did not allude to "something [he'd] read
>before."

>(3) Gill did not say that his observation brought to mind a neat
>phrase he'd encountered in UFO literature or popular saucer
>discourse.

>(4) Gill was bright, articulate, and creative enough to speak in
>his own words and draw his own analogies.

Jerry and List,

In another post I mentioned a July 1947 story of a woman in southern California using "motherhood." It was working from memory. I pulled my files and found the actual story. The woman doesn't exactly say "motherhood", but she does refer to the primary object as the "mama disc" and the smaller objects as "baby discs." Here's the actual story:

Santa Barbara News-Press, July 7, 1947

'Mama' Disc With Brood Reported

LANCASTER, July 7, (INS)--At least the "flying saucers" stories don't get boring.

Today motherhood came to the mysterious discs.

The sheriff's office at Lancaster received a telephone call from Mrs. Amy Herdliska, in nearby Palmdale, who related:

"Over the mountains south of Palmdale I saw what looked like a mama disc, with three to five little baby discs flying around her.

"The little ones would cavort around for a while, then they would come back and seem to fly into mama disc's pouch.

"Anyway, the mama disc absorbed the baby ones."

Compare this with Gill's explanation above for using "motherhood":

"Well, it seemed as though it was a 'mother' with her 'children.'"

Human beings commonly employ metaphors to describe the unfamiliar in terms of the familiar. And that's what seems to have happened here in both instances.

For certain the woman in 1947 could not have been influenced by Adamski contactee or any other flying saucer literature from the 1950s. Of course, pelicanists often believe in time travel theories, how events from the future explain events from the past. A famous example was the Air Force claiming that crash dummies and flight accidents from the 1950s and 1960s explain witness reports of alien bodies during the Roswell incident in 1947.

David Rudiak

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Talk Show Host Alex Jones On Ufology

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 21:09:46 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:15:55 -0400
Subject: Talk Show Host Alex Jones On Ufology

Last week, Thursday or Friday I believe, US talk show host and documentary producer Alex Jones fielded a call that led to his opinions on Ufology.

During the segment a caller asked him about Reptoids.

I found it funny as I was spending the time playing a 'Spider-Man' video game where he was battling a villain who is reptilian. Needless to say I stopped the game to hear Jones' reply.

It wasn't pretty for Ufology. Jones made it quite clear without documentation he wasn't going to touch the subject. Perhaps the Reptoid reference pushed the wrong button but he followed up by referring to Ufology as a religion and not a field of study.

That said to me he either, hadn't studied the subject and evidence, or he had his own view on things that summoned forth a negative comment about this field.

I for one have yet to attend a revival meeting at the Ebenezer UFO Temple of Stanton T. Friedman nor have I born witness to a baptism performed by Budd Hopkins.

Jones also stated it was a matter of credibility that in the end the issues he spotlights will bear out his being credible over the mainstream news.

I can see his point of view and have no malice toward him. To me he's sort of Rush Limbaugh's 'Evil Twin Clone From The Alternate Universe' as they both sound alike. Jones is a kick butt investigator and charismatic figure but putting all of Ufology into a basket negative comment makes me think perhaps one should not take all his other stories and documentaries as gospel - pun not intended.

Jones has espoused numerous conspiracy theories that make some of the UFO theories look brilliant by comparison. So the issue of credibility is so-so here.

He has his viewpoints and I respect them, yet one man's credibility is another man's fodder for fun.

Heck, I could say that Limbaugh and Jones are twin Reptoid scoundrels playing both sides and are bent on placing giant pea pods in the broadcast booths of radio hosts around the globe where we'll all be inundated by right-wing blowhards dominating the airwaves.

Oh, wait a minute.....

It's too late! They're here! They're after you!

Best,

Greg

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Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 10:58:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:19:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 00:15:29 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:35:24 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 14:35:14 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>In other words, it's a British shipping term.

>Hello, sailors!

>>>And I am a Briton. I know this. I also know that it became
>>>almost an iconic usage during the late 'fifties and 'sixties
>>among people who knew about flying saucers, from popular books,
>>magazines and UFO clubs etc., but who may have known nothing
>>whatever about shipping. I personally remember that it was a
>>term used by UFO enthusiasts of my childish acquaintance (adult
>>and not) around 1963 and thereafter with, I am sure, no thought
>>of its nautical origin. And, no, this doesn't mean that Gill had
>>to have had this adopted usage in mind. But it is certainly
>>reasonable (not "bad") to consider the possibility that he might
>>have done.

>>And it is equally reasonable to conclude that this articulate,
>>non- UFO-book reader drew the term from his knowledge of
>>nautical terminology, with which he was presumably familiar as
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>familiar with a fairly specialized piece of maritime jargon,
>used almost entirely in the Royal Navy. I see no reason why Gill
>should be assumed to have any detailed knowledge of submarines,
>naval supply ships, etc.

>To assume that a person, in describing a UFO incident, would use
>the word "mothership" via a naval analogy, rather than via the
>wealth of popular books, newspaper and magazine article which
>made the word familiar to most people even in the 1950s, shows
>an element of desperation which is extreme even for you, Jerry.

I'm afraid the desperation is all yours, John. A simple check of
a small sample of North American newspapers underscores how
normal the use of "mothership" was in the popular vocabulary, as
documented in the press. Note that in no case does the writer
feel compelled to define "mothership" as some sort of exotic
term whose definition would stump many readers. I could cite

dozens more citations, but these will do as examples:

"Operations in the mothership would be able to sight for bomb targets...." (Freeport [Illinois] Journal-Standard, August 28, 1940)

"It was surmised that a mothership approached to within 100 miles of Honolulu...." (Helena [Montana] Independent, December 17, 1941)

"This may have been the entire force, which apparently stole into Sydney from a mothership lying off southeastern Australia" (Lethbridge [Alberta] Herald, June 1, 1942).

"Mothership for 70 Warbirds" (caption to photo of aircraft carrier, Monessen [Pennsylvania] Daily Independent, April 23, 1937)

"Bearing to mothership Beaver, bodies of three men who lost their lives on U.S. Submarine S-37..." (caption to photo, Mansfield [Ohio] News, October 22, 1923).

We are supposed to believe that Gill's use of this ordinary word was somehow remarkable and revelatory. In fact, it was no such thing. Even remotely.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 12:37:22 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:21:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill - Randle

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 08:28:06 -0500
>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 21:08:13 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 17:54:25 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

<snip>

>>>What this means, simply, is that we cannot rely on the emotion
>>>of the subject as a way of telling if the experience was real,
>>>imagined, or is an outright lie.

>>In general I agree with Kevin in that there are good actors and
>>many others who can be very emotional and lie at the same
>>time.....

<snip>

>>Obviously, I think there are a whole host of reasons for
>>accepting the Hill story besides the emotion.

<snip>

>>Because there are scam artists and liars certainly doesn't mean
>>that nobody is to be believed.

>It would seem sensible to dismiss two of Kevin Randle's
>observations, lying and imagining, when it comes to Betty and
>Barney Hill, Lonnie Zamora, Reverend Gill, Velez, Bueche, and a
>few others who have have sightings or experiences.

I never suggested that any of those people were lying or imaging. I
said, simply, that suggesting the emotion of recovered and recalled
memories does not validate the experience. Nothing more. That
the level of emotion is not indicative of validity.

>Betty Hill, on the very face of it, had an experience. She
>didn't make it up, and she didn't imagine it. Zamora saw
>something, as did Gill.

Yes, Betty Hill had an experience. As did Zamora and Gill. I
never suggested anything else and don't understand how you
could even say this concerning my comments. I was speaking only
of the emotion that is experienced by those undergoing hypnotic
regression and saying that it does not underscore validity.

>And the abductions of Velez and Bueche were real to them; they
>are not liars or prone to imagining things in the psychiatric
>sense.

I have not suggested that either Velez and Bueche are liars or prone to imagining things. If their obvious emotions under hypnosis were used to gauge the reliability of their experiences, I would suggest caution because the level of emotion does not translate into a proof that an event was real. And I was suggesting this only about the emotions=E2=80=A6 they certainly could be real, only that it is an unreliable gauge.

>To keep bringing in those epithets (lying and imagination)
>merely beclouds the issue and the episodes that occurred. The
>impression left is worse than skepticism and debunking.

I would suggest that flying off on a tangent, missing the point and generally misunderstanding beclouds an issue more than anything else. And I would suggest that before you engage your keyboard, you attempt to understand exactly what was said.

One more time for clarity. I was pointing out that emotions, exhibited under hypnotic regression do not prove anything. That those inventing tales (in this case referring to men who claimed Vietnam combat experience who had not experienced the combat, who had not been in Vietnam, and who had not been in the Army) showed what would be considered the proper level of emotion in recounting their untrue tales. I was suggesting that as a proof, the level of emotion displayed was not reliable and that we, as researchers and investigators must look in other directions.

So, I hope you now get it. I was referring only to the emotion. I was suggesting that it proves nothing and that we must search in other arenas for the evidence.

KRandle

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Re: Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No. 2 -

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 18:07:17 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:23:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No. 2 -

>From: Matt Graeber <Matthewgraeber.nul.com>
>To: ufoupdates.nul.net
>Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 10:07:37 EDT
>Subject: Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No. 2

>The Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles

>Since some of my reader's may not be aware of the fact that I
>was one of the three primary UFO field investigators at the
>Carbondale crash site on the 11th of November, 1974. It might be
>a good idea for those readers to peruse my essay/report on the
>Carbondale UFO/Lantern Hoax at the

><http://magonia.mysite.wanado-members.co.uk/ms55.htm>

>the story is posted in full-length. It's not a quick read so,
>have some milk and cookies at the ready.

This URL has obviously got a bit garbled. Anyway, all issues of
Magonia Supplement are now on a new web site, and the Carbondale
crash report is at:

<http://magsupp.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/ms55.htm>

John Harney

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Re: We Are Alone - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 18:27:05 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 08:00:33 -0400
Subject: Re: We Are Alone - Dickenson

>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 21:25:56 EDT
>Subject: We Are Alone

<snip>

>The reality appears to be that aliens want to conceal their
>identities and home planets, and have no desire to conduct a
>discourse with us. Why? What would have to change for a
>discourse to take place?

<snip>

Hello Dave & List,

Your question's been answered by several folk, when talking of
'civilized' aliens:

"A civilization very much more advanced than we will be engaged
in a busy communications traffic with its peers; but not with
us, and not via technologies accessible to us." --Carl Sagan in
Communication With Extraterrestrial Intelligence

and

"Communication is a universal, but the use of radio is a
parochial, when we go out into the Galaxy... a radio signal will
be about as useful as a smoke signal - Communication evolves"
--Prof. Jack Cohen & Ian Stewart in Evolving The Alien

But, talking of possible 'uncivilized' aliens - we may be
living in a reservation, ghetto, or off-limits area. From our
own experience we could expect only exploitative or meddling
officials, careless patronizing tourists, murderous perverts or
policemen - [to be] hanging around our area. Armed with 'magic'
technology

Hope that puts your mind at ease.

Cheers
Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: We Are Alone - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 12:33:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 08:02:19 -0400
Subject: Re: We Are Alone - Lehmborg

>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>The reality appears to be that aliens want to conceal their
>identities and home planets, and have no desire to conduct a
>discourse with us. Why? What would have to change for a
>discourse to take place?

I suspect, Mr. Morton, that just a few more individuals such
as yourself, genuinely asking that very question, would go a
long way towards facilitating the discourse to which you refer.
That's my feeling.

The old myth about an alien's request to "take me to your
leader" has not been born out in history, I suspect. It's the
rank and file individual that is the key, I believe, and it is
that, pretty much, keeping *officialdom* at bay. Aliens are the
ultimate sedition, and that may not be a bad thing.

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Re: We Are Alone - Chichikov

From: Pavel Chichikov <fishhook.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:39:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 08:16:06 -0400
Subject: Re: We Are Alone - Chichikov

>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 21:25:56 EDT
>Subject: We Are Alone

>Since no one else in the Universe will talk to us Earthlings
>(beyond basic instructions such as, "Come with me"), for all
>practical purposes, we are alone. We are isolated from
>communicating with them. We are in the same room, but they won't
>speak with us.

>I want to know why ET refuses to do it. I want to know why we
>are ignored and effectively alone.

<snip>

One question that's occurred to me as an answer to Dave's
question: When was the last time you wanted to climb a hillside
so you could engage a flock of sheep in philosophical discourse?

And to carry on with that analogy: Even if you spoke to the
sheep, they wouldn't understand that the noises you were making
was speech. And would you be satisfied with braying: 'baa baa',
or would you soon lose interest?

Another hypothesis one could offer is that no one wants to
engage in discourse with a lot of bloody little beasts.

There are many other possible answers.

For myself, I like the parable told me by a Maryknoll brother
years ago:

An expedition from Earth landed on another world. The
conversation got around to religious experience, and the other
world people described the wonderful, life changing visit by God
to their planet some time before.

'And what about you?,' the aliens asked. 'Has God ever visited
your world.'

Much foot scraping and some downcast looks. Finally: 'Yes.'

'And what happened?'

A long silence, then: 'We killed Him.'

Aliens, glancing at their chronometers: 'Ahem, Well, we've got
many previous engagements, so we'll have to bid you good-by.
Make yourselves at home. No, you needn't let us know when you're
leaving.'

Pavel

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>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 12:37:22 EDT
>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 08:28:06 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 21:08:13 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford, Betty & Barney Hill

<snip>

>>To keep bringing in those epithets (lying and imagination)
>>merely beclouds the issue and the episodes that occurred. The
>>impression left is worse than skepticism and debunking.

>I would suggest that flying off on a tangent, missing the point
>and generally misunderstanding beclouds an issue more than
>anything else. And I would suggest that before you engage your
>keyboard, you attempt to understand exactly what was said.

>One more time for clarity. I was pointing out that emotions,
>exhibited under hypnotic regression do not prove anything. That
>those inventing tales (in this case referring to men who claimed
>Vietnam combat experience who had not experienced the combat,
>who had not been in Vietnam, and who had not been in the Army)
>showed what would be considered the proper level of emotion in
>recounting their untrue tales. I was suggesting that as a proof,
>the level of emotion displayed was not reliable and that we, as
>researchers and investigators must look in other directions.

Kevin:

I fully understood your reference, but to add, in context, that
liars and imaginers are rife, makes the casual reader - and
there are many here - remember only that lying and imagination
were involved in the Hill, Gill, abduction scenarios being
discussed.

At some point persons named in the discussion are linked by the
terms, liar and imaginer.

It seems prudent to separate discussions here and elsewhere
about hoaxers and those who seem to have had a real experience.

Further, emotional response, while tested otherwise in your
example, is an indicator that something happened to the person
with the emotional response. It may not be exactly what the
hypnotist or investigator is after, but something has caused the
response, and that may be worthwhile checking into.

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Robert Fulford Betty & Barney Hill - Koch

From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 19:41:23 +0200
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 08:24:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Robert Fulford Betty & Barney Hill - Koch

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 16:48:11 EDT
>Subject: Re: Robert Fulford Betty & Barney Hill

>So, my point, and the whole point, was that a display of
>the proper emotions does not 'prove' that the subject is
>telling the truth. The recovered and recalled memories,
>under hypnosis, with the proper emotion, should be just
>one small part of the overall assessment.

Hi Kevin, Hi List,

I am a physician so I have got quite a bit of insight of people who show emotions after something severe happened to their lives.

After more than 26 years of practising I have been involved in many of these situations where people show emotions - and lessons were learned on both sides.

By the time, you get a sense of who is a malingerer and who is not and if you then start to look for the facts - you'll win.

Kevin's point is clear. A question: is a case a case only if all the required components are present such as: time anomalies, physical traces, psychological traces and short or long times effects?

I know that Kevin is an advocate of the 'sleep paralysis phenomenon'. Everyone of us has experienced this phenomenon more or less often, it depends on our daily life cycle and distribution of active and rest periods. The more... the less... - you all know.

They know also, for sure.

So can you really level all these phenomena only because on phenomenon is known in this very case and then it is applicable to all others?

Isn't it a danger for our research to qualify the testimony of a witness according to the standard of a researcher beforehand?

Have we to re-evaluate our own standards? Who is right?

Stanton Friedman has talked to Betty. We have the records of Dr. Simon.

At the time these records were taken no one would have questioned Betty's and Barney's emotions. That we discuss this subject now and in the way we do - isn't it a sign that we might have lost our realistic sight of events? Aren't we now biased, too?

Have you heard Barney Hill screaming on the tapes?

All the best,

Joachim Koch

Please see our 'New Discoveries in Betty Hill's Star Map'
on our website.

<http://www.kochkyborg.de>

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Re: Today Is National Nut Day - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 12:42:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 08:25:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Today Is National Nut Day - Lehmborg

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 05:13:12 -0700
>Subject: Today Is National Nut Day

>According to at least one website, today Saturday, 22 October is
>National Nut Day, in the USA at least. (Google that up.)

>If that is so, why are the forums so quiet?

I've read, just recently, that the mighty oak is a nut that
stood its ground.....

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Re: We Are Alone - Koch

From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 08:28:16 -0400
Subject: Re: We Are Alone - Koch

>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 21:25:56 EDT
>Subject: We Are Alone

>Since no one else in the Universe will talk to us Earthlings
>(beyond basic instructions such as, "Come with me"), for all
>practical purposes, we are alone. We are isolated from
>communicating with them. We are in the same room, but they won't
>speak with us.

>I want to know why ET refuses to do it. I want to know why we
>are ignored and effectively alone.

Hello Dave,

We all know that we have been visited. I am witness by myself because I am following the events in Wiltshire, UK, since more than 15 years. Numerous sightings took place there where the infamous crop circle phenomenon originally stems from.

Now that we know that most of the modern circles in England are man made we can sit back and ask: what else happened that makes up the fascination of that phenomenon in and around Avebury and Alton Barnes?

It is the increasing awareness about our own exoticism triggered by this phenomenon. It is the glimpse of insight that we've been educated, that someone at the end of the 80's took humankind by the hand and guided it into cosmic primary school class No. 1 to learn basic cosmic principles.

One cosmic principle is: we are part of everything, we are linked to everything. We are a complex concentration of fields. For example, we do not need to travel physically because we are able to get information from any place at any time. It depends only on our training to get in contact with the cosmic matrix - the larger field - to call the information which is stored there.

This and much more is what is shown to us by "the Great Cosmic Smile" as Ron Russell, one of the serious researchers, once called this phenomenon.

We are bound to/we are slaves of our state of technology and therefore we look mainly for technology.

Any advanced alien culture will surely first have a look at our stage of mind and spirit to calculate the risks of an encounter. This was done and so 'they' decided to give us extra lessons in raising awareness and consciousness and to power up our spiritual abilities.

So it might be that Planet Earth is really the only one in that density and dimensional field with us hereupon in the whole Universe. But that does not mean that the Universe is not overcrowded with similar complex concentration of fields - so called living matter - but on different dimensional levels and in different densities. It might be that we will never receive a

signal because no one else is using similar devices.

At the moment, we are trapped here because we trust only on metallic vehicles. The advanced civilisations have left that stage behind and so they can come here without these craft and manifest only as energy forms. This is what can be seen in England. England is different. The modern UFO Phenomenon there is more advanced than the one in the USA because an intelligence manifested there which counts more on the spirit - another energy field - than on Bob Lazar's sports model.

We are more alien than we dare to give in to ourselves. We are part of the Universe. We are the Universe.

Joachim Koch

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Zamora's Eyeglasses

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:01:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 08:30:50 -0400
Subject: Zamora's Eyeglasses

Errol Bruce-Knapp mentioned during his radio show, Strange Days... Indeed, Saturday night [10/22] that persons were obsessed with Lonnie Zamora's eyeglasses when he saw the Socorro craft [1964] that has received much discussion at UFO UpDates and in UFO media for over 40 years.

I've raised the eyeglass issue, not to indicate that Zamora may have misperceived what he saw but, rather, to point out that David Rudiak and Jerry Clark claim that the Socorro incident was investigated (vetted, to use today's word) fully.

It wasn't.

No one to this day knows what Zamora's eyesight was or what eyeglass prescription he had at the time of his sighting, which I accept, by the way, as pretty much accurate as he reported it.

In any crime or witness account where someone says they saw something, it becomes incumbent upon those who claim the incident was fully investigated to show that this was so.

And eyesight becomes important, maybe essential, in that investigation.

Again, my point was and is that Rudiak and Clark are wrong when they say that the Socorro episode was investigated through and through. It wasn't.

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Gill Sighting - Harney

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 20:09:15 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 08:32:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Harney

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 17:18:25 -0700
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

<snip>

>For certain the woman in 1947 could not have been influenced by
>Adamski contactee or any other flying saucer literature from the
>1950s. Of course, pelicanists often believe in time travel
>theories, how events from the future explain events from the
>past. A famous example was the Air Force claiming that crash >
>dummies and flight accidents from the 1950s and 1960s explain
>witness reports of alien bodies during the Roswell incident in
>1947.

I wonder how often this canard about the US Air Force and the
crash dummies is going to be repeated. It is time it was
disposed of.

The point about the experiments with dummies (described in some
detail in Captain McAndrew's report) is that the details tally
quite well with some of the Roswell witness reports.

The assertion that they could not have been the source of
stories of aliens from crashed saucers because they started some
years after 1947 is nonsense. No reports of aliens, alive or
dead, were made in 1947, only the reports of the wreckage which
appeared in the news media at the time.

The stories of alien bodies did not emerge until the late 1970s,
leaving plenty of time for ageing witnesses to become somewhat
vague about when the incidents which they remembered occurred.
No doubt when investigators assured them it must have been 1947
they were not inclined to argue, as they had no way of checking.

John Harney

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Re: Passive Radar - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 21:01:27 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 08:34:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Passive Radar - Shough

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 11:45:58 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

>>From: Rob Kritkauskys <robkrit.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 13:39:59 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 19:59:40 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

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>>lab should have one or a similar technology..... Believe me, the
>>reason I have not commented on it is not because I don't share
>>your admiration for such a technology. I think it is even more
>>attainable than you realize.

>See below, but passive radar obviously can be done since
>there are reports of its use with meteor counting and such.
>I don't see any real benefit of passive radar over active
>radar except that you don't have to worry about FCC regulation
>with passive radar. The signal processing for passive radar
>seems more complex.

Apologies for jumping belatedly into the middle of your debate,
gents. But here are a few points about the merits and demerits
of passive radar as I understand them.

Although the individual receivers would be inferior to active
pulse radars in giving target bearing/elevation information,
doppler speed and range information would be relatively good.
Signal processing is more complex, but it is done, and the
result is said to be at least comparable to active surveillance
coverage, with improved altitude cover on the whole. There are
several possible advantages. You could get some of these
benefits by tying together a lot of electronically independent
active radars; but this is very expensive to do, and you don't
get all the benefits.

The passive radar update rate is effectively continuous. You
don't have the blind time that is caused either by the duty
cycle of your output device or, more important, the deionisation
time in the antenna duplexer. In a monostatic active radar you
tend to have good short range coverage with short pulse lengths
and high pulse repetition frequencies, or good long range coverage
and a close-in blind zone by using long pulse lengths and low
prfs, but not both. There are no minimum range limits with
passive.

Passive radar can cover arbitrarily short-range and and is
effective at doppler-separating moving targets down to low
altitudes, and so could be useful in local flap areas where a
small area of a few miles needs close-range monitoring. More

importantly you don't have a scan rate to worry about, which ordinarily limits you to sampling a one-or-two degree slice of the surveillance drum only once every few seconds. With passive radar your effective sample rate is a software issue and can be arbitrarily short depending only on processing time for whatever sophistication you require. I've read that typical rates in practical systems are around a second or less.

What else? Well with monostatic primary radar using moving-target-indicators/detectors you can have problems like blind speeds and tangential fade, which cause targets to drop off the screen. You don't get this with passive multistatic systems. Individual receivers might still be subject to doppler ambiguity (where false speed measurements occur), but an ordinary pulse-doppler active radar is subject to this anyway and doesn't have the multiple data-streams (to echo a phrase) by which passive radar software can eliminate it in the final cross-correlated track.

A possible benefit for UFO studies (from the point of view of ETH or secret-technology hypotheses) would be the fact that the target cannot know it is being illuminated, and because there is no single dedicated transmitter frequency or transmitter/receiver location it cannot easily utilise tactical deception jamming against the system.

A related benefit is that radar absorbent materials and low-cross-section geometries are of limited use for two reasons: first, the metric wavelengths being exploited mean that resonances from large structural features of targets are contributing to the total echo, and second the system does not rely on direct backscatter from antenna to target and back like an active radar, but is predominantly using forward scatter from one ground location to another. Forward scatter is a hugely more efficient process and gives a much higher fraction of the incident energy at the receiver. Stealth geometries rely largely on minimising backscatter, often directionally, and suppressing the echo of chaotic short wavefronts from engine details and so on. This is why stealth is relatively ineffective against UHF passive radar.

For those who don't go in for the ETH or similar, passive radar could be very useful for researching exotic natural phenomena in the field of radar meteorology. Many people have suggested that extreme examples of various types of clear air echoes might explain some of the puzzling radar reports, or related phenomena just over the margin of current knowledge. Most of these types of effects rely on forward scatter mechanisms from laminar temperature/humidity anomalies, and the energy then has to backscatter from terrain or some other reflector and return via the same path, meaning that signal strengths at the receiver are quite low on surveillance radars. Much research in these areas has used bistatic set-ups for many years. A full multistatic array using cross-correlated forward scatter echoes could produce really valuable data on these phenomena on metre scales by giving very sensitive dynamic maps of how they form and propagate second by second over very large areas.

One other area which touches on both the above groups of hypotheses is that passive radar exploiting metric UHF wavelengths would be optimum for detecting ionisation phenomena - often suspected to be either associated with or a primary cause of UFO events. Typical centimetre surveillance radars would not see these so well, and especially not by direct backscatter.

The question of how much classified data has already been gathered using passive radar is an interesting one. The concept is older than that of monostatic active radars (antenna duplexing was an impossible dream in the early days) and there have been lots of applications in research and air defence ever since the 1940s. Bistatic radar was apparently used in the DEW line in the mid-50s. Large scale integrated multistatic arrays for continent-wide US air defence using TV signals and new processing power were studied in the 1990s and there may have been some implementation. One other area studied at this time was exploiting Global Navigation Satellite and GPS satellite signals, and the then Soviet equivalent standard GLONASS. The system was tested on various types of aircraft and missiles and even mobile ordnance. I suspect there's quite a variety of classified passive radar already operational.

I don't know what the GPS wavelength is, but regarding TV and FM signals, even though the inherent resolution of metre waves is poor compared to centimetric radar the multiple data sources and software integration means that passive radar has huge potential for target identification because it's a fully 3-D system. It allows the computer to match signal strengths at different receivers against the second-by-second track information and produce a map of the target cross-section at a number of different aspects which can then be compared with a register of characteristic patterns in the computer's memory.

So it seems there's potentially a lot of information to be extracted about unidentified targets by a passive radar array. As far as ufologists are concerned, in practical terms it might still be pie in the sky - but so's an active radar array, and amateur passive radar is not entirely new ground. There are meteor-detection enthusiasts out there already. Of course there will always be huge technical and operational problems with both, but with passive arrays at least the hardware is cheap and off-the-shelf, there are no licensing issues, and most of the innovation is in the software. The beauty of it is the accessibility of those multiple data-streams: Independent receiver sites don't need expensive independent radar installations, and near real-time plot extraction from multiple sites would give the best possible coordinates for zeroing in optical and other instrumentation.

Martin Shough

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>A friend (and source for my field lab training), who stayed as
>our house guest last week, has utilized this technology for
>researching anomalies. It is amazingly sensitive and can even
>chart wind turbulence when calibrated to do so.

>This method used low power pulse UHF radio signals with great
>success. I've seen the data, it is impressive.

>The individual who built this is quite a sharp fellow and the
>utility is undeniable. If you want to see what it looks like and
>reference some real coverage specs, try this link:

>http://www.itacomm.net/ph/radar/radar_e.pdf

Hi Rob, list

This is not multistatic passive radar. It is an 'ordinary'
monostatic active pulsed (4 microsec) radar.

Martin Shough

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Re: Gill Sighting - Rimmer

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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 10:58:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 00:15:29 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:35:24 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>And it is equally reasonable to conclude that this articulate,
>>>non-UFO-book reader drew the term from his knowledge of
>>>nautical terminology, with which he was presumably familiar as
>>>both Brit and resident of an island in the South Pacific. There
>>>is no "very likely" connection between Adamski and Gill in their
>>>use of "mothership."

>>This is pretty feeble stuff.

>>I doubt that a Church of England clergyman would be overly
>>familiar with a fairly specialized piece of maritime jargon,
>>used almost entirely in the Royal Navy. I see no reason why Gill
>>should be assumed to have any detailed knowledge of submarines,
>>naval supply ships, etc.

>>To assume that a person, in describing a UFO incident, would use
>>the word "mothership" via a naval analogy, rather than via the
>>wealth of popular books, newspaper and magazine article which
>>made the word familiar to most people even in the 1950s, shows
>>an element of desperation which is extreme even for you, Jerry.

>I'm afraid the desperation is all yours, John. A simple check of
>a small sample of North American newspapers underscores how
>normal the use of "mothership" was in the popular vocabulary, as
>documented in the press. Note that in no case does the writer
>feel compelled to define "mothership" as some sort of exotic
>term whose definition would stump many readers. I could cite
>dozens more citations, but these will do as examples:

>"Operations in the mothership would be able to sight for bomb
>targets...." (Freeport [Illinois] Journal-Standard, August 28,
>1940)

>"It was surmised that a mothership approached to within 100
>miles of Honolulu...." (Helena [Montana] Independent, December
>17, 1941)

>"This may have been the entire force, which apparently stole
>into Sydney from a mothership lying off southeastern Australia"
>(Lethbridge [Alberta] Herald, June 1, 1942).

>"Mothership for 70 Warbirds" (caption to photo of aircraft
>carrier, Monessen [Pennsylvania] Daily Independent, April 23,
>1937)

>"Bearing to mothership Beaver, bodies of three men who lost
>their lives on U.S. Submarine S-37..." (caption to photo,
>Mansfield [Ohio] News, October 22, 1923).

>We are supposed to believe that Gill's use of this ordinary word
>was somehow remarkable and revelatory. In fact, it was no such
>thing. Even remotely.

Shame you couldn't find a quotation from after W.W.II, and one which was not a specific naval reference. I suppose I could ask you to find a quotation where 'mothership' is used as an analogy in a non-UFO context, but not even I would send you off on such a wild-goose chase.

What I find amusing is your desperation to prove that Father Gill was totally naive about the UFO topic before his sightings. When Menzel tries to make such a big issue about Gill's use of the term, the sensible answer would have been to say so what? Everyone knew about UFO motherships, they were in popular magazines and newspaper reports since the time of Adamski, what's the big deal? But any suggestion that there might be wide understanding of the phrase might give support to those psycho-social theories which suggest that knowledge about UFOs is widespread among the general public, and not confined to small coterries of "UFO-buffs", to use your phrase. And that, of course, would never do.

By the way, in Allen Hynek's 'The UFO Experience' (paperback edition, p.295-297) he reproduces Menzel's analysis of the Gill case, which says, in part:

"Although a great many 'witnesses' signed the report, I doubt very much that they knew what they were signing or why. They would certainly have been mystified as to why their great leader was seeing something which was invisible to them".

You quote him as saying "great _white_ leader", which certainly sounds more racist. Did Hynek leave out the "white" from the original report, or did someone add it?

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John Rimmer

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Subject: UFO UpDate: Area 51 Revelations

>Source: Greg Ericson's Free Press International Blog

><http://fpiparticle.blogspot.com/2005/10/area-51-revelations.html>

>October 14, 2005

>[Many interesting images at site]

>Area 51 Revelations

>The boys at Area 51 have been very busy over the years. The area
>in and around '51' is teeming with roads, facilities, and much
>more.

>It's difficult to know what's actually going on in 51 and Nevada
>but I will try to explain. There are facilities that are blacked
>out all around 51. There all also huge sections of Nevada where
>the terrain is very blurry. It's my guess, the government is
>letting us see what they want us to see and either blacking out
>or blurring what they DON'T want us to see.

>Here is a list of what I've found so far:

>[Continued at site]

>[UFO UpDates thanks <http://www.anomalist.com> & Richard Hendricks for the lead]

http://www.thewhyfiles.net/area51_3.htm

"4. An aircraft parked on a dirt road, next to what may be an
underground opening or a possible vent."

I collected two more planes, not just the one shown at
thewhyfiles, however, there were to be found a few other strange
artifacts. So here is my fly-around using Google Earth. Good
day, good day, good day. <g>

<http://earth.google.com/>

Civet Cat Canyon
<http://bbs.keyhole.com/ubb/download.php?Number=168503>

Civet Cat Canyon - Subterranean Building ?
<http://bbs.keyhole.com/ubb/download.php?Number=168507>

Civet Cat Canyon - Plane 1
<http://bbs.keyhole.com/ubb/download.php?Number=168514>

Civet Cat Canyon - Plane 2
<http://bbs.keyhole.com/ubb/download.php?Number=168516>

Civet Cat Canyon - Plane 3 Hanger ?

<http://bbs.keyhole.com/ubb/download.php?Number=168518>

Civet Cat Canyon - Plane 3

<http://bbs.keyhole.com/ubb/download.php?Number=168519>

Civet Cat Canyon - Hanger near Airport

<http://bbs.keyhole.com/ubb/download.php?Number=168520>

Civet Cat Canyon - ATC Building ?

<http://bbs.keyhole.com/ubb/download.php?Number=168523>

John

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Re: Area 51 Revelations - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <ahebert4.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 18:35:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 10:07:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Area 51 Revelations - Hebert

>Source: Greg Ericson's Free Press International Blog

><http://fpiarticle.blogspot.com/2005/10/area-51-revelations.html>

<snip>

>It's difficult to know what's actually going on in 51 and Nevada
>but I will try to explain. There are facilities that are blacked
>out all around 51. There all also huge sections of Nevada where
>the terrain is very blurry. It's my guess, the government is
>letting us see what they want us to see and either blacking out
>or blurring what they DON'T want us to see.

Na, no need to blur anything. They can hide just about anything
in 'plane sight' and no one would know what they were looking at
even when looking straight at it.

Actually, the blurry stuff is probably where they want you to
focus rather than on the clear stuff. That's the trick - to know
where they want you to look can sometimes be used to figure
out where they don't want you to look.

When it comes to CC&D, a good rule of thumb is to look where no
one is looking and the opposite of what we are told by experts,
the media, UFO blogs and lists.

A. Hebert
"Follow the white rabbit..."

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Re: Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No. 2

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 17:28:09 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 10:11:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No. 2

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 18:07:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No. 2

>>From: Matt Graeber <Matthewgraeber.nul.com>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul.net
>>Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 10:07:37 EDT
>>Subject: Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No. 2

>>The Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles

>>Since some of my reader's may not be aware of the fact that I
>>was one of the three primary UFO field investigators at the
>>Carbondale crash site on the 11th of November, 1974. It might be
>>a good idea for those readers to peruse my essay/report on the
>>Carbondale UFO/Lantern Hoax at the

>><http://magonia.mysite.wanado-members.co.uk/ms55.htm>

>>the story is posted in full-length. It's not a quick read so,
>>have some milk and cookies at the ready.

>This URL has obviously got a bit garbled. Anyway, all issues of
>Magonia Supplement are now on a new web site, and the Carbondale
>crash report is at:

><http://magsupp.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/ms55.htm>

Hello Matt, John:

Ooof! That's a long read. Quite interesting, and I have only one quibble:

A casual reader, seeing the words "...a gleaming facet of contemporary ufological folklore..." could easily get the impression that most people in ufology still think Carbondale is truly anomalous.

Granted there may some that consider this "Pennsylvania's Roswell", or at least pretend to for their own purposes, but I would wager 50 cents that the overwhelming majority of readers here consider the case bogus as I do.

Its one of the more treasured items on my list of discredited sightings for one thing:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/DISCREd.html> Scroll down to ..

1974/11/09 CARBONDALE, PA 44-hour fiasco with wide coverage. Fireball falls into lake? Rumored to maneuver under water. Diver recovers 6-volt railroad lantern. Big UFO retrieval and coverup claimed. Boy confesses tossing lantern into lake. 10 copycat websites move events from PA to New Jersey. Credit: Matt Graeber.

In short, the 'gleaming jewel' is a stinkeroo, and most

sensible, well informed ufologists know that. The article might seem to imply otherwise; that we are drooling idiots who buy into Carbondale even after it has been thoroughly and expertly trashed.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Balloons And Fleets Of UFOs

From: Amy Hebert <ahebert4.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 01:37:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 10:14:44 -0400
Subject: Balloons And Fleets Of UFOs

On UFO Updates, 6-7-05, Santiago Yturria stated, in reply to one of my posts:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/jun/m07-020.shtml>

"We know that it's absolutely required to see these birds or balloons in movement to make comparisons with those videos from Mexico and by consequence to establish their differences or their similarities.

A proper study and analysis require actual footage of these birds-balloons and you know it. Therefore you failed to present links to actual videos so your claims result irrelevant and immaterial."

As per Santiago's request, in order to provide actual video footage of balloons in movement for comparisons, I began studying balloon flight patterns video taping each experiment. I began these experiments by studying individual balloon behaviors while in flight then video taped groups of balloons I had launched into the sky. Prior to these studies, I had only video taped individual balloons in the sky because it never occurred to me that observers on the ground would not have the abilities to distinguish between "fleets" of balloons and "fleets" of UFO's. I tried to find "bird-balloons" to launch and video tape but, alas, the local stores do not stock them.

After reviewing the VHS tape sent to me by Nick Balaskas who received the tape from Santiago (I asked for a copy but Santiago refused to send one), I still felt my original contentions were valid and that many of the objects in the alleged "Fleets of UFO's Over Mexico" videos were either birds or balloons. Some of the videos were so blurry and distorted it may be impossible to ever clearly discern what the objects were/are.

While some of the "fleet" videos may well be images of flocks of birds in the sky, my experiments, thus far, have focused primarily on balloon flight patterns and behaviors. This study is on-going and I encourage anyone interested to conduct their own studies in order to learn more about these UFO's.

By way of sharing the results of my experiments, I will specifically address some of the previous claims made by Santiago Yturria in reference to balloons and their flight behaviors as compared to the flight patterns and various characteristics of alleged "Fleets Of UFO's Over Mexico".

On UFO Updates, 4-24-05, SantiagoYturria wrote:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/apr/m26-002.shtml>

"The sighting took place in broad day light and began with a formation of seven objects, white luminous and sphere-shaped. Robles Gil made a good zoom shot into one of the objects and described it as an intense luminous light, like plasma energy.

At this moment one of the objects broke formation and began performing maneuvers around the others as if it was intelligently controlled. Mr. Robles Gil zoomed into this object

and flight path around the other objects was clear and defined. Certainly intriguing images."

Although neither Santiago Yturria nor John Velez have yet to confirm or deny the origin of the clips posted at the URLs listed below as belonging to Mr. Arturo Robles Gil or who actually made these video clips, please refer to clips #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and especially clip #6 at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.com/aic/mexovni2.html>

and

<http://www.virtuallystrange.com/aic/mexovni3.html>

For a comparison study, please refer to Experiment 1, 7-4-05, Clips #4 and #5 in which I video taped one balloon, flying in a triangular formation with two other balloons, suddenly "maneuvering" downward toward another balloon in the formation, then "maneuvered" around (circled) the balloon and "maneuvered" back up into the sky. And for your viewing pleasure, please refer to Experiment 7, 7-22-05, Clips #2, #4, #5 and #6 in which one could easily interpret these various balloon flight patterns as "maneuvers".

Experiments and video clips (smaller clips for faster download) are located at:

<http://ufomatrix.com> --> Reality Check --> Reality Checks

Or:

<http://uforealitycheck.com> -->Reality Checks

Or direct html (no flash) at:

<http://ufomatrix.com/balloons/balloons.htm>

On 4-27-05, Santiago Yturria stated:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/apr/m28-001.shtml>,

"Then we made the study comparing both videos, the balloons and the UFO fleet and the results were more than explicit. The balloons formation was so disorganized and every balloon acting in an independent random behavior while the announced UFO fleet preserved all the time the perfect formation, every object kept the same exact distance from the other and all the formation was moving in perfect synch as a whole body. You and I know very well that this manoeuvres to be performed by a bunch of balloons is ABSOLUTELY IMPOSIBLE!! That will just go against the psychic laws even if they are tied together."

For comparisons, again refer to experiments #4, #6 and #7 at:

<http://ufomatrix.com/balloons/balloons.htm>

In these experiments, groups of balloons were observed and video taped moving in what appear to be formations, as whole bodies and often at relatively equal distances from each other including balloons tied together.

Balloons can and do float in formations and move together as a "whole body" or group. Even the alleged "UFO fleets" do not move in perfect synch and various objects can be observed shifting around in much the same manner as do the balloons in my videos. Depending upon the speed, directions and temperatures of the upper air currents, groups of balloons perform very similar "maneuvers" to those presented in the "UFO fleet" videos. Of course, the balloons do not move exactly as the objects in the "fleet" videos but neither do the alleged "UFO's" in all the other "fleet" videos.

Also note the distinct "warble" or "falling leaf" behavior displayed by all the balloons in my experiments as compared to very similar behaviors exhibited by the alleged UFO's presented in Clips #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6 at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.com/aic/mexovni2.html>

and

<http://www.virtuallystrange.com/aic/mexovni3.html>

As balloons rise into the air, with and without string attached to their bases or openings, they spin and wobble which causes them to float back and forth in a fashion often described as a "falling leaf" motion. Careful note should be made of this distinct characteristic of balloons as it a reference tool that can be used in future comparison studies and may help observers more accurately distinguish between balloons in the sky and objects that appear to be UFO's.

Most of the balloons in my experiments appear black although their actual colors were silver, white, red, blue or mixed colors. This is due to the fact the only time I had to conduct these experiments were in the evenings after work and the sun was setting causing the balloons to appear in shadow. If I had launched them in the morning hours, they would have appeared as "luminous objects" in the sky with the sun shining more directly on them.

Not included in this presentation are the numerous experiments that went awry when balloons "died" before I could launch them, got caught in tree tops or I was attacked by insects while trying to video tape (have footage of a giant ant traversing the camera lens). In addition, please note the temperatures during which these experiments were conducted. It was summer and extremely hot. To anyone wishing to replicate these experiments, I highly recommend doing so in the fall, winter or spring, wear long pants, socks and insect repellent, hire assistants or bribe your kids to help and plan to launch your balloons within 6 hours after they have been inflated. Oh, and avoid driving trucks with manual transmissions while 12 helium balloons are floating around in the cab.

A. Hebert

<http://ufomatrix.com> (under construction)

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Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 11:31:54 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 10:16:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 00:44:07 +0200
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 11:36:43 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 21:43:31 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>><snip>

>>>C. Allan and M. Shough have commented on Rev. Gill
>>>probably misidentifying Venus on July 6, 1959. Note also
>>>how it all began on this particular occasion:

<snip>

>>I find this interesting too, again on the positive side. I
>>pointed out elsewhere that what they described was a fairly
>>accurate portrait of Venus setting, correct as to times and
>>elevations and with details of the planet's phase visible in
>>binoculars, reddening due to atmospheric scattering near the
>>horizon, and autokinetic jiggles of the observer's eye. Now we
>>find that this is so, even though they had just been talking
>>about Gill's sighting and were (at least some of them) very much
>>"in the mood" to see UFOs.

>However, on the "negative" side, since Gill also stated that "I
>identified it as one of these objects", it casts serious doubts
>on Gill's ability to identify Venus.

Well, as I said, I'd agree that it reflects on Gill's and others' predisposition as of July 6 to interpret Venus as "one of these objects". In terms of the descriptions, though, neither Durie nor Gill report anything inconsistent with a binocular observation of Venus setting - a small bright disc on the horizon "coming down" slowly through broken cloud. There is really nothing there that suggests a propensity to extreme fantasy.

As Brad Sparks pointed out, seeing Venus so close to setting, evidently affected by atmospheric effects on the horizon (reddened, and also possibly distorted - Gill mentions that the "disc" seen through binoculars, presumably Venus' 0.6 gibbous phase oriented parallel to the horizon, appeared to tilt towards the north then later towards the south) is different from casually spotting Venus by naked eye as Gill said he did on June 26, when it was about 20 degrees up, with the UFO "higher up, almost overhead". Venus evidently did present a striking sight at setting on Jul 6. But we can argue that if Gill had not had the experiences at Boianai on June 26-28 then his avowed previous scepticism would nevertheless have asserted itself on July 6, and he may have happily agreed with the Rev. Dams that

they were looking at Venus.

So I find it difficult to use this event to calibrate Gill's previous experience. There are both positive and negative implications, depending on how we look at it, but neither is very strong because we can't separate out the influence of the earlier event.

>We can also deduce that the majority of "these objects" must >have looked like celestial bodies.

>And concerning this very sighting, we read in the same >transcript:

>"And as we watched it it came down and hovered under a >cloud."

>"And we saw it come down through the cloud"

>"And then it went through a cloud and it came out again and >hovered" . Needless to say that Venus was always over the >clouds. Thus, we must concede that this kind of statements could >involve a high degree of subjectivity.

Yes this is possible.

>So, following what has been said in this thread, it appears that >some of the usual arguments against the astronomical hypothesis >might be weaker than supposed:

> - Venus was pointed out by Gill separately in the sky (what >about Mercury?).

This is possible too. Mercury was mag 0.4 at a little over 8 degrees elevation and 295 degs azimuth, probably clear of the hills for 20 or 25 minutes after 1845. It was brighter than most nearby stars, though no brighter than nearby Procyon (also mag 0.4) only 14 degrees to the north and at the same elevation. But admittedly Mercury would have appeared directly below Venus.

>- Whereas Venus had set by about 9 PM on June 26, it is a >flatout physical impossibility for Venus to have remained >visible until past 10:30 PM (but don't forget that, by the end, >the sighting was in fact discontinuous...).

It was. Gill's log seems to show that the "mother" disappeared at 2130, not 2230. However this is still about 40 minutes too late to have been Venus. As I suggested it is possible that Venus was lost in thick cloud to the west and set without them noticing, whilst they transferred their attention some slightly higher star - maybe Regulus, the only star brighter than about mag +3 anywhere near the right area. Regulus would have set about the time that the "mother" finally disappeared. But Regulus is still a very dim star, bearing no comparison to Venus. Venus at the time was more than 100 times as bright! Also, although Gill's log only indicates the mother disappearing "across sea to Giwa - white, red, blue, gone" which is a bit ambiguous and could suggest strong scintillation of a star on the point of setting, his narrative accounts appear to describe a large angular motion "across the bay" for a distance estimated at 30 miles.

>- The UFOs were seen descending and ascending "through" the > clouds according to Gill (it seems that Venus "did" the same on >July 6).

Strictly, on July 6 Venus is described by Gill as descending through clouds, evidently in the sense of passing between bands of cloud near the horizon, not ascending. Durie is the one who describes the sudden "circular" movement, presumably an autokinetic illusion, which must have had some apparent upward motion; but this is not the same as seeing Venus "ascending and descending through the clouds", and is not "according to Gill".

But I concede that there's an awful lot of ambiguity in all this, and I'm not happy either with his statement in Victoria that all of the secondary, more star-like objects also had little legs, just like the "mother". However when it comes down to it the question is less about Venus than about whether or not we think Gill was outrageously deluded on June 26-27 and had

what we must call a vivid hallucination, presumably stimulated by Venus, of an enormous structure with men on top. The only evidence we can adduce that he may have been subject to such things is the Boianai affair itself, and this is merely circular. Such ancillary evidence as there is suggests that a) other unknowns were observed in the immediate area before and after this date in circumstances that fairly decisively preclude Venus, and b) many other observers at Boianai did report to Gill and to one another that they had seen the same thing he reported.

So, despite some frustrating aspects, I still vote: Unknown.

Martin Shough

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Re: Passive Radar - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 12:02:35 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 10:17:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Passive Radar - Shough

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 11:45:58 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

>>From: Rob Kritkauskay <robkrit.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 13:39:59 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 19:59:40 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Field Research & Images

>See below, but passive radar obviously can be done since
>there are reports of its use with meteor counting and such.
>I don't see any real benefit of passive radar over active
>radar except that you don't have to worry about FCC regulation
>with passive radar. The signal processing for passive radar
>seems more complex.

Dear all

Whoops! In my previous reply to this, please read "VHF" for
"UHF" - I'd just been re-reading the Hessdalen radar paper and
got this stuck in my brain. Apologies.

MS

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The Term Mothership [was: Gill Sighting]

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 12:54:55 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 10:22:46 -0400
Subject: The Term Mothership [was: Gill Sighting]

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 10:58:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 00:15:29 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:35:24 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 14:35:14 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>In other words, it's a British shipping term.

<snip>

>>>>And I am a Briton. I know this. I also know that
>>>>it became almost an iconic usage during the
>>>>late 'fifties and 'sixties among people who knew
>>>>about flying saucers, from popular books,
>>>>magazines and UFO clubs etc., but who may have
>>>>known nothing whatever about shipping.

<snip>

>I'm afraid the desperation is all yours, John. A
>simple check of a small sample of North American
>newspapers underscores how normal the use
>of mothership was in the popular vocabulary, as
>documented in the press.

<snip>

Hi Jerry, List,

While the word mothership itself is hundreds of years old in the sense of motherness (1) its naval use was coined by Rear Admiral Albert S. Barker (1845-1916) when he was commander of the Asiatic Squadron.

Barker invented the term for warships when gunships of the same squadron were assigned to their care and supervision (2).

However, the term mothership itself was still not entirely familiar until after the World Wars. Until then it was usually written in inverted commas and as two words. An article in the Coshocton (Ohio) Daily Times of October 14th, 1909, for example, feels the need to explain what the expression meant to its readers:

Cradling The Submarines

Mother Ship Puts Little Boats to Bed at Her Side.

Putting submarine boats to bed by their mother ship interested spectators in New York the other day. The vessel, called the parent of the underwater boats, was the Castine. Each submarine flotilla is now accompanied wherever it goes by a parent ship <snip>

I'd rather not get into a discussion about whether Gill would have drawn the word from naval usage or from UFO writings, but I do have my own opinion about that too.

Regards,

Chris

(1) For example:

We can hardly suppose, as some evil-minded person has suggested to us, that this address is put forth as a specimen of "native manufactures", under the nursing mothership of the Home-League... (The United States Democratic Review, Volume 10, Issue 46, April 1842.)

-ship, which indicates a particular condition or state, is a suffix from Old English (originally -scipe).

(2) Mother Ships of the Navy, The Evening Democrat (Warren, Pennsylvania), November 23rd 1900.

2003-2004 Archives and links

<http://anomalies.bravepages.com/main.htm>

2004-present Archives at the Yahoo Group Website:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/magonia_exchange/

Other pages of interest:

<http://caubeck.tripod.com/lang/>

http://caubeck.tripod.com/the_sport_of_flying_saucers/index.html

<http://caubeck.tripod.com/>

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Hale

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 13:48:14 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 10:25:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Hale

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:01:32 -0500
>Subject: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>I've raised the eyeglass issue, not to indicate that Zamora may
>have misperceived what he saw but, rather, to point out that
>David Rudiak and Jerry Clark claim that the Socorro incident was
>investigated (vetted, to use today's word) fully.

Thank god video cameras were invented!

Roy

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From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 09:08:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 10:27:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Lehmborg

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:01:32 -0500
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From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 09:14:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 10:29:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Lehmborg

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 23:19:55 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 10:58:38 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

<snip>

>You quote him as saying "great _white_ leader", which certainly
>sounds more racist. Did Hynek leave out the "white" from the
>original report, or did someone add it?

What a wonderful exhibition of zero-G dancing, Mr. Rimmer!
Were is not so desultory and obfuscating it would be an absolute
pleasure to behold! [Golf clapping].

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 09:39:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 07:24:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Reynolds

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 09:08:24 -0500
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You got that right, Alfred...

RR

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 15:51:09 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 07:26:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Miller

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 09:08:24 -0500
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

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Ah, the smell of sarcasm always draws me out Alfred. Are you
sure you've got no English blood in you?

If we're getting down to the nitty gritty, then Lonnie's
underpants might as well get thrown in to the mix as well for if
he is of normal flesh and blood, then a sighting of a UFO with
little occupants would surely have made him fill them. Now, if
he kept them and they are still around, then I for one would be
convinced that what he saw was not of this earth.

But failing that, well, Rich arguably may be on the wrong
approach with this but it still comes down to the following; Did
Mr. Z, that day, see a craft and beings that were not of a
terrestrial nature or did he see something a bit more prosaic?

I'd like you to stand on that mark there Alfred, the one with
the spotlight on it, and tell us which way you swing on this. I
won't scold if you use the word "believe".

Stuart Miller

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Re: The Term Mothership - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 10:18:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 07:29:09 -0400
Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Lehmborg

>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 12:54:55 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: The Term Mothership [was: Gill Sighting]

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 10:58:38 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

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>I'd rather not get into a discussion about whether Gill would
>have drawn the word from naval usage or from UFO writings, but I
>do have my own opinion about that too.

>Regards,

>Chris

>(1) For example:

>We can hardly suppose, as some evil-minded person has suggested
>to us, that this address is put forth as a specimen of "native
>manufactures", under the nursing mothership of the
>Home-League... (The United States Democratic Review, Volume 10,
>Issue 46, April 1842.)

>-ship, which indicates a particular condition
>or state, is a suffix from Old English (originally
>-scipe).

>(2) Mother Ships of the Navy, The Evening Democrat (Warren,
>Pennsylvania), November 23rd 1900.

>2003-2004 Archives and links

><http://anomalies.bravepages.com/main.htm>

>2004-present Archives at the Yahoo Group Website:

>http://groups.yahoo.com/group/magonia_exchange/

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Re: What Makes Them Work? - Beasley

From: Craig Beasley <fallingleaf.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 10:13:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 07:32:23 -0400
Subject: Re: What Makes Them Work? - Beasley

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 15:17:08 -0400
>Subject: What Makes Them Work? [was: Serious Question]

>>From: Craig Beasley <fallingleaf.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:01:12 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Serious Question

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>>Being an engineer, the restriction is obvious. If UFOs are
>>craft of some sort, technological and physical, what makes them
>>work? I devote myself to that. With the limited funds I have, I
>>have some plans that have an unpleasantly long timeline.

>Craig -

>We had a discussion on this List a couple of years ago about the
>Townsend Brown experiments in which he demonstrated net thrust
>using high voltage capacitors. I'm sorry I don't remember/can't
>find details now, but it turns out there are two effects
>involved:

>One is a bit of thrust where the capacitor plates are exposed to
>the ambient air, and some of the air molecules become ions. The
>electric field actually causes a small flow of air near the
>plates, forming a very small thrust electrostatic "rocket
>engine". This is apparently the principle behind the model
>"UFOs" which are sold on the web and look like the flying
>triangles, and which depend on lightweight tether wires to
>supply the charge to them.

>The other, much more promising for those who would like to
>construct a home made "UFO" were some experiments in which
>capacitors enclosed within solid dielectric were found to
>produce net thrust, again small, but seemingly these did not
>depend on electrostatic rocketry.

>I did see some web documentation on the solid dielectric
>enclosed capacitor thrusters from what I recall was a serious
>source.

>Presumably, if a dielectric could be found which is light enough
>(like some of the amazingly lightweight ceramics?) and if
>multiple plates could be stacked up like pancakes, and if
>circular plates could be segmented and individually charged to
>provide attitude control, maybe a "UFO" could be built on the
>second principle which could indeed operate outside the
>atmosphere.

>Clearly, UFO reports indicate far more sophisticated and
>powerful technology is in use in the actual craft, but at the
>same time, a "home brew" machine using electrostatic technology
>would (or should) really shake the ground under the "noisy
>negativists."

Thanks, Eleanor! The leads will be most helpful.

I've looked into T. Townsend Brown before, but it's been some time. His life story seems to be along the line of Tesla's: The genius outside the box. Brown seemed a little more at ease at getting in and out of the box, though. I'll look up more of his work, and I'm glad you reminded me.

The stack of plates idea is intriguing, as well. It would be interesting to see how easy one could build a test rig for that.

Someday, I'll play with a lifter.

Thanks again!

J. Craig Beasley

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 08:55:50 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 07:34:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Rudiak

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:01:32 -0500
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Boy, what a bunch of double-talk. Rich Reynolds just won't let
this one go.

As I've pointed out over and over, a great deal can be deduced
about Zamora's eyesight simply knowing that he was a young man
and a traffic cop. He was very unlikely to have a serious
pathology at his age (31) that would have significantly affected
his vision, such as cataracts, and even if he had, the
mandatory police vision requirements would almost certainly
have picked it up.

The mandatory best corrected acuity for policeman is usually
20/20 or better, and best uncorrected (without glasses) acuity
is 20/100 or _better_, which equates to a very modest
prescription. (This is also confirmed by the photo of Zamora
wearing his glasses, where there is almost no minification or
magnification of his eyes when viewed through the glasses, as
would be true if the prescription was low.) Thus the fact that
he was a cop automatically filters out the 1 or 2% of the
population his age whose best corrected vision would have been
less than 20/20, and further filters out the roughly 30% of the
population his age whose uncorrected acuity would be less than
20/100.

Further, as has been pointed out about a million times now,
Zamora was wearing his glasses during all critical parts of the

sighting, and we further know, to very high probability, his vision was at least 20/20 at those times. For the brief period when he lost his glasses, his eyesight was at least 20/100 (or better). This is when the craft was very close and taking off with a roar, then departing horizontally and silently at high speed. The most important detail here was the switch from a very loud to a totally silent propulsive mode, which had nothing to do with his eyesight. (Oh, I forget - Zamora's hearing wasn't properly vetted either, was it?)

Perhaps Rich Reynolds will be specific for once, instead of waving his hands, and tell us what significant part of the sighting report was affected by Zamora's eyesight. And if he can't do that (which he can't), then what is the point of continually raising the issue, other than to be a nattering gadfly?

And since he is still claiming that this was a secret government craft of some sort, perhaps he can further enlighten us with specifics of this craft. I think we would all be very interested to know what craft the government had then, or now, that was a VTOL craft, that could also fly horizontally at very high speed, with no wings or stabilizers, and could also do this trick silently.

Yes, that completely silent propulsion system is a real puzzler. (That's why Rich never mentions this little detail when ranting about "secret government craft.") And, need I point out yet again, it also has nothing to do with Zamora's eyesight.

David Rudiak

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 13:22:12 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 07:41:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Ledger

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:01:32 -0500
>Subject: Zamora's Eyeglasses

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Dave Rudiak, Brad Sparks, you and I were arguing this case predominantly, with Greg Boone, Dick Hall and even Ray Stanford thrown in. Jerry had a couple of comments way back when it was developing out of the Global UFO coverup. Jerry has been very verbal in the Father Gill case which grew out of the Socorro case which a look at at the archives will verify.

Regardless of what you are being fed, off-line Rich, the eyeglass issue has been vetted. It might have been important had it had any substance. But it didn't. You know it and I know it. Don't let yourself be led on.

The Socorro case got more investigation time than most-a book by Ray Stanford, A NICAP investigation by Dick Hall and even a look-over by Hynek. No case is ever over but to say that you're argument was that the case wasn't thoroughly investigated is playing fast and loose with the facts. You first targetted the non-starting balloon issue then you fixated on Zamora's eyesight which using all common sense - never mind facts - is another non-starter.

For my part I've wasted enough of my time on it. Arguing for the sake of arguing so you can justify an entrenched position from which you find it difficult to climb out of, rather than the merits of the case is in my estimation a waste of one's time. It's the case that is of issue here, not whether you win or lose.

Don Ledger

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Re: We Are Alone - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 14:01:36 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 07:42:58 -0400
Subject: Re: We Are Alone - Ledger

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 18:27:05 +0100
>Subject: Re: We Are Alone

>>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 21:25:56 EDT
>>Subject: We Are Alone

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>>The reality appears to be that aliens want to conceal their
>>identities and home planets, and have no desire to conduct a
>>discourse with us. Why? What would have to change for a
>>discourse to take place?

><snip>

>Your question's been answered by several folk, when talking of
>'civilized' aliens:

<snip>

Communication among highly advanced, space traveling civilizations would have to be as exotic as the means of travel itself, otherwise it would of little use. This planet could only hope to communicate [at this point receive-only] with intelligence species at about the same levels of emergence and radio technology as ourselves and close enough for us to receive VHF and UHF radio propagation, microwave transmission and light driven [laser] technology.

It could be that we {Earth} are being unintentionally bombarded with spurious intelligent, data-bearing technology that we have no way of picking up, much less understanding what it is saying.

Imagine our present day communications technology transplanted to the year 1880 with all of that data washing through Earth's atmosphere and all you had to receive with was a telegraph key driven by electromagnetic impulses coming down a wire. It could be that that's all we have to work with now, the 2005 version of the telegraph key, then add on a few thousand or millions of years of technology advancement to that.

I suspect that faster than light space travel and faster than light communication are inextricably entwined. Discover the way of doing one and you find the other.

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Re: Passive Radar - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 13:05:10 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 07:44:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Passive Radar - Smith

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 20:05:25 EDT
>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 11:45:58 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

>>Passive radar obviously can be done since
>>there are reports of its use with meteor counting and such.
>>I don't see any real benefit of passive radar over active
>>radar except that you don't have to worry about FCC regulation
>>with passive radar. The signal processing for passive radar
>>seems more complex.

>There are hundreds of broadcast transmitters filling up almost
>the entire volume of space received by Passive Radar. Whereas a
>single active radar must both transmit and receive along a line
>of sight limited by the horizon.

A passive radar receiver must be line of sight of the
reflecting object otherwise you cannot rely on the reflected
signal (which must reflect off the ionosphere at best to get to
the passive radar receiver).

Sure, you could use specific broadcast transmitters, but you
need to have a passive radar calibration antenna receivers
associated with each such transmitter. Only with such a
receiver can you hope to decode the reflected signal.

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Re: Passive Radar - Davenport

From: Peter Davenport - NUFORC <director.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 10:08:40 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 07:48:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Passive Radar - Davenport

>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2005 19:19:44 +0100
>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 18:43:31 EDT
>>Subject: Passive Radar [was: Field Research & Images]

>>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:14:56 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>>It was the latest sensation a while ago.

><snip>

>>Again I stand by my previous statement: "Whenever proposals for
>>a "new approach" to UFO research are made on UpDates basically
>>no one (except me I think) mentions Passive Radar."

>Just for the record, I think I did respond positively on List
>(and certainly off-List) to Peter Davenport when I first saw the
>passive radar idea floated here some time ago. I still think
>it's a good idea, but maybe people need convincing that it could
>work.

>Perhaps a concept-demonstrator study could be piggy-backed on an
>existing research set up, or amateur meteor trackers already
>using it could be approached about doing some systematic trials?
>Making use of other people's noise could be cheap. But maybe
>these avenues have already been explored.

I am delighted by the recent posts regarding "passive" radar.
Some of the remarks have been "on mark," I believe, but a few of
the statements that have been made deserve comment.

First of all, there are several "passive" radar systems
operating successfully, so I have not proposed creating a new
technology. Two notable examples of systems that work are 1) the
system built by Prof. John Sahr, Ph.D. (EE), at the University
of Washington in Seattle, and 2) the system built by Prof. Peter
Brown, Ph.D. (ASTRON) at the University of Western Ontario. The
former was designed to study changes (~1 meter) in the e-region
of the Earth's atmosphere; the latter, ostensibly, to count
and/or track meteors entering the Earth's atmosphere.

Both systems have been in existence for many years, underscoring
the fact that "passive" radar is not "pie in the sky." It is a
down-to-earth technology, which has only to be adapted and
"tweaked," in order for it to apply to detecting other unknowns,
i.e. UFO's, in the atmosphere and near-Earth environment.

One comment that the system would require prodigious computer

power is correct. Even a small, mono-static (i.e. single receiver station) requires the ability to perform approximately 10 giga-flops per second for real-time analysis of a target. A larger, multi-static system, with two or more receivers, whose data are collected, analyzed, and compared on a real-time basis, requires on the order of 100 giga-flop capability.

The ability to process all of the data has been the principal barrier, over recent decades, to constructing such a system, even though intelligence and defense personnel recognized the advantages of "passive" radar over the more traditional "active" radar that has been in use since the 1940's. Few individuals, or even institutions, had that kind of number-crunching capability. However, today, such computer capability is on the near horizon, and is close to being available to anyone with the means to purchase it.

Other comments on the list have addressed the legitimate concern over target correlation, i.e. which received signal at each receiver applies to which target. When an FM transmitter "paints" either the atmosphere, or near-Earth environment, potentially hundreds, or even thousands, of objects will reflect the signal back down to the receivers at ground level. Processing all of those reflected signals, and having all the receiver stations "agree" as to which signal arrived from which target, probably is the biggest challenge to a "passive" system.

However, this task is simplified dramatically by our ability today to measure time quite precisely, principally through the use of the Global Positioning System time source, accurate to about one part in a billion. If a receiver is synchronized to the GPS clock, it can determine quite accurately when a given reflected signal arrives at its antenna. With this data in hand, the different receivers can then compare respective arrival times, and then start to perform triangulation to targets on the basis of time-of-arrival, as opposed to multiple, three-dimensional calculation of Doppler shift for each target. This ability dramatically simplifies the task of target correlation.

I do not wish to say that the task of target correlation is easy! I only wish to suggest that recent technological developments have provided us with some powerful tools, which, for the first time in history, provide us with the ability to get our arms around this problem.

The other major task involves target "discrimination," which probably is a more easily solved than correlation. Discrimination involves separating those targets of known origin, e.g. aircraft, birds, orbiting space debris, atmospheric ionization, etc., from targets of unknown origin.

However, if the system collects and analyzes multiple samples per second, targets can be "screened" for characteristics which would allow "knowns" to be separated from "unknowns." For example, one would not expect a satellite, migratory bird, or an aircraft to be traveling at several kilometers per second at 80 kilometers above the surface of the Earth. Moreover, one would not expect the system to receive an equally strong signal from a meteor both before, and after, it entered the Earth's atmosphere.

Hence, a "passive" radar system could be designed to "flag," and record, such events. Obviously, and all we have to do is "capture" one such return, in order to make the world sit up and take notice...

All of the above issues I have addressed in the paper I wrote for the 2004 MUFON symposium, and which is posted at the NUFORC website. In addition, I have posted there links to other, more mainstream, articles, which address more "pedestrian" application of "passive" radar.

Curiously, I have been discussing my proposal since January 1995, and only now are people beginning to take interest in the concept. On seven occasions, I have presented the idea to people who count their wealth in billions, and I have yet to receive even a hint that they might be interested in sponsoring construction of such a system. Very bizarre, given the hundreds of millions of dollars some of those individuals have thrown at the SETI project, which has yet to produce a single result.

In conclusion, "passive" radar is now within our grasp, and it will provide us with the ability to resolve the UFO debate, once and for all, without the input of some government bureaucracy.

Peter
NUFORC

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For 'Abductees' Logic Is An Alien Concept

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Clancy review - For 'Abductees' Logic Is An Alien Concept

Since I've participated in a couple of articles about Susan Clancy's new book, I want to just briefly note that although my name is Will, I am not the character named "Will" in her book - which also means I am not the "Will" in the 21 Oct Wall Street Journal article either.

The Wall Street Journal article is reproduced in the following:

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Friday, October 21, 2005

For 'Abductees' Logic Is An Alien Concept
By Sharon Begley
The Wall Street Journal

The first thing that struck Susan Clancy during the weekend she spent with people who had been abducted by extraterrestrials was that they weren't that much odder than the folks at her family reunions.

It's not that Dr. Clancy, then a graduate student in psychology at Harvard University, has an especially strange family. But as she was drawn deeper and deeper into the world of "abductees," she realized that they tend to be respectable, job-holding, functioning members of society, normal except for their belief that short beings with big eyes once scooped them up and took them to a spaceship. What makes abductees stand out is something that is so common in American society it's a wonder there aren't more of them: an inability to think scientifically.

Reading the title of Dr. Clancy's new book, "Abducted: How People Come to Believe They Were Kidnapped by Aliens," millions of Americans probably figure the answer to the implicit question is obvious: People come to believe they were abducted by aliens because they were. Some 40 percent of Americans believe it possible that aliens have grabbed some of us, polls show.

Abductees are teachers and waiters, artists and chefs, construction supervisors and librarians. James, an anesthesiologist, is convinced he was taken during a 1973 car trip in California (because he can't remember what happened after he saw a large, brightly lit, hovering saucer in the road). Will, a massage therapist, was abducted repeatedly by aliens, he told Dr. Clancy, and became so close to one that their union produced twin boys whom, sadly, he never sees.

Numerous studies have found that abductees are not suffering from mental illness. They are unusually prone to false memories, she and colleagues found in a 2002 study, and tend to be unusually creative, fantasy-prone and imaginative, but so are lots of people who have never met a little green man.

Even the smartest abductees fall short, however, when it comes to scientific thinking. Dr. Clancy asked if they realize that memories elicited by hypnosis are unreliable. Yes, the abductees said, but they are really, really careful with hypnosis, so their recovered memories must be real. Do they understand that sleep paralysis, in which waking up during a dream causes the dream to leak into consciousness even while you remain unable to move, can mimic the weird visions and helplessness that abductees describe? Of course, they say, but that doesn't apply to them. As one abductee explained, she was taken not while she slept but when she was on the couch watching Letterman.

And do they understand that the most likely explanation of bad dreams, impotence, nosebleeds, loneliness, bruises or just waking up to find their pajamas on the floor does not involve aliens? Yes, they told Dr. Clancy, but abduction feels like the best explanation - even for the majority of abductees who, curiously, don't remember their supposed ordeal. (Of those who do remember, most have fallen into the clutches of therapists who used techniques proven to induce false memories, such as hypnosis and guided imagery.)

Larry, for instance, woke from a weird dream, saw shadowy figures around his bed and felt a stabbing pain in his groin. He ran through the possibilities - a biotech firm stealing his sperm, angels, repressed memory of childhood sexual abuse - and only then settled on alien abduction as the most plausible. Sam blamed his impotence on aliens, not on his recent prostate surgery. He had read that stress can cause impotence, and alien abduction is stressful.

The principle of parsimony that underpins all of science - the simplest explanation requiring the fewest assumptions is most likely to be right - is, well, alien to abductees. So is the notion that "it feels right" doesn't make it so, and that exceptions to rules are, indeed, exceptions.

What an inability to think scientifically does not explain, however, is why many people believe this one weird thing, not weird things in general. In other words, why ET?

"Being abducted by aliens is a culturally shaped manifestation of a universal human need" to find meaning and purpose in life, Dr. Clancy writes. That need is stronger and more basic than any attachment to empiricism, logic or objective reality.

Most important, perhaps, is that alien abduction feels, to abductees, like the best explanation for their feelings and memories. It is transformative, giving their life meaning, reassuring them of their own significance. Will, the twins' dad, is happy he was "chosen," saying the abduction showed him there is "something out there much bigger, more important than we are." Through his twins, he can "have a part in it."

Dr. Clancy, raised as a Catholic, is aware of the human needs that religion fills - and how belief in alien abduction fills them, too. "People get from their abduction beliefs the same things that millions of people the world over derive from their religions," she writes: "meaning, reassurance, mystical revelation, spirituality, transformation."

"Abducted," published by Harvard University Press, is reaching bookstores right in time for Halloween.

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22 Year-Old UFO Mystery Re-Studied

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[Picture at site]

A 22 Year-Old UFO Mystery Studied Again
Reporters: Jonathan Ridnell and Jo Printz

22 years ago, Russell Henthorn took some photos of mysterious lights in the sky.

The Royal Australian Air Force has taken a look at them, as have various UFOlogists: now, the book's being reopened on those still-unexplained photos as the Bendigo and District Astronomical Society hosts a meeting about them. Russell Henthorn will be at the meeting.

"It was a pretty interesting time," Russell says of the time when he took the photos - May, 1983.

"There'd been quite a few sightings in the area, lots of lights reported throughout the Bendigo district. I was out playing table tennis with my brother, and spotted a fairly impressive light that was extremely bright and appeared to be quite shimmery.

"Initially, I thought 'it's probably just a bright star', but given that there was such a lot of activity in the area, I thought I'd take a closer look. I got my father's binoculars out, had a closer look and it was pretty impressive.

"What I saw through the binoculars initially was pretty much like a colour and light show - again, very brightly coloured reds, greens, blues, which did appear to spin. It was quite impressive at the time.

"I went and grabbed my camera - I was an amateur photographer at the time - and set her up and took some photos."

Russell's set of photos wasn't the only one, he says.

"A local radio announcer had also taken some pictures a couple of days before, but my particular photos showed a form in the light that hadn't been seen before.

"It certainly did create some interest. We had the RAAF come up and interview me, and the media was quite excited about it at the time; we had a number of research groups inquire as well."

The RAAF came up with their own conclusions, Russell says, saying that the object he photographed was a star. The brilliant, shifting colours were due to a temperature inversion, they said.

Russell won't commit himself one way or another: he just doesn't know.

"To be honest, I'm probably my own worst sceptic," he says.

"I think it was probably a star, because of the way it tracked - it did tend to go in a straight line. But the impressive part about it was the colour - particularly in my photo anyway - the colour and the shape.

"It is a mystery. I can honestly say that this is an out-of-the-world and there's not another one like it anywhere in the world."

Russell says he doesn't often talk about the photos but, when he does, he usually gets a response.

"When I do [talk about the photos], a lot of people do come up and say 'I've got a story to tell' and 'I've seen lights'. It's incredible, most people are quite open and a lot of people do have a story to tell, so it makes you wonder."

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Mystery With The UFO Story

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Monday October 24, 2005

The Mystery With The UFO Story

By Donna Hunt
Today

My husband told me not to do it; he said I would open a real can of worms. When did he get so smart?

I didn't listen to him and boy have the UFO sighters come out of the woodwork.

Just keep in mind, as former Perrin radar mechanic who sighted not one, but several UFOs in the area in 1951, these things in the sky aren't necessarily from outer space. They are what they say n Unidentified Flying Objects.

I wrote the first column after a friend saw a History Channel piece that told about the sighting of a "flying saucer" at Denison in the late 1800s. Research led to that column. Then the second one was after I interviewed the former Perrin Airman, Chandler Yergin, by phone from his home in Tucson, AZ.

During that week and since, I've received a number of telephone calls and e-mails from others who have seen unidentified objects in the sky.

One, a friend of many years n since high school days, shared his story with me, the first time he had told it outside those that witnessed the objects with him, he said. He shared with the understanding that his name not be used for fear his friends and neighbors today would think that he had "lost it."

His sighting took place in about 1956. He and his wife had just returned home in the evening in the area of Mockingbird Lane in Northwest Denison. As they got out of the car they saw several objects at the top of the hill that seemed to be circling each other and trading places from top to bottom.

He said about eight neighbors and his parents came out into the yard and witnessed the display as well, watching for several minutes before the objects split up and flew away. He said he's sure of what he saw and has a bunch of witnesses to back him up.

A friend at Health Trends' pool who read the articles told me a story that her late husband related several years ago. She said he was returning home from work one evening in the Pottsboro area and saw a strange looking circular object in the field near the Country Store.

He told her he stopped his pickup and watched for a minute, then

decided he could load it into his pickup and take it home. He crossed over the fence to retrieve it. About that time the sphere took off straight up and disappeared over the store.

She said he told her he looked behind his pickup all the way home to see if the object was following him. It wasn't.

Another friend told me of a sighting 50 years ago. She said her parents lived on Snow Road, southeast of Denison and she lived in Dallas. She and her husband and younger son and her brother and wife were all visiting her parents.

She said they were relaxing on the screened-in porch on the east side of the house and were looking out at the night sky. She remembers looking at some red lights in the south and thinking they were television/radio tower lights. Suddenly they started moving toward the north and everyone seemed to spot the objects at the same time. They ran into the back kitchen door so they could have a better view.

She said the lights seemed evenly spaced and high in the sky, but not as high as an airplane. They couldn't hear a sound, As the lights moved overhead she and her family members ran to the front door and onto the front porch still trying to figure out what they were seeing. As they watched, the lights began to go up one by one. She couldn't remember how many, but thinks it was five to nine, possibly four in front and five behind, spaced like bowling ball pins.

She said they talked about it for hours and the next morning there were three or four lines in the newspaper, saying several people had reported lights in the sky that evening. The suggested theory was that they had seen weather balloons. She didn't believe that theory because, she said their movement seemed too deliberate. Anyway, their identity has never been explained to her satisfaction.

Jonathon Oden, who graduated from Denison High in 1998 and currently lives in the Phoenix area, has an interest in the unexplained. He said that he and his wife saw something strange in the sky in Denton one day in 2002. It was clearly shaped like a huge triangle with straight edges and precise corners. They watched it creep along the sky, headed northwest without veering from its course until it was out of sight.

He said his interest was peaked that day and since he has learned that North Texas has a rich history of UFO activity.

He pointed out that Denison was likely the first place the word "saucer" was used in print to describe a UFO. He read about that in a book published in 1997 by Jim Marrs, a Texas Resident. In his book, Alien Agenda, Marrs provides a comprehensive look at UFO related history, Jonathon said.

Tom Scott, curator of the Fannin County Museum of History, formerly wrote a column, "Bois d'Arc Sketches" for a Bonham newspaper. He sent us a copy of a column he wrote that cited sightings in the Bonham area as far back as 1843 when Bonham was known as Bois d'Arc.

In March 1897 a cigar shaped object was seen in the area. That same month a Dallas newspaper and others in the area reported the sighting of a cigar shaped object between Honey Grove and Paris. A farmer had said he was chased by the object that was dragging an anchor along the ground. The farmer said the anchor snagged his pants and raised him into the air until his pants ripped and he fell.

Two weeks later, according to Tom's column, a man going between Bonham and Denton also said he saw "some kind of manufactured craft." Other who saw it said it was 200 feet long with large windows. Some people even said they heard hymns being sung as it passed overhead.

Now that is getting a little weird. I wish I had photographs to document some of these stories, but alas, they are not available. Thanks to all for sharing their stories. We don't think you're weird, just observant.

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Re: We Are Alone - Ledger

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Subject: Re: We Are Alone - Ledger

>From: Pavel Chichikov <fishhook.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:39:25 -0400
>Subject: Re: We Are Alone

>>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 21:25:56 EDT
>>Subject: We Are Alone

>'And what about you?,' the aliens asked. 'Has God ever visited
>your world.'

>Much foot scraping and some downcast looks. Finally: 'Yes.'

>'And what happened?'

>A long silence, then: 'We killed Him.'

>Aliens, glancing at their chronometers: 'Ahem, Well, we've got
>many previous engagements, so we'll have to bid you good-by.
>Make yourselves at home. No, you needn't let us know when you're
>leaving.'

It could be that he died, or is dying of his own accord.
Wasn't/isn't 'God' just another way of trying to explain away
things you didn't understand and the fear of death, while some
chose to exploit this ignorance and fear of the universe around
you? Science has been steadily explaining away that which we did
not understand and was attributed to god, and it continues to
do so. What was once god's work is now the mundane but
magnificent working of this universe, never mind all of the
other universes of which we are unaware.

As for the last statement it will likely be more of a pat on the
shoulder with the communication, "... been there done that. It
served its purpose at the time but we moved on. Try and get over
the fact that everything dies eventually. Stop wasting time
worrying about it, or what's going to happen afterward."

Of course we haven't defined which god we are referring to, but
I suspect the one with the best public relations network and
trained sales staff.

Don Ledger

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Re: Gill Sighting - Rudiak

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>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 20:09:15 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 17:18:25 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

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>>For certain the woman in 1947 could not have been influenced by
>>Adamski contactee or any other flying saucer literature from the
>>1950s. Of course, pelicanists often believe in time travel
>>theories, how events from the future explain events from the
>>past. A famous example was the Air Force claiming that crash >
>dummies and flight accidents from the 1950s and 1960s explain
>>witness reports of alien bodies during the Roswell incident in
>>1947.

>I wonder how often this canard about the US Air Force and the
>crash dummies is going to be repeated. It is time it was
>disposed of.

I wonder how often this canard about the sensibility of the US
Air Force and the crash dummies is going to be repeated by
uncritical, unthinking skeptics. It is time it was disposed of.

>The point about the experiments with dummies (described in some
>detail in Captain McAndrew's report) is that the details tally
>quite well with some of the Roswell witness reports.

The point about the experiments with dummies is that the details
do not tally well with some of the Roswell witness reports:
Crash dummies 6 feet tall and very human looking (wonder why);
bodies reported by Roswell witnesses were small, nonhuman
looking, and often decomposing. That sure sounds like an exact
match to me.

After ridiculing the reports of bodies in the original 1994 Air
Force report as being the result of hoaxers and other unreliable
witnesses, the Air Force then turns around and using the same
reports from the same hoaxers and "unreliable witnesses" to
claim that they "tally quite well" with crash dummies and air
accident victims. Does John Harney note a bit of logical
inconsistency if not outright hypocrisy here? But what else
would one expect, since the reports were written by Air Force
counterintelligence people trained in propaganda and
disinformation techniques. Colonel Weaver, the main author of
the 1994 report, taught these subjects.

>The assertion that they could not have been the source of
>stories of aliens from crashed saucers because they started some
>years after 1947 is nonsense. No reports of aliens, alive or
>dead, were made in 1947, only the reports of the wreckage which
>appeared in the news media at the time.

Well, John, actually General Ramey was photographed in 1947

clutching a telegram in his hand, which specifically mentions "the victims of the wreck" along with "the 'disc'". That's the strong consensus reading of what is there, not just my take on it. Even Phil Klass admitted the word "victims" was there (but tried to spin "the victims" into "no victims" in a personal email to me).

It is also interesting that General Ramey back in 1947 went out of his way to ridicule the idea that there was a crew, stating that the object was "too lightly constructed to have carried anyone." Then he "scoffed" at the possibility that the object could have been piloted." Why would Ramey bring the subject up to begin with? Possibly it was a form of damage control against rumors or speculation of bodies being involved.

Another example of this from contemporaneous stories was Ramey also stating the object would have been 25 feet across if reconstructed. That's a very odd statement for the small, torn-up radar target displayed on Ramey's rug, which would only be about 4 feet across if reconstructed. Where did 25 feet come from? Well oddly, that squares exactly with the reports of the size of the craft from two witnesses I know of, one being Johnny McBoyle, the Roswell reporter who tried to phone in the story to Albuquerque. Lydia Sleppy, the teletype operator, told Stan Friedman that when they tried to wire McBoyle's story out, they were cut off by the FBI. Sleppy and others also said McBoyle was mentioning something about bodies being recovered.

So Ramey saying it was 25 feet across could have been more damage control in case other stories about a 25 foot craft leaked out. Regardless, Ramey's contemporaneous message does specifically mention the existence of "the disc" and something important being "in the 'disc'" (the bodies?).

Finally I have heard this "contemporaneous" nonsense from every Roswell debunker I have ever read or debated. Basically the argument is if it wasn't reported at the time then it isn't true (unless it supports debunking arguments) and if it was reported at the time then it must be true (unless it doesn't support debunking arguments).

But all "contemporaneous" actually tells you is what the press was told by various sources, how they interpreted it, and how they finally printed it. Contemporaneous reporting isn't necessarily 100% true and accurate and eyewitness testimony decades later isn't necessarily false or grossly distorted. How could anybody with a brain argue with that? Well skeptics do, all the time.

Even back in 1947, what the press was being told was often contradictory. The base press release said what was recovered was a flying disk, found by the rancher "sometime last week." In only about an hour, General Ramey started changing that into a weather balloon found 3 weeks before. So which was it? Mack Brazel said he told Sheriff Wilcox that maybe he had found a "flying disk." But Wilcox told UP that Brazel came in saying he thought he found a "weather meter." Which was it? After describing a balloon of some type at his press conference, Brazel then absolutely denied it was any sort of balloon that he had found. So which was it? Wilcox told UP that Brazel had found the device about 3 weeks before, but he told AP that Brazel had found it only a few days before. Which was it? Wilcox told UP that Brazel had first come in the day before yesterday (or Sunday, July 6), but he told AP that Brazel came in Monday (July 7). Which was it? Wilcox claimed Brazel told him the object was only about as big as his safe, or 3 to 4 feet across. But Ramey said the object was about 25 feet across if reconstructed. Which was it?

Skeptics also don't seem to take into account the possibility of cover stories being put out, despite many historical examples of how governments have lied through their teeth. In these cases, the "contemporaneous" news articles are simply reporting the cover story, not the real story behind the story. As the computer geeks say, GIGO, or "garbage in, garbage out."

E.g., initially the Eisenhower administration denied the U-2 was a spy plane. Instead, they claimed it was an errant NASA weather plane that crashed because the pilot passed out from oxygen starvation. NASA went along with the scam, even manufacturing phony transcripts of the pilot's last conversations. At Edwards

AFB, a U-2 was repainted with a NASA logo and phony ID number and then shown to the press. Then the Soviets hauled out Francis Gary Powers and the remains of the U- 2, including the spy cameras. Checkmate. The U.S. government was caught red-handed in flagrant lie, an elaborate cover story. But if the Russians didn't have the evidence, you can bet the U.S. government would have stuck with the cover story and government propagandists and apologists would have repeated the party line for as long as the government held to the story.

But such things couldn't have happened during the Roswell incident. No way. The military absolutely told us the unvarnished truth, even if the story was inconsistent and kept changing, even back in 1947. And it's kept on changing, with AFOSI mutating the 1947 singular weather balloon/radar target (Ramey/Newton's description) into the present-day multiple balloon/multiple radar target Mogul balloon plus the ridiculous crash-dummies from the future.

>The stories of alien bodies did not emerge until the late 1970s,
>leaving plenty of time for ageing witnesses to become somewhat
>vague about when the incidents which they remembered occurred.
>No doubt when investigators assured them it must have been 1947
>they were not inclined to argue, as they had no way of checking.

No doubt you find it comforting to regurgitate the official party line, which is what you are doing here, as do all debunkers, as if reading from a common script. For all I know, maybe you even believe that the U2 really was an errant NASA weather plane, since that was the U.S.'s official story.

Even the normally UFO cynical American press generally thought the 1997 crash dummy report incredibly stupid and unbelievable. Nobody would confuse 6 foot plastic mannequins with small, rotting alien bodies. Nobody would confuse times like that (only gullible, unthinking skeptics would swallow such preposterous psychobabble explanations like "time compression"). And a number of the body witnesses weren't even living in New Mexico when the dummy and other tests were happening. Do you honestly think General Exon's Air Force friends at Wright-Patterson who told him about being personally involved and seeing the bodies were telling him about crash dummies from the 1950s and 1960s?

David Rudiak

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Re: Today Is National Nut Day - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 15:12:51 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 20:40:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Today Is National Nut Day - Ledger

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 12:42:06 -0500
>Subject: Re: Today Is National Nut Day

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>>To: Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 05:13:12 -0700
>>Subject: Today Is National Nut Day

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>>National Nut Day, in the USA at least. (Google that up.)

>>If that is so, why are the forums so quiet?

>I've read, just recently, that the mighty oak is a nut that
>stood its ground.....

Geez, I gotta remember that one Al for the next time I'm accused
of same.

Don

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Re: Today Is National Nut Day - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 14:35:27 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 20:43:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Today Is National Nut Day - Hatch

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 12:42:06 -0500
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Per the same website, and for another 9 hours as I write this,
it is National Bologna Day.

<http://www.foodreference.com/html/html/october24.html>

Pure coincidence obviously.

- Larry

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Re: Gill Sighting - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 17:49:53 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 20:44:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Sparks

>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 11:31:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 00:44:07 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 11:36:43 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 21:43:31 +0200
>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

<snip>

>>>>C. Allan and M. Shough have commented on Rev. Gill
>>>>probably misidentifying Venus on July 6, 1959. Note also
>>>>how it all began on this particular occasion:

<snip>

>>>>I find this interesting too, again on the positive side. I
>>>>pointed out elsewhere that what they described was a fairly
>>>>accurate portrait of Venus setting, correct as to times and
>>>>elevations and with details of the planet's phase visible in
>>>>binoculars, reddening due to atmospheric scattering near the
>>>>horizon, and autokinetic jiggles of the observer's eye. Now we
>>>>find that this is so, even though they had just been talking
>>>>about Gill's sighting and were (at least some of them) very much
>>>>"in the mood" to see UFOs.

>>However, on the "negative" side, since Gill also stated that "I
>>identified it as one of these objects", it casts serious doubts
>>on Gill's ability to identify Venus.

>Well, as I said, I'd agree that it reflects on Gill's and
>others' predisposition as of July 6 to interpret Venus as
>"one of these objects". In terms of the descriptions, though,
>neither Durie nor Gill report anything inconsistent with a
>binocular observation of Venus setting - a small bright disc on
>the horizon "coming down" slowly through broken cloud. There is
>really nothing there that suggests a propensity to extreme
>fantasy.

>As Brad Sparks pointed out, seeing Venus so close to setting,
>evidently affected by atmospheric effects on the horizon
>(reddened, and also possibly distorted - Gill mentions that the
>"disc" seen through binoculars, presumably Venus' 0.6 gibbous
>phase oriented parallel to the horizon, appeared to tilt towards
>the north then later towards the south) is different from
>casually spotting Venus by naked eye as Gill said he did on June
>26, when it was about 20 degrees up, with the UFO "higher up,

>almost overhead". Venus evidently did present a striking sight
>at setting on Jul 6. But we can argue that if Gill had not had
>the experiences at Boianai on June 26-28 then his avowed
>previous scepticism would nevertheless have asserted itself on
>July 6, and he may have happily agreed with the Rev. Dams that
>they were looking at Venus.

>So I find it difficult to use this event to calibrate Gill's
>previous experience. There are both positive and negative
>implications, depending on how we look at it, but neither is
>very strong because we can't separate out the influence of the
>earlier event.

>>We can also deduce that the majority of "these objects" must
>>have looked like celestial bodies.

>>And concerning this very sighting, we read in the same
>>transcript:

>>"And as we watched it it came down and hovered under a
>>cloud."

>>"And we saw it come down through the cloud"

>>"And then it went through a cloud and it came out again and
>>hovered" . Needless to say that Venus was always over the
>>clouds. Thus, we must concede that this kind of statements
>>could involve a high degree of subjectivity.

>Yes this is possible.

>>So, following what has been said in this thread, it appears that
>>some of the usual arguments against the astronomical hypothesis
>>might be weaker than supposed:

<snip>

I agree with Martin Shough's analysis (I've snipped out the rest
for sake of brevity). He concludes later it is still an
"Unknown" in his book though not without problems. As Paul
Kimball and others have pointed out the broader question is why
so much effort has been exerted on this case (or on Zamora's
eyeglasses)?

There are much better "Unknowns" that the psycho-socialists
won't touch: For all the attacks and smears and innuendo applied
to Rev. Gill and his qualifications or lack thereof as an
observer, whether he was "subjective," whether he was
"influenced by Adamski" (whom he claims he had never heard of
when his June 1959 sightings had occurred), etc. etc., notice
that the psycho-socialists would never dream of taking on cases
involving the world's leading scientific experts in visual
observation and investigation of aerial phenomena and their
trajectory reconstructions (Dr Lincoln LaPaz), the renowned
astronomer who discovered the planet Pluto who was an expert in
visual observation personally (years of skywatching observation)
and professionally (as Chief of Optical Instrumentation for the
White Sands Proving Ground/Missile Range), Dr. Clyde W.
Tombaugh. Both of them had multi-witness personal UFO sightings.

LaPaz witnessed a Daylight Disc, a supersonic white ellipsoid
200 feet in size triangulated by its known distance and position
in darting in and out of a cloud bank at known distance. LaPaz
was the world's leading expert on aerial phenomena investigation
and observation, having spent decades in personal meteor
observation. The validity of his trajectory reconstructions with
witnesses after the fact was validated by external evidence out
of his control many times in his long career -- namely the
finding of numerous fallen meteorites where his trajectories
showed them to be. If LaPaz's methods were invalid or if he
showed poor judgment in refining witness testimony then he would
never have found any meteorites.

Or how about the world's leading aircraft designer, Lockheed's
Skunk Works director Clarence "Kelly" Johnson, designer of
the U-2 (and later the SR-71/CIA Oxcart)? Johnson had a
multi-witness Daylight Disc sighting with a planeload of
independent witnesses consisting of his top aerodynamicist
(double Cal Tech aero engr and mech engr) and top test
pilots one of whom was an expert in visual observation who had
training in calibrating his distance estimates for remote aircraft

using a radar when he observed. Johnson and his wife were on the ground when they sighted the 200-foot black wing hovering stationary and did not know that the Lockheed aircraft crew was seeing the same thing at the same time. Both groups of observers witnessed the object suddenly take off into the stratosphere, accelerating to at an estimated 25,000+ mph to 90+ miles altitude, disappearing due to distance. Johnson observed using binoculars which his wife retrieved for him, which enabled him to observe the disappearance takeoff trajectory for about 7x longer time than the naked eye observers due to the magnification of the binoculars, which provides a cross-check on the distance estimated by visual acuity limits.

You simply cannot come up with better UFO witnesses than these. These are the best of the best. Gill simply does not hold a candle to LaPaz, Tombaugh, and Kelly Johnson, however sincere and even accurate he may have been. It's a waste of time to pour over the Gill case when there are much better cases. The Gill case would never make it onto my Best Evidence list.

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Re: Gill Sighting - Reason

From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 23:10:45 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 20:48:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Reason

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 07:54:12 -0400
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Allan

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Oct 2005 11:22:07 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>"Dr. Hynek had Father Gill study the moon in the Illinois sky,
>>and he decided that the width of the object [with waving
>>occupants] was equal to five moons lined up end-to-end." As
>>Allan Hendry observes in the IUR piece from which this is quoted
>>(November 1977, p. 5), this alone rules out any imaginable
>>astronomical identification.

>I agree it does, or ought to. But does it? Hendry himself notes
>a case where a woman who said "I know what stars look like"
>swore a UFO had illuminated windows with the round heads and
>silvery-colored faces of the occupants inside. She observed this
>over several nights. She was looking at the planet Venus. (See
>UFO HANDBOOK p. 85, UK edition). All right I agree she was just
>a single witness (with her husband).

One needs to be careful to distinguish between the perceived size
of an object and its angular diameter. The former is determined
largely by a perceptual mechanism called size constancy - there
is an excellent non-technical description of how this works in
Richard Gregory's book "Eye and Brain" (Weidenfeld & Nicolson,
1979).

It's size constancy which can make Venus appear as a large,
silvery object - note this does not change the object's apparent
angular diameter. Movements of the eye, together with optical
defects in the representation of the image, can create the
suggestion of portholes or windows. However, I know of no
perceptual mechanism which can create the impression of round
heads and silvery faces inside those windows, and this leads me
to suspect that something else was operating here - perhaps akin
to the phenomenon whereby people whose relatives are flying in a
plane overhead will often believe their relatives are waving to
them through the windows.

I don't own a copy of Hendry's book and it's a long while since
I read it, but I do remember that it was shot through with
confusion and bewilderment over the ways in which people
misperceive IFOs. But as is so often the case, much of what
Hendry found incomprehensible is readily explained in terms of
known perceptual mechanisms.

In any case it seems that, for whatever reason, by the time he
wrote his book Hendry had become committed to the notion that
there is something about the misperception of IFOs which is
fundamentally mysterious. So he may well have been predisposed
to hear bizarre and apparently inexplicable accounts of human
misperception and consequently misinterpreted what witnesses
were telling him.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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Re: The Term Mothership - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 18:16:07 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 20:49:50 -0400
Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Sparks

>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 12:54:55 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: The Term Mothership [was: Gill Sighting]

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 10:58:38 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 00:15:29 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:35:24 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 14:35:14 +0100
>>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>>In other words, it's a British shipping term.

<snip>

>>>>>And I am a Briton. I know this. I also know that
>>>>>it became almost an iconic usage during the
>>>>>late 'fifties and 'sixties among people who knew
>>>>>about flying saucers, from popular books,
>>>>>magazines and UFO clubs etc., but who may have
>>>>>known nothing whatever about shipping.

<snip>

>>I'm afraid the desperation is all yours, John. A
>>simple check of a small sample of North American
>>newspapers underscores how normal the use
>>of mothership was in the popular vocabulary, as
>>documented in the press.

<snip>

>Hi Jerry, List,

>While the word mothership itself is hundreds of years old in the
>sense of motherness (1) its naval use was coined by Rear Admiral
>Albert S. Barker (1845-1916) when he was commander of the
>Asiatic Squadron.

>Barker invented the term for warships when gunships of the same
>squadron were assigned to their care and supervision (2).

>However, the term mothership itself was still not entirely
>familiar until after the World Wars. Until then it was usually
>written in inverted commas and as two words. An article in the

>Coshocton (Ohio) Daily Times of October 14th, 1909, for example,
>feels the need to explain what the expression meant to its
>readers:

>Cradling The Submarines

>Mother Ship Puts Little Boats to Bed at Her Side.

>Putting submarine boats to bed by their mother ship interested
>spectators in New York the other day. The vessel, called the
>parent of the underwater boats, was the Castine. Each submarine
>flotilla is now accompanied wherever it goes by a parent ship
<snip>

>I'd rather not get into a discussion about whether Gill would
>have drawn the word from naval usage or from UFO writings, but I
>do have my own opinion about that too.

Dave Rudiak found a similar phraseology in a 1947 case long
before Adamski and having nothing to do with naval shipping or
warships.

But more importantly there is no trace of "Adamski-isms"
elsewhere in Gill's sighting report or writings. Nothing about
calling the "men" who waved to him and the others as "Space
Brothers" or even "brothers." or describing them as long-haired
blonds and human looking. Nothing describing the UFO's as
Adamski's three-ball tripods with two decks or cigar-shaped
motherships with portholes. No one saw anything that was
"cigar-shaped." Nothing speculating about the "peaceful"
intentions of the "men" in fact the speculation was that this
was not ET like Adamski's freindly aliens but was a secret
aircraft of the "American Air Force."

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Re: Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No. 2 -

From: Matt Graeber <Matthewgraeber.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 18:18:19 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 21:01:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No. 2 -

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 17:28:09 -0700
>Subject: Re: Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No. 2

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 18:07:17 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No. 2

>>>From: Matt Graeber <Matthewgraeber.nul.com>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul.net
>>>Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 10:07:37 EDT
>>>Subject: Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No. 2

>>>The Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles

>>>Since some of my reader's may not be aware of the fact that I
>>>was one of the three primary UFO field investigators at the
>>>Carbondale crash site on the 11th of November, 1974. It might be
>>>a good idea for those readers to peruse my essay/report on the
>>>Carbondale UFO/Lantern Hoax at the

>>><http://magonia.mysite.wanado-members.co.uk/ms55.htm>

>>>the story is posted in full-length. It's not a quick read so,
>>>have some milk and cookies at the ready.

>>This URL has obviously got a bit garbled. Anyway, all issues of
>>Magonia Supplement are now on a new web site, and the Carbondale
>>crash report is at:

>><http://magsupp.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/ms55.htm>

>Hello Matt, John:

>Ooof! That's a long read. Quite interesting, and I have only one
>quibble:

>A casual reader, seeing the words "...a gleaming facet of
>contemporary ufological folklore..." could easily get the
>impression that most people in ufology still think Carbondale is
>truly anomalous.

>Granted there may some that consider this "Pennsylvania's
>Roswell", or at least pretend to for their own purposes, but I
>would wager 50 cents that the overwhelming majority of readers
>here consider the case bogus as I do.

>Its one of the more treasured items on my list of discredited
>sightings for one thing:

><http://www.larryhatch.net/DISCREd.html> Scroll down to ..

>1974/11/09 CARBONDALE, PA 44-hour fiasco with wide coverage.
>Fireball falls into lake? Rumored to maneuver under water. Diver
>recovers 6-volt railroad lantern. Big UFO retrieval and coverup
>claimed. Boy confesses tossing lantern into lake. 10 copycat
>websites move events from PA to New Jersey. Credit: Matt

>Graeber.

>In short, the 'gleaming jewel' is a stinkeroo, and most
>sensible, well informed ufologists know that. The article might
>seem to imply otherwise; that we are drooling idiots who buy
>into Carbondale even after it has been thoroughly and expertly
>trashed.

I'm sorry that Mr.Hatch has mistakenly interpreted my Chronicles entries as an extention of my (assumed) beliefs that many ufologists are drooling idiots who believe in the UFO crash story associated with the Carbondale incident of 1974.

That was never my intention. All I am attempting to do is "alert" the younger generation to the chicanery that goes on within the field, and more recently on the widely unchecked net.

There seems to be a somewhat defensive tone to Mr.Hatch's disapproval of my writing because he feels it is insulting to folks of his self-appointed ufological statue.

When in fact, it is merely "informative" and never questions the expertise or the beliefs of the elite elders of ufology.

I personally do not take myself that seriously, and always approach a subject in "anticipation" of what I may learn from the other fellows experience and thoughts on a topic.

Many thanks to Mr.Hatch for adding Carbondale to his discredited list. I'm wondering why he hadn't done so "before" I had alerted hin to Bobby Gillette's 1999 confession on the incident through Herb Taylor back in 2004?

It has been my experience that wisdom does not automatically come with age... it seems to come with humility, experience and tolerance of others. (e.g., If Mr.Hatch knew the Carbondale entry had to be so much hokum, why then did he even bother to read the damn Chronicle entry?)

With regards,

Matt

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Re: We Are Alone - Morton

From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 18:42:06 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 21:03:39 -0400
Subject: Re: We Are Alone - Morton

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 12:33:32 -0500
>Subject: Re: We Are Alone

>>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 21:25:56 EDT
>>Subject: We Are Alone

>>The reality appears to be that aliens want to conceal their
>>identities and home planets, and have no desire to conduct a
>>discourse with us. Why? What would have to change for a
>>discourse to take place?

>I suspect, Mr. Morton, that just a few more individuals such
>as yourself, genuinely asking that very question, would go a
>long way towards facilitating the discourse to which you refer.
>That's my feeling.

>The old myth about an alien's request to "take me to your
>leader" has not been born out in history, I suspect. It's the
>rank and file individual that is the key, I believe, and it is
>that, pretty much, keeping *officialdom* at bay. Aliens are the
>ultimate sedition, and that may not be a bad thing.

Alfred, Ray, Pavel, Joachim, and All -

Thank you.

And I wasn't as clear as I should have been, but I think everyone understood that I meant public, regular, meaningful communication with aliens as opposed to a few people being told, "Don't be afraid, come with me, sit down, open your mouth,..." etc. This would involve multiple aspects, including the possible interviews on CNN and with the New York Times, speeches or letters to the UN, speaking with various groups (scientists, psychologists, sociologists), etc.

If "speaking" is impossible or impractical for most aliens, then communication via telepathy or pictures might work.

I assume they're smart enough to learn to read and write our languages, so written communication should also be possible.

Additionally, if aliens are speaking with a few government officials, and those officials aren't passing on the messages to the rest of us, then we, the public, are still isolated from alien discourse. And if that's occurring, I'm confident that the aliens are aware that their message is not getting out to the world - but perhaps they want it that way.

My original reason for bringing up the subject was to point out a flaw in the thinking of most experiencers, SETI explorers, astronomers, theologians, and perhaps even some ufologists: Experience has shown that the concept of "We are not alone" must be tempered with the caveat, "Yes, but they refuse to speak with us, except for a few basic phrases one might use with their

house pet, such as roll over, sit, and no biting."

There may be a cosmic quarantine, but it's apparently one of communication, not of visibility.

If the reason is that we're not smart enough, a way needs to be found to improve us. If the reason is that we're hostile and murderous, that may be a manifestation of the former, and could theoretically be solved by medical science.

Taking the tack of making ourselves worthy of contact may be an easier and smarter way to achieve the goal of communicating with aliens than trying to pry open the deeply concealed government secrets through the full disclosure of same.

I don't know the reasons for the coverup, but it's just possible that if the reasons were disclosed, most people might become hysterically angry at the snubbing by those alien creatures who view us as sheep, pets, vicious animals, idiots, or whatever their view is. And that in itself would represent the reasons they choose to avoid discourse: It's pointless and dangerous. Abiding by Quarantine laws would be superfluous for them since it would be obvious to all visitors who and what we are, and that avoidance of close contact would be prudent.

While it's been suggested that the visitors are already raising our collective conscience through crop circle activities or some other method, I don't feel any more aware today than I did 30 years ago, nor do I notice a change in those around me. So I don't think that's occurring. We may 'be' the Universe, but what good does that do us if the other residents of the House won't speak to us?

The UFO coverup might be just one symptom (vague though it may be) of our unhealthy and undeveloped place in the Universe. For those who wish to join-up with other, more advanced creatures from star fields unknown, the Earth is their prison, and they are prisoners of their limitations and reputations, relegated to a lower caste in the Universe of advanced species. Someone very smart needs to fix this situation quickly.

The UFO coverup is like the Maginot Line and the Ardennes Forest combined - complex, thick, very hard and tough, and difficult to penetrate.

The Line was only partially penetrated and mostly bypassed, then occupied from behind when it became irrelevant.

The UFO coverup has been partially penetrated, as well, but its obliteration seems difficult, unlikely, and unnecessary.

By making ourselves qualified to learn the answers we seek, the coverup would not be further penetrated or destroyed: it would be bypassed and become irrelevant in a meltdown of reasons for its existence, and we would finally be allowed to sit at the conference table with our visitors - if that's what we want, and assuming we're referring to physical creatures as opposed to energy fields, etc.

None of this is necessary, of course, if Lonnie Zamora wasn't wearing his standard-issue police shoes, or if Fr. Gill saw the planet Venus gliding over his village with creatures waving back. Clearly, flying saucers don't exist, and we can return to our regularly scheduled programs of cardboard, obfuscation, utter nonsense, and stupidity in our vast wasteland.

Dave Morton

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Re: Gill Sighting - Bourdais

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 11:07:19 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 21:05:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Bourdais

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 20:09:15 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 17:18:25 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

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>>For certain the woman in 1947 could not have been influenced by
>>Adamski contactee or any other flying saucer literature from the
>>1950s. Of course, pelicanists often believe in time travel
>>theories, how events from the future explain events from the
>>past. A famous example was the Air Force claiming that crash >
>dummies and flight accidents from the 1950s and 1960s explain
>>witness reports of alien bodies during the Roswell incident in
>>1947.

>I wonder how often this canard about the US Air Force and the
>crash dummies is going to be repeated. It is time it was
>disposed of.

>The point about the experiments with dummies (described in some
>detail in Captain McAndrew's report) is that the details tally
>quite well with some of the Roswell witness reports.

No, no, no!

It's a cover-up to hide the horrible truth that they found
handicapped Japanese prisoners!

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 07:06:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 09:18:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Reynolds

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 13:22:12 -0300
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:01:32 -0500
>>Subject: Zamora's Eyeglasses

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>For my part I've wasted enough of my time on it. Arguing for the
>sake of arguing so you can justify an entrenched position from
>which you find it difficult to climb out of, rather than the
>merits of the case is in my estimation a waste of one's time.
>It's the case that is of issue here, not whether you win or
>lose.

Don Ledger, David Rudiak, et al.

I'm not arguing the eyeglass thing for you old-timers. You boys think Zamora saw an ET craft, even though no one will come out and say that, specifically.

As I've written elsewhere, the insignia that Zamora saw might be important. If his eyesight was a bit off, he may have misperceived it somewhat, making it difficult to investigate. And I think it's a major clue in his sighting.

(One more thing, and don't answer if this bores you or makes your ufological blood boil, but look at the cop photo of Zamora, the one with his glasses on: one eye is larger than the other. A physical flaw or an eye problem? I'm almost kidding here, but then...)

Rich (gadfly?) Reynolds

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 08:05:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 09:19:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Lehmborg

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 09:39:56 -0500
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 09:08:24 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:01:32 -0500
>>>Subject: Zamora's Eyeglasses

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>>There can be no investigation thorough enough for an ardent
>>enough denialist.

>You got that right, Alfred...

Yes, Mr. Reynolds, after much personal soul searching and with respect to the "grand scheme"? I suspect that I do. Buckle up.

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 09:18:21 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 09:22:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Smith

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 13:22:12 -0300
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>No case is ever over ...

Ouch! Is this really the paradigm for UFOlogy?

About Zamora's prescription, all I know is that if I dropped my glasses, I could not make out anything 50 feet away. Looking at the available pictures of Zamora, I cannot judge his prescription.

The glasses are clearly not an inch thick (mine aren't either).

I just don't see why he would make up being able to see something after dropping his glasses.

He didn't have to.

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Re: We Are Alone - Chichikov

From: Pavel Chichikov <fishhook.nul>
Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 09:29:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 09:23:23 -0400
Subject: Re: We Are Alone - Chichikov

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 14:24:36 -0300
>Subject: Re: We Are Alone

>It could be that he died, or is dying of his own accord.
>Wasn't/isn't 'God' just another way of trying to explain away
>things you didn't understand and the fear of death, while some
>chose to exploit this ignorance and fear of the universe around
>you? Science has been steadily explaining away that which we did
>not understand and was attributed to god, and it continues to
>do so. What was once god's work is now the mundane but
>magnificent working of this universe, never mind all of the
>other universes of which we are unaware.

<snip>

If science has disproved the existence of God (cap) I must have missed it.

Anyway, theology is way off topic here. However, if we ever do establish contact with creatures from elsewhere, and can do so on a sophisticated level, the great questions of existence are very likely to be subjects of discussion.

Pavel

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 08:31:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 09:25:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Lehmborg

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 15:51:09 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 09:08:24 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:01:32 -0500
>>>Subject: Zamora's Eyeglasses

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>>What kind of service footwear was Officer Zamora wearing at
>>the time of the incident? Was it a sturdy boot allowing
>>officer Zamora steadier footing or was it a dress shoe
>>unsuited to harsh terrain and therefore contributory to a
>>very real potentiality for stumbling at a critical
>>observational time...

>>We don't know? No one asked? It's not in the record?

>>'Tis true. The Socorro 'episode' was not investigated
>>"through and through."

>>It "wasn't".

>>A red herring by any other name and all of that.

>>There can be no investigation thorough enough for an ardent
>>enough denialist.

>Ah, the smell of sarcasm always draws me out Alfred. Are you
>sure you've got no English blood in you?

>If we're getting down to the nitty gritty, then Lonnie's
>underpants might as well get thrown in to the mix as well for if
>he is of normal flesh and blood, then a sighting of a UFO with
>little occupants would surely have made him fill them. Now, if
>he kept them and they are still around, then I for one would be
>convinced that what he saw was not of this earth.

>But failing that, well, Rich arguably may be on the wrong
>approach with this but it still comes down to the following; Did
>Mr. Z, that day, see a craft and beings that were not of a
>terrestrial nature or did he see something a bit more prosaic?

>I'd like you to stand on that mark there Alfred, the one with
>the spotlight on it, and tell us which way you swing on this. I
>won't scold if you use the word "believe".

I believe UFOs the way I believe apples fall from trees and for
the same reasons, Stuart. Gravity is the precursor of a
tenacious and ubiquitous and divergent life after all. Notice
the absence of the word "in" in the preceding.

Zamora: a salt and pepper small town cop with a lot of idiosyncratic credit who seems to have a reputation for straight-arrow behavior. A level headed public person who has impressed peer, subordinate, and superior alike with an ethics he lived and just didn't pay lip service too. A family man with years of documented excellence who impressed every named researcher who ever came in contact with him? Another innocent man trying to tell the truth as he sees it and so has to endure the Pigman Klass' attentions for his trouble?

A man, by no means "blind," who sees something decidedly out of the box and has the temerity to make a report of same to the rest of us... ..seemingly out of duty and courage? Zamora abundantly satisfies Hynek's Rubric for people as observational instruments, handily.

Zamora saw what he said he saw, Stuart. I think that's the beginning and the end of it, right there.

You?

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RRR Group

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 09:29:05 -0400
Subject: RRR Group

Greetings to the Listarians,

<http://rrrgroup.blogspot.com/>

RRR Group = Rehash, Ridicule & Redundant Group

Ever notice it's the same three people commenting on its pages?
Even the historical Jesus had twelve followers.

Tells me all I need to know.

If it wasn't for RRR using UFO UpDates, UFO Review and The
Anomalist as shills, this blog would quickly clog.

RRR is not exactly a critical thinkers oasis.

Wendy Connors

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Frank Drake On Ambiguity

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Communicating
Frank Drake On Ambiguity

Frank Drake is a renowned astronomer whose principal research activities are directed toward the detection of intelligent life in the universe. He conducted the first radio search for extraterrestrial intelligence and helped construct the Voyager interstellar record, which carried pictures and music from Earth out into the cosmos.

If you're sending a message to extraterrestrials, what you want to send is what's special about us and our planet--what is unusual. Now that's not basic chemistry or mineralogy, it's pretty much the cultural stuff and the consequences of evolution. The consequences of evolution will be different everywhere.

So that's why on the Voyager record, there is a little chemistry and some mineralogy given, but much of it has to do with our physiology, our way of life, our culture, the things that are special to us and will not be exactly duplicated anywhere in the universe.

But the problem with that information is when you try to send it, ambiguity arises because it is very hard to express ideas like joy or fear in pictures alone.

In the Voyager record, we tried to figure out how to express death. And there's one picture that attempts to do that by showing a picture of a family where the age of each person is given. The fact that there is a maximum age is a clue that typically, that's how old we get to be. That's how our age and our longevity is expressed, though it's sort of indirect. That same picture also clarifies another point that people never think of, which is whether we are born big or small. We're born as babies, but one could conceive of a biology where creatures are born out of eggs, essentially full-sized, and as they get older they get smaller. It's kind of bizarre, but it could be. But that one picture on the Voyager clarifies that issue because the small people have smaller ages and the large people larger ages. So that's how we clear that one up.

There's another picture on the Voyager record, which in retrospect was a big mistake. It shows a woman in the grocery store buying groceries, and she's eating some grapes. That picture was there to show where we get food and how we eat. But what we didn't even notice was that in that same picture, on an upper shelf, there are some toy trucks. They look just like real, full-size trucks that appear in some of the other

pictures. It can give the false impression that you buy baby trucks in the grocery store, and you feed them, and they grow into big trucks. That doesn't make sense at all to us, but it could totally confuse the extraterrestrials.

You can't assume anything. I tell people that you've got to try to imagine that you're a 14-legged spider looking at these things.

-- Excerpted from an interview with David M. Ewalt on Oct. 11, 2005.

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Desmond Morris On Close Encounters

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Communicating
Desmond Morris On Close Encounters

Desmond Morris is a zoologist and author, and one of the world's leading authorities on human and animal behavior. He is the author of books including *The Naked Ape* and *People Watching*, and host of numerous television documentaries.

I would be scared to offer extraterrestrials any kind of communication. Many people would go up and sort of raise a hand and say hello. But the fact is that if you have the opportunity to meet such people or creatures, the secret is to watch them and see what they do. They might be doing the same with you, of course. If they were friendly, they might be watching you to see what you were doing. The only way you can tell that a gesture is friendly is if that gesture is not associated with a hostile act. You can't simply smile because smiling is a uniquely human gesture - it has a completely different meaning in chimpanzees.

We think that we would smile at the aliens - I'm thinking of Close Encounters of the Third Kind, where the aliens come out of their spaceship and the humans greet them. If I remember correctly, the humans mostly stood still, and one or two of them raised a hand.

If I were faced with that situation, I would remain immobile. I wouldn't make any gestures until I could see what kind of body language was present between the aliens. Unfortunately, if it was just one to one, you couldn't see that. Generally speaking, gentleness is the key to friendliness. So I wouldn't make any sudden gestures or sharp movements, but rather I'd almost move in slow motion, making my movements very gentle, with no power attached to them.

I think gentleness as opposed to power, and slowness as opposed to sharpness, would have a pretty universal meaning. Any life form should, generally speaking, consider a gentle or slow movement to be non-threatening. But as for any other sort of signal, I simply don't think anything else would mean anything to them.

I know that some of the space capsules have contained strange sorts of messages, but I don't think it would mean anything to aliens.

I daresay that out of all the thousands or millions of galaxies in the universe, somewhere something could understand our messages, but I think the chances are that the aliens we meet will not be even bipedal and bilaterally symmetrical. We may meet something which is an amorphous blob, and there wouldn't be any form of communication possible. I think the chances of

meeting men with slightly funny faces, the kind you get in space operas and science-fiction movies, is utterly remote.

- Excerpted from an interview with Lacey Rose on Oct. 11, 2005.

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Expectations for a Final Theory?

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Expectations for a Final Theory?
Terrestrial Origins Summary

Martin Rees is Professor of Cosmology and Astrophysics at the University of Cambridge and Britain's Astronomer Royal. He is the author of numerous popular science books, including the bestselling *Just Six Numbers: The Deep Forces That Shape the Universe*. Astrobiology Magazine caught up with Rees as he ponders the effect of interplanetary travel on human evolution, the origin of life on Earth, and the limits of human intelligence.

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Astrobiology Magazine caught up with Rees at the recent Division of Planetary Sciences conference in Cambridge, England, where he gave the opening address. He was kind enough to grant us a follow-up to the interview with him that we published earlier this year. Here, he ponders the effect of interplanetary travel on human evolution, the origin of life on Earth, and the limits of human intelligence.

Astrobiology Society, what do you think are the most important questions in astrobiology today?

Martin Rees (MR): I think it's important to pursue the planetary exploration programs that are now going on. Also, the question of the origin of life is important. I suspect we will get stronger guidance as to the likelihood of life elsewhere by understanding how life began here on Earth. So I'm strongly in favor of all attempts to solve that question.

Complexity is another question. If there is simple life, is the emergence of complex life likely or unlikely? Also, for post-human evolution; if humans ever head beyond the Earth and establish independent communities, how quickly will those communities diverge so that they're no longer human? I think it wouldn't take very long, using modern genetics, and they would be likely to adapt themselves to the alien and hostile environment.

AM: Do you have a favorite theory for the origin of life on Earth?

MR: Being a physicist rather than a biologist, I don't feel qualified to comment on that. But maybe the computer simulations

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will prove more important than real laboratory experiments. With computers, you can simulate evolution faster than it can actually happen.

AM: Last time we spoke, we touched upon your concept of six numbers, and how these six numbers would lead to certain governing rules of the universe. So I wonder what you think about the theory of convergence in the natural world, and by extrapolation, the idea that these rules were born of 'intelligent design'.

MR: I don't think we can ever address that scientifically. I think the important question is whether we will ever have equations or formulae which pin down the values of the strength of the forces, the mass of the electron, the mass of the proton, et cetera. Another question is whether the fundamental laws of nature are at a deeper level, so that what we have traditionally thought of as the laws of nature are merely, in a sense, bylaws in our cosmic patch. Our cosmic patch would be larger than the Hubble volume, but nonetheless not the entirety of physical reality.

recently hosted a conference entitled, 'Expectations for a Final Theory'. This conference was a gathering of experts in string theory and other aspects of fundamental physics. The aim was to discuss the question of whether the basic theory is going to determine uniquely the basic numbers of physics and cosmology, or whether this theory will allow an enormous number of Big Bangs governed by different fundamental laws. This is one of the key questions confronting physics in the coming decades. We would like very much to know whether there could, in principle, be a Big Bang governed by different laws, perhaps less biophilic laws, or whether somehow the laws of Nature are unique.

I'm very glad that for us in Europe, intelligent design is not a serious issue. It dismays me that in a country like the United States, which in many respects is technically advanced, that this should be an issue in serious public policy. In Europe we're very glad indeed that we have a more educated public, which even though many people are religious, realizes that there's no conflict between religion and science. So I think it is puzzling and dismaying to us that there is fundamentalism in the United States and the Middle East, both of which are equally damaging.

AM: I've heard that you're working on a new book.

MR: I am; it's called 'What we still don't know'. It's going to be on the questions confronting 21st century science. The origin of life is one, the existence of aliens is another, the nature of fundamental theory is another, and complexity is a fourth. It also addresses the question of whether limits to science will come from us having reached bedrock, as it were, or if, on the other hand, it'll come from the limits of human brains, which will achieve their limit before we've actually probed the depths of the human condition.

AM: Do you think there is a limit to how far our intelligence can take us?

MR: I certainly think that humans are not the limit of evolutionary complexity. There may indeed be post-human entities, either organic or silicon-based, which can in some respects surpass what a human can do. I think it would be rather surprising if our mental capacities were matched to understanding all the keys levels of reality. The chimpanzees certainly aren't, so why should ours be either? So there may be levels that will have to await some post-human emergence. The Martin Rees interviews on cosmology and biology are serialized in three parts: Our Cosmic Patch (1), Before the Beginning (2), and Our Cosmic Self-Esteem (3).

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How To Talk To Aliens

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Communicating
How To Talk To Aliens
David M. Ewalt

On Nov. 16, 1974, astronomer Frank Drake dedicated a new observatory in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, by sending humankind's first deliberate communication to extraterrestrials.

The message, made up of 1,679 seemingly random zeros and ones, was shorter than the first four paragraphs of this article, but it still took three minutes to send. While the message began its voyage to the cosmos--a 24,000 year trip to M-13, a cluster of stars in the constellation Hercules, to be exact--visiting dignitaries listened over a loudspeaker while each bit played as a short, high-pitched tone. Some participants later said it brought tears to their eyes.

Humans have debated the best ways to contact our interstellar neighbors for centuries. In 1820, German mathematician Karl Friedrich Gauss proposed cutting an enormous right triangle into the Siberian pine forest, creating a monument to the Pythagorean theorem big enough to see from outer space. Twenty years later, Austrian astronomer Joseph von Littrow expanded on that idea, suggesting the excavation of huge trenches in the Sahara desert, which would be filled with kerosene and set ablaze. Flaming triangles, circles and squares would be a beacon to our solar neighbors, at least until the fire went out.

To a large extent, modern technologies have made these suggestions irrelevant. Since the 1920s, human radio and TV broadcasts have spammed the galaxy, and anyone listening has already gotten an earful. "In some sense, this is all academic, because we have been broadcasting to aliens for decades," says Seth Shostak, senior astronomer at the SETI Institute, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. "They're already watching Kate Smith and Kukla Fran and Howdy Doody."

But what if we decided we wanted to send a message with intent, something that will say more about us than an episode of The Love Boat? What's the best way to create a message that will be received, understood and useful?

The Arecibo broadcast represented one approach. Those 1,679 zeros and ones carried hidden meaning for any intelligent species who noticed that 1,679 is the product of two prime numbers, 73 and 23. Arrange the message in 73 rows of 23 numbers, and you get a picture painted in bits. (Click here to see the decoded Arecibo message.) It was a novel approach, but the message was hidden, and it depended on aliens making leaps of logic in order to decipher it.

Arecibo wasn't the first time Drake pondered how to address an alien audience. In March 1972, a plaque he designed with legendary astronomer Carl Sagan was blasted into space on board the Pioneer 10 spacecraft. (Click here to see the Pioneer Plaque.) A few years later, Drake and Sagan would team up again on a much more ambitious project, attaching a gold-plated record full of music and photos onto the two Voyager probes.

These efforts are notable because so few other attempts have been made to craft a message to alien civilizations. But as actual attempts at communication, the spacecraft fall flat. They're too small to notice and move too slowly. Far better to use a broadcast signal, which we can target at a specific star, and which moves at the speed of light.

We could use the same radio frequencies as the Arecibo message, but why not do something a little more dramatic? The universe is pretty transparent to optical light--that's how we can see far away galaxies. If we used a bank of high-powered lasers, we could beam a high-bandwidth message across the cosmos.

And we could do it with style. "One nice thing about light is that creatures develop eyes, and it would be possible to make optical radiation bright enough to see," says Paul Horowitz, a professor of physics at Harvard University. "That's an unmistakable signature. You look up, and there's a star, blinking in code, and the color's changing, too."

Next comes the question of what the message should say. Drake says if he could do it again, he might convene an international committee of scientists, artists, politicians and religious figures to produce a holographic movie about life on Earth.

Other researchers suggest that the best way to get an alien's attention is to send it a significant numeric pattern, perhaps prime numbers or the value of Pi. "Maybe the most fundamental way to initiate a message would be with mathematics," says Horowitz. "A lot of stuff will surely be understood by anybody, no matter what slime they're made out of, because it's so basic."

The mathematical approach has its critics. "You're not going to send the value of Pi," says Shostak. "If aliens sent us the value of Pi, wouldn't you be disappointed? You learned that in seventh grade."

Instead, why not transmit everything we've got? "I would just send the entire contents of Google's servers," says Shostak. "To begin with, you don't have to worry about the fact that they don't speak English, because there's a lot of redundancy, so they'll learn it. And every subject is in there. Sure, there's a lot of pornography, but that's human stuff, too."

Besides, it doesn't make sense to tease an alien civilization with just a "hello," considering that it could take millennia before we hear back from them. "It's like the Romans sent a message [to aliens] and we got the reply," says Shostak. "[The reply] was actually directed at Cicero, not at us. I just think that you would send as much info as the technology would allow on the assumption that you're not going to hear back."

The discussion might seem academic. But many astronomers are confident they'll detect an extraterrestrial intelligence in the next few decades, and when that happens, we better have an official reply ready, or risk being drowned out by the public.

"Once contact's been made, one of the first things that is going to happen is that everyone with a backyard antenna and the ability to wire up a transmitter is going to get online with their personal philosophies," says Shostak. "People will want to reply, and you can't stop them."

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Lecture

Mines In Canada, South Africa May Point To Life On Mars

Jill Feffer
Princetonian Contributor

Recent scientific discoveries indicate that life on Mars may be more likely than previously thought, geosciences professor Tullis Onstott said Friday.

Speaking in Peyton Hall at the academic year's first meeting of the Princeton Astrobiology Club (P-ABC), Onstott said that recent high-resolution images of Mars have shown topographical features like volcanoes to be much younger than originally suspected.

With the issue of age in doubt, the question of life on Mars has also been revived. The primary method for exploring this possibility is to look for water, he said, because living things require water for survival.

Scientists are encouraged by the discovery of microbial life in water from gold mines in South Africa and Canada, Onstott said. The water, four kilometers below ground, is the same depth at which water is believed to be trapped on Mars. The next step will be to locate the same organisms on the "Red Planet", he added.

While undergraduates are not needed to help with that project, Onstott said, the P-ABC is an excellent place to "seek answers to the most important questions."

The club, which aims to promote astrobiological issues on campus, was founded last spring by Zach Berta '07, David Smith '07, Mike Dreibelbis '07 and Jason Aramburu '07. They were inspired by GEO/AST/EEB 255 "Life in the Universe," which Onstott co-taught last fall.

The P-ABC "is an important club on campus. It brings together all the different sciences, uniting ... different topics for the common goal of viewing life in an astronomical context," Berta said. "Earth may be cool, but we also have perspective in terms of feeling very, very small."

The club's previous activities included several lectures, a "Star Party" using Peyton Hall's telescope and a trip to NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with a Wilson School task force.

Future plans for the P-ABC's expansion include a field trip to the Goddard Space Center in Maryland and the establishment of a certificate in astrobiology. The certificate would be modeled after a program like environmental studies and would most likely involve four courses in astronomy, ecology and evolutionary biology, geology and chemistry, as well as related JP and thesis work, Smith said.

The club is also planning a lecture by Greg Olsen, a Princeton resident who was the third tourist to visit the International Space Station.

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A Better Transmission System For Deep-Space

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Creating A Better Transmission System For Deep-Space Applications

Recent advances in wireless computing technology could improve deep-space missions like asteroid research and remote spacecraft operations by changing the way signals are sent from Earth. A new method designed to effectively deliver commands and instructions using hundreds of millions of tiny transmitters linked together could also free the giant satellite dishes currently used to send and receive the long-range information for other applications. A research paper describing the scheme for relatively simple high-power transmitters will be published in the October issue of Radio Science, a journal of the American Geophysical Union.

The technique is based on a principle known as a phased array, a method to align a number of mini-transmitters alongside one another and direct their combined beam into the sky. Such a system has previously been used for military radar technology, but has only recently become cost effective for civilian use because of improvements in consumer computing technology, according to the paper authored by Louis Scheffer at Cadence Design Systems. He indicates that the advantages from so many individual transmitters, using designs similar to cell phone technology, could include improved reliability and efficiency over currently used systems while reducing the transmission costs associated with the mammoth satellite dishes. Overall, he suggests that the net result could be significantly lowered costs for space communications, more data from science spacecraft, and an increase in planetary and deep-space research that requires remote signals.

Currently, planetary radars and distant spacecraft communications need transmitters with extremely high power, which has been accomplished by combining a strong microwave source with a large reflective antenna. This is now done with giant satellite dishes mechanically steered to a point in the sky. NASA's Goldstone radar, for example, the agency's sensitive, deep-space analysis radar, uses a 500 kilowatt transmitter and a 70-meter [230-foot] reflector for tracking asteroids that may collide with Earth. The large antenna is focused on only a small point in space at a time, and must be adjusted--and occasionally shut down--due to changing weather conditions. In addition, Scheffer points out that while almost all of the world's largest antennas are used to both send and

receive, the powerful transmissions severely hinder their ability to detect faint signals from space.

"Imagine trying to listen for a whisper while you are shouting," Scheffer said. "Also, these antennas are incredibly busy, so only a small fraction of the possible science gets done."

He proposes a large, flat array of low-power transmitters printed on a number of circuit boards and attached to an unmoving infrastructure on the ground, controlled by computers, which can deliver an enormously powerful beam in any direction, or even multiple directions at once. The paper outlines the requirements of a new system that would offer enhanced reliability, since a single failure would not affect the overall signal, and improved maintenance costs because of its lack of moving parts and weather resistance. The system Scheffer proposes is designed solely to transmit, as is needed for planetary radar and spacecraft control. The transmitters would also allow existing antennas to operate in a more efficient receive-only mode.

If available mass-production manufacturing techniques used for electronics can be assumed for the centimeter-sized chips, a transmitter similar to the Goldstone radar could be constructed for nearly one-quarter the cost, Scheffer reports. He notes that the significant amount of research and work done in the field of phased array radars renders the development of such a system plausible, though no previous applications to earth and space sciences have been studied. He further suggests that as computer chip technology continues to improve, additional wavelength and smaller antennas are possible to further improve the systems.

The first possible application would likely be for spacecraft command and asteroid research to observe objects that may pose a threat to Earth. A more speculative application, according to Scheffer, is that sending powerful signals to distant stars is easier and cheaper than previously thought. This dramatically reduces the cost of potential interstellar transmissions, such as searched for by SETI.

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Town Baffled By Deaths Of 22 Horses

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To Errol and the Listerions:

This is strange beyond strange...

Still Lurking , but things are better now.

GT McCoy

Source: The Denver Post - Denver, Colorado, USA

http://denverpost.com/news/ci_3148446

10/25/2005

Town Baffled By Deaths Of 22 Horses
By Amy Brouillette
Denver Post Staff Writer

Authorities are considering everything from poisonous weeds to a lightning strike to explain two incidents this month that have killed 22 horses and have residents in the ranching town of Calhan on edge.

"People are really nervous," said Eileen Johnson of Pikes Peak Co-Op, a horse-feed supply store in Calhan, a town of about 900 people 35 miles northeast of Colorado Springs. "If it were just one incident, that would be different."

On Saturday, 16 dead horses were discovered in a pasture owned by rancher William DeWitt.

The animals were found on the barren landscape not far from a neighboring ranch where six horses and a burro were found dead Oct. 11.

"The cases may be linked, but at this point we are just not sure," said Lt. Clif Northam, spokesman for the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, which is investigating both incidents.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, DeWitt discovered the horses after being alerted by his neighbor Ned Sixkiller, who had been checking his stalls in an adjacent field.

When DeWitt arrived on the scene, he found the horses on their sides, strewn around the pasture. He immediately called police.

"I've never seen or heard of anything like this," said DeWitt, 72, a lifelong rancher who owns 40 more horses. "I was shocked."

Investigators said the horses had been dead at least three days and that there was no sign of trauma. A veterinarian called to the scene speculated that because of their proximity to one another and a barbed-wire fence, the animals may have been killed by lightning.

Northam said there were reports of lightning in El Paso County on Wednesday night.

"If it was lightning, it would be the largest strike I've ever seen," DeWitt said.

Foul play is not suspected in either case, but investigators said they are "ruling nothing out" until they receive results from autopsies and other tests.

Sixkiller also reported to authorities the animals found dead Oct. 11. He told investigators he found the animals - three mares, a filly colt, a stud colt, a filly yearling and a burro - that evening after an early-season snowstorm.

The animals were riddled with puncture wounds that authorities initially thought were bullet holes but were later determined to be from an unknown source.

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LUMINOUS RED UFOs APPEAR IN ILLINOIS

"Unidentified flying red objects spotted recently over Tinley Park and Orland Park" in Illinois "have stirred up UFO investigating communities everywhere."

"National UFO Web sites are all over the red beauties."

According to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington state, "Late Friday night, September 30, 2005, our offices began receiving reports of several peculiar red lights seen in the night sky above Tinley Park and Orland, Illinois."

"Those peculiar pulses of red light floated over Southland skies last weekend, around 11:15 p.m. Friday night, and again at 1 a.m. Saturday, eerily similar to ones that showed up last year on mild weekend nights in August and September (2004). Hundreds of Southlanders saw the lights last weekend, too-and found them just as puzzling as their predecessors."

"But a small circle of friends in Tinley Park believe they've debunked the mystery of the glowing red floaters."

"Dave Palagi was sitting with his wife around a fire in their friends' backyard September 30, enjoying a lovely clear night when they all saw the oddity explained."

"We could clearly see the red lights themselves were flares, and each was suspended by two balloons," he said."

"An occasional ash could be seen dropping. Another member of the party then saw a third balloon, farther to the north and much higher. We were watching them actually rising-lazily drifting along and going up."

"Palagi figured the balloons were launched around 175th Street and 84th Avenue, not far from Wally and Maureen Bekta's home in the 8200 block of Queen Victoria Lane where the group sat."

"Maureen Bekta also saw the lights and 'the balloon-type thing on top of the two that were lower and closer.'"

"It was low enough that we felt it was a prank," she said. The balloons themselves were dark-colored. 'You could just see the outline.'"

"Aha!" Palagi said, 'This is how they did it. It was just such a revelation after seeing these things last

year.'

"It's been anyone's guess what the lights are, since everyone seems to know what they are not."

"A Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spokeswoman said she checked into the lights last year, too. If they weren't planes or helicopters, the FAA wouldn't track them."

"'We don't track lights,' Elizabeth Isham Corey said."

"Tinley Park police, who received some calls last weekend, denied reports of flares."

"'From all the reports we've received, they're not flares with some helium balloons or anything like this,' Tinley Park Police Commander Tom Boling said."

"Boling said his department would not investigate the lights 'unless there's some reckless conduct that would endanger someone.'"

"'We just don't know what's causing these red lights to appear in the sky,' he said."

"The National Weather Services was also stumped."

"But an astronomer at Chicago's Adler Planetarium, who concluded the lights weren't meteors or comets or satellites, said they did appear to be man-made."

"Dr. Mark Hammergren watched several tapes of last year's lights at the request of the local Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) chapter."

"'One thing that makes me very suspicious is that these sightings have all occurred on weekends - (that) suggests that there's some human activity connected with it,' he said. 'I would love to believe this, but I'm not going to base my career and spend my time on something that's been cooked up by hoaxsters.'"

"There exists a 'standard' UFO hoax that uses a candle and a plastic dry cleaning bag to fashion a sort of glowing hot-air balloons, but these (Illinois) lights are too brilliantly red to be ordinary flames, Hammergren said."

"He likes the road flare theory." (See the newspaper The Daily Southtown of Tinley Park, Ill. For October 9, 2005, "UFOs have a flare about them." Many thanks to Robert Fischer for this newspaper article.)

EIGHT FIREBALLS SEEN IN MARTINSVILLE, INDIANA

On Thursday, October 6, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., Kathleen Amity was outdoors at her home in Martinsville, Indiana, looking north, when she spotted "what first appeared as two fireballs behind a hill and the tree line. Then the two split into four smaller balls of fire. Seconds later, four more appeared directly to the west."

"They all hovered above the tree line for about two minutes. Then they slowly sank behind the hill. They were extremely bright orange and let off an orange glow in the sky around them. It was 7:30 p.m. and had just gotten dark."

She described the UFOs as "round, bright orange fire balls." (Email Form Report)

UFO SIGHTED OVER BIRCH HILL, BERKSHIRE

"A noisy UFO woke Birch Hill residents in the early morning hours of Monday," October 10, 2005, "as it zoomed over the sleeping suburb" in Berkshire, UK.

"The craft spent half an hour hovering above houses in Jevington before zipping towards South Hill Park, according to witnesses."

"Susan Mallia, who called the (newspaper) Midweek to see if anyone else reported the strange sight, said: 'I have never seen anything like that before. It looked like a pile of scaffolding with lights-red, blue and orange ones.'"

"'It also had a big spotlight that was moving around. I don't think it was a helicopter because it sounded like a vacuum cleaner or a generator.'"

"'Perhaps it was a weather balloon. It was very noisy, and it would have woken everyone in the area. It woke me at 2:30 a.m., and my husband and I watched it for half an hour.'"

"'Just as he went to get his camera, it headed off

to South Hill Park and was out of sight-but we could still hear it.'"

"Midweek's sister paper, the Bracknell News, was invaded with calls of an extra-terrestrial nature over the summer as UFOs flocked to observe the town."

"Nowhere in Bracknell Forest was left out of the spacemen's tour, with the paper reporting sightings at the Coppid Beech Hotel (July 7), Birch Hill (July 14), Crown Wood (July 19), Binfield and College Town (July 28 and another in Binfield (August 30)."

(Editor's Note: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle used this area as the location of the Sherlock Holmes story, "The Adventure of the Copper Beeches." Curiously, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John H. Watson were in the area on April 20, 1889, which, of course, is the birth date of Adolf Hitler.)

"The News also interviewed local man Terry Walters, who claims he was operated on by aliens in the 1960s and has also exorcised a borough councilor's home."

"Since then, alien visitors seemed to have flown south for the winter, but it appears that they are once again spying on the town's residents." (See the Berkshire newspaper Midweek for October 11, 2005, "Latest UFO is spotted hovering over Birch Hill homes." Many thanks to Robert Fischer for this newspaper article.)

FIVE UFOs SEEN BY THOUSANDS IN EASTERN BOLIVIA

Five unidentified flying objects (UFOs) were seen last Wednesday night, "October 12, 2005, "over eastern Oruro" in Bolivia, "causing curiosity and amazement in thousands of witnesses who managed to see the unknown images, which were captured by Canal (Channel) 39 of the Corporacion Orurena de Comunicacion," a Bolivian TV network.

"The flying objects appeared in the sky at 10:30 p.m. They consisted of two strange objects located in the eastern region that drew people's attention due to their red, green and blue lights. They also appeared and vanished in the firmament."

Witnesses also reported that the multiple lights blinked in sequence.

"The most notorious one was a silvery, circular UFO that presented two circumferences-a smaller one located inside the object and another outside the circumference, spinning at an impressive speed."

"Canal 39 managed to record the UFOs' presence as citizens phoned the television station to describe what they could see from their respective areas."

"Abel Flores Mujica, one of the witnesses, manifested his surprise at having seen the unidentified object in space."

"I refer to it as an artifact, since I couldn't believe what I was seeing. My daughter went outside, and I told her, 'That's a UFO. She replied that it wasn't a UFO, that it was the planet Mars that was delayed in covering (moving through-J.T.) space. But that object had lights, and it wasn't a star. Last night's event startled me, and then my daughter said, 'Look, it's not the only one, there are others there,' and it was evident,' he said."

"Canal 39 journalist and TV show host Pedro Rubin de Celis said that Wednesday night's sighting confirms the theory that we are not alone in the universe."

"This has been a marvelous presence of UFOs in the firmament, and many people stepped out onto their balconies to observe this spectacle. The camera zoom has shown us, beyond the vehicle's flashes, a circle making concentric movements within other circles around the vessel and with a black dot at the center. The objects also had their own movement,' he explained." (See the Bolivian newspaper La Patria for October 14, 2005, "Channel 39 managed to capture images of five unidentified objects." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Guillermo Gimenez of Planeta UFO por este articulo de diario.)

Letter From the Editor:

First I'd like to apologize for not having issue 41 ready in time for October 19, 2005. My "Model T" computer is up and running. However, my current server will not allow me to connect and claims I am using obsolete software. So now I have to find a new server or else newer software before I can get back online.

While away from the Net, and deprived of my usual news sources, I have been consoling myself by watching Jimmy Neutron and Taradise on the relatives' cable TV. My favorite episode of the former..."I Dream of Jimmy," which is a nice take-off on Dennis Quaid's 1983 film Dreamscape.

They have some great one-liners on that show. Here's an example:

Jimmy's Dad: "I'll never forget my first sleepover. The food fights, the practical jokes, the crying for Mom..."

Jimmy's Mom: "That was our honeymoon, dear."

And then there's Taradise, which stars Tara Reid, who seems to have replaced Jessica Simpson as the world's dumbest blonde. Occasionally, Tara issues pronouncements called "Tara-Facts," which are truly eye-opening.

In one segment, a British reporter asked our heroine, "Did you visit the island of Lesbos?"

Tara replied, "No. What's that?"

(Editor's Comment: The buzzsaw noise you hear is Sappho spinning in her grave.)

Visiting Croatia's seashore, Tara said, "This is the highest spot on Earth."

And in the most recent episode, Tara proclaimed, "Biarritz is the greatest country in the world!"

(Editor's Note: Actually, it's a seaside resort city in southwestern France.)

Well, that's an F in geography for Miss Reid. Somebody sign up that girl for summer school.

And we'll be back soon...hopefully...with more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home-UFO Roundup." Hope to be seeing you all again soon.

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Re: Passive Radar - Smith

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>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
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>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 21:01:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

Thank you for an excellent, well-put discourse on the topic!

>The passive radar update rate is effectively continuous. You
>don't have the blind time that is caused either by the duty
>cycle of your output device or, more important, the deionisation
>time in the antenna duplexer.

Limited as you say by processing speed.

>Passive radar can cover arbitrarily short-range and is
>effective at doppler-separating moving targets down to low
>altitudes, and so could be useful in local flap areas where a
>small area of a few miles needs close-range monitoring. More
>importantly you don't have a scan rate to worry about, which
>ordinarily limits you to sampling a one-or-two degree slice of
>the surveillance drum only once every few seconds.

A valuable attribute for passive radar, given fast moving
objects.

>With passive
>radar your effective sample rate is a software issue and can be
>arbitrarily short depending only on processing time for whatever
>sophistication you require. I've read that typical rates in
>practical systems are around a second or less.

1 second? Interesting if true. Meteor trackers usually don't
need to do real time analysis while military applications
would definitely need faster rates.

Although I agree that software may be able to handle the
processing, it seems more likely that it will require
specialized signal processing circuit boards to get the best
processing speed.

A couple questions.

- 1) Passive radar is "line of sight", right? Just like active,
except active requires the emitting signal to be "line of
sight"?
- 2) The larger area you are covering and the greater resolution
you desire, then the processing speed is affected?
- 3) Are passive radar receiver antennae omnidirectional and if so
how do they handle ground reflections of signals reflected
off of targets?

>A possible benefit for UFO studies (from the point of view of
>ETH or secret-technology hypotheses) would be the fact that the
>target cannot know it is being illuminated, and because there is
>no single dedicated transmitter frequency or
>transmitter/receiver location it cannot easily utilise tactical
>deception jamming against the system.

True, but I still wonder if their technology is basically radar transparent (not even trying to hide) based on past reports. It could be that the past radars were inadequately pointed or operated or we simply are not getting the true story from the airport control towers or the radar illuminated "UFO" was not hardware, but something else.

>I don't know what the GPS wavelength is, but regarding TV and FM
>signals, even though the inherent resolution of metre waves is
>poor compared to centimetric radar the multiple data sources and
>software integration means that passive radar has huge potential
>for target identification because it's a fully 3-D system. It
>allows the computer to match signal strengths at different
>receivers against the second-by-second track information and
>produce a map of the target cross-section at a number of
>different aspects which can then be compared with a register of
>characteristic patterns in the computer's memory.

Excuse me if I am too much a novice at these matters, but it seems to me using a handheld radio that numerous weather effects (and the ionosphere) play havoc on signal strengths. Sure you can build a bigger, better antenna and amplify the signal, but these signal effects must impact using field strengths. Can f.s. really be relied upon in any way?

>So it seems there's potentially a lot of information to be
>extracted about unidentified targets by a passive radar array.
>As far as ufologists are concerned, in practical terms it might
>still be pie in the sky - but so's an active radar array, and
>amateur passive radar is not entirely new ground. There are
>meteor-detection enthusiasts out there already. Of course there
>will always be huge technical and operational problems with
>both, but with passive arrays at least the hardware is cheap and
>off-the-shelf, there are no licensing issues, and most of the
>innovation is in the software. The beauty of it is the
>accessibility of those multiple data-streams: Independent
>receiver sites don't need expensive independent radar
>installations, and near real-time plot extraction from multiple
>sites would give the best possible coordinates for zeroing in
>optical and other instrumentation.

Sounds good to me! Surely too expensive for amateurs though. Else, why do we not have one? If we have experts out there building active radar (e.g. the Hessadalen paper), then where are they for passive? I know it has been built by non-military agencies for meteor tracking, but it's still a black box. Maybe I am missing the dissertation discussing how to make one.

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Hall

From: **Richard Hall** <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 15:50:37 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:40:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Hall

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 13:22:12 -0300
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:01:32 -0500
>>Subject: Zamora's Eyeglasses

<snip>

>>Again, my point was and is that Rudiak and Clark are wrong when
>>they say that the Socorro episode was investigated through and
>>through. It wasn't.

>Dave Rudiak, Brad Sparks, you and I were arguing this case
>predominantly, with Greg Boone, Dick Hall and even Ray Stanford
>thrown in.

<snip>

I think I'll entitle my memoirs "Zamora's Eyeglasses and Klassic
Pelican Poop: Along the Path to DeNile."

- Dick

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Terry Groff In Hospital

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 09:31:31 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:41:37 -0400
Subject: Terry Groff In Hospital

Dear Listerions,

Terry Groff was admitted to the emergency room at Parkland Hospital in Dallas two days ago. Looks like he's going to be okay, but will remain there a few more days.

Please join me in wishing him well - a prayer, a positive thought, a kind word; whatever your thing is.

Get well Terry...

Frank Warren

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Re: Passive Radar - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 11:58:15 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:43:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Passive Radar - Smith

>From: Peter Davenport - NUFORC <director.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 10:08:40 -0700
>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

Thank you for chiming in on this topic, since its your "baby".

>Both systems have been in existence for many years, underscoring
>the fact that "passive" radar is not "pie in the sky." It is a
>down-to-earth technology, which has only to be adapted and
>"tweaked," in order for it to apply to detecting other unknowns,
>i.e. UFOs, in the atmosphere and near-Earth environment.

I agree it has been done. But it is "pie in the sky" from the budget standpoint for 'real' Ufologists.

>One comment that the system would require prodigious computer
>power is correct. Even a small, mono-static (i.e. single
>receiver station) requires the ability to perform approximately
>10 giga-flops per second for real-time analysis of a target. A
>larger, multi-static system, with two or more receivers, whose
>data are collected, analyzed, and compared on a real-time basis,
>requires on the order of 100 giga-flop capability.

>The ability to process all of the data has been the principal
>barrier, over recent decades, to constructing such a system,
>even though intelligence and defense personnel recognized the
>advantages of "passive" radar over the more traditional "active"
>radar that has been in use since the 1940's. Few individuals, or
>even institutions, had that kind of number-crunching capability.
>However, today, such computer capability is on the near horizon,
>and is close to being available to anyone with the means to
>purchase it.

If the basic passive radar system is cheap and easy, but the real time processing hard and costly, can we not record and postprocess at a cost effective rate (storage should be cheap these days). Then, although we do not have real time data to allow us to zoom in with other instruments based on the passive radar data, we can at least have our own data set, which can be matched to concurrent optical recordings.

>However, if the system collects and analyzes multiple samples
>per second, targets can be "screened" for characteristics which
>would allow "knowns" to be separated from "unknowns." For
>example, one would not expect a satellite, migratory bird, or an
>aircraft to be traveling at several kilometers per second at 80
>kilometers above the surface of the Earth. Moreover, one would
>not expect the system to receive an equally strong signal from a
>meteor both before, and after, it entered the Earth's
>atmosphere.

I still have problems with the ionosphere and radar. Do you know how this barrier is handled?

>Hence, a "passive" radar system could be designed to "flag," and
>record, such events. Obviously, and all we have to do is
>"capture" one such return, in order to make the world sit up and
>take notice...

Definitely. But do we need real-time to accomplish this goal? I don't think so.

>Curiously, I have been discussing my proposal since January >1995, and only now are people beginning to take interest in the >concept. On seven occasions, I have presented the idea to people >who count their wealth in billions, and I have yet to receive >even a hint that they might be interested in sponsoring >construction of such a system. Very bizarre, given the hundreds >of millions of dollars some of those individuals have thrown at >the SETI project, which has yet to produce a single result.

Bizarre, but could the reason be that they are pressured by the military industrial complex wanting to prevent detection of advanced aircraft (spacecraft) (Stealth bombers and beyond)? Or do you think the government pressures them to keep definitive data about UFOs out of the public's hands?

>In conclusion, "passive" radar is now within our grasp, and it >will provide us with the ability to resolve the UFO debate, once >and for all, without the input of some government bureaucracy.

Your sentiment is good, I just think we need some bright radio engineering/programmer students to make a non-realtime version of this real.

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 09:19:22 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:45:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Gehrman

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 13:22:12 -0300
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>For my part I've wasted enough of my time on it. Arguing for the
>sake of arguing so _you_U can justify an entrenched position from
>which you find it difficult to climb out of, rather than the
>merits of the case _is_ in my estimation a waste of one's time.
>It's the case that is of issue here, not whether you win or
>lose.

Don, List,

There is an issue that none of you will address and that is Eastland's report on the "Bean" as an explanation. It may be pure BS but if it is, then it's an elaborate attempt to neutralize Ray Stanford's research. I've read both and think the List should be aware of this material, and at least consider the possibility.

Ed

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Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

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Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:47:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 23:19:55 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 10:58:38 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

<snip>

>>When Menzel tries to make such a big issue about Gill's use of
>>the term, the sensible answer would have been to say so what?

>First of all, it wasn't Menzel. It was Klass.

Well, John was right, and I was wrong on this point. Since writing the above, I've found that Menzel also tried to make a big deal of Father Gill's use of the word "mothership." On page 148 of Sagan and Page's UFOs: A Scientific Debate, Menzel writes, "Certainly Father Gill was familiar with the UFO phenomenon. He certainly used the UFologist jargon, such as 'Mother Ship.'"

My apologies to John and to Listfolk for the error.

Jerry Clark

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Re: The Term Mothership - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:51:55 -0400
Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Rudiak

>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 12:54:55 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: The Term Mothership [was: Gill Sighting]

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 10:58:38 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

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>While the word mothership itself is hundreds of years old in the
>sense of motherness (1) its naval use was coined by Rear Admiral
>Albert S. Barker (1845-1916) when he was commander of the
>Asiatic Squadron.

>Barker invented the term for warships when gunships of the same
>squadron were assigned to their care and supervision (2).

>However, the term mothership itself was still not entirely
>familiar until after the World Wars. Until then it was usually
>written in inverted commas and as two words. An article in the
>Coshocton (Ohio) Daily Times of October 14th, 1909, for example,
>feels the need to explain what the expression meant to its
>readers:

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>Cradling The Submarines

>Mother Ship Puts Little Boats to Bed at Her Side.

>Putting submarine boats to bed by their mother ship interested
>spectators in New York the other day. The vessel, called the
>parent of the underwater boats, was the Castine. Each submarine
>flotilla is now accompanied wherever it goes by a parent ship
><snip>

>(1) For example:

>We can hardly suppose, as some evil-minded person has suggested
>to us, that this address is put forth as a specimen of "native
>manufactures", under the nursing mothership of the
>Home-League... (The United States Democratic Review, Volume 10,
>Issue 46, April 1842.)

>-ship, which indicates a particular condition
>or state, is a suffix from Old English (originally
>-scipe).

>(2) Mother Ships of the Navy, The Evening Democrat (Warren,
>Pennsylvania), November 23rd 1900.

I did an electronic search of the N.Y. Times and L.A. Times
yesterday and found that "mothership" or "mother ship" was a
very commonly used term even before WWII, applied in various
contexts to the main harboring or protective ship to other craft
of all types: smaller seaships, submarines, seaplanes,

dirigibles, etc.

It has also been used in purely aeronautical terms for one aircraft being launched or carried by another bigger one. Although this started mainly around 1948 in application to the drops of experimental planes like the X-1 and X-15 from the carrier aircraft, the first such instance I found dates clear back to 1910! In a N.Y. Times article, Oct. 2, reporting on a translation of a German military white paper on applications of the new aeroplanes to combat, the article notes that the primary use at that time was considered to be reconnaissance. The smaller, faster aeroplane was envisioned as being carried near enemy lines by a blimp or dirigible, then released:

"...the chief usefulness of the flying machine in war will be for scouting. It is suggested that until the enemy actually is sighted the aeroplane be towed or carried by an aerial cruiser in such a way that it is ready for instant flight, and so attached that the act of starting it will free it from the _mother ship_.... As soon as the first important observations of the enemy have been made the aeroplane is dispatched to headquarters, the airship remaining to make further study. The airship is to be used only if the enemy is at great distance..."

The first mixed naval/aeronautical use I found in a 1918 N.Y. Times article about two seaplanes and the host ship. The subheadline, e.g., reads: "NC-1 Scrapes a Gig from the Mother Ship" Polar explorer Amundsen wrote an article in the L.A. Times in 1926 describing the history of seaplane use in polar exploration. Two seaplanes were to be carried aboard the main vessel, that Amundsen at one point refers to as the "mothership."

Use of the term in the two papers started right around 1900 (N.Y. Times electronic archives dated back to 1852; L.A. Times to 1885). I did not find an instance in this abbreviated search where the newspaper felt it necessary to explain the term to the readers.

Overall in the two papers there were about 2600 instances of use in the 20th century, with the two-word "mother ship" being at least 10 times more common than "mothership." It was primarily a naval term or mixed naval/aeronautical term until after WWII. Then it began to be used more in aeronautical and aerospace contexts. The first such instances I found were 1946 and 1947, where the "mother ship" was the guide ship to a remotely-controlled drone aircraft. By 1948, it was being used for the carrier/dropship to the X-1 experimental plane. It was very commonly used for the carrier/dropship for the X-15 in the 1960s. In 1962, it began being used for the orbiting command module on the Apollo project. The lunar lander would leave and return to the "mothership." E.g., this June 22, 1962 article in the L.A. Times explaining the basic concept:

"At the selected point of landing, two astronauts riding in the transfer capsule will detach it from the main spacecraft and begin the descent to the surface, leaving one or two men in the orbiting _mothership_."

In all this, I found only one instance where "mother ship" was used in a UFO context, a 1955 N.Y. Times book review of Adamski's "Inside the Space Ships":

"The saucer took off and flew on magnetic force to a mother-ship 2,000 feet long that was hovering close overhead. The mother-ship proved to be tastefully furnished in every detail, including two 'incredibly lovely young women' (no antennae). The petite blonde was from Venus, and she wore golden sandals. The merry brunette was from Mars, and she could read Adamski's innermost thoughts. She also kissed him lightly and gave him a drink of slightly viscous water. Those girls rocked him back on his heels for a while, but he hadn't seen anything yet. ...The mother-ship flew 50,000 miles from Earth, traveling smoothly on 'the currents in space'...."

Well you get the idea. I had to stop typing because the review was steaming my glasses.

This brief overview of the origins of "mothership" from two major newspapers suggests that it was a commonly used term in various naval and aeronautical contexts, even in the first half

of the 20th century, but almost never used in a UFO context even after 1950. It also was generalized almost immediately from its original purely naval use, to the new craft of airplanes, starting clear back in 1910, being used either as the host naval or aerial ship.

With this historical background, even if Father Gill had never heard "mothership" in a purely aeronautical context, he could easily have generalized it from the common naval term, just as many had done spontaneously before him. Contrary to what the debunkers are claiming, "mothership" was not something someone would normally see in a UFO context back during Gill's sighting.

David Rudiak

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Re: Gill Sighting - Allan

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Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:54:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Allan

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 11:08:38 -0700
>Subject: Re: Roswell - Case Closed (was Gill Sighting)

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 20:09:15 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>The assertion that they could not have been the source of
>>stories of aliens from crashed saucers because they started some
>>years after 1947 is nonsense. No reports of aliens, alive or
>>dead, were made in 1947, only the reports of the wreckage which
>>appeared in the news media at the time.

>Well, John, actually General Ramey was photographed in 1947
>clutching a telegram in his hand, which specifically mentions
>"the victims of the wreck" along with "the 'disc'". That's the
>strong consensus reading of what is there, not just my take on
>it. Even Phil Klass admitted the word "victims" was there (but
>tried to spin "the victims" into "no victims" in a personal
>email to me).

"Specifically mentions"?

The phrase "victims of the wreck" makes no sense, and is bad English. You can have "victims of the crash", "victims of the hurricane", "victims of the plague", etc. but "victims of the wreck" is a non-starter (unless Ramey's command of English was atrocious). So we can rule out this phrase, I think, from Ramey's infamous memo.

In addition, I claim the "V" is just as likely to be a "Y", and the "W" in wreck looks like a "G". This "W" in any case looks very different from the "W" in "weather", so they cannot both be "W". So where does this analysis of Ramey's memo lead us? Answer: nowhere. I suggest that unless some super-powerful new technology arrives, we drop the whole idea of ever being able to decipher this Ramey scrap of paper.

>It is also interesting that General Ramey back in 1947 went out
>of his way to ridicule the idea that there was a crew, stating
>that the object was "too lightly constructed to have carried
>anyone." Then he "scoffed at the possibility that the object
>could have been piloted." Why would Ramey bring the subject up
>to begin with? Possibly it was a form of damage control against
>rumors or speculation of bodies being involved.

>Another example of this from contemporaneous stories was Ramey
>also stating the object would have been 25 feet across if
>reconstructed. That's a very odd statement for the small, torn-
>up radar target displayed on Ramey's rug, which would only be
>about 4 feet across if reconstructed. Where did 25 feet come
>from? Well oddly, that squares exactly with the reports of the
>size of the craft from two witnesses I know of, one being Johnny
>McBoyle, the Roswell reporter who tried to phone in the story to
>Albuquerque. Lydia Sleppy, the teletype operator, told Stan
>Friedman that when they tried to wire McBoyle's story out, they

>were cut off by the FBI. Sleppy and others also said McBoyle was
>mentioning something about bodies being recovered.

I believe 25 feet was the estimated diameter of one of the balloons. A likely over-estimate, but it was done from fragments of what was in Ramey's office.

Lydia Sleppy's story has 'improved' considerably with time and retelling. Her original tale to Stanton Friedman made no mention of the FBI, and was far simpler than the later, embellished, versions. It appeared in a 1974 issue of SAGA magazine. The FBI mysteriously entered the the Sleppy-McBoyle story years later. I cannot dig up all the references now.

>So Ramey saying it was 25 feet across could have been more
>damage control in case other stories about a 25 foot craft
>leaked out. Regardless, Ramey's contemporaneous message does
>specifically mention the existence of "the disc" and something
>important being "in the 'disc'" (the bodies?).

>Finally I have heard this "contemporaneous" nonsense from every
>Roswell debunker I have ever read or debated. Basically the
>argument is if it wasn't reported at the time then it isn't true
>(unless it supports debunking arguments) and if it was reported
>at the time then it must be true (unless it doesn't support
>debunking arguments).

Not at all. One thing that was reported at the time and is certainly false is that the disc was "loaned" to USAF higher headquarters. A clear case of a misheard word (should be "flown") by a copy typist over the phone. The error was then repeated from this. This error supports neither the believer or the debunking arguments.

The differing accounts of when the disc was discovered, i.e. "last week", "three weeks ago", and "a few days ago" can be explained by the various reporters getting confused over when the disc was first discovered and when it was recovered. (Something I have pointed out before). Haut's original press release was based on rushed information before he had time to get the story correct. He never got it first hand from Brazel anyway and, as far as I know, never saw the recovered 'disc'.

>But all "contemporaneous" actually tells you is what the press
>was told by various sources, how they interpreted it, and how
>they finally printed it. Contemporaneous reporting isn't
>necessarily 100% true and accurate and eyewitness testimony
>decades later isn't necessarily false or grossly distorted. How
>could anybody with a brain argue with that? Well skeptics do,
>all the time.

>Even back in 1947, what the press was being told was often
>contradictory. The base press release said what was recovered
>was a flying disk, found by the rancher "sometime last week."
>In only about an hour, General Ramey started changing that into
>a weather balloon found 3 weeks before. So which was it? Mack
>Brazel said he told Sheriff Wilcox that maybe he had found a
>"flying disk." But Wilcox told UP that Brazel came in saying he
>thought he found a "weather meter." Which was it? After
>describing a balloon of some type at his press conference,
>Brazel then absolutely denied it was any sort of balloon that he
>had found. So which was it? Wilcox told UP that Brazel had found
>the device about 3 weeks before, but he told AP that Brazel had
>found it only a few days before. Which was it? Wilcox told UP
>that Brazel had first come in the day before yesterday (or
>Sunday, July 6), but he told AP that Brazel came in Monday (July
>7). Which was it? Wilcox claimed Brazel told him the object was
>only about as big as his safe, or 3 to 4 feet across. But Ramey
>said the object was about 25 feet across if reconstructed. Which
>was it?

See above. A lot of the contemporary press reports are likely to be error-prone in places, due to the desire to 'be firstest with the mostest'. There is only one actual date for the discovery given anywhere, and that is June 14, which came directly from Brazel. The rest are all semi-vague phrases like those I list above. I agree with Karl Pflock that June 14 is therefore very likely the true date. To those people who still insist that the USAF planted that date in Brazel's mind I refuse to debate the matter any further.

The claimed differences in size were probably due to confusion in the press over the balloon portion and the radar target(s). Carelessness can explain a lot. You do not need cover-ups or damage limitation exercises to account for it.

>Skeptics also don't seem to take into account the possibility of
>cover stories being put out, despite many historical examples of
>how governments have lied through their teeth. In these cases,
>the "contemporaneous" news articles are simply reporting the
>cover story, not the real story behind the story. As the
>computer geeks say, GIGO, or "garbage in, garbage out."

>E.g., initially the Eisenhower administration denied the U-2 was
>a spy plane. Instead, they claimed it was an errant NASA weather
>plane that crashed because the pilot passed out from oxygen
>starvation. NASA went along with the scam, even manufacturing
>phony transcripts of the pilot's last conversations. At Edwards
>AFB, a U-2 was repainted with a NASA logo and phony ID number
>and then shown to the press. Then the Soviets hauled out Francis
>Gary Powers and the remains of the U- 2, including the spy
>cameras. Checkmate. The U.S. government was caught red-handed in
>flagrant lie, an elaborate cover story. But if the Russians
>didn't have the evidence, you can bet the U.S. government would
>have stuck with the cover story and government propagandists and
>apologists would have repeated the party line for as long as the
>government held to the story.

>But such things couldn't have happened during the Roswell
>incident. No way. The military absolutely told us the
>unvarnished truth, even if the story was inconsistent and kept
>changing, even back in 1947. And it's kept on changing, with
>AFOSI mutating the 1947 singular weather balloon/radar target
>(Ramey/Newton's description) into the present-day multiple
>balloon/multiple radar target Mogul balloon plus the ridiculous
>crash-dummies from the future.

>>The stories of alien bodies did not emerge until the late 1970s,
>>leaving plenty of time for ageing witnesses to become somewhat
>>vague about when the incidents which they remembered occurred.
>>No doubt when investigators assured them it must have been 1947
>>they were not inclined to argue, as they had no way of checking.

>No doubt you find it comforting to regurgitate the official
>party line, which is what you are doing here, as do all
>debunkers, as if reading from a common script. For all I know,
>maybe you even believe that the U2 really was an errant NASA
>weather plane, since that was the U.S.'s official story.

Had the Russians not captured Gary Powers, the USAF or the CIA
might have thought they could cover up the U-2 affair for
several years, but it was very risky. Suppose, for example, that
it happened again within a few months? Or even a third time?
Would they still have tried to cover it up?

As for trying to cover up an ET crash, what if that also
happened again, and again? Don't forget, they had no control
whatever over ET crashes or in fact any ET actions. (They still
haven't either). For all the USAF knew, ETs had already landed
in Russia the year before!

>Even the normally UFO cynical American press generally thought
>the 1997 crash dummy report incredibly stupid and unbelievable.
>Nobody would confuse 6 foot plastic mannequins with small,
>rotting alien bodies. Nobody would confuse times like that (only
>gullible, unthinking skeptics would swallow such preposterous
>psychobabble explanations like "time compression"). And a number
>of the body witnesses weren't even living in New Mexico when the
>dummy and other tests were happening. Do you honestly think
>General Exon's Air Force friends at Wright-Patterson who told
>him about being personally involved and seeing the bodies were
>telling him about crash dummies from the 1950s and 1960s?

I think General Exon's testimony has been discredited by other
writers, particularly Pflock. See p.124 of his book.

There is an interesting example of time distortion/compression
in Magonia 65 (Nov 1998). In it Peter Rogerson gives an example
of a witness, the chief stewardess to the June 1954 BOAC
Stratocruiser sighting over Goose Bay, who alleged in the 1990s
that she and the two pilots were hypnotically regressed by a
psychiatrist soon afterwards, whom she met at the Air Ministry.

In fact these witnesses were never regressed, and the man she had met (a Dr Stephen Black) was someone she was interviewed by years later, in 1968, in a BBC documentary on UFOs. She had recalled his name correctly but got the date wrong by 14 years! Hypnosis was mentioned during the documentary, but that is all. She had become confused when she recounted the story for Jenny Randles in a book published in the 1990s, i.e. some 35-40 years after the UFO event had occurred.

Now tell us that there is no such thing as this "preposterous" time compression!

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Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No. 3

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Entry No. 3 The Not-So-Gentle Art Of Character Assassination

(with a bufonian spin)

So, here we are again, about to venture into the murky BUFOian world of suspicion, unchecked accusation, outlandish assumption and unbridled UFOology. But this time we're going to a level of resonance that we haven't employed in previous Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicle entries because the BUFOrian "Spin" involved in what we are about to discuss is absolutely malicious, insidious and reprehensible.

This time we'll discuss the claims and charges that the bufoonians have leveled at retired Detective Lieutenant Francis X. Dottle, He was the Acting Police Chief (and a Det. Sgt.) at the time of the alleged UFO incident back in 1974. In the interest of fairness, I must start off by saying that I will be taking comments by BUFO's Ronald Hannivig (and the late Robert D. Barry) out of context but, I will quickly add that I haven't altered the meaning, character or intent of their writings.

So, let's get started.....

At:

[www. burlingtonnews.net/carbondalerussiann](http://www.burlingtonnews.net/carbondalerussiann)

you'll see BUFO Paranormal and Radio's NEWS REPORT, which is actually a press release that claims to reveal The Carbondale UFO Story the News Media and Public never received back in 1974.

The posting is a composite of Mr. Robert D. Barry's 31 year old (One man) 20th Century UFO Bureau report on the incident with additional rants provided by BUFO's Ron Hannivig and/or Mrs. Mary Sutherland (it's difficult to distinguish between the two at times), concerning their suspicions and accusations regarding 10 missing photographs that were taken of a glowing object beneath the pond on November 10th, 1974 shortly after the railroad lantern was retrieved from the pond by the scuba diver and proclaimed to have been the source of the light beneath the surface.

That's true, the 13 (Not 10), photos were of a glowing light 'on' the pond's surface, not what may have been beneath the pond's surface. The photos had not yet been developed and were not missing at the time of the news conference. So, how does the existence of these photos serve to prove that a cover up had been perpetrated by the Carbondale police?

No one mentioned the photos at the press conference because they were not an issue or an item of particular interest to anyone other than the police as evidence, _if_ charges were ever to be brought against the hoaxers. Moreover, the photos were the property of Mr. Jerome Gillott (the photographer) and Sgt. Dottle was not at liberty to just pass them out to anyone who expressed an interest in them. (this obviously annoyed Mr. Barry of the 20th. Century UFO bureau), Mr. Barry didn't explain why he hadn't contacted the photographer directly about the photos but, since he was the one man show at the bureau, it may have

simply slipped his busy conspiratorial mind?

Young Gillott (17) at the time, had promised to send me a couple photos for my report when the negatives were developed (i.e., The photos may have been of some use in a written report concerning the hoax) but, he never did, and after sending him a reminder letter and phoning his home twice I decided to complete my December, 1975 UFORIC report without the photos.

I provided BUFO with Mr. Gillott's address and phone number in April of 2004, because Mrs. Sutherland's investigators were looking in the wrong place for information on the photos, eventhough Gillott was identified in several press accounts as the photographer. Hannivig and Scassellati were looking for someone named 'Al'.

The press had taken many photos at the so-called UFO recovery site which were far more interesting and detailed than Gillott's shots. Ron Hannivig should throughly examine these many newspapaer file photos and tell us how many armed military personnel he can spot in the crowds. (Ans. None!)

Additionally, Mr. Barry had started complaining about Sgt. Dottle's not providing him with the photos on 11-14-74... I guess that Barry thought the Carbondale Police Department had its own photo lab and didn't have to wait for the prints to arrive at the corner drug store from the kodak lab. (a common small town police department practice back in the early 70's)

Let's read a little more from BUFO's shocking press release. It continues, "Another fact, unknown to the news media and the general public is the fact that there exists two strips of 35m. m. film of the glow from the submerged object in the pond. Mr. Barry and his unidentified assistant, witnessed and examined the strips of film which contained at least five frames each of a glowing object.....

Hence, there exist at least ten pictures, in negative form, of "the object". (No, Ron that's not quite right; what exists are 13 negatives of the GLOW on the pond's surface, NOT the object beneath the pond's surface).

The BUFORian Spin continues... "On the film, the image shows a dark, circular object with some frames from a somewhat smaller object and another showing it as being larger. All frames seemed to show a basically circular shape. The films are in the possession of the Carbondale Police Department (as of 11-12-74). Acting Police Chief Francis Dottle informed Mr. Barry that when the photos are made from the negatives, the pictures will show "a yellow glow". Barry requested a frame or two for use in analyzing the object but was refused. (According to Barry). The pictures were taken about 3 A. M. on 11-10-74"

This is perhaps the most revealing piece of BUFOria regarding the so-called "Missing Photos"- first of all, the negatives WOULD show a dark circular shape on the water's surface as light appears to be dark on a negative plate.

Moreover, the apparent size changes of the glow on the water's surface were caused by the fact that several of the photographs were telephoto shots while others were not. So, where's the mystery in all this "Missing Photos" nonsense Mr. Hannivig?

Oh yes, Sgt. Dottle was also accused of not providing Mr. Barry with a couple of frames of the negatives to further analyze on the day after the 44hr. fiasco had terminated - Obviously, Mr. Barry felt that Sgt. Dottle probably didn't have anything else to do that day except cater to the whims and requests of the 20th Century UFO bureau. I mean, Didn't Mr. Barry have the common sence to realize that Sgt. Dottle still had a police department to run and a community to serve and protect? The nonsense continues.....

"Nothing was said of the possibility that it (the object in the water) was a Russian missile." That's also true, because Mr. Barry had not yet started spinning the yarn that it might have been a Soviet missile or a UFO. Moreover, if Mr. Barry did suspect that it was a Soviet missile in the pond, why didn't he bring it up at the press conferene himself? After all, he and his assistant (a rather strange fellow that some folks jokingly called Igor), had been telling stories to anyone who would

listen, about a UFO over Russia incident earlier in the day at the pond.

Indeed, stories which included the UFOs having zapped and completely destroyed a Soviet tank factory with high-powered ray gun beams. So, what was Mr. Barry's problem with simply mentioning the possibility of a Soviet missile being in the pond at the Carbondale Press Conference on Nov 11th, 1974? My guess is that he hadn't fully concocted the story yet.

Although, there were rumors that two men in dark suits (MIB's) told a Scranton Times Tribune reporter about the UFO/Soviet tank factory incident. I think Mr. Barry and his assistant were wearing charcoal grey suits at the pond - perhaps, they were the MIB's people were talking about?

Mr. Barry wasn't a team player at the site either, and I did not observe him performing a thorough field investigation at the pond. He seemed to be more of a social butterfly- interested in speaking with spectators and press people. He was also busy handing out religious tracts, and warning folks that some UFOs are actually piloted by fallen angels.

His report of the incident makes no mention of sample-taking or scientific observations and measurements - rather, it is basically concerned with his claim that a reliable (albeit never identified) informant (i. e., a mysterious military man - a colonel to be exact) told him that a Soviet missile, or part of one might be in the pond. Barry never even specified which branch of the service the "Military Man" was supposed to be a member of.

Years later I used my computer's search engine to learn a little more about Robert D. Barry of the 20th. Century UFO Bureau, and my suspicions (that he was very emotional and vocal individual) were confirmed on UFO UpDates by several pro-UFO researchers who knew him.

Isn't it curious that BUFO's Ron Hannivig quotes primarily from Barry's report of the incident, never seems to use Mr. Dains comments (Doug Dains was Dr. Hynek's field investigator at Carbondale), nor does Ron Hannivig mention my report as a reference source except, when he can take it out of Barry's slanted report to make a foundationless pro-cover up point of some kind.

(e. g., Ron quotes Barry concerning my saying that the lantern was "inoperational" when I examined it moments after it was retrieved from the pond. Ron's and Barry's "Spin" is that because it was "inoperational" when I handled it, it probably couldn't have been operational while it was in the pond, and therefore probably wasn't the source of the mysterious submerged light.

So, according to the substandards of BUFOOlogical wisdom; the lantern couldn't have been the glowing object in the water. That is not the case at all - for it was reported that one of the lantern's bulbs filaments faintly glowed as it was lifted from the water. (I didn't see that as I was on the pond's bank, not in the search and recovery boat as the lantern was taken aboard).

It was speculated by Mr. Jerome Gillott, the Photographer, who was in the boat that displaced water in the lantern's cylinder permitted the battery to momentarily make better contact and the filament glowed for a second or two. This does not prove that the lantern could not have been the object that was observed glowing in the pond for 6-8 hours on the evening of Nov. 9th into the wee hours of Nov. 10th.

(see my essay for more details and the results of simple experiments which illustrate my point - you can perform these very basic and inexpensive experiments yourself at home).

<http://www.magonia.mysite.wanado-members.co.uk/ms55.htm>

But, Ron Hannivig would attempt to keep the mystery alive by pointing out that the object in the pond reportedly 'moved' in order to elude police bullets that were fired at it. Ron correctly quips that railroad lanterns do not possess locomotive capabilities. But, BUFO's super sleuth Ron Hannivig fails to

mention the fact that light beams can shift and appear to be in diverse locations when in fact, they are located a one place. That's how store advertising "Search Lights" appear to be flitting all over the sky when in fact, they're located at a fixed position on the ground.

Mr. Dains and I both determined that the matter was probably a hoax perpetrated by teenagers early on in our investigations, while Barry, and now Hannivig, Sutherland and Scassellati are determined to resuscitate the resolved and quite mundane UFO Hoax. Moreover, Hannivig can't seem to make up his mind if the object in the pond was a disc (i. e., a flying saucer) or a Soviet missile.

If it was a missile it had to be a very small variety as the location of the light source in the pond was only 7-8 feet deep. But, then there's still the problem of Ron's explaining why an unmanned missile would have onboard or exterior lighting?

If the object were a Flying Saucer from another world, then it's inhabitants probably had to be very small - perhaps on the order of G.I. Joe action figures or Barbie Dolls in stature because, the disc of light on the pond's surface was reported to be about 3-5ft. in diameter.

As you may already know, there were not any little alien bodies floating on the water - and highly advanced space creatures probably wouldn't equip their scout ships with Sears Roebuck railroad lanterns to use as distress signaling devices.

Of course, there is an outside possibility that the object was a Hi-Tech experimental Frisbee... you've probably heard about all those "Black Projects" going on at the nation's toy companies haven't you? (Be sure to check out BUFO's Online Store for a remote controlled toy mini-saucer that you can actually fly in the comfort of your own home... wheee!)

I'm certain that by this point in my story you are picking up on Mr. Hannivig's Spin Meistering of the ridiculous Barry report. But, we have yet to determine if Ron Hanninvig and Mrs. Sutherland are simply ill-informed, conspiracy-minded saucer enthusiasts, BUFOons, or if their spin on the story is agenda motivated - (i. e., a fully conscious and devious contrivence?) However, the next BUFORian statement may serve to answer these perplexing questions for us.....

"To the citizens of Carbondale, we offer you our dedication to solving this 30 year old mystery once and for all. We now know that the Acting Chief of Police not only knew the true nature of the object that fell into the pond, but deliberately and maliciously lied to us as to what it was. He also knew that the area was radioactive and chose not to inform you of the danger. He also had photos that he chose to suppress. Dottle was not nor is he now a friend of the people of Carbondale."

Well, let's start at the beginning of this gross bit of BUFOology. Why should Ron Hannivig, Mary Sutherland of Wisconsin and Frank Scassellati take it upon themselves to set the record straight on a non-mystery that was resolved 31 years ago? Where are the "very concerned" townspeople who approached them after they had been turned away by the authorities at Carbondale? Who are these many perplexed and frustrated citizens, and why do they assume that BUFO can assist them when there is a viable (and cost free) Freedom of Information Act at their disposal?

One would think that with all these troubled citizens seeking help from BUFO, Mary Sutherland and her investigators wouldn't need to petition anyone for a G. A. O inquiry into the matter - they, as an organized citizen's group could put quite a bit of pressure on local politicians and municipal authorities regarding their demands. So, why bother to bring in the Federal Government for a local matter when you haven't exhausted all your options - and still have the Freedom of Information Act available to you?

If Mr. Hannivig is stating that Sgt. Dottle, the Acting Police Chief knew the true nature of the object in the pond why doesn't Ron Hannivig post the documentation to prove this outrageous claim? If Mr. Hannivig has anything more than his suspicions and Spin Meistered assumptions regarding the long ago matter of Sgt. Dottle's failure to alert Carbondale's citizens about dangerous radioactive levels existing at the Russel Park pond - why

doesn't Ron Hannivig post the proof?

Hannivig, the self-proclaimed "investigative journalist at large" has had 31 years to track it down... ya know, as the Texans say, " I'm athink'n that this feller is all hat and no cattle!"

Hannivig could have posted the field notes of the individual (A volunteer Civil Air Patrol youngster) who obtained the so-called "High" radiological reading at the pond. My 1974 report on the incident provided all the youngsters names. He could have produced hospital admissions and emergency room records from that time indicating that some citizens, volunteers, and police personnel were exposed to and treated for radiation sickness. Where's the press releases on this matter Mr. Hannivig?

But, that's not Ron Hannivig's style. Rather, he would assail the now handicapped man who protected Carbondale's citizens from numerous potential dangers that the UFO situation had thrust upon him - including his advising the UFO resarchers not to bring up the matter of an "unverified" and incorrect .150 roentgen reading at the pond. Actually, the reading was .05R (a normal background level) and the first report I received concerning it was scrawled on a piece of paper hurriedly passed to me at the press conference, it mistankenly read "1500. R. at the pond!"

But, if that were the case I wouldn't be sitting here typing this entry. Moreover, the rumored faulty reading was altered a couple of times and finally seemed to settle at .150R. by the close of the press conference.

I think that Mr. Barry's .50 R notation in his report may be a typo. (i.e., .50 instead of the actual .05) but I'm not certain that it was an error because Barry did not accompany Dains and I back to the pond to verify the faulty CAP reading; nor did he share his written report with us.

Continuing BUFO's ridiculous assault on Sgt. Dottle's advising the UFO investigators not to mention the errant radiological reading - Hannivig, quotes Robert D. Barry's report of 31 years ago and says, "the 20th Century UFO Bureau was contacted Thursday 11-11-74 (actually, Thursday was the 14th), by a concerned Carbondale man and wife who said the atmosphere is "that they are being called liars" and that "something is radically wrong and the whole town is sick over the object being reported as a railroad lantern." Oh, Mr. Hannivig, I ask you sir, have you no shame, no shame at all?

Hannivig and Barry never identified the complaining Carbondale man and his wife, just as they have never identified the mysterious Military Man who told Barry about the Soviet missile possibly being in the pond. One must be very cautioius when reading Barry and Hannivig, they are word-tricky and non-objective reporters. They are also prone to present heresay, distortion and misrepresentations in their writings which appear to be devoid of established investigative and journalistic protocols, verified fact gathering methodology and common sence.

But, Sgt. Dottle's responsibilites during the UFO fiasco also included the cordoming off of the pond area because we didn't know what was in the water, and because unattended children were playing on the pond's steep banks, standing on the rooftops of abandoned structures at the coal breaker, and several kids were even climbing into the defunct breaker's coal chutes.

Moreover, so many people were pouring into the area in automobile's that Carbondale's streets were becoming impassable. Dottle feared that emergency vehicles might not be able to respond in a timely matter if they were needed at the site. One reporter mentioned that he noticed license plates from 17 states and Canada.

Somehow, Ron Hannivig doesn't grasp the merit of Sgt. Dottle's handling of the situation and he prefers to see the above stated "safety measures" as being part of a cover up. Ron Hannivig wasn't there, I was, and I can assure you that Sgt. Dottle's activites were always directed at protecting the community from harm. He was concerned about the public, the volunteers, his policeman AND with assisting Mr. Dains recover the submerged object intact in case it was of scientific value to Dr. Hynek's

UFO researches.

Sgt. Dottle worked very closely with the UFO researchers at the scene and made no demands of us until the "unverified radiation report rumor" sprang up as the press conference was already underway. He did so because he feared that the rumor might spark a panic in town.

He did so because the 44 hour ordeal had worn his nerves thin and because he, his policemen and the volunteers were dog-tired. He did so because the report was "completely unverified." So, why in the hell should he have permitted the obviously emotional Mr. Barry to yell "fire!", when there wasn't so much as a detectable whiff of smoke in the air?

Mr. Dains, the C.A.P. and I had been taking geiger-counter readings all day, at all sections of the pond's bank. The highest reading was .04R. The only C.A.P. reported .05R was located in the very spot where I had set up my equipment on the bank but, a little further in the mud which became accessible because the pumping operations had lowered the water level. (see my essay on the incident for more details)

Sgt. Dottle requested that we not mention the radiation rumor because he realized that the very vocal and visibly emotional Mr. Barry was chomp'n at the bit to revive the UFO character of the situation. In short, Barry didn't want the incident to be a closed issue - after all, he and his assistant hadn't driven all the way from Yoe, Pa. just to go back to his spiritual mentor and UFO Bureau funder (Rev. Carl McIntire) empty handed.

Mr. Barry said in his report, "With the news conference now in the past, the 20th Century UFO Bureau is at liberty to reveal the story the news media never got on the Carbondale, Pennsylvania UFO Hoax. The bureau first came across the Russian missile report as a result of a conversation with one of the members of a military unit who was at the scene in Carbondale on Monday (11-11-74)"

Obviously, Mr. Barry and Ron Hannivig must be talking about a high-ranking Civil Air Patrol youngster, because there were no military units at Carbondale... not even local National Guardsmen.

To top things off, in another UFOOlogical posting, Ron Hannivig says that he has several eyewitnesses who saw Sgt. Dottle toss the lantern into the pond on 11-11-74, and Mark Stamey, the volunteer scuba diver from New York went into the water to fetch it.

What a terrible thing for Ron Hannivig to suggest about a New York fellow who was initially thought to have been a CIA agent by the UFO rumor mongers of Lackawanna County. What a terrible thing to say about the Acting Chief of Police too.

Well, if any of the above were true, Hannivig would have a couple thousand eyewitnesses to this brazen cover up attempt not just a few. There would be numerous news people who saw and photographed Dottle's allegedly dastardly deed, and Mr. Dains and I certainly would have remembered it too.

Ya Know, someday ole Ron Hannivig may have to produce these eyewitnesses for the G. A. O., or in a court of law... it will be very interesting to see just how much his reliable (Albeit unidentified) eyewitnesses recall under oath.

I won't go through the bother of responding to each of Mr. Hannivig's "charges" and "spinnings" which appear within the 11 page posting at the BUFO site. But, it's perfectly obvious to me that Ron Hannivig is either woefully conspiracy-minded or else he's an individual who is desperately seeking attention. In either case or both, Mrs. Sutherland does share some responsibility for the cruel, malicious and untrue things that he's said about Sgt. Dottle. After all, she posted those nasty remarks at her BUFO sites.

I've often wondered how an aggressive young attorney versed in libel and slander suits would feel about BUFO's unchecked behavior on the World Wide Web regarding the numerous assaults on the professionalism, integrity, and ethical character of Sgt. Francis X. Dottle? I've even wondered if BUFO is a corporation?

Actually, there is no excuse for the distortion, fabrication and outright absurdities that BUFO has posted on the web. There is more than enough documentation to dismiss the entire Carbondale affair as a series of hoaxes perpetrated by three local teens, a neighboring community's fibbing deputy sheriff and an over-zealous self-proclaimed UFO expert whose rantings of thirty years ago still reverberate in the a nonsencical and extremely malicious postings of Mr. Ronald Hannivig, Mrs. Mary Sutherland and Mr. Frank Scassellati.

The only reason why the Carbondale light-in-the-water mystery carried on for 44 hours was because, even after patrolman Jacobina fired his service revolver at the submerged light, the police and the UFO investigators were still "uncertain" that the object was not space junk of some kind.

Moreover, since the press had already latched on to the story it would have been quite foolish to assume what the object was rather than to "phsically verify" what it was. Dr. Hynek had opened the door to the "possibility"of radioactive contamination at the site, and Sgt. Dottle did what he had to do for the protection of the community.

So, now you know some of the behind the scenes concerns and thinking that went into the recovery efforts at the Russell Park pond back on that long-ago November day.

It's really ashame that the BUFO team can't grasp the concept of a silly teenage prank being blown completely out of proportion and control by unbridled rumor-mongers, sensation seekers and Johnny-come-lately bandwaggoning eyewitnesses. There never was an object seen in the sky by the teens, they made that part of the story up when police arrived on the scene to investigate a strange light in the water. That object was the railroad lantern, the first light they tossed into the pond was a common flashlight.

Well, I hope we can link up in cyberspace real soon, and I also hope that you will remember that there are two (or more) sides to every story. So, please do check out what the folks at BUFO have to say about the dreadful cover up at the Carbondale UFO crash site, 'til then...

Keep on watch'n the skies!

Matt Graeber

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>Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2005 12:16:58 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: NOSS Triple Satellites [was: Socorro]

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
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>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Sat, 15 Oct 2005 11:53:20 -0300
>>>>Subject: Re: Socorro

>>>>James Smith raised the the NOSS satellites as the probable
>>>>explanation [BTW - not new James] for some reported triangular
>>>>shaped UFOs at high altitude seen by witnesses on occasion. I
>>>>have no doubt of it myself [I've proffered this explanation
>>>>often] and would add other satellites as well. Lights in the
>>>>night sky that are just a point of light I tend to blow off
>>>>because there are just so many lights in the night sky.

>>>>I did not claim to be the first to notice NOSS causes UFO
>>>>reports. However, I did notice that in many UFO reporting
>>>>databases that no one attempts to solve the report by easily
>>>>correlating it with a NOSS triad. It is left to dangle as a
>>>>probable unknown rather than clear NOSS. I would not complain if
>>>>the tools to solve the case were not so simple (on the Internet-
>>>>HeavensAbove). In fact I suspect any case on three lights that
>>>>just move in a straight line as being NOSS unless proven
>>>>otherwise.

>>Peter Davenport's database routinely identifies reports as
>>probably NOSS satellites (or other know phenomena). Beware of
>>uncritical databases. Not all are that way.

>Yes, I have seen his summations of various reports.

>Unfortunately, it is unclear if any of these NOSS
>classifications are based on analysis (i.e. are "probable"
>because of lack of or low quality report data) or just Peter's
>understanding of the behavior/appearance of NOSS triads. Has he
>ever stated "definite NOSS" for a report? I don't think so. So
>we end up with a never completely closed reports.

>Other mediums (Filer's Files and others) seem to never consider
>such analysis, focusing on reports rather than explanation.
>Reports sell better I guess.

Hi James!

Sightings of a moving triangular formation in the night-time sky

consisting of three star-like points that seem to define the corners of a single large and much closer triangular craft are common among amateur astronomers and are frequently mentioned in newsletters such as the one below from the Kingston Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

At 3am Aug.8, [2002], a naked-eye NOSS triple-satellite hoveed into view on a path from Pegasus to Capella. It looked like a giant delta-winged Concorde Jet. While admiring this slow awesome giant, again a meteor shot right thru it!

<http://www.rasc.ca/nl/kingston-200207.pdf>

Then again, there is the account of two such dark triangles crossing the clear night sky which were seen by a couple of amateur astronomers with the Ottawa Centre of the RASC who told me about them in confidence. No, these moving triangles were not early sightings of NOSS or any other secret satellites orbiting in tight formation since their dark undersides brightened up as they flew over a distant well lit car dealership which proved to these experienced observers of the sky that they were two solid objects much closer to the Earth. These are just a few of the many unexplained objects or UFOs made by astronomers.

Nick Balaskas

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>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 09:08:24 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:01:32 -0500
>>>Subject: Zamora's Eyeglasses

<snip>

>>What kind of service footwear was Officer Zamora wearing at
>>the time of the incident? Was it a sturdy boot allowing
>>officer Zamora steadier footing or was it a dress shoe
>>unsuited to harsh terrain and therefore contributory to a
>>very real potentiality for stumbling at a critical
>>observational time...

>>We don't know? No one asked? It's not in the record?

>.>'Tis true. The Socorro 'episode' was not investigated>
>>"through and through."

>>It "wasn't".

>>A red herring by any other name and all of that.

>>There can be no investigation thorough enough for an ardent
>>enough denialist.

>Ah, the smell of sarcasm always draws me out Alfred. Are you
>sure you've got no English blood in you?

>If we're getting down to the nitty gritty, then Lonnie's
>underpants might as well get thrown in to the mix as well for if
>he is of normal flesh and blood, then a sighting of a UFO with
>little occupants would surely have made him fill them. Now, if
>he kept them and they are still around, then I for one would be
>convinced that what he saw was not of this earth.

For the life of me I can't understand why no one quickly
contacted his Dentist!

If Z was really scared when he saw the thing rising up while
making noise, he may have started grinding his teeth with fear
as he moved quickly to get away from the odd but scary object.
Noticeable wear on his teeth immediately after the sighting would
be proof that something strange was seen and not just a hoax to
bring tourists to the mayor's land.

Or maybe he chipped a tooth while running...who knows!

But, really, don't you think a thorough investigation would include his teeth?

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Re: Passive Radar - Kritkausky

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Subject: Re: Passive Radar - Kritkausky

>From: Peter Davenport - NUFORC <director.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 10:08:40 -0700
>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

>First of all, there are several "passive" radar systems
>operating successfully, so I have not proposed creating a new
>technology. Two notable examples of systems that work are 1) the
>system built by Prof. John Sahr, Ph.D. (EE), at the University
>of Washington in Seattle, and 2) the system built by Prof. Peter
>Brown, Ph.D. (ASTRON) at the University of Western Ontario. The
>former was designed to study changes (~1 meter) in the e-region
>of the Earth's atmosphere; the latter, ostensibly, to count
>and/or track meteors entering the Earth's atmosphere.

Peter, do you know if anyone has placed any limitations on the
use of this radar by these two individuals? Also, I'm curious if
they are crunching numbers in real time. It does not seem like
it would be required in either endeavor. Although, I guess with
the meteor tracking, you may have enough time to transmit a
quick "heads-up" or "incoming". Seems like an ideal Mel Brooks
or Monte Python bit... the world collectively diving for cover.

>Both systems have been in existence for many years, underscoring
>the fact that "passive" radar is not "pie in the sky." It is a
>down-to-earth technology, which has only to be adapted and
>"tweaked," in order for it to apply to detecting other unknowns,
>i.e. UFO's, in the atmosphere and near-Earth environment.

>One comment that the system would require prodigious computer
>power is correct. Even a small, mono-static (i.e. single
>receiver station) requires the ability to perform approximately
>10 giga-flops per second for real-time analysis of a target. A
>larger, multi-static system, with two or more receivers, whose
>data are collected, analyzed, and compared on a real-time basis,
>requires on the order of 100 giga-flop capability.

Do you have any specs on what they are using as far as software
and machine/processors?

>Hence, a "passive" radar system could be designed to "flag," and
>record, such events. Obviously, and all we have to do is
>"capture" one such return, in order to make the world sit up and
>take notice...

I would agree that this may be the case if there were another
data stream to associate/correlate the blips(raw data) to.

>In conclusion, "passive" radar is now within our grasp, and it
>will provide us with the ability to resolve the UFO debate, once
>and for all, without the input of some government bureaucracy.

If it were supplemented with one or two other data streams, I
would agree. Lastly, I would like to second this motion for
independence and pro-activity, its a healthier more scientific
approach.

Rob

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Close Encounters Of The Mind Kind

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Close Encounters Of The Mind Kind

Alien abduction is probably all in the mind, according to research presented today.

A new study supports the theory that people who claim to have contact with aliens are psychologically vulnerable to false memories.

Compared with other people, they also believe more strongly in the paranormal, and report experiencing more X Files-type activity, made famous by the programme starring Gillian Anderson (pictured) as Dana Scully.

Wales has been a hotspot for UFO sightings, including a spate of reports of extra-terrestrial experiences in 1977, which led to a government inquiry into strange goings-on in the so-called Broad Haven Triangle.

But research by Professor Chris French, head of the Anomalistic Psychology Research Unit at Goldsmiths College in London has suggested that this type of contact with alien life may be all in the mind.

Prof French carried out the study by comparing 19 alleged "abductees" and 19 random volunteers.

He found that in psychological tests, so-called "experiencers" scored more highly in a number of areas, including belief in the paranormal, a tendency to hallucinate, and "dissociative" tendencies which can lead to altered states of consciousness.

They were also likely to fantasise, and had a history of sleep paralysis. Like other paranormal experiences, such as encounters with ghosts, alien abduction is often associated with sleep paralysis episodes, Prof French says.

In this state, a sleeper wakes to find him or herself unable to move but aware of their surroundings. At the same time, dream-like auditory and visual hallucinations may occur.

Prof French, who will present his findings tonight at the Science Museum in London, said, "In the late 20th century, an increasing number of people around the world began to claim that they had had a most bizarre experience.

"Typically, they would report being taken from their beds or from their cars by alien beings."

These beings were often around four feet high, with spindly arms

and legs and oversized heads.

"The abductees, or 'experiencers' as they prefer to be known, would describe how they had found themselves on board an alien spaceship where they were subjected to (often painful) medical examination, during which sperm or ova might be extracted.

"Although it is hard to estimate just how many people have conscious memories of this kind it is likely to run into at least several thousand worldwide."

The findings were backed by Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe, director of the Cardiff Centre for Astrobiology, who suggested claims of alien contact were derived from a desire to believe in extra-terrestrial life.

"It's some kind of instinctive need to link up with life outside Earth, but the experiences that are recorded by these people are factors of the imagination. They have had the sensation of an encounter, but it can not be quantified or substantiated."

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Rolling Out Red Carpet For World's Skeptics

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10/25/2005

Rolling Out The Red Carpet For The World's Skeptics
By Paula Voell
News Staff Reporter

Looking for the Center for Inquiry's international congress?
Just follow the cars with the "I Doubt It" decals.

That's the mantra for the 600 to 800 attendees expected to converge in Buffalo from around the world this week. These are the people who scrutinize and critique what others believe without questioning.

They'll be here for a congress called "Toward a New Enlightenment," meant to respond to assaults on science, reason, free inquiry, secularism and humanist values.

"We are committed to science and reason to resolve human problems," said Paul Kurtz, Center founder. "We are naturalists and recognize that the human species is part of nature. We also recognize the need for raising the level of values and criticizing the banalities of modern culture.

"We're arguing for planetary ethics," said Kurtz, the powerhouse behind all that the Center has spawned - Prometheus books, the area's largest publishing house; the periodicals "Skeptical Inquirer," "Free Inquiry" and "Philo" and the organizations that promote rational inquiry, critically investigate claims of the paranormal and, the newest endeavor, examining alternative medicine and mental health therapies.

The confreres will arrive in Buffalo at a momentous time. They'll be here on the 25th anniversary of the Council for Secular Humanism, the arm of the Center that defends the issues of the nonreligious. They'll be here to witness the expanded Center building, which will double its conference and seminar capacity with an additional 13,600 square feet added to its Amherst site. Mostly, though, they'll be here to talk and to listen to one another.

As usual, all of the hot button issues will be on the table, under the microscope of free inquiry. Included in topics are: "Playing God: Ethical Issues in Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide," "Science vs. Religion: From the Classroom to String Theory" and "Is Religion the Default Mode?"

As Kurtz leads a tour of the under-construction glass-walled building, he - the world's leading skeptic - knocks on wood, saying that he hopes it will all be finished in time.

Weeks before the conference, the \$2.5 million expansion is still

a hard-hat zone with construction workers about to put up the exterior structure. Plans call for an atrium, expanded space for a library and more rooms for seminars.

With the addition to the local building, the Center will more easily be able to house the 60,000 volumes of its research library, the largest of its type in the world, according to Kurtz; included are rare books such as all the first editions of Thomas Paine, including "The Age of Reason" and works by Ethan Allen from 1784. Recently, the Center received a shipment of boxes containing the complete library of famed performer Steve Allen, who willed his books and the papers he personally wrote to the Center, where he was a longtime member.

It's no wonder that Kurtz might feel that he needs all the help available between the building expansion and the congress that includes keynote addresses by Richard Dawkins, zoologist and author of "The Ancestor's Tale: A Pilgrimage to the Dawn of Evolution" and Ann Druyan, co-writer with her husband, the late Carl Sagan, of the award-winning series "Cosmos."

Kurtz is particularly pleased that Buffalo's Nobel laureate Herbert Hauptman and Sir Harold Kroto are among the presenters. And, then, a Saturday afternoon panel will feature professors from Oxford, Fordham and Marquette universities, along with Sam Harris, author of "The Death of Faith" to discuss "The Scientific Examination of Religion."

In the last few decades, Kurtz has gone from being a University at Buffalo professor to being one of the world's best known skeptics, embracing the role and encouraging everyone to look closely when a Bigfoot claim surfaces or someone says they see an image of the Virgin Mary in some peeling paint. In the last two years, Kurtz and company have taken on alternative medicine and claims for mental health therapies.

"But we aren't only debunkers," said Nathan Bupp, director of public relations.

"Our main focus is to gain a public appreciation of science.

"Another thing that's important is the ethical dimension. We reject the ancient religious dogmas, and people ask how can you be moral unless you are devoutly religious. We say that you can lead a fulfilling, meaningful life without religious tradition, based on naturalism and a constructive and positive view."

Now called the Center for Inquiry - Transnational, the organization has just been granted "special consultative status" under the United Nations Economic and Social Council and will be allowed to testify at the United Nations.

From this original site, other centers have been added, at Rockefeller Center, Los Angeles, Tampa and 14 other North American cities, as well as sites in Europe, Africa and other countries with the newest planned for Beijing.

"It just snowballed," said Kurtz. "Buffalo is a place of snowballs."

Kurtz will preside over the congress' opening ceremony and present welcoming remarks at a multimedia retrospective "In Praise of Free Thought" scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday. It will be followed by a performance of Mozart's "Sonata in D-major for Two Pianos" by Frieda and Steve Manes. General registration for conference sessions, which go from Thursday to Sunday, is \$195 per person. For information on congress events, call 1-800-458-1366.

The Center will hold an open house so that the public can see its new space and become familiar with its work from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 19. The address is 1310 Sweet Home Road, Amherst.

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Ranchers Worry About Horses

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Ranchers Worry About Horses

By Bill McKeown
The Gazette

CALHAN - Folks in this close-knit community on the eastern plains are baffled and worried about two mysterious incidents in which 22 horses and a burro were found dead.

The rural residents in these parts are pretty level-headed people, and they scoff at the notion that UFOs might be responsible. But many were around when a spate of unsolved cattle mutilations occurred in the 1970s and again in the early 1990s, and they're willing to entertain the notion maybe with a little tongue in cheek that cults, creeps and "black helicopter" people might be to blame.

"There's strange stuff going on," Terry Ashcraft said Monday while doing some business at the Pikes Peak Co-op in Calhan.

Ashcraft, who lives 19 miles east of town, remembers driving a farm truck down a dark rural road 15 years ago at harvest time and "running off" a helicopter in a field where cattle were later found mutilated.

"It's all speculative at this point, but I wouldn't rule out a cult being reactivated like 15 years ago," he said.

The veterinarian investigating the deaths of the animals, John Heikkila, fielded lots of questions from worried stockmen Monday as he performed state-required inspections of animals at the weekly Calhan livestock auction.

The tall, burly Montanan, who has cared for animals in the area for years, said he's pretty certain the 16 horses found dead Saturday in rancher William DeWitt's pasture were killed by lightning. All of the horses were found lying within 50 yards of one another, including one found still perched on its knees, snout to the ground.

But Heikkila said he's willing to entertain even farfetched ideas about the deaths of six horses and a burro owned by rancher Ned Sixkiller.

"I've got so little clue on Ned's, it just might be UFOs," he said with a laugh.

Sixkiller found his animals dead on Oct. 11, less than two miles from where the 16 horses were found Saturday.

Heikkila performed autopsies on Sixkiller's animals and found

perfectly round puncture wounds in their hides or skulls, about the size of 22-caliber bullets. But the wounds were no more than three-quarters of an inch deep, and exams and X-rays revealed no bullet fragments or slugs in the carcasses.

The vet said a first round of tests for poisons and for a feed additive for cattle that is deadly to horses have come back negative. He said he=92s waiting for further tests that might reveal why the blood in Sixkiller=92s animals didn=92t clot, which he said would be expected.

If that test doesn=92t solve the mystery, he said, a definitive cause of the animals=92 deaths might never be known.

"Ned=92s was not a case of lightning,"Heikkila said. "In real life, there are a lot of incidents where we just don=92t know.=94

Still, Heikkila knows folks in the Calhan area are suspicious about the mysterious deaths happening so close in time and distance to one another. When he walked into the pasture Saturday and saw the 16 horses lying dead, he was, too.

"When I first saw all those dead animals, I about wanted to puke myself,"he said. "I came in with a biased opinion. I went looking for puncture wounds like I found on Ned=92s animals. It took me a lot of time working through the problems, but I don=92t think they=92re related.=94

He said the 16 horses did not show signs of being burned by lightning, but he said that=92s not unusual. But he did find some other classic signs they had been hit by lightning, signs he didn=92t find in the six animals owned by Sixkiller.

Among them: The eyeballs in many of the animals had literally been exploded; the tissue had essentially melted away in the three to seven days that passed between death and discovery; and the horses had not been disturbed by scavengers, which avoid the flesh of animals killed by lightning.

The vet said it=92s unusual for so many animals to be killed all at once by lightning, but he said it isn=92t impossible. He said the horses were in a pasture that had a lot of moisture, and a couple were found entangled in wire fencing that can conduct lightning.

Ralph Lewis, who was herding cattle through the auction pens from atop his horse Monday, doesn=92t know what to make of the deaths.

He owns 30 to 40 horses near where the dead animals were found, and he plans to move his most valuable horses to a friend=92s pasture where they can be watched.

"Nothing makes sense about it,"he said. "It could be lightning, but it seems strange. We haven=92t had that much lightning. And I=92ve had cattle killed by poisonous weeds, but they don=92t all die in the same spot.

"Personally, I think somebody did something to them. I=92ll tell you what, if I caught someone doing something to my horses, it wouldn=92t be good. That=92s my livelihood.=94

Clare Loughrey, who stopped into the co-op to get some supplies Monday, agreed. Loughrey said she can understand how lightning killed the 16 horses; she=92s seen up to eight cattle killed by one strike.

But those deaths =97 or the six others days earlier =97 had better not be caused by cults or the methamphetamine addicts that folks around here say have moved to the plains in increasing numbers, she said.

"If somebody is pulling a sick prank, we=92re not going to stand for it,"Loughrey said. "We all love our horses."

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Hiding In The Mirror?

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October 21, 2005

Is there another world in the mirror, Case physicist asks

Krauss explores extra dimensions in new book, Hiding in the Mirror

Hiding In The Mirror

Like Lewis Carroll's Alice, who steps through the looking glass into a strange world, Lawrence Krauss, Case Western Reserve University professor of physics, began his search for extra dimensional worlds with the Twilight Zone episode, "Little Lost Girl." Krauss explores the fascination both scientists and lay people have with the possibility that there that is more out there than meets the eye=97in his new book, Hiding in the Mirror: the Mysterious Allure of Extra Dimensions, from Plato to String Theory and Beyond (Viking Press).

Forty years after watching the television show that involved a little girl falling through a portal to another dimension (which Krauss says terrified him as a child), he immediately thought of that episode when he decided to write the book.

But Krauss also wonders whether the episode subconsciously influence his life today, as the neighborhood hero who rescued the child was a physicist. Krauss only remembered this piece of information when he was doing research for his seventh popular science book and watched the episode again.

Krauss indicated that man's speculations about other dimensions has a long history, going back to at least Plato's allegory of people trapped in a cave who must watch the changing shadows on the wall in order to interpret the real events taking place in the world beyond their direct view. This speculation has carried on through science fiction, art and literature in the 20th century, and has culminated in the recent scientific fascination with the idea that the universe may contain as many as 10 or 11 dimensions of space, arising from string theory.

"One thing that has connected man through the ages is his imagination...it is the world beyond our experience where we are digging deep into our own psyches," Krauss writes.

Like Krauss' other books, Hiding in the Mirror has its own science lessons. Krauss said this book afforded him the opportunity to present a historical review of empirical science in the last two centuries, beginning with the discovery of the laws of electromagnetism that eventually would lead to larger questions about the link between time and space that Albert Einstein would solve in 1915 with his general relativity theory.

The book continues through the remarkable discoveries associated with the nature of the subatomic world, including the discoveries of nearly exotic particles such as positrons, muons, neutrinos, and quarks that have led mankind to a new understanding of the four forces in nature, and to a clear appreciation that somehow gravity is fundamentally different than the other forces in a way that is still not understood.

It is the attempt to reconcile gravity and quantum mechanics that led scientists in the 1980s to explore string theory, with its possibility of extra dimensions.

"I wanted to update the reader on current research and give them a balanced treatment of the string theory to let them see for themselves whether they believe in extra dimensions," said Krauss.

Krauss is the Ambrose Swasey Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Case and his own work involves exploring the fundamental forces in the cosmos by attempting to understand the large scale evolution of the Universe.

The book is already being billed as the first "fair and balanced" treatment of string theory, as Krauss attempts to separate the popular hoopla from the realities. It has already gotten considerable advance attention through news stories describing the current debate over string theory, and praise from such well known figures as Walter Isaacson, author of the bestselling Benjamin Franklin: An American Life, and former CEO and head of CNN, who calls it a "brilliant, thrilling book." Hiding in the Mirror has become a main selection of the Scientific American Book Club.

Krauss concludes the book with a discussion of something even more exotic than the possibility of six or seven extra microscopically small extra dimensions. This involves the recent theoretical discovery that some or all of these dimensions could in fact be infinitely large and still remain hidden, a discovery that was made in part by one of Krauss' former doctoral students.

Krauss acknowledges, however, that "Today, there is no more evidence that extra dimensions exist than there was 100 years ago."

Recent discoveries continued to spark the human imagination about the unknown world, says Krauss, but "Science does not operate in a vacuum. These ideas about extra dimension keep cropping up century after century, and it might be telling us something=97if not about the natural world, then at least about the human mind."

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>>>To: Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2005 05:13:12 -0700
>>>Subject: Today Is National Nut Day

>>>According to at least one website, today Saturday, 22 October is
>>>National Nut Day, in the USA at least. (Google that up.)

>>>If that is so, why are the forums so quiet?

>>I've read, just recently, that the mighty oak is a nut that
>>stood its ground.....

>Geez, I gotta remember that one Al for the next time I'm accused
>of same.

You're always good with me, old friend. Nuts are many times
preferred to their antithesis... the irony?

There are persons who believe that Phil Klass was not a foaming
sack of boiled rancid peanuts... a gaping flamer of the first
order with regard to being a nut in the most insulting sense of
that word, himself.

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>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 09:18:21 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 13:22:12 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

<snip>

>The glasses are clearly not an inch thick (mine aren't either).

>I just don't see why he would make up being able to see
>something after dropping his glasses.

>He didn't have to.

Thank you James. Precisely the point I made several days ago.

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Re: RRR Group - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 08:39:16 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 12:03:12 -0400
Subject: Re: RRR Group - Lehmborg

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 08:26:25 -0600
>Subject: RRR Group

>Greetings to the Listarians,

><http://rrrgroup.blogspot.com/>

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>Anomalist as shills, this blog would quickly clog.

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Those are my suspicions, too, Wendy, and I think I went the distance trying to give the benefit of the doubt. To much 'sizzle' turns the 'bacon' into a carcinogen... burning fat is very unhealthful. I won't be contributing over there any more.

IMO, I think there are real consistency, fidelity, and constancy problems at the "R" Cubed Ranch... but that's just me.

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My Own Experience

From: Pavel Chichikov <fishhook.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:00:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 12:05:39 -0400
Subject: My Own Experience

I played a modest part in the Cold War. Some time during the late eighties I had a conversation with two people who worked for a significant US organization, and the topic of UFOs came up.

They seemed sincerely puzzled by the phenomenon, and asked me for my opinion on the subject. These were people I'd worked with over the course of years, and I'm sure I correctly judged their sincerity and concern.

The tone of the conversation was deadly serious. I've taken the question of UFOs very seriously myself ever since.

Pavel

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Re: RRR Group - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 09:12:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 12:07:02 -0400
Subject: Re: RRR Group - Reynolds

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 08:26:25 -0600
>Subject: RRR Group

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Glad to see you're feeling better Ms. Connors, feisty as ever.

Thanks for the attention.

RR

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 15:52:29 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 12:08:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Miller

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 08:31:27 -0500
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 15:51:09 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 09:08:24 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:01:32 -0500
>>>>Subject: Zamora's Eyeglasses

<snip>

>Zamora saw what he said he saw, Stuart. I think that's the
>beginning and the end of it, right there.

>You?

He saw something that didn't quite make it back to White Sands.
Or had just left. Piloted by humans, regardless of size.

Stuart

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Re: We Are Alone - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 12:22:01 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 12:11:43 -0400
Subject: Re: We Are Alone - Ledger

>From: Pavel Chichikov <fishhook.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 09:29:46 -0400
>Subject: Re: We Are Alone

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 14:24:36 -0300
>>Subject: Re: We Are Alone

>>It could be that he died, or is dying of his own accord. W
>>asn't/isn't 'God' just another way of trying to explain
>>away things you didn't understand and the fear of death,
>>while some chose to exploit this ignorance and fear of the
>>universe around you? Science has been steadily explaining
>>away that which we did not understand and was attributed to
>>god, and it continues to do so. What was once god's work is
>>now the mundane but magnificent working of this universe,
>>never mind all of the other universes of which we are
>>unaware.

><snip>

>If science has disproved the existence of God (cap) I must
>have missed it.

Or you are choosing to. Actually I said "...steadily explaining
away..." Science is eroding the base of religion and has been
for a century or more. And so is education which is crawling
along even in the so-called "1st" world countries.

>Anyway, theology is way off topic here. However, if we ever do
>establish contact with creatures from elsewhere, and can do
>so on a sophisticated level, the great questions of existence
>are very likely to be subjects of discussion.

It is off topic. But if we subscribe to some advanced races
hundreds of thousands if not millions of years ahead of us I'm
sure they will have answered that question-and are perhaps the
reason for it-thus dragging us back on topic. By showing up they
might inadvertantly account for the advent of religion; or
perhaps it was purposely applied.

Gods are an easy way to explain away what you can't explain; not
just the paranormal but the prosaic. Little side benefits such
as having power over and the exploitation of many by a few has
its attractions as well.

It fuels religion.

But I've strayed.....

Don

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Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:17:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 12:13:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 23:09:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 11:08:38 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Roswell - Case Closed (was Gill Sighting)

>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 20:09:15 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>Well, John, actually General Ramey was photographed in 1947
>>clutching a telegram in his hand, which specifically mentions
>>"the victims of the wreck" along with "the 'disc'". That's the
>>strong consensus reading of what is there, not just my take on
>>it. Even Phil Klass admitted the word "victims" was there (but
>>tried to spin "the victims" into "no victims" in a personal
>>email to me).

>"Specifically mentions"?

>The phrase "victims of the wreck" makes no sense, and is bad
>English. You can have "victims of the crash", "victims of the
>hurricane", "victims of the plague", etc. but "victims of the
>wreck" is a non-starter (unless Ramey's command of English was
>atrocious). So we can rule out this phrase, I think, from
>Ramey's infamous memo.

Just where do you get this stuff, Christopher? Do you just make
it up as you go along? Those are rhetorical questions, by the
way. I'm afraid we already know the answer.

I have literally thousands of examples at hand, but five
examples will do:

"The coroner's jury... held an investigation over the bodies of
11 victims of the wreck of the Shriners special train...."
(Daily Kennebec [Maine] Journal, May 14, 1907).

"He refused to remain, insisting that his place was with the
families of the victims of the wreck" (Syracuse [New York]
Herald, April 30, 1911).

"Thirty-eight victims of the wreck were undergoing treatment
today...." (Statesville [North Carolina] Landmark, September 6,
1926).

"Following is the list of the known dead, victims of the wreck
of the streamliner City of San Francisco...." (Oakland
[California] Tribune, August 14, 1939).

Headline: "Victims Of Train Wreck In Which 65 Died." Caption:
"Victims of the wreck of the Congressional Limited at Frankford
Junction, near Philadelphia...." (Mansfield [Ohio] News-Journal,
September 7, 1943).

Jerry Clark

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Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 16:26:00 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 12:14:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 23:09:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 11:08:38 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Roswell - Case Closed (was Gill Sighting)

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>wreck" is a non-starter (unless Ramey's command of English was
>atrocious). So we can rule out this phrase, I think, from
>Ramey's infamous memo.

Hi Christopher,

Worth remembering that "wreck" is a verb as well as a noun.

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Re: The Term Mothership - Aubeck

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 17:09:37 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 12:25:28 -0400
Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Aubeck

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 18:16:07 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

>>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 12:54:55 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: The Term Mothership [was: Gill Sighting]

<snip>

>>Hi Jerry, List,

>>While the word mothership itself is hundreds of
>>years old in the sense of motherness (1) its naval
>>use was coined by Rear Admiral Albert S. Barker
>>(1845-1916).

<snip>

>Dave Rudiak found a similar phraseology in a 1947
>case long before Adamski and having nothing to do
>with naval shipping or warships.

>But more importantly there is no trace of
>"Adamski->isms" elsewhere in Gill's sighting report or
>writings. Nothing about calling the "men" who waved
>to him and the others as "Space Brothers" or >even
>"brothers," or describing them as long-haired
>blonds and human looking. Nothing describing the
>UFO's as Adamski's three-ball tripods with two decks
>or cigar-shaped motherships with portholes. No one
>saw anything that was "cigar-shaped." Nothing
>speculating about the "peaceful" intentions of >the
>"men" in fact the speculation was that this
>was not ET like Adamski's freindly aliens but was a
>secret aircraft of the "American Air Force."

Hi Brad,

The pre-existence of the noun "mothership" does not mean Gill was ignorant of its UFO association, and because of its strong association with UFOs in the 1950s it's unlikely to have been merely a coincidence.

Just because he used one word popularised by contactees it doesn't mean he would necessarily have recalled or used others.

My mother knows what a PDA and an Ipaq is because she has used mine. When she saw a photo of the portable Play Station unit recently she said "That looks like a large Ipaq." But I know she wouldn't recall the names of any of the PPC accessories I bought in England last summer. That's not how language is acquired. She has a digital camera but she commonly says "Pixies" instead of pixels. Use of one specialised term is no indication of an awareness of others in the same semantic group.

Rudiak's find of a statement from 1947 about a "mama disc, with three to five little baby discs flying around her" is completely irrelevant. "Mama" and "baby" are common adjectives you'll find attached to ducks, bears and anything else we want to anthropomorphise. "Mother" is used this way more rarely, and in this case we see it as a prefix. "Mama disc" would not have been a familiar expression to Gill or to anyone else and sounds comical; "mothership" would have sounded familiar and entirely natural in a UFO context.

As an aside, I can mention a probably untrue story about a living family of saucers was published in the October 1959 edition of "Flying Saucers." The incident supposedly happened in 1925 near Battle Mountain, Nevada. One saucer falls from the sky, hurt and afraid. "When the object "saw us," the witness says, "it breathed frantically and rose up only a few inches, only to fall back to earth again...We could see no eyes or legs."

The story ("I saw a Flying Saucer") is much longer, and ends when a parent flying saucer comes down and tenderly lifts the little one up with its four loving "sucker-like tongues"!

Anyway, as far as Gill is concerned, no real evidence supports any argument but the timeframe of the event tips the balance slightly towards a theory of word association by the witness, not recoining.

Regards,

Chris

<http://anomalies.bravepages.com/main.htm>

http://caubeck.tripod.com/the_sport_of_flying_saucers/index.html

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Re: The Term Mothership - Aubeck

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 17:37:32 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 09:59:52 -0400
Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Aubeck

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 11:57:35 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

>>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 12:54:55 +0100 (BST)
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>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>Barker invented the term for warships when gunships
>>of the same squadron were assigned to their care and
>>supervision (2).

>I did an electronic search of the N.Y. Times and
>L.A. Times yesterday and found that "mothership" >or
>"mother ship" was a very commonly used term even
>before WWII

<snip>

>In all this, I found only one instance where "mother
>ship" was used in a UFO context, a 1955 N.Y. Times
>book review of Adamski's "Inside the Space Ships"

<snip>

Hi David,

I used a larger and wider selection of newspapers for my search
(27.8 million pages, from 1757 to 2005) plus some other sources.

Again, while the word "mothership" was not commonly used in
newspapers in a UFO context in all those years, it really does
not take more than one highly publicised case (ie, Adamski) to
create the word association. Then, like today, terminology often
became extremely well-known without the assistance of
newspapers.

Having been using a dozen or more digital newspaper archives
over the last 5 years I have come to realise that digital
searches in newspaper collections are not a good measure of the
popularity of certain kinds of words. This is especially (but
not only) true of major national newspapers.

To illustrate, I've just tried a massive search with the terms UFO + mothership in those 27.8 million pages I mentioned above (at the largest commercial archive on the net). How many times does it say the two words have coincided in print since 1947?

Fifteen. Think about that.

Regards,

Chris
caubeck.nul

2003-2004 Archives and links
<http://anomalies.bravepages.com/main.htm>

2004-present Archives at the Yahoo Group Website
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/magonia_exchange/

Other pages of interest:

<http://caubeck.tripod.com/lang/>

http://caubeck.tripod.com/the_sport_of_flying_saucers/index.html

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Re: We Are Alone - Chichikov

From: Pavel Chichikov <fishhook.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 12:32:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 10:04:44 -0400
Subject: Re: We Are Alone - Chichikov

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 12:22:01 -0300
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<snip>

The latest interview with Sir Martin Rees, posted here today, in which he reflects on the separate work of science and religion, is sufficient comment.

Pavel

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 12:09:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 10:07:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Lehmborg

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 00:33:44 -0400
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 15:51:09 +0100 (BST)
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<snip>

>>If we're getting down to the nitty gritty, then Lonnie's
>>underpants might as well get thrown in to the mix as well for if
>>he is of normal flesh and blood, then a sighting of a UFO with
>>little occupants would surely have made him fill them. Now, if
>>he kept them and they are still around, then I for one would be
>>convinced that what he saw was not of this earth.

>For the life of me I can't understand why no one quickly
>contacted his Dentist!

>If Z was really scared when he saw the thing rising up while
>making noise, he may have started grinding his teeth with fear
>as he moved quickly to get away from the odd but scary object.
>Noticeable wear on his teeth immediately after the sighting would
>be proof that something strange was seen and not just a hoax to
>bring tourists to the mayor's land.

>Or maybe he chipped a tooth while running...who knows!

>But, really, don't you think a thorough investigation would
>include his teeth?

Wow - another valuable uncovered facet of an obviously
incompetent investigation, Doc. Well done!

You know circumcision could be an angle if having to deal with
some kind of hallucinatory fungal infection. I wonder... was Mr.
Zamora circumcised? If not, why not? Why don't we know? Maybe
Zamora was innocently high due to bad hygiene and mistook
camping balloons for spacemen. Hmmm... so high he was deaf to
the roar of the propane... too stoned to know which way the wind
was blowing...

Hey! This is easy!

No. Truly, Socorro was not investigated through and through...
it wasn't.

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Mind Kind - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 14:10:37 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 10:13:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Mind Kind - Friedman

>Source: The Western Mail - Wales, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/85nvu>

>Oct 26 2005

>Close Encounters Of The Mind Kind

>Alien abduction is probably all in the mind, according to
>research presented today.

>A new study supports the theory that people who claim to have
>contact with aliens are psychologically vulnerable to false
>memories.

>Compared with other people, they also believe more strongly in
>the paranormal, and report experiencing more X Files-type
>activity, made famous by the programme starring Gillian Anderson
>(pictured) as Dana Scully.

>Wales has been a hotspot for UFO sightings, including a spate of
>reports of extra-terrestrial experiences in 1977, which led to a
>government inquiry into strange goings-on in the so-called Broad
>Haven Triangle.

>But research by Professor Chris French, head of the Anomalistic
>Psychology Research Unit at Goldsmiths College in London has
>suggested that this type of contact with alien life may be all
>in the mind.

>Prof French carried out the study by comparing 19 alleged
>"abductees" and 19 random volunteers.

<snip>

I appeared on two different UK TV programs a few years ago with
Chris French. He was pleasant enough but seemingly ignorant
about UFO data. One doesn't find many astrobiologists who have
dug into the subject in depth either.

Wasn't French supposed to be doing a study, presumably leading
to a published or at least publishable paper? Has anybody seen
it?

Sounds like he and Susan Clancy would make a good pair. Nick
Pope, any info?

Stan Friedman

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Re: RRR Group - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 14:14:55 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 10:18:59 -0400
Subject: Re: RRR Group - Ledger

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 08:39:16 -0500
>Subject: Re: RRR Group

>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 08:26:25 -0600
>>Subject: RRR Group

>>Greetings to the Listarians,

>><http://rrrgroup.blogspot.com/>

>>RRR Group = Rehash, Ridicule & Redundant Group

That's fairly accurate, Wendy.

>>Ever notice it's the same three people commenting on its
>>pages? Even the historical Jesus had twelve followers.

I only checked this once and won't return.

<snip>

>>RRR is not exactly a critical thinkers oasis.

>Those are my suspicions, too, Wendy, and I think I went the
>distance trying to give the benefit of the doubt. To much
>'sizzle' turns the 'bacon' into a carcinogen... burning fat is
>very unhealthful. I won't be contributing over there any
>more.

>IMO, I think there are real consistency, fidelity, and
>constancy problems at the "R" Cubed Ranch... but that's just
>me.

I just took a look at Rich's Blog which incidentally right now
is telling anyone who reads it that the V-173 Flying Flap Jack
and the Northrop wings flew in significant numbers and for some
years after and therefore accounted for many UFO sightings -
apparently he means during the war as well.

In fact the V-173, an underpowered, undersized fabric and
plywood prototype flew for an hour and a half from New Jersey in
1942 and was then grounded. The full sized XF5U-1 prototype was
shipped to Muroc [later Edwards] for testing and never flew.
That was the extent of the "Flapjack's" career.

The other culprit is the various and crash-prone 1/3rd scale
prototype flying wings [again flying in and around Muroc and
then Edwards] from 1940 which the actual finished version-the
YB-49 bombers-were not in real evidence until 1948. One never
flew the other crashed and burned at Edwards, the third made it
into the movies [War of the Worlds] then the AF cancelled the 29
they had ordered in favor of 35 Consolidated B-36s. The Flying
Ram he refers to made one flight on Sept. 12, 1945 at Muroc. It
spun in and crashed killing its pilot.

I find Rich's generalization of the facts sloppy and irresponsible. There is obviously little research involved at this Blog and no attempt at being factual or truthful. As for critical thinking, there appears to be no room for it there.

Don Ledger

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Re: RRR Group - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:44:30 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 10:21:53 -0400
Subject: Re: RRR Group - Connors

Greetings to the Listarians:

From: <rrrgroup.nul>
To: <fadeddiscs.nul>
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2005 8:40 AM
Subject: Bitch

>While Rich Reynolds may tolerate your ignorant rants, the
>rest of the RRRGroup doesn't.

>Our primary consolation is that you will be dead soon.

>Look for some bashing at our blog, now that we've
>uncovered some interesting things from your past.

>Christopher Jay

I rest my case on the RRR Group.

Wendy Connors

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Re: My Own Experience - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 14:35:15 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 10:26:12 -0400
Subject: Re: My Own Experience - Ledger

>From: Pavel Chichikov <fishhook.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:00:50 -0400
>Subject: My Own Experience

<snip>

>They seemed sincerely puzzled by the phenomenon, and asked me
>for my opinion on the subject. These were people I'd worked with
>over the course of years, and I'm sure I correctly judged their
>sincerity and concern.

>The tone of the conversation was deadly serious. I've taken
>the question of UFOs very seriously myself ever since.

Like yourself - and I'm sure many others - there was a turning point for me. I read books about the phenomenon but by-in-large they were nearly all about the episodes in the United States. Two conversations switched me from inactive to active mode and I decided to take a hand. One was an account by an avionics-tech acquaintance at a Canadian Air Force base and the other was the account by a co-worker, whom I had known for some ten years, of a very close encounter she experienced with 4 of her friends when she was 15 years old.

Since then I've had discussions with military personnal about their experiences. Three were airborne encounters. That's why I take it seriously.

Don

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:44:02 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 10:56:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Rudiak

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 07:06:22 -0500
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 13:22:12 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:01:32 -0500
>>>Subject: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>><snip>

>>For my part I've wasted enough of my time on it. Arguing for the
>>sake of arguing so you can justify an entrenched position from
>>which you find it difficult to climb out of, rather than the
>>merits of the case is in my estimation a waste of one's time.
>>It's the case that is of issue here, not whether you win or
>>lose.

>Don Ledger, David Rudiak, et al.

>I'm not arguing the eyeglass thing for you old-timers. You boys
>think Zamora saw an ET craft, even though no one will come out
>and say that, specifically.

Nobody really knows at this point why you repeatedly argue this
other than to make a nuisance of yourself. It certainly isn't
shedding any new light on the case.

>As I've written elsewhere, the insignia that Zamora saw might be
>important.

Yes, it is your contention that this was an experimental human
craft made by Hughes Corporation, or some such thing and the
insignia would identify the craft. As usual, there are never any
specifics to back it up. It's time to produce the body: Dates,
project name, project history, etc., etc. We are especially
interested how the silent propulsion system worked on this
wingless, VTOL, high-performance craft, and why the whole
concept would be junked and never make it into the military
product line to replace those old-fashioned jets.

>If his eyesight was a bit off, he may have
>misperceived it somewhat, making it difficult to investigate.
>And I think it's a major clue in his sighting.

This has already been covered in detail, but you continue to
ignore it. Zamora estimated the size of rthe insignia as 2-1/2
to 3 feet. He would have first seen the insignia as he
approached the craft on foot with his glasses on. He probably
got to within 50 feet of the craft (Ray Stanford thought it may
have been as close as 25 feet).

Now a 20/20 letter on an eyechart is a little less than 9 mm

high at 20 feet. To keep it the same angular size as one moved to 50 feet, it would have to be scaled by a factor of 50/20 or 2.5 to about 22 mm, or slightly less than an inch. Thus you are claiming that a man with his glasses on and with at least 20/20 vision (we know because of police vision standards) couldn't properly make out an insignia at least 30 inches in size, when he could make out a letter on an eyechart less than 1 inch in size to pass his police physical.

Even if he didn't have his glasses on, it wouldn't make any difference, because police standards limit how bad his vision could have been to 20/100. What 20/100 acuity means is that the letters on the eyechart have to be 5 times bigger to be read than if one has 20/20 acuity. Thus a 20/100 letter at 50 feet would be 5 x 22 mm = 11 cm, or less than 5 inches high. But even 5 inches is still a lot less than Zamora's 30+ inches for the size of the insignia.

Even if one assumes that Zamora didn't take note of the insignia until after he had run away and temporarily lost his glasses, he could still have made it out. I previously did a worst case analysis (did you bother to read it?), where Zamora ran as far as 200 feet from the craft (Air Force's inflated number - it was probably more like 100 feet). At that distance, a 20/100 letter would have to be 4 times bigger than at 50 feet to be read by Zamora, all assuming (again worst case) that Zamora's vision without glasses really was no better than 20/100. So 4 times bigger works out to 4 x 11 cm = 44 cm or 17 inches in size. But this is still less than Zamora's at least 30 inch insignia. It would appear a little fuzzy to Zamora, but he could still make out the gross details even in this worst case situation.

The far more likely situation is that Zamora first noted the insignia while wearing his glasses when he approached the craft on foot to within 50 feet. In that case, the insignia was at least 30 times larger in size than his acuity limit.

No amount of smokeblowing by you or anybody else is going to change this.

>(One more thing, and don't answer if this bores you or makes
>your ufological blood boil, but look at the cop photo of Zamora,
>the one with his glasses on: one eye is larger than the other. A
>physical flaw or an eye problem? I'm almost kidding here, but
>then...)

Uneven eye size is extremely rare. Far more likely he's merely squinting a little bit with his right eye. Sounds like you're grasping at straws - again.

David Rudiak

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Secrecy News - 10/26/05

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** WHITE HOUSE ISSUES ORDER ON INFORMATION SHARING
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WHITE HOUSE ISSUES ORDER ON INFORMATION SHARING

In response to intelligence reform legislation enacted last year, President Bush signed an updated executive order yesterday directing agencies to strengthen the sharing of information on terrorist threats.

Federal agencies shall "give the highest priority to ... the interchange of terrorism information among agencies [and] between agencies and appropriate authorities of State, local, and tribal governments, and between agencies and appropriate private sector entities," the President ordered.

See executive order 13388, "Further Strengthening the Sharing of Terrorism Information to Protect Americans," October 25, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/eo/eo-13388.htm>

Section 1016 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, which prompted the new executive order, identified overclassification, among other things, as an obstacle to information sharing.

The Act called upon the President to require agencies "to promote a culture of information sharing by reducing disincentives to information sharing, including overclassification of information and unnecessary requirements for originator approval, consistent with applicable laws and regulations" (sec. 1016(d)(3)). See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_rpt/h108-796.html#1016

The new order does not explicitly address overclassification. But it references a 2004 executive order that instructed agencies - to little visible effect - to "minimiz[e] the applicability of information compartmentalization systems to terrorism information," and to "creat[e] unclassified versions for distribution whenever possible."

See executive order 13356, "Strengthening the Sharing of Terrorism Information To Protect Americans," August 27, 2004 (revoked by the latest order):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/eo/eo-13356.htm>

"Information sharing should not be impeded because of outdated classification rules," said Zoe Baird of the Markle Foundation

at a hearing of the House Intelligence Committee on October 19.

"Furthermore, we must work to extinguish the belief that those who collect information own it," she said.

"This information sharing construct is a very important thing," said Adm. William O. Studeman at the same hearing.

"I don't believe it could be done without a zero-based look at security," he said. "Security reform needs to be looked at."

SENATE BILL WOULD INCREASE BIODEFENSE SECRECY

A rapidly moving bill introduced in the Senate last week would establish a new Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Agency (BARDA) that would be categorically exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Ordinary FOIA exemptions place specific categories of information beyond the reach of FOIA.

But the audacious new BARDA exemption would nullify the applicability of the FOIA to an entire agency.

"Information that relates to the activities, working groups, and advisory boards of the BARDA shall not be subject to disclosure under section 552 of title 5, United States Code [i.e. the FOIA], unless the Secretary or Director determines that such disclosure would pose no threat to national security," the bill states.

(The FOIA, of course, already includes an exemption for properly classified national security information.)

"Such a determination shall not be subject to judicial review," the bill adds, in an implicit acknowledgment that the proposed secrecy policy might not survive independent scrutiny.

The bill, co-sponsored by Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) and Majority Leader Bill Frist, among others, was introduced on October 17 and promptly reported out of Committee on October 24. It now awaits action by the full Senate.

See S. 1873, a bill "to prepare and strengthen the biodefenses of the United States against deliberate, accidental, and natural outbreaks of illness":

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2005_cr/s1873.html

"Even intelligence agencies and the Defense Department do not have blanket exemptions from FOIA," noted Nick Schwellenbach of the Project on Government Oversight.

"Exempting BARDA would mean congressional and public oversight of the agency and its important activities would be severely curtailed," according to a statement on the POGO blog here:

http://pogoblog.typepad.com/pogo/2005/10/bioshielding_in.html

"Secrecy is inappropriate when developing [drugs and other] countermeasures for natural infectious disease," wrote Alan Pearson and Lynn Klotz of the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation in a letter to Senators.

"Robust and effective countermeasure development can take place only in a climate of timely and free exchange of materials and information," they wrote. See:

<http://www.armscontrolcenter.org/archives/002155.php>

PENTAGON CLEARANCE FOR JUDITH MILLER QUESTIONED

Senator Byron Dorgan, speaking on the Senate floor yesterday, pondered the rules governing authorized access by reporters to classified information.

His reflections were prompted by an assertion from New York Times' Judith Miller that she had held a security clearance for access to classified information while embedded with a military

unit in Iraq. That assertion was later modified to indicate that Ms. Miller had signed some kind of non-disclosure agreement.

"How can you give a nondisclosure form to a reporter and then show them secret or top secret material? Take a look at the law, which I will read tomorrow in the Senate. That is not what is allowed," Senator Dorgan said. See his remarks here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2005_cr/dorgan102505.html

CRS ON THE GREAT MISSISSIPPI FLOOD OF 1927

Seeking to glean lessons for emergency management from disasters of the past, a new report from the Congressional Research Service examines the levee-busting Mississippi river flood of 1927, and the government's response to it.

The CRS found that granting largely unchecked authority to then-Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover "enabled the relief effort to be carried out expeditiously and creatively."

But that same absence of oversight meant that "when local and state relief workers behaved illegally, they were not held accountable."

"Furthermore, the concentration of power in a single set of hands enabled Secretary Hoover to undertake inadvisable actions with nearly no constraints."

See "Disaster Response and Appointment of a Recovery Czar: The Executive Branch's Response to the Flood of 1927," October 25, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL33126.pdf>

Some other recent CRS reports include the following:

"Terrorist Capabilities for Cyberattack: Overview and Policy Issues," October 20, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/terror/RL33123.pdf>

"Military Retirement: Major Legislative Issues," updated October 25, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/IB85159.pdf>

Congressional or Federal Charters: Overview and Current Issues, August 25, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RS22230.pdf>

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From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 19:30:47 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 11:00:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Rimmer

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 09:08:24 -0500
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>There can be no investigation thorough enough for an ardent
>enough denialist.

And there can be no explanation convincing enough for an eager
believer.

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John Rimmer

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Re: The Term Mothership - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 13:45:15 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 11:11:46 -0400
Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Rudiak

>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 17:09:37 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 18:16:07 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

>>>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 12:54:55 +0100 (BST)
>>>Subject: The Term Mothership [was: Gill Sighting]

>>>While the word mothership itself is hundreds of
>>>years old in the sense of motherness (1) its naval
>>>use was coined by Rear Admiral Albert S. Barker
>>>(1845-1916).

>>Dave Rudiak found a similar phraseology in a 1947
>>case long before Adamski and having nothing to do
>>with naval shipping or warships.

>The pre-existence of the noun "mothership" does not mean Gill
>was ignorant of its UFO association, and because of its strong
>association with UFOs in the 1950s it's unlikely to have been
>merely a coincidence.

Chris, it could just as well be argued that because "mothership" was only occasionally associated with UFOs that Gill was likely unaware of its UFO association. My electronic searches of the NY and LA Times certainly do not support your assertion that there was a "strong association" with UFOs (I found only one such article out of 2600 with "mothership", a book of review of Adamski in 1955). Probably, if I searched a little more, I would find a few more UFO-related articles with "mothership," but still the vast, vast majority of such articles with "mothership" had absolutely nothing to do with UFOs.

And as Jerry Clark pointed out, Gill when asked about this denied knowing about Adamski or much about UFOs in general prior to his sighting.

My electronic searches, summarized in a post today, indicate that "mothership" or "mother ship" was commonly used in a purely naval or mixed naval/aviation context prior to WWII (e.g. seaplanes carried by host sea vessels), and after WWII more in a purely aviation or aerospace context. Hence remotely controlled drone aircraft just post-WWII were said to be controlled by "motherships," experimental planes like the X-1 and X-15 were carried and dropped by bigger aircraft referred to as "motherships", and starting in the early 1960s, the Apollo command module was constantly referred to as the "mothership" to the lunar lander.

>Just because he used one word popularised by contactees it
>doesn't mean he would necessarily have recalled or used others.

<snip>

>Rudiak's find of a statement from 1947 about a "mama disc, with
>three to five little baby discs flying around her" is completely
>irrelevant. "Mama" and "baby" are common adjectives you'll find
>attached to ducks, bears and anything else we want to
>anthropomorphise.

>"Mother" is used this way more rarely, and in
>this case we see it as a prefix. "Mama disc" would not have been
>a familiar expression to Gill or to anyone else and sounds
>comical; "mothership" would have sounded familiar and entirely
>natural in a UFO context.

As far as I can see, there is no difference between saying "mama disc" and "mother disc". Let's not split semantic hairs. It's the same symbolic metaphor whether applied to UFOs, naval vessels, aircraft, or human spacecraft.

In all cases, regardless of the craft, "mother" in "mothership" (or "mother ship"), has the deeper symbolic associations with mothers, being sources of origin, protection, nurturance, support, home, etc. It is these deeper symbolic meanings which are one reason words evolve in their usage to begin with. Naval vessels are not biological animals, so why was "mother" ever applied them originally? It makes no sense if only a shallow level of meaning is applied, but makes perfect sense if the various deeper symbolic associations are used. "Motherships" are the source of origin or the home base (like an aircraft carrier), or protect the smaller ships (like a battleship), or provide critical logistic support, or all of these things.

Thus "mothership" was not only applied to naval vessels, but very quickly to the new-fangled "aeroplanes" within only a few years of their invention. As my other post indicates, I found a story in the N.Y. Times from 1910 where it was envisioned that short-range "aeroplanes" as scout craft would be carried and launched from long-range "airships" (i.e., blimps and dirigibles), referred to in the article as the "mothership." A 1918 article has seaplanes being carried on a surface vessel, again referred to as the "mothership" of the planes.

Thus other human beings made a symbolic association and called a larger host ship the "mothership" long before the age of Adamski. So why couldn't Father Gill do the same, even if he had never heard the term in association with UFOs? Where, e.g., did Adamski get it?

>As an aside, I can mention a probably untrue story about a
>living family of saucers was published in the October 1959
>edition of "Flying Saucers." The incident supposedly happened in
>1925 near Battle Mountain, Nevada. One saucer falls from the
>sky, hurt and afraid. "When the object "saw us," the witness
>says, "it breathed frantically and rose up only a few inches,
>only to fall back to earth again...We could see no eyes or
>legs."

>The story ("I saw a Flying Saucer") is much longer, and ends
>when a parent flying saucer comes down and tenderly lifts the
>little one up with its four loving "sucker-like tongues"!

Even if "mothership" isn't used here, it strikes me as the same symbolic imagery, namely a larger object caring for or parenting a smaller one.

>Anyway, as far as Gill is concerned, no real evidence supports
>any argument but the timeframe of the event tips the balance
>slightly towards a theory
>of word association by the witness, not recoinning.

Chris, you are ignoring Gill's testimony that he was unaware of Adamski, barely knew anything about the subject, and made up the word "mothership" on the spot, because the smaller UFOs seemed like children around the larger UFO mother craft. Of course, maybe Gill had seen the term in association with UFOs, consciously forgot it, then it sprang back to mind during the incidence. We can imagine all sorts of possibilities, but then we are into mindreading.

I think Gill's own words are the best evidence about why he used the word that we are likely to get. Further, he was far from the

first to make such symbolic associations. Just my brief search of two newspapers found many similar usages of the word by various people, often in completely novel situations. Most of these were probably a combination of word association from one context recombined to a symbolically similar new context. Hence within a few years of the airplane's invention, "mothership" got transferred from a purely naval context to a purely aeronautical one (scout airplane launched from a dirigible).

David Rudiak

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 15:52:29 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 08:31:27 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>Zamora saw what he said he saw, Stuart. I think that's the
>>beginning and the end of it, right there.

>>You?

>He saw something that didn't quite make it back to White Sands.
>Or had just left. Piloted by humans, regardless of size.

Stuart,

Easy to say, but is there one single bit of evidence to support this? Consider Zamora's description plus physical evidence left behind:

1. Small, wingless, oval-shaped craft with landing gears. Likely weighed at least a few tons, based on landing pad impressions in hard soil.
2. Capable of vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL craft): did this with a loud roar emitting a peculiar "flame."
3. Once aloft, switched to a completely silent propulsion mode.
4. High performance vehicle: once aloft, silent propulsion system capable of accelerating vehicle to high (probably supersonic) speed within about 20 seconds. Vehicle also flew horizontally at high speed just above ground, all without visible wings, stabilizers, other control surfaces or external propulsion.

I don't know of any human vehicle then or now that even remotely fits such a profile. If we had such a vehicle over 40 years ago, what happened to it? A craft with such characteristics would surely have replaced our jet aircraft, at least in some missions. So again, where is it?

David Rudiak

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Re: Gill Sighting - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 22:37:05 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 11:17:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Allan

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:17:47 -0500
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 23:09:27 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>"Specifically mentions"?

>>The phrase "victims of the wreck" makes no sense, and is bad
>>English. You can have "victims of the crash", "victims of the
>>hurricane", "victims of the plague", etc. but "victims of the
>>wreck" is a non-starter (unless Ramey's command of English was
>>atrocious). So we can rule out this phrase, I think, from
>>Ramey's infamous memo.

>Just where do you get this stuff, Christopher? Do you just make
>it up as you go along? Those are rhetorical questions, by the
>way. I'm afraid we already know the answer.

>I have literally thousands of examples at hand, but five
>examples will do:

>"The coroner's jury... held an investigation over the bodies of
>11 victims of the wreck of the Shriners special train...."
>(Daily Kennebec [Maine] Journal, May 14, 1907).

>"He refused to remain, insisting that his place was with the
>families of the victims of the wreck" (Syracuse [New York]
>Herald, April 30, 1911).

>"Thirty-eight victims of the wreck were undergoing treatment
>today...." (Statesville [North Carolina] Landmark, September 6,
>1926).

>"Following is the list of the known dead, victims of the wreck
>of the streamliner City of San Francisco...." (Oakland
>[California] Tribune, August 14, 1939).

>Headline: "Victims Of Train Wreck In Which 65 Died." Caption:
>"Victims of the wreck of the Congressional Limited at Frankford
>Junction, near Philadelphia...." (Mansfield [Ohio] News-Journal,
>September 7, 1943).

OK, it looks like you win. Maybe American phraseology differs
from English phraseology.

We in the UK certainly do have shipwrecks, and victims thereof.
Unlike you, we rarely have train wrecks or victims thereof, but
we do have train crashes, plus their victims.

We very rarely have plane wrecks or victims, but we do have
plane crashes and victims.

We very rarely have car or bus wrecks or victims, but we do have
car and bus crashes plus, of course, their victims.

We hardly ever have balloon wrecks or victims, but the occasional balloon fall or crash plus the odd victim.

Finally, we never, never, have UFO wrecks or victims. We may have had the odd UFO crash, depending on who you believe.

Whilst we may have very few wrecks, we do often have wreckage (which you probably don't have).

Despite the above, I concede you have won the point.

It is obviously time I got down to reading the US newspapers. You are just too erudite for me.

How & why do you manage to collect such quotes anyway?

Do you make a study of wrecks?

CDA

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 21:59:06 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 11:13:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Miller

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 00:33:44 -0400
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 15:51:09 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 09:08:24 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 13:01:32 -0500
>>>>Subject: Zamora's Eyeglasses

<snip>

>For the life of me I can't understand why no one quickly
>contacted his Dentist!

>If Z was really scared when he saw the thing rising up while
>making noise, he may have started grinding his teeth with fear
>as he moved quickly to get away from the odd but scary object.

>Noticeable wear on his teeth immediately after the sighting
>would be proof that something strange was seen and not just a
>hoax to bring tourists to the mayor's land.

>Or maybe he chipped a tooth while running...who knows!

>But, really, don't you think a thorough investigation would
>include his teeth?

Bruce,

It is unfair of you to trivialise this case, which many people
take seriously. You would not want to hurt their feelings,
surely.

Besides, underpants versus teeth? No contest.

But to be serious for a moment, have you considered a build up
of ear wax which may have caused him to stumble? Couple this
with an increase in blood pressure and I believe hallucinations
often result. I understand that many a sighting has been as a
result of Loaded Ear Syndrome.

I shall now cease and desist on this matter before the heavy
hand of our moderator descends upon this part of the thread.

Stuart Miller

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Re: RRR Group - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 21:38:48 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 11:40:02 -0400
Subject: Re: RRR Group - Hall

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 09:12:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: RRR Group

>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 08:26:25 -0600
>>Subject: RRR Group

>>Greetings to the Listarians,

>><http://rrrgroup.blogspot.com/>

>>RRR Group = Rehash, Ridicule & Redundant Group

>>Ever notice it's the same three people commenting on its pages?
>>Even the historical Jesus had twelve followers.

>>Tells me all I need to know.

>>If it wasn't for RRR using UFO UpDates, UFO Review and The
>>Anomalist as shills, this blog would quickly clog.

>>RRR is not exactly a critical thinkers oasis.

>Glad to see you're feeling better Ms. Connors, feisty as ever.

>Thanks for the attention.

>RR

Very revealing comment because it is becoming increasingly obvious that attention is exactly what you are seeking; not rational/meaningful dialogue. Wendy Connors does; Rich Reynolds fiddles and diddles.

- Dick

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Re: Desmond Morris On Close Encounters - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 17:50:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 11:41:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Desmond Morris On Close Encounters - White

>Source: Forbes Magazine - New York, New York USA

><http://tinyurl.com/bmzb3>

>10.24.05, 9:00 AM ET

>Communicating
>Desmond Morris On Close Encounters

<snip>

>I think the chances of meeting men with slightly funny faces,
>the kind you get in space operas and science-fiction movies, is
>utterly remote.

From all I've read, heard, seen and experienced in my 64 years,
I think it's a slam-dunk certainty.

Eleanor White

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Re: RRR Group - Connors

From: **Wendy Connors** <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 17:47:17 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 11:43:12 -0400
Subject: Re: RRR Group - Connors

Greetings to the Listarians:

I've been thinking quite a bit about the RRR Group. How can researchers be sure that it isn't a stealth group of CSICOP infiltrating legitimate Ufology at the base level?

Lots of markers on the RRR blog that begs the question.

What does the List think?

Wendy Connors

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Government's Fear-And-Loathing Of Ufology?

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 19:57:05 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 11:49:30 -0400
Subject: Government's Fear-And-Loathing Of Ufology?

Whither The Government's Fear-And-Loathing Of Ufology?
By Larry W. Bryant

"The classified-ad pages in such U. S. military newspapers as the Army's Fort Myer 'Pentagram' and the Langley Air Force Base 'Flyer' constitute a marketplace of ideas, services, products, and announcements. As such, like a Metrobus on the streets of Washington, D. C., this open-to-the-public portion of such government-owned property must assure that, as per the U. S. Supreme Court's 1964 doctrine regarding debate on 'public issues,' all advertisers therein have equal access to airing their views in an uninhibited, robust, and wide-open manner." - Larry W. Bryant (Oct. 26, 2005)

In researching and gathering some 40 examples of my various "UFO-cover-up-whistleblower" solicitation ads published since 1984 in such military post/base newspapers as the Fort Myer, Va., "Pentagram" and the Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., "Beam," in response to the defendants' discovery request in my ongoing First Amendment lawsuit of Bryant v. Rumsfeld, et al., I revisited an ad run in the Andrews AFB, Md., "Capital Flyer" back on Feb. 12, 1988.

Because of its sheer, prophetic irony, you might call this ad a "sleeper," a sort of literary time capsule destined to be opened to a new life, like a certain kind of cicada, 17 years into the future. Titled "Support a UFO Political Party," the ad's content gives no hint of what might lie ahead for prospective advertisers desiring to share any political message with the newspapers' intended audience:

Support a UFO Political Party

"Some UFO researchers are exploring prospects for forming a national political party centered on the premise that full freedom of UFO information should be the rule rather than the exception as regards the government's role in acquiring, analyzing, and disseminating UFO-research information. Titled the UFO Political Party of America (UPPA), the grassroots citizens group would seek to field candidates at all levels of state and national office, to lobby Congress for reforming the government's questionable UFO policy and practices, and to develop a platform for dealing with such issues as official UFO secrecy, funding of UFO-research projects, and expanding public awareness of UFO reality. Interested persons are encouraged to contact UPPA [c/o Larry W. Bryant at: . . .]."

As some of you now know, from your having read the related complaints filed in June 2004 and January 2005 in my two (now-consolidated) cases challenging the U. S. Defense Department's censoring of my various issue-ad submissions, the government has branded a number of those proposed ads as "political" - and hence, under regulations updated in the late eighties, unsuitable for publication in any U. S. military newspaper.

In his deposition taken on Oct. 21, 2005, one John Rives of the Maryland-based Comprint Military Publications, Inc., the government's contract printer for the Andrews AFB "Flyer," opined that my ad "Blow the Whistle on 'Hostile Aerial Craft'"

(published on April 18, 2003, in the Comprint-printed "Pentagram") now constitutes a "political ad" - and that he would refuse to publish it were I to submit it for republication. He added that his decision derives from his receipt of word from the "'Pentagram' office" at Fort Myer that that (public affairs) office is "unhappy" with both my previously published ads and with the ones I've recently submitted.

Of course, Rives's decision, based as it is on the expressed objection/disapproval received from the contracting agency at Myer, serves only to perpetuate the issue behind my 1987 lawsuit of Bryant v. Weinberger, et al., which succeeded in ending, via consent decree, the then-secretary of defense Weinberger's censorship of my UFO-related ad submissions.

Do Mr. Rives and his masters at Myer truly wish to face a show-cause order from the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria Division) as to why they now should not be held in (conspiratorial) contempt of court for violating provisions of the Weinberger-era consent decree? And: what overriding fear of UFological disclosure/debate so motivates these officials as to sacrifice First Amendment protections in favor of enforced UFO secrecy? Readers might wish to seek the answers by submitting their own UFO-related ads to the "Pentagram"; to the Langley AFB, Va., "Flyer" (which also recently has rejected my latest UFO-related ad, "Blow the Whistle on the Neo-UFO Whistleblowers!" - re the new Collins-Doty book "Exempt from Disclosure" - on grounds that the ad conflicts with conclusions of the USAF 1960's-era "Project Blue Book"; to the Bolling AFB "Beam"; to the Arnold AFB, Tenn., "High Mach" (which, curiously, has ACCEPTED the Collins-Doty-book ad); and to the Andrews AFB "Capital Flyer."

For that matter, wouldn't a mass influx of such issue-ad submissions make a great project for a high-school civics class - or even for a first-year class at, say, Rutgers University's School of Law?

Stay tuned.

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Re: Today Is National Nut Day - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 22:22:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 11:53:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Today Is National Nut Day - Maccabee

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 14:35:27 -0700
>Subject: Re: Today Is National Nut Day

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 12:42:06 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Today Is National Nut Day

>>>According to at least one website, today Saturday, 22 October is
>>>National Nut Day, in the USA at least. (Google that up.)
>>>If that is so, why are the forums so quiet?

>>I've read, just recently, that the mighty oak is a nut that
>>stood its ground.....

>Per the same website, and for another 9 hours as I write this,
>it is National Bologna Day.

><http://www.foodreference.com/html/html/october24.html>

>Pure coincidence obviously.

Don't worry if your toils are many and your rewards are few,
Remember, the might oak was once just a little nut like you.

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Re: Rolling Out Red Carpet For World's Skeptics -

From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 18:21:20 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 11:51:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Rolling Out Red Carpet For World's Skeptics -

>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 11:33:49 -0400
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Rolling Out Red Carpet For World's Skeptics
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers

>Source: The Buffalo News - Buffalo, New York, USA

><http://www.buffalonews.com/editorial/20051025/1067170.asp>

>10/25/2005

>Rolling Out The Red Carpet For The World's Skeptics
>By Paula Voell
>News Staff Reporter

<snip>

>Kurtz will preside over the congress' opening ceremony and
>present welcoming remarks at a multimedia retrospective "In
>Praise of Free Thought" scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday. It will
>be followed by a performance of Mozart's "Sonata in D-major for
>Two Pianos" by Frieda and Steve Manes.

<snip>

That would be Opus number K.448, Paula, so we can all follow
along. The piece is excellent - a tour de force.

With Kurtz et al in attendance, I'm surprised they didn't select
the more appropriate Mozart piece: A Musical Joke, K.522. It's a
"wickedly pointed parody of incompetent composition and
performance."

From Neal Zaslaw's book "The Compleat Mozart", contributor
Andrew Raeburn says this about the Musical Joke:

First movement:

"The very start of the Allegro shows what singular lack of
invention the audience is to be entertained..."

Second movement:

"The Minuet, afer an uneasy first half, becomes totally chaotic
in the second, when the horns find themselves hopelessly out of
kilter..."

Third movement:

"...There follows an orgy of non-sequiturs, of sudden and
unwanted loud punctuation marks..."

Fourth movement: "The Presto is a sort of Rondo, with its
maddeningly perky theme reappearing whenever it's needed. A
fugato passage quickly fizzles out after four measures and is
followed by an episode of seemingly infinite modulation. Ill-
considered deeds of contrapuntal daring are undertaken in the
coda, and this odd serenade comes to a halt in a multiple and

cacophonous crash of five different keys."

Mozart knew Pelican music when he heard it.

I wonder if there's still time to change the musical program.....

Dave Morton

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Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 09:26:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 13:05:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 23:19:55 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 10:58:38 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 00:15:29 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:35:24 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

[Note to Listfolk: This message was sent to the List on Monday, October 24, but Errol now informs me that he never received it. I have already apologized for an error in the original, and my apology was posted, no doubt to the confusion of John Rimmer and other readers. In any event, I have revised the first version, sans error, and the new, improved version follows. - J. Clark]

Patient and gentle Listfolk:

>>>I doubt that a Church of England clergyman would be overly familiar with a fairly specialized piece of maritime jargon, >>>used almost entirely in the Royal Navy. I see no reason why Gill >>>should be assumed to have any detailed knowledge of submarines, >>>naval supply ships, etc.

>>>To assume that a person, in describing a UFO incident, would use >>>the word "mothership" via a naval analogy, rather than via the >>>wealth of popular books, newspaper and magazine article which >>>made the word familiar to most people even in the 1950s, shows >>>an element of desperation which is extreme even for you, Jerry.

>>I'm afraid the desperation is all yours, John. A simple check of >>a small sample of North American newspapers underscores how >>normal the use of "mothership" was in the popular vocabulary, as >>documented in the press. Note that in no case does the writer >>feel compelled to define "mothership" as some sort of exotic >>term whose definition would stump many readers. I could cite >>dozens more citations, but these will do as examples:

>>"Operations in the mothership would be able to sight for bomb >>targets...." (Freeport [Illinois] Journal-Standard, August 28, >>1940)

>>"It was surmised that a mothership approached to within 100 >>miles of Honolulu...." (Helena [Montana] Independent, December >>17, 1941)

>>"This may have been the entire force, which apparently stole
>>into Sydney from a mothership lying off southeastern Australia"
>>(Lethbridge [Alberta] Herald, June 1, 1942).

>>"Mothership for 70 Warbirds" (caption to photo of aircraft
>>carrier, Monessen [Pennsylvania] Daily Independent, April 23,
>>1937)

>>"Bearing to mothership Beaver, bodies of three men who lost
>>their lives on U.S. Submarine S-37..." (caption to photo,
>>Mansfield [Ohio] News, October 22, 1923).

>>We are supposed to believe that Gill's use of this ordinary word
>>was somehow remarkable and revelatory. In fact, it was no such
>>thing. Even remotely.

>Shame you couldn't find a quotation from after W.W.II,

"A converted navy vessel is fishing at present off Costa Rica....
Another 'mothership' ... is being outfitted at Astoria..... (Elyria
[Ohio] Chronicle-Telegram, April 14, 1948).

"The Russian mothership Tambov and her 29 trawlers and
coasters...." (Syracuse [New York] Herald-Journal, May 22,
1950).

"The mothership Tonan Maru carried 6,346 tones of whale
meat" (Indiana [Pennsylvania] Evening Gazette, April 16, 1955).

>and one
>which was not a specific naval reference.

"Pilotless planes, carrying equipment, flew thru [sic] the air
over the atomic bomb tests at Bikini. Their mothership flew
safely to one side of the explosion area" (Syracuse [New York]
Post-Standard, December 5, 1948).

"The X15 was dropped from its harness under the wing of a B52
mothership at 45,000 feet." (Monessen [Pennsylvania] Valley
Independent, November 16, 1960).

I have plenty more where those come from.

>What I find amusing is your desperation to prove that Father
>Gill was totally naive about the UFO topic before his sightings.

Gill, whose honesty not even pelicanists have questioned
(Menzel: "There is no question, of course, of the integrity of
Father Gill"), stated repeatedly that he did not have then, and
did not develop in later years, an interest in UFOs. He had only
the most rudimentary knowledge of the subject even in 1977, when
Hendry, Hynek, and I talked with him (I independently of them).

Gill did not employ ufological terminology in describing his
sightings when recounting them soon after their occurrence. Only
the single term "mothership," which he has testified he did not
borrow from the UFO literature but thought up himself, overlaps,
and it is meaningless. (As for Adamski, as I have already
written, Gill read - after his sighting, at the request of
ufologist Peter Norris - the first Adamski book [written with
Desmond Lesliel], Flying Saucers Have Landed. It is the second,
Inside the Space Ships, in which motherships are prominent.)

Remember, too, that John was recently asserting (see above, and
on the basis of no visible evidence) that Gill did not know
nautical terminology, even as he fails to prove either that or
that conversely, Gill spoke ufological language. In any event, I
produced a quote which makes it clear to any nonpelicanist that
Gill was indeed conversant in nautical terminology.

>When Menzel tries to make such a big issue about Gill's use of
>the term, the sensible answer would have been to say so what?

It's good to find that John, however belatedly, now claims this
is an issue of no significance. Too bad he didn't express
himself on the matter long ago, only now to find it
inconsequential only after he finds it consequential enough to
argue about. In any event:

Menzel and Klass thought Gill's use of "mothership" was
significant, as evidence of the witness' familiarity with even

arcane ufological terminology; thus, we are to infer, he was predisposed to see spaceships (excuse nautical analogy). To all demonstrable appearance, in fact, they were wrong about where Gill likely got the word (which by the way the OED traces at least to 1890, not - apparently as Menzel and Klass [and, I infer, Rimmer] would like us to believe - to Adamski's Inside the Space Ships). Since Klass/Menzel/Rimmer don't think it a "so what?" matter (in a sentence I've clipped, Rimmer to the contrary cites it as evidence of psychosocial forces at work), it is simply silly and self-serving of Rimmer to lapse into disingenuity on the point. As one so often suspects, pelicanist ideology - on its best days - is as much rhetorical strategy as genuine inquiry.

>Everyone knew about UFO motherships, they were in popular
>magazines and newspaper reports since the time of Adamski,
>what's the big deal?

In fact, my search of a newspaper data base, in which millions of pages of pages of English-language papers are stored, documents that the use of "motherships" in a UFO context is extremely rare. In mainstream discourse, with which perhaps John ought to reacquaint himself, "mothership" seldom means a disc-carrying larger ship (if John will excuse the nautical terminology which seems so to offend him). "Everyone," in other words, did not know about UFO motherships; say the word to an average citizen, and a wholly other meaning - the one that demonstrably appears in mass discourse - came to mind. (I would guess today that "mothership" in an ET context is far more likely to conjure up images of Star Trek and Star Wars than of giant real-world spaceships [excuse nautical analogy] in the atmosphere.)

>By the way, in Allen Hynek's 'The UFO Experience' (paperback
>edition, p.295-297) he reproduces Menzel's analysis of the Gill
>case, which says, in part:

>"Although a great many 'witnesses' signed the report, I doubt
>very much that they knew what they were signing or why. They
>would certainly have been mystified as to why their great leader
>was seeing something which was invisible to them".

>You quote him as saying "great _white_ leader", which certainly
>sounds more racist. Did Hynek leave out the "white" from the
>original report, or did someone add it?

I suspect that an editor did that, presumably in an effort - surely a misguided one - not to be accused of passing on racist language, even if only in a quote.

Menzel's original document (dated December 20, 1967) which I cited was, it goes without saying (I am going to presume that John is not implying otherwise), accurately rendered. That's why, after I'd shown it to him, Father Gill - somewhere between bemused and amused - remarked, "That 'great white leader' business might happen in Hollywood movies about African missionaries, but certainly not where I was.... They didn't want a European there at all, really, and they wanted me least of all because I was a stranger to the district."

Jerry Clark

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Filer's Files #44 -- 2005
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Apollo 11 Astronauts Saw UFO

This week's files cover: Apollo 11 astronauts saw UFOs, General Twining says UFOs are real, Sir Charles W. Shults III, of Xenotech Research says there is running water on Mars. Shuttle videotapes UFOs over the Pacific Ocean and a Record Year of Dubious Renown!. The above photo was provided by Navy Commander Graham Bethune.

In addition, witnesses saw UFOs over Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada, New Jersey, South Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas. Many witnesses saw UFOs in Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Mexico, Norway, and the United Kingdom.

The purpose of these files is to report weekly the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world. These Files assume that extraterrestrial intelligent life not only exists, but my hypothesis is that of the over one hundred UFOs reported each week, many represent alien craft. The United States Air Force Project Blue Book conducted a worldwide investigation of UFOs from 1947 until December 1969, when it disbanded its investigative team. We are now continuing the investigation.

Apollo 11 Astronauts Filmed UFOs

Dr. Pat Marcatillio called to inform me that Buzz Aldrin on the Science Channel show called, "The First on the Moon The Untold Story" announced that on the third day of travel from Earth the entire crew saw and filmed a UFO two hundred thousand miles from Earth on July 19, 1969.

Buzz states, "There is something out there, that was close enough to be observed. And what could it be?" The announcer states, "Traveling along side Apollo 11 was a curious object like this one filmed on a later mission that was not part of their own rocket it could only be one thing; a UFO. Buzz states, Mike thought he could see it in the telescope and in one position he could see a series of ellipses, but when you made it real sharp it was sort of bell shaped, that didn't tell us very much .

On July 20, 1969, astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong landed their Lunar Module on the moon's Sea of Tranquility and became the first two humans to walk on the moon. This unprecedented heroic endeavor was witnessed by the largest worldwide television audience in history.

Buzz Aldrin was presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor amongst over 50 other distinguished awards and medals from the United States and numerous other countries. Since retiring from NASA, the Air Force, and his position as Commander of the Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base,

Dr. Aldrin has remained at the forefront of efforts to ensure a continued leading role for America in manned space exploration. To advance his lifelong commitment to venturing outward in space, he founded his rocket design company, Starcraft Boosters, Inc.,

In 1947, Commander General Nathan Twining signed Air Material Command's Opinion that UFOs were real. .

As requested by AC/AS-2 there is presented below the considered opinion of this command concerning the so-called "Flying Discs":

- a. The phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious.
- b. There are objects probably approximately the shape of a disc, of such appreciable size as to appear to be as large as man-made aircraft.
- c. There is the possibility that some of the incidents may be caused by natural phenomena, such as meteors.
- d. The reported operating characteristics such as extreme rates of climb, maneuverability (particularly in roll), and action which must be considered evasive when sighted or contacted by friendly aircraft and radar, lend belief to the possibility that some of the objects are controlled either manually, automatically or remotely.

Mars has liquid Water

Sir Charles W. Shults III writes, "Going through the older images, I found one from Opportunity Sol 050, still inside Eagle Crater, where there were a couple of interesting geysers." I tracked the water sources back and located this puddle of brine. You can see the salt crystals forming in it as soft, rounded shapes on the surface. I have left the colors saturated in this image to enhance the contrasts and make them more visible.

<http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/all/1/p/050/1P132623545ESF0602P2577L7M1.HTML>

<http://www.xenotechresearch.com/mwet02.htm> Thanks to Sir Charles W. Shults III, K. B. B. President of Xenotech Research

Editor=92s Note: Thanks to the European Space Agency image of Mars=vegetation. Mars makes its closest approach to Earth on October 30th, for=the next 13 years. There is a big dust storm on Mars you may be able to=pick up with binoculars. Mars looks like a brilliant orange star rising in=the east after sunset.

Shuttle Discovery videotapes UFO

PACIFIC OCEAN -- Dr.Oren Swearingen writes, "The Shuttle Discovery STS 114 mission was flying northwest over the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and California at 13:54 GMT, on August 6, 2005. The shuttles camera is looking down at the Pacific Ocean that should be dark, but is not. There are lights moving around. The shuttle is flying upside down, and the Earth appears at the top of the picture and space is below, and the glow of the atmosphere outlines the horizon. Ships cannot be seen from space. Some lights are flashing and moving. An object near the left edge lights up and starts moving across the screen to the right following the curvature of the Earth.

Another object comes quickly on-screen, going from right to left and slows down which is impossible for an inanimate object to do in space. Near the left edge, it comes to a complete stop, as two other objects fly across the screen, and then make a 180 degree turn and fly back across the screen. At this time, NASA moves the camera away from the objects. According to Newton=92s Laws of Motion, and object set in motion in the vacuum of space will continue forever in the same course unless acted upon by an outside force. These must be self-illuminated and self-propelled objects =97 proving that it is a genuine UFO. To view film go to <http://www.projectprove.com/Arts/114u/114u.htm> Thanks to Jeff Challender and Oren Swearingen

Arkansas Amazing Black Triangle

LITTLE ROCK -- Two vehicles came swooping in near Little Rock Airport, just after twilight. Both were descending at an unacceptably high rate of speed. I instantly slowed to about 48 mph, just slow enough to capture the active motion against a relatively stable foreground. It suddenly dawned on me that these aircraft were in hot pursuit and heading toward me! That's when it all became clear that I was observing a real UFO.

The vehicles leveled-off at an altitude of 1,000 feet and continued at me for about 1 mile. Their additional descent went unnoticed until the first craft slowed to a nearly parked position. Behind him, was a full battle-ready Huey helicopter which also came to a sudden halt, much as though he was scared of getting more than an inch closer. The Black Triangle proceeded to move forward and I rolled to a position just beyond it's wingspan. At that point, it was about 1 1/2 blocks away and I could see the entire thing through my driver's side window, but as it moved, it filled my Jeep's entire windshield.

I looked intensely at every portion of that machine with feelings of both one of terror and relief. My biggest fear was that the helicopter would fire upon it and I would be caught in the fireball below! Another helicopter appeared. Below is a graphic image which illustrates what Tom witnessed, an excellent job he done on this.

Thanks to Larry and Brian Vike HBCC UFO Research

Arizona humanoid

PHOENIX -- I saw something unusual in the sky on September 23, 2005, this morning almost directly above my head. It was a dark blood-red object barely moving north. I grabbed the binoculars and saw that it was definitely not balloons. The object looked red but when looking through the binoculars the object had a golden-yellowish top (head?) and a black jet pack looking thing on the left side along with two leg-like appendages hanging down with round "shoes."

The golden-yellowish head looked like an octagon-shaped helmet through the binoculars. The jet pack looked just like a jet pack from Buck Rogers with two oxygen tanks. Its shoes seem to direct the object. When the object moved the legs moved too. If it were balloons then why did it change direction and never lose or gain altitude? The object never wobbled or reflected the sun like a balloon. It was flying north then stopped and headed west in a perfectly straight line. Speeding up a video shows true motion and there is no mistaking that this object is going in a straight line. The object was moving at a snail's pace and at one point came to a complete stop and changed course going in the opposite direction. There were no winds at ground level and it was around 90 degrees and partly sunny.

This object was eerily similar to the one I captured on August 4, 2004 and acted the same way. Thanks to The Journal of Hispanic Ufology October 18, 2005

California two light rectangular objects

SAN MARCOS -- On September 29, 2005, I received a pair of 8 x 30 binoculars with a 3.2 megapixel camera built in. I was tracking an incoming jet landing at McCellan Palomar Airport, when I caught sight of two rectangular light colored objects that were connected to one another that hovered at about 20,000 feet.

It remained motionless for about a minute, then moved east, then north, in an arc and rose steadily until it disappeared. Less than a week later I was looking through my binoculars at 6 PM, and caught sight of objects moving through my field of view. Some were light and some dark. They were mostly indistinct, and hard to follow. One dark object was like a little patch of smoke or cloud. It flew south and became solidly defined as a sort of flying carpet, but then it became two skinny elongated triangles attached at the tips.

It folded itself and repeated the steps of carpet, triangle, fold and back to carpet. I watched it for about a minute moving south. It went through the cycle I described maybe 8-10 times

while in view. Thanks to Brian Vike

ORANGE COUNTY -- Ed Brooks writes, I have had numerous sightings in the last four months on a weekly and sometimes daily basis. I will include a few recent photos I have taken on October 25, 2005. Thanks to Ed Brooks

Florida Triangle

GAINESVILLE =96 A slow moving low flying black triangle was spotted with dim star-like lights October 20, 2005, at 8:14 PM. I stepped out of my apartment and a movement overhead caught my eye. It was very slow moving and either very low overhead or absolutely enormous. At first when I recognized the dark triangular shape, I thought perhaps it was a stealth bomber, but it was too low and flying too slow and did not make a sound. The moon was just rising as sunset was only about an hour prior to the event. They seem to fly only at night. The object was barely noticeable, except for dim lights around its edges, it was roughly as bright as the dimmest stars. It distorted the background sky to conceal itself. It flew due east and I chased it as best I could in my car and almost had an accident. I have a BS in psychology, and am pretty even keeled, but when I saw this object, I was afraid I was having a psychotic breakdown. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

Nevada Five Lights Appeared

LAS VEGAS -- I was sitting on a curb on October 14, 2005, outside a building, had been there about 10 minutes. The sky was clear with no clouds when five lights appeared, like tiny stars drifting slowly southwest. One by one they became nine balls of light but some would head in the opposite direction, stop then start drifting again SW. My boyfriend agreed they were not balloons. Then, one of them turned a bright red and slowly went SW of the other lights, it seemed a little larger than the rest. It would go from red to white, then red. A couple of times, when a plane would come near it, it would disappear then come back later.

I saw a UFO mother ship over the western mountains of Las Vegas in 1994. Thanks to Brian Vike www.hbccufo.com

New Jersey triangle

CHERRY HILL -- Three white objects in triangle formation hovered and then objects flew away from each other at high speed on October 3, 2005, at 11:15 PM. I saw a triangle shape made of three distinct objects hovering in the sky. I was driving at the time, and eventually slowed down to make special note of this object. It hovered for over a minute, followed by the objects flying off into separate directions. This quickly told me it was not a solid triangle with three lights. I could only track one of them flying to the west, which shot off at high speed. The objects themselves were all circle/ball shaped with a large bright white center. They all had small blinking red lights around this central white area. They were as big as a dime held at arm=92s length.

ELIZABETH -- The object was hovering for about 30 seconds and shining due to reflection of the sun on October 19, 2005, at 7:30 AM, until I couldn't see anything. I work near the airport but I don't know what it was, but it was really strange. It could not have been an airplane. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

STIRLING =96 Henry Schuren reports his wife and he saw a strange craft on Route 516 at 6:30 PM, on October 23, 2005. His wife was driving at 35 to 40 mph, and he looked out his side window to see a grapefruit sized craft traveling in formation with their car. The object flew parallel to them for several minutes at the slow speed so they pulled into a large parking lot, and could still see the object. Now it was the size of a golf ball, so they flashed their car lights three times. The craft apparently noticed the lights and flew directly toward them as it descended and grew larger. They then became afraid and decided to leave the parking lot as the object continued to follow them at 40

mph. Upon reaching Route 206 five minutes later the craft disappeared. Thanks to Henry Schuren

North Carolina V-shaped or triangle

MARINE CORP BASE -- I was out in field with a deer I just shot, when I saw four lights flying towards me on October 23, 2005, at 7:30 PM. It flew over me flying southwest. It had a diamond shape with glowing red lights with a large round red light in its center. The craft had two white strobes on each wing tip and a red strobe in the front center that were seen only as it flew by. I could hear a faint jet noise after it went by. With jet noise that far behind the craft it usually means that it is at very high altitude, which would indicate this thing was a huge craft. But I thought it was only 1000 feet or so, and the size of a B 2 at that altitude. That's not all, it came back or there were two of them flying the same flight path.

Ohio video of triangle

AKRON =96 Amy took a video of a triangle shaped object as it flew over the Fairlawn Fire and Police Department at dusk on October 12, 2005. The video was taken with a Sharp Video camera.

Pennsylvania UFO chased by jets

CHAMBERSBURG =96 The witness reports seeing an object reflecting sunlight followed by a military jet at 6:35 PM, on October 17, 2005. The object left no visible exhaust, and was chased by three jets that left white exhaust contrails. The object increased the gap between itself and the first mentioned jet slightly as I watched. The object and the first jet were heading southwest. All aircraft and the object were at a very high altitude. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

Texas triangle videotaped

AUFMAN =96 Larry writes, "I was outside on October 22, 2005, taking photos of a large line of clouds, at about 2:30 PM." After the clouds passed over my house, I noticed a very small pin-point of something white at about 11 o'clock high looking toward the southwest. I went into the house and got my Sony, and when I got back it was still there. I had a hard time finding it, but I finely zoomed in on it and it was a white triangle.

Then, it started changing to different shapes and morphing. I downloaded the whole thing on the computer and slowed it down and it sure appears to be changing shapes. The object was moving to the southwest at 30 or 40 mph and I took three and half minutes of videotape before I lost it. Thanks to Larry and Brian Vike. <http://www.ufocasebook.com/kaufman102205photos.html>

Argentina another UFO spotted

LA PAMPA -- The time was about 6 PM, on October 16, and Gustavo Jos=E9 Montiel saw a "flying machine" 45 degrees over the horizon.

The witness pointed out the UFO to his wife since he works in avionics and radar systems. Montiel stopped his vehicle and got out. Both he and his wife observed in wonderment as "two dark inverted soup bowls, were suspended in mid-air, issuing long jets of steam or white smoke from their lower section toward the ground."

The witness immediately contacted the Airport's Control Tower asking if "they had any aircraft in that sector". They did not, and that "they could not check that radial due to a lack of radar coverage." At one point, one of the UFOs "interrupted the jet of steam and initiated an escape toward the east at an impressive rate of speed, vanishing in a matter of seconds." Translation (c) 2005, S. Corrales, IHU. Thanks to Raul Oscar Chaves, CIUFOS-La Pampa

Bolivia the presence of a shining UFO

ORURO -- The elenco de artistas de Tra-la-l=El Show were surprised on October 23, 2005, at 00:45 hours by the presence of a UFO that flew near Caihuasi. The elenco troupe was 36 kilometers away from Oruro. The artist Cecilia Traves=ED states "We observed

a reflection on the right side of the bus and commented on how beautiful the moon looked. The boy said, "The moon was on the other side of the bus."

"It was a bright red globe that blinded the eyes; and illuminated two kilometers of the mountains, it was really extraordinary. It was a scene that I have never witnessed before in all my life. Manolo, my son said, "It was a UFO!" Indeed, the reflection of the object was so great that we could not believe it. Traves=ED asserted that the flying object moved up and down and the center looked like a fire. After a few minutes the globe or whatever it was disappeared. The local television channel had reported a similar object which was seen by others. Thanks to Frank Warren

Canada metallic disk and UFOs sighted

ST. THOMAS -- At 12:10 PM, on October 6, 2005, I noticed two jetliners heading west only a couple hundred feet from each other leaving behind two straight fluffy white contrails. The contrails were extremely thick and did not dissolve, but extended back as far as I could see. In front of them at the same altitude was a shiny disk a few hundred feet ahead. It was slightly wobbling as it flew. Suddenly a very bright light emitted from the front of the disk and faded and then one came from the back of the disk. The disk was going faster than the Jetliners and they seemed to be chasing it. Thanks to Brian Vike www.hbccufo.com

CHRISTINA LAKE, B.C. -- My sister saw what we believe might be the same UFO that someone else reported on October 8, 2005. My sister was traveling from Christina Lake to Castellan in the early AM, when she saw a circular object with long triangles coming down from it. Because of their speed of travel, the object continued to stay almost in front of the sun. The road turned and she lost sight of it. Thanks to Brian Vike www.hbccufo.com

Chile chance UFO photographed

VALPARAISO - El Mercurio reports, "The UFO in a photograph taken by a reader of La Estrella in Olmu=E9, becoming visible when the frame was printed, reopened the subject of UFOs which has occurred repeatedly in Chile's 5th Region. In early October, a resident of Cerro Monjas claimed having observed a UFO in broad daylight, capturing it on his digital camera. Jeannette Fa=Fandez Nunez, at 7:15 PM, October 15, after having enjoyed a lovely picnic in Olmu=E9 with her husband, children and other relatives, noticed the beauty of the landscape lit by the full moon at dusk, and took a photograph. She was considerably surprised when upon printing the image that is seemingly metallic and as luminous as the image of the Moon.

Mexico airliner crew reports UFO

Oaxaca -- Aviation expert Alfonso Salazar Mendoza of Inexplicata reports during the first days of October 2005. The crew of a Boeing 737-200 (registration XA-MAA) witnessed the maneuvers of a plate-shaped unidentified flying object, described by the flight engineer as being highly luminous and similar to platinum. The event occurred at 12:30 PM, in an air corridor at an altitude of 20,000 feet. Witnesses describe the mysterious object as having emerged from a cloud and entering another about ten miles from their aircraft. The crew found the sighting truly remarkable. Also, another airliner belonging to Magnicharter had reported a strange sphere that remained static over the World Trade Center air corridor in Mexico City.

Alfonso Salazar is writing a book called "Los Ovnis y la Aviacion Mexicana II" claiming a large percentage of aviation professionals are convinced that UFOs exist. Translation (c) 2005. Scott Corrales, IHU.

Norway numerous objects put on show

MOSS OSTFOLD -- I was standing outside at 7 AM, on October 17, 2005, when I saw an object suddenly appear then appear one at a time grow until there were five. They flew closer and closer but made no sound. The objects made maneuvers that planes could do.

They flew slow at first, then shifted into fast maneuvers, then flew back in formation again. The objects were not blinking. I'm puzzled about what they could be but I have a nice clue. They seemed to be making signals in the sky. They were very beautiful to watch indeed. Thanks to Brian Vike www.hbccufo.com

A Record Year of Dubious Renown!

David E. Twichell writes, In "Global Implications of the UFO Reality", I attempted to convey a sense of urgency for the implementation of alternative energy devices allegedly back-engineered from downed UFOs. I cited several, credible, scientific sources that blamed the global warming problem on human activities, i.e. the burning of fossil fuels and the disposal of nuclear waste. There were those who labeled me an "alarmist", and I was reminded, "Earth changes have been going on since time immemorial."

Be that as it may, a study, published in the journal "Science" in 2002 declares; "Earth's polar ice sheets are changing over relatively short time scales, that is, decades versus thousands of years." This applies to earth changes in general as well.

The book was published in 2003. Although my predication of future, accelerated, global catastrophes was far from unique, I wrote; "The reader will have the advantage of looking back on the data to check this prediction. I hope it has been exaggerated."

The article "Increasing Western Media Concern about Chaotic Global Weather, Earthquakes and Meteor Explosions in Atmosphere" by: Sorcha Faal, appeared in the March 2005 issue of MIMUFON=92s Newsletter. The article addressed the record breaking natural catastrophes occurring in the time period between November 14, 2004 and January 12, 2005. It also outlined an exhaustive list of many of these record events. The article concluded with: "This list should only be remarkable for what is not included, not what is. To include all the significant and record setting, weather events for just this time period alone, November 14th to January 12th, would take many hundreds of pages.

"Also not noted here have been these past year=92s worldwide record numbers of floods, tornados, hurricanes, cyclones and typhoons that have served to make this past years events the costliness in human history, as reported by the world=92s largest insurance company Munich Re. Munich Re board member Stefan Heyd has also said that the weather extremes "underline our long-standing demand for prompt and rigorous measures against global climate change. After the disappointing outcome of the recent climate summit in Buenos Aires, time is running out."

As of the end of October, international climate data suggest that 2005 is on track to be the hottest year ever. In September of 2005, a team of university of Colorado and NASA scientists announced that the Arctic sea ice cap shrank by two million square miles this summer. Although Artic ice decreases in the summer months as a matter of course, this is a difference of 500,000 square miles more than that recorded between 1979 and 2000. Given the Artic ice field started with two and a half million square miles in the spring of 2005, this represents a twenty-five percent decrease.

Temperatures are taken from thousands of sites around the globe and show that the Earth=92s temperature has raised one =96 one and a half degree in the past century. This would appear to be an insignificant amount over a one hundred year span, however, hurricane Katrina was proof positive of the difference a mere one degree increase can make. Further, meteorologists predict yet another one degree increase by next year in the Gulf region =96 one degree in one year as opposed to one hundred years.

The experts have finally agreed that global warning has accounted for much of the Earth=92s chaotic weather conditions and the ferocity of these conditions will only increase and with more frequency.

With hurricane Wilma, named storms have already exhausted the alphabet, and the hurricane season still has one more month to go. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were considered two of the most deadly and destructive of their kind, disabling (at least temporarily) twenty-five percent of America=92s oil rigs and

refineries in the Gulf region. Perhaps it is a mere coincidence, but it would appear that Mother Earth has targeted the source of its ills. If such is the case, it would be better named "poetic justice".

In the aforementioned book I wrote: "Mother Earth has been attacked by a parasite. Its name is "humankind". Her immune system has kicked in to destroy the invader in an attempt to save her own life. As in the case of our own physical bodies, either she will be successful or she will die =96 taking the parasite with her.

"I wonder if the parasite that invades our bodies is smart enough to realize that its actions will ultimately cause its own demise. I wonder if humankind is any smarter."

Whether alternative energy sources are the result of back engineering from crashed UFOs or that of mankind=92s own technologies, they do exist and must be implemented as soon as yesterday. The economic backlash of such implementation can and will be dealt with despite our inherent fear of change. We have dealt with bigger issues and survived. Isn=92t that what it=92s all about . . . surviving? Thanks to David Twichell

UK fleet caught on film

ENFIELD -- There has been an increase in UFO sightings over the UK in the past few months, and Gene Harley reports that on October 20, 2005 at 9:30 PM, he took an image of a gigantic fleet of UFOs flying close to M25, with his mobile phone camera. Gene, driving with a group of friends, saw a fleet of 50 brightly illuminated flying objects, in a scattered formation heading roughly east. It took only about 4 minutes for the objects to pass over and head out of sight. There seemed to be a fair amount of aircraft activity near London at the time. Gene contacted the local media in his area, including the BBC and none seemed interested in his story. One of the most amazing features that struck us from the footage is that each light seems to be flashing individually between white and red. This pretty much rules out the idea that this could be a plane because they only have a couple of flashing lights on the wings. Thanks to

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Thai Lanterns Clue To 'UFO' Sightings

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Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 07:54:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 07:54:02 -0400
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Mysterious lights spotted over Hainault in August could have been explained this week - after a similar sighting in Essex on Thursday.

Drivers on the M25 near Great Dunmow pulled over on the hard shoulder in dismay when they saw 30 orange lights hovering above the road.

They were described as looking like they were hanging from the sky by a thread, at about the height a firework would reach.

The Ministry of Defence said no military exercises were going on, air traffic controllers said nothing showed up on their radar - leaving puzzled motorists none the wiser.

But on Sunday it emerged that the lights were illuminated Thai lanterns released over Leez Priory for a wedding.

Debbie Mead, from the priory, said they are now popular at weddings.

But Michelle Fitzgibbons, of Romford, who first reported the sighting over Hainault to the Ilford Recorder said she was sure that the lanterns didn't explain what she saw.

And Ann Hosie, who lives on the Limes Farm estate in Chigwell, is also adamant the lights were something else.

She said this week: "There's not a chance whatsoever - they were the size of footballs but the speed they moved over was nothing like lanterns.

"I would not have said it could have been that at all.

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Re: The Term Mothership - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 09:31:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 07:55:29 -0400
Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Clark

>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 17:37:32 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 11:57:35 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

<snip>

>To illustrate, I've just tried a massive search with the terms
>UFO + mothership in those 27.8 million pages I mentioned above
>(at the largest commercial archive on the net). How many times
>does it say the two words have coincided in print since 1947?

>Fifteen. Think about that.

Exactly, Chris. If any proof were needed of the disconnect
between the UFO world and the mainstream world, that's it.
"Everyone" does not think of motherships as disc-bearing ET
visitors. To the contrary, only a very few of us do.

Jerry Clark

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Re: RRR Group - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 09:35:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 07:58:30 -0400
Subject: Re: RRR Group - Reynolds

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <UFOUpdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:44:30 -0600
>Subject: Re: RRR Group

>Greetings to the Listarians:

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>From: <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: <fadeddiscs.nul>
>Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2005 8:40 AM
>Subject: Bitch

>>While Rich Reynolds may tolerate your ignorant rants, the
>>rest of the RRRGroup doesn't.

>>Our primary consolation is that you will be dead soon.

>>Look for some bashing at our blog, now that we've
>>uncovered some interesting things from your past.

>>Christopher Jay

>-----

>I rest my case on the RRR Group.

>Wendy Connors

I've written to Wendy and apologized profusely for Christopher's
crude and obscene e-mail to her. (He will be taken down for it.)

Wendy has responded and we hope the matter has been corrected.

Rich Reynolds

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Address For Rob Swiatek?

From: **Eugene Frison** <eugene.frison.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 11:36:48 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:24:05 -0400
Subject: Address For Rob Swiatek?

Dear List:

My day job as a Resource Management Support Clerk with the 35th Service Bataillon has been keeping me so busy that I'm only getting to turn my computer towards this List a mere once or twice a week lately, and then only for a few brief moments at a time.

Haven't had any time at all to reply to a lot of discussion here that I've wanted to participate in. I'm spending so much time inside chain link fences and barbed wire that I'm starting to feel like I'm incarcerated.

Hopefully, the work load will lighten up over the next few weeks and I can get back to joining you all in some discussion of some of the matters currently at hand.

In the mean time, can anyone provide me with a current e-mail address for Rob Swiatek?

Thanks sincerely in advance!

Eugene Frison

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Re: Passive Radar - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 15:56:26 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:26:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Passive Radar - Shough

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 11:42:43 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 21:01:27 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

<snip>

>A couple questions.

>1) Passive radar is "line of sight", right? Just like active,
>except active requires the emitting signal to be "line of
>sight"?

Sure. But I don't think you'd need every `_receiver_` to be in line of sight from the illuminator. The system as a whole needs to be able to identify the reference signal, so I imagine that the digitally interconnected array can process reflected signals at all receiver sites as long as the illuminator is in line of sight from some of them. The occulted receivers would "know" what the properties of the raw reference signal should be even though they can't see it.

>2) The larger area you are covering and the greater resolution
>you desire, then the processing speed is affected?

If you have more receivers and more processing requirements then that must be true.

>3) Are passive radar receiver antennae omnidirectional and if so
>how do they handle ground reflections of signals reflected
>off of targets?

It's hard to find concrete info on specific built set ups, but I think in the sort of "parasitic" scheme that would be of most interest to us the individual antennae are omnidirectional. As I understand it (which may be not very well) proposals like the LOFAR array would use clusters of tens or hundreds of simple fixed dipoles, each cluster separated by a baseline of hundreds of kms, so you have a lot of phased arrays, each one in effect a steerable beam. The whole is basically an extremely flexible Synthetic Aperture Radar.

I think some simpler set ups have problems with preserving signal visibility because the direct signal of the illuminator can swamp weak reflections at the receiver, so the illuminator has to be selected to be far over the horizon or masked by topography and your reference receiver has to be there too, or else you have to use adaptive filtering to remove the direct signal. With the phased array you can direct the receiver sensitivity to exclude even relatively nearby illuminators (or suppress them to the point where your filtering becomes easy) and and so you can track weak reflectors.

>>A possible benefit for UFO studies (from the point of view of

>>ETH or secret-technology hypotheses) would be the fact that the
>>target cannot know it is being illuminated, and because there is
>>no single dedicated transmitter frequency or
>>transmitter/receiver location it cannot easily utilise tactical
>>deception jamming against the system.

>True, but I still wonder if their technology is basically
>radar transparent (not even trying to hide) based on past
>reports.

Some of the best hard(ish) evidence that there is anything to track is radar evidence, so I don't see a general case for radar transparency based on those past reports. I read you as saying that there is no such radar evidence, and suggesting that this is because of "their technology". This seems convoluted reasoning to me. I would rather say that there is some evidence of some phenomena with some radar opacity.

There are a few cases where there is persuasive visual evidence of some object that you'd expect to have been radar tracked, but wasn't. I'd say there are at least as many where a radar track is reported but nobody saw anything. Granted that there are genuine unknowns in both categories, and granted that some of these are sightings of "their technology", I think detection failure might still be explained in conventional ways because neither visual nor surveillance radar cover is 100% efficient for all kinds of reasons (non-luminosity, radar nulls and shadows, anti-clutter filters, staffing/reporting and other operational issues etc). You could argue reasonably that "they" probably ought to have advanced stealth techniques, wherever they hail from. Maybe they do. This is why I made the point that known stealth techniques are more likely circumvented by passive than by active radar.

There's also a lot of indirect evidence that there are classes of unknowns that are either plasma phenomena or have plasmas associated with them. If they are reported to cause induction heating, static discharges, radio attenuation and other em effects like car-stops, the suggestion is that these phenomena are open to the em environment and in principle could be detectable by scattering radar. Again, a passive radar using VHF wavelengths that scatter well from plasmas would be well adapted to tracking these.

>It could be that the past radars were inadequately
>pointed or operated or we simply are not getting the true
>story from the airport control towers or the radar illuminated
>"UFO" was not hardware, but something else.

Yes, and a VHF passive radar array could be very useful in detecting and investigating "something else" - be it plasmas or weird refractive index anomalies - as I pointed out.

>>I don't know what the GPS wavelength is, but regarding TV and FM
>>signals, even though the inherent resolution of metre waves is
>>poor compared to centimetric radar the multiple data sources and
>>software integration means that passive radar has huge potential
>>for target identification because it's a fully 3-D system. It
>>allows the computer to match signal strengths at different
>>receivers against the second-by-second track information and
>>produce a map of the target cross-section at a number of
>>different aspects which can then be compared with a register of
>>characteristic patterns in the computer's memory.

>Excuse me if I am too much a novice at these matters, but it
>seems to me using a handheld radio that numerous weather effects
>(and the ionosphere) play havoc on signal strengths. Sure you
>can build a bigger, better antenna and amplify the signal, but
>these signal effects must impact using field strengths. Can
>f.s. really be relied upon in any way?

We're all novices here, but according to what I've read the multi-aspect pattern matching of radar signatures has been studied and trialed, in simulation and using real-world data, by people who know what they're doing. Some of this is DARPA and NATO funded. There's the Automatic Target Recognition system developed with Lockheed-Martin's "Silent Sentry" passive radar - a commercial product. You can find open source papers on the net. If Fast Illinois Solver Code tables, Multipole analysis, Inverse Fast Fourier Transforms and Monte Carlo simulations are your thing then you'll understand the practical guts of this

pattern-matching software better than I do! But the principles are plain enough.

>>So it seems there's potentially a lot of information to be
>>extracted about unidentified targets by a passive radar array.
>>As far as ufologists are concerned, in practical terms it might
>>still be pie in the sky - but so's an active radar array, and
>>amateur passive radar is not entirely new ground. There are
>>meteor-detection enthusiasts out there already. Of course there
>>will always be huge technical and operational problems with
>>both, but with passive arrays at least the hardware is cheap and
>>off-the-shelf, there are no licensing issues, and most of the
>>innovation is in the software. The beauty of it is the
>>accessibility of those multiple data-streams: Independent
>>receiver sites don't need expensive independent radar
>>installations, and near real-time plot extraction from multiple
>>sites would give the best possible coordinates for zeroing in
>>optical and other instrumentation.

>Sounds good to me! Surely too expensive for amateurs though.
>Else, why do we not have one? If we have experts out there
>building active radar (e.g. the Hessadalen paper), then where
>are they for passive? I know it has been built by non- military
>agencies for meteor tracking, but its still a black box. Maybe I
>am missing the dissertation discussing how to make one.

I don't think we're going to see ufologists with backyard passive radar arrays any time soon. But computers get cheaper and cleverer all the time. If we can't build a practical amateur system today someone else might be able to tomorrow. If we think about it now they won't be starting from scratch in a vacuum.

Meanwhile the issue of piggy-backing is worth thinking about. If you read Sars' proposal on the US/Dutch LOFAR system (anyone know whether this is getting built or not, by the way?) you'll see that he pitches it as a radioastronomy telescope and an instrument for detailed ionosphere studies, because the ionosphere gets in the way of the radioastronomy at VHF. So if ionosphere reflections defeat your radioastronomy goals well then you opportunistically turn the failure into a method of studying the problem!

Maybe UFO studies could be parasitical on other fundable studies of geophysical phenomena in a similar way, if Peter Davenport or someone else can convince researchers to retain and share their data for re-examination. This may need something a bit like NARCAP's pitch, which imports the UFO problem on the back of the air safety issue. Maybe appeal to researchers from some "safe" position on moral high ground, like studying anecdotal radar evidence of anomalously severe temp/humidity gradients or possible unknown types of clear air turbulence.

As you say, although real-time is nice it isn't essential for evidentiary purposes. Re-using old radar data could be done in the same way (well, hopefully a better way!) as the Condon team used the Prairie Network cameras. If "we" know ahead of time that such data might be available then arrangements could be made in advance to monitor UFO reports in the coverage area during the study period, or auto cameras could be set up. There could be a lot of unused latent information in the passive radar data and recovering it would "only" take time, cunning and software skills, which could be paid for if we don't have them - cheaper than a lot of hardware anyway.

Martin Shough

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Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 10:25:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:27:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 22:37:05 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:17:47 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 23:09:27 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>We in the UK certainly do have shipwrecks, and victims thereof.
>Unlike you, we rarely have train wrecks or victims thereof, but
>we do have train crashes, plus their victims.

>We very rarely have plane wrecks or victims, but we do have
>plane crashes and victims.

>We very rarely have car or bus wrecks or victims, but we do have
>car and bus crashes plus, of course, their victims.

>We hardly ever have balloon wrecks or victims, but the
>occasional balloon fall or crash plus the odd victim.

>Finally, we never, never, have UFO wrecks or victims. We may
>have had the odd UFO crash, depending on who you believe.

>Whilst we may have very few wrecks, we do often have wreckage
>(which you probably don't have).

>Despite the above, I concede you have won the point.

Thanks, Christopher, but it's not really a question of winning.
I think what we've seen is yet another instance supporting the
old joke that America and England are divided by a common
language.

>It is obviously time I got down to reading the US newspapers.
>You are just too erudite for me.

>How & why do you manage to collect such quotes anyway?

>Do you make a study of wrecks?

Nah, though I do have an interest, unrelated to the above, in
train-wreck ballads, going back to my childhood when, as the son
of a railroad man, rail folk songs like "Wreck of the Old 97"
entranced me.

Actually, like Chris Aubeck and a handful of other Listfolk, I
subscribe to a service that gives me access to the contents of
English-language newspapers from the mid-18th Century to the
present. Ain't the Internet wonderful?

Re: Gill Sighting - Clark

Cordially,
Jerry Clark

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 10:27:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:29:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Lehmborg

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 19:30:47 +0100
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 09:08:24 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>There can be no investigation thorough enough for an ardent
>>enough denialist.

>And there can be no explanation convincing enough for an eager
>believer.

Excellent, Mr. Rimmer!

You finally get it vis a vis your admission here that none of
your explanations is remotely convincing enough, and that it is
you most typifying the "eager believer". That is what you
meant, is it not?

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Re: My Own Experience - Chichikov

From: Pavel Chichikov <fishhook.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 11:48:08 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:30:45 -0400
Subject: Re: My Own Experience - Chichikov

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 14:35:15 -0300
>Subject: Re: My Own Experience

<snip>

>Since then I've had discussions with military personal about
>their experiences. Three were airborne encounters. That's why I
>take it seriously.

Don,

I believe that there is a complex phenomenon, at this time of an
undetermined nature.

Pavel

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Re: RRR Group - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 11:21:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:34:33 -0400
Subject: Re: RRR Group - Lehmborg

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: "UFO Updates" <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 17:47:17 -0600
>Subject: Re: RRR Group

>Greetings to the Listarians:

>I've been thinking quite a bit about the RRR Group. How can
>researchers be sure that it isn't a stealth group of CSICOP
>infiltrating legitimate Ufology at the base level?

>Lots of markers on the RRR blog that begs the question.

>What does the List think?

>Wendy Connors

I say, and only metaphorically, mind, while discomfiting
aggressive "R" Cubers have been quite literal lately... and
disturbingly, if not certifiably so.

'Crush the enemy, kill the enemy... see the enemy driven
before you and hear the lamentations of his mousey slatterns.'

That said, I've decided my gloves are coming off. I'm done
treating dissembly with any civility what-so-ever. Some may ask
when I was ever doing that. These will understand. Don't
trifle with the surface... lets go to the bone. Everybody
ready for that?

Covered up. Serious firefights, 'lurid duels of death' with
'aliens' from beyond? News at the eleventh hour... folks.
Sincerely.

We don't have time for Nicky-new-guy-naysaying, especially given
that the quality of the naysaying proffered is inconsistent,
invariably inconstant, and would seem to lack a required
fidelity in the opinion of this writer. I regret most of the
kindness ever extended.

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Request From CBS Evening News

From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 09:41:02 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:36:19 -0400
Subject: Request From CBS Evening News

(On behalf of a non-subscriber. Please note that although she does not say so in her e-mail, they are ideally seeking interviews in either the Washington DC or Boston area, within the next 2 or 3 days.)

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Andrea Bruce and I am a producer for CBS Evening News with Bob Schieffer. I am interested in doing a television news story about the findings of a new book about alien abductions by Harvard researcher Dr. Susan Clancy. I am hoping to interview one, two or three people who have had an abduction experience.

I imagine abductees may be unwilling to share their experiences on camera, as some media outlets have been less than balanced in dealing with the subject. We are not looking to make fun of anyone, rather, explore what Dr. Clancy says in light of what abductees have experienced - but we need to hear from an abductee (s) to do that. To protect shy or skeptical individuals, we could do the interview in profile/silhouette and not use full names.

Please contact me at my newsroom in Washington at (202) 457-4385.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andrea Bruce

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RRR Group Seeks Attention

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 17:23:33 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:39:20 -0400
Subject: RRR Group Seeks Attention

Rich Reynolds will be interested to know that an obnoxious jerk by the name of Christopher Jay sent me a private e-mail claiming to be "Assistant to Rich Reynolds, RRRGroup."

This person flatly admitted that their purpose is to call attention to themselves. Rich, of course, will want to deny that this person is who he claims to be, I'm sure.

- Dick

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>>There can be no investigation thorough enough for an ardent
>>enough denialist.

>And there can be no explanation convincing enough for an eager
>believer.

John, you've got to be kidding. What explanation[s]? So far there are none. It's getting harder and harder to take you or your position seriously. You bring nothing to the table unless you consider negative, unsupported rhetoric as evidence. Since you don't seem to want to either supply any evidence to the contrary, just disdain and derision, why you are even on the list? Rich, as bad as his attempts are to explain this case with thinly disguised cosmetic, oft times silly, applications, does offer up a position. On the other hand you offer nothing, not even an opinion. You seem satisfied with just assigning degeneratory motive to anyone not readily supportive of ridiculous conjecture or theories.

Debate seems a useless tool when trying to get at the truth of this phenomenon. Obviously the best debater would win, but that's not the point. Winning an argument is a poor substitute for proof if the facts suffer in the process. Debate is the purview of courts and legislatures who often get it wrong.

The "eager believer" comment is an attempt to win points by derision and thereby hopefully weaken a case and enhance your own position, not through the presentation of facts but by ridiculing of the presenter of the facts. It's an old ploy but it simply amounts to tripe.

Don Ledger

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Re: The Term Mothership - Aubeck

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 19:45:04 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:44:46 -0400
Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Aubeck

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 13:45:15 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

>>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 17:09:37 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 18:16:07 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

>>>>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 12:54:55 +0100 (BST)
>>>>Subject: The Term Mothership [was: Gill Sighting]

<snip>

>Chris, it could just as well be argued that because
>"mothership" was only occasionally associated with
>UFOs that Gill was likely unaware of its UFO
>association.

Yes, it could, but the circumstances and the date make
that possibility less likely than the contrary.

>My electronic searches of the NY and LA Times
>certainly do not support your assertion that there
>was a "strong association" with UFOs (I found only
>one such article out of 2600 with "mothership"

<snip>

I agree with you, see my other post. The newspapers didn't pick
up on that word too much. But for Gill to have come across the
idea he only needed friends or a radio to have heard of the
Adamaski phenomenon just enough to learn that one UFO term.

<snip>

>And as Jerry Clark pointed out, Gill when asked
>about this denied knowing about Adamski or much
>about UFOs in general prior to his sighting.

Yes, though you must admit that as the years rolled by he
probably couldn't recall why the word "mothership" ever popped
into his head in the first place. Could you perform such a feat
of memory about some word you once said or wrote? I know I
couldn't. In fact the right words for things I know nothing
about are often popping into my head, from somewhere.

<snip>

>As far as I can see, there is no difference between
>saying "mama disc" and "mother disc". Let's not

>split semantic hairs.

<snip>

Yeah, let's drop this whole thing. I don't really care one way or another about Gill's sighting as it isn't pre-Arnold (my only field of interest). I just thought that if anyone's going to bring up a particular word as evidence for or against something, we might as well do it seriously.

And for the record, though "mama" and "mother" really are not used equally in figurative speech in the English language, my point was that the combination "mother+ship" created a pre-existing noun that Gill must have been aware of whether his source was the war or flying saucer stories. Take your pick, the right answer just isn't out there in this case, but the context only leads in one direction.

Unthreading myself from the debate at this point, so good luck!

Chris

2003-2004 Archives and links

<http://anomalies.bravepages.com/main.htm>

2004-present Archives at the Yahoo Group Website

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/magonia_exchange/

Other pages of interest:

<http://caubeck.tripod.com/lang/>

http://caubeck.tripod.com/the_sport_of_flying_saucers/index.html

<http://caubeck.tripod.com/>

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Re: Terry Groff In Hospital - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 21:53:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:46:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Terry Groff In Hospital - Groff

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 09:31:31 -0700
>Subject: Terry Groff In Hospital

>Dear Listerions,

>Terry Groff was admitted to the emergency room at Parkland
>Hospital in Dallas two days ago. Looks like he's going to be
>okay, but will remain there a few more days.

>Please join me in wishing him well - a prayer, a positive
>thought, a kind word; whatever your thing is.

>Get well Terry...

To Frank Warren, V-J Ballester-Olmos, Nick Redfern and Ken Cherry
(Texas State Director for MUFON)

Thank you for your kind thoughts.

I was released from the hospital today (Thur. 10/27) with a clean bill of health. I was kind of surprised that they released me only a few hours after extracting an 18" tube from my chest. I don't know exactly why my right lung collapsed but it could have been for the same reason my left one collapsed nearly 30 years ago; namely infected scars from a previous bout with severe Pneumonia.

The first one required surgery to repair but fortunately this time surgery was not needed.

In any event I am home now and totally mobile again, just in time for my favorite holiday... Halloween. BOO!

Frank, your, and all other, graphics should be restored now. It turns out that the culprit was my Mother who thought she was doing me a favor by shutting down my PC where all me sites and graphics are hosted. It is all functioning normally again.

Thanks again

Terry Groff

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Sand Circles At Byron Bay Australia

From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 15:33:14 +1000
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:47:41 -0400
Subject: Sand Circles At Byron Bay Australia

Hi List,

Some of you may be aware of the sand circles that appeared on the beach at Byron Bay, Australia on the 13th September 2005.

All 3 images from the photographer who snapped these shots are now up at the UFO Research Queensland web site:

<http://www.uforq.asn.au/casefiles/byron.html>

Sheryl

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 11:50:34 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:49:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Miller

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 14:02:06 -0700
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 15:52:29 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 08:31:27 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>Zamora saw what he said he saw, Stuart. I think that's the
>>>beginning and the end of it, right there.

>>>You?

>>He saw something that didn't quite make it back to White
>>Sands. Or had just left. Piloted by humans, regardless of
>>size.

Hello David,

>Easy to say, but is there one single bit of evidence to
>support this? Consider Zamora's description plus physical
>evidence left behind:

- >1. Small, wingless, oval-shaped craft with landing gears.
>Likely weighed at least a few tons, based on landing pad
>impressions in hard soil.
- >2. Capable of vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL craft): did
>this with a loud roar emitting a peculiar "flame."
- >3. Once aloft, switched to a completely silent propulsion
>mode.
- >4. High performance vehicle: once aloft, silent propulsion
>system capable of accelerating vehicle to high (probably
>supersonic) speed within about 20 seconds. Vehicle also flew
>horizontally at high speed just above ground, all without
>visible wings, stabilizers, other control surfaces or external
>propulsion.

You are absolutely right; my comments were easy to say and I
thank you for a gentle reponse and for a succinct summary of the
relevant issues of the case.

I have no problem with the volume of evidence presented in this
case and respect the work done by many people, including Ray
Stanford. And I'm also aware of the inconsistencies in the
apparent abilities of the craft seen in relation to VTO
technology at the time and so on. I don't dismiss this.

We come back to an age old problem, which Don Ledger brought up

recently, which you allude to at the end of your posting and which has dogged us consistantly; namely the discrepancy between publicly known technology and the abilities of some observed craft.

In our minds, it is a reasonable argument to assume that if one section of the American military establishment has developed a certain level of technology, then that expertise is shared and distributed amongst other areas of the military where appropriate.

I think we may be making a mistake in that assumption. I think we may be underestimating the level of logic, secrecy, paranoia, strange logic, stupidity and power mongering that goes on.

I'm not prepared to accept that just because, in 1965, the Americans were not able to construct a craft with the capabilities of the object that Lonnie Zamora saw that that necessarily means that the Americans were not capable of building such a craft in 1965. You may regard that as very peculiar logic but in the black world, I might have a point.

As "positive" Ufologists, look at the logic confrontation we face when, for example, we ponder why, initially, the American government poured money into SETI. We are certain that the United States government has had alien contact so why in God's name stick public money into SETI when we already have the answers? Apparently. You can even extend that argument to question the very existance of NASA on that basis.

In looking at the Zamora case, I cannot get past what for me is the initial hurdle, namely the location of the incident and its proximity to White Sands. I just can't accept a coincidence like that and dismiss it. We are left with two alternatives; either a terrestrial or a non terrestrial craft. Given the location and despite the contrary evidence, logic says, at least to me, that a terrestrial solution is the likely answer.

I know that this will seem like a case of "Don't bother me with the evidence; my mind is made up". I'm certainly not intransigent about this and not only could, but would indeed love to be persuaded otherwise. At the moment, I'm not so.

>I don't know of any human vehicle then or now that even
>remotely fits such a profile. If we had such a vehicle over
>40 years ago, what happened to it? A craft with such
>characteristics would surely have replaced our jet aircraft,
>at least in some missions. So again, where is it?

If I had the answer to that question, I would have the answer to everything.

Stuart

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Re: RRR Group - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 07:42:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:51:48 -0400
Subject: Re: RRR Group - Lehmborg

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 09:35:57 -0500
>Subject: Re: RRR Group - Connors

>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <UFOUpdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:44:30 -0600
>>Subject: Re: RRR Group

>>Greetings to the Listarians:

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>>From: <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: <fadeddiscs.nul>
>>Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2005 8:40 AM
>>Subject: Bitch

>>>While Rich Reynolds may tolerate your ignorant rants, the
>>>rest of the RRRGroup doesn't.

>>>Our primary consolation is that you will be dead soon.

>>>Look for some bashing at our blog, now that we've
>>>uncovered some interesting things from your past.

>>>Christopher Jay

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>>I rest my case on the RRR Group.

>>Wendy Connors

>I've written to Wendy and apologized profusely for Christopher's
>crude and obscene e-mail to her. (He will be taken down for it.)

>Wendy has responded and we hope the matter has been corrected.

Yeah -- but see, as I've pointed out before to you, it's always
a step 'back' to cover the two steps and a kick forward your
group invariably takes, with an ameliorating apology to cover
damage done, but too little too late by far.

I suspect it to be a device to you frequently used, a
manipulation, a control mechanism, an applied psychology, a
plausible deniability.

Did you give CJ a 'real' good spankin'? Send the video.

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AVG Blog -- <http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>

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Re: The Term Mothership - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 13:42:29 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:53:26 -0400
Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Shough

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 09:31:29 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Clark

>>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 17:37:32 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 11:57:35 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

><snip>

>>To illustrate, I've just tried a massive search with the terms
>>UFO + mothership in those 27.8 million pages I mentioned above
>>(at the largest commercial archive on the net). How many times
>>does it say the two words have coincided in print since 1947?

>>Fifteen. Think about that.

>Exactly, Chris. If any proof were needed of the disconnect
>between the UFO world and the mainstream world, that's it.
>"Everyone" does not think of motherships as disc-bearing ET
>visitors. To the contrary, only a very few of us do.

For some reason I didn't receive the List post to which Jerry is
replying here, but Chris's search result is a formidable
statistic!

This is the capstone on other recent posts and I've changed my
mind somewhat in favour of the presumption that Gill (very
likely) originated or echoed this phrase without conscious
awareness of its UFO connotations. But as I never leaned very
strongly in the other direction I suppose this is not a very
spectacular conversion!

Martin Shough

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'Remote Viewing' Training For Military &

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 09:01:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 09:01:52 -0400
Subject: 'Remote Viewing' Training For Military &

Source: The Amercian Chronicle - Beverly Hills, California, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/8atzg>

October 27, 2005

Expand 'Remote Viewing' Training For U.S. Military, Intelligence Services Now

By Steve Hammons

The unusual human skill known as "remote viewing" could be an important asset for our armed forces and national intelligence resources.

Training in the application of remote viewing could be expanded to benefit our military personnel and intelligence agencies in ongoing tactical and strategic operations.

We can no longer afford to ignore this very powerful asset.

WHAT IS REMOTE VIEWING?

Remote viewing could just as easily be called "enhanced instincts and intuition" or maybe "unconventional internal perception." Remote viewing is the ability to use and improve the "sixth sense" that most or all people reportedly have to some degree.

Remote viewing has reportedly been used successfully in many intelligence and reconnaissance efforts but its use has been limited.

The official remote viewing program was variously under the control of the CIA, Army Intelligence and Security Command, the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and the Air Force in the '70s, 80s and early 90s. Project STARGATE was only the last of a series of code names for an effort also known as SCANNATE, GONDOLAWISH, GRILLFLAME, CENTERLANE and SUNSTREAK.

Remote viewing is a skill that seems impossible, beyond belief. However, remote viewing experts say years of research and practical application of remote viewing in real-life operational settings have proven that it works and works well. That which is not known can become known.

Experts allege that successful application of these abilities in a wide range of endeavors, including intelligence and reconnaissance operations, has been proven beyond question. Significant scientific research has reportedly validated many aspects of remote viewing theory and practice.

A new book by retired Army major and former STARGATE officer Paul H. Smith on remote viewing will soon be available. "Reading the Enemy's Mind: Inside Star Gate - America's Psychic Espionage Program" contains inside information on remote viewing, it's

historical application in U.S. intelligence efforts and other aspects of the government's projects on this subject.

PROPOSALS FOR TRAINING

Remote viewing has reportedly been taught to some people within Army Special Forces intelligence and the special operations community.

It might be very helpful if training in this skill was quickly expanded. Military and other intelligence training programs could add courses in remote viewing in a short amount of time. Experts in this field claim that people can develop these abilities with a moderate amount of training.

Many current remote viewing experts are former Army intelligence officers. They should be more fully utilized. Since 1995, when remote viewing was declassified for all practical purposes, some of the original Army intelligence officers and others who fine-tuned remote viewing at Fort Meade have set up their own companies to teach the skill.

Some of these are members of the original remote viewing unit at Fort Meade. Although personnel changed over the years as different officers and NCOs rotated in and out of the program, some of the project participants were:

- Paul H. Smith, Remote Viewing Instructional Services, www.rviewer.com
- Joe McMoneagle, Intuitive Intelligence Applications, www.mceagle.com
- Lyn Buchanan, Problems Solutions Innovations www.crvviewer.com
- Dale Graff, Baycliff Psi Seminars, www.dalegraff.com
- F. Holmes "Skip" Atwater, <http://satwater.www9.50megs.com/skipatwater.htm>

DEPLOYMENT SCENARIOS

Could an intelligence or security expert involved in U.S. homeland security remote view to perceive and understand a terrorist threat? Could a platoon leader remote view over the next hill to see an ambush? Could a U.S. interrogator "know" that the person in his custody has terrorist connections, or that he is innocent, or that he knows more?

Or, could those in the field use remote viewing operators sitting somewhere else? Could a convoy route map be sent to the remote viewer for a check for IEDs or ambushes? Could a map of a target area be examined by a remote viewer to locate an enemy base camp? There are unlimited potential applications that can save lives and help accomplish missions now, and the missions to come.

Maybe personnel with remote viewing training should be assigned organizationally in the way medics, communications specialists, intelligence specialists, supply officers or others are assigned.

Remote viewing training could be made available to a wide range of personnel and the skill could be spread as widely as there were open minds.

TIMELINES OF REMOTE VIEWING DEVELOPMENT

1971: Experiments in remote viewing at Stanford Research Institute (SRI). CIA conducts evaluations. CIA gives SRI \$50K experimental contract.

1971-73: Various experiments conducted.

1974: Research article on remote viewing published in journal Nature.

1975: CIA terminates funding and involvement, officially-overtly. Air Force Foreign Technology Division becomes primary funding source.

1976-77: Research and operations continue.

1977: Army intelligence command forms RV unit at Fort Meade, code-named Project GONDOLAWISH, then changed to Project GRILLFLAME.

1978-79: Army intelligence selects RV candidates from within Army and civilians.

1980: Air Force RV involvement terminated, officially, overtly.

1980-82: Research and operations continue

1982: Project name changed to CENTERLANE.

1984: Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) takes temporary control of project.

1986: DIA takes formal control of project. Project name changed to SUNSTREAK.

1990: Project name changed to STARGATE.

1991: Operations involving Stanford Research Institute are transferred to Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC), headquartered in San Diego.

1994: Project control is transferred from DIA to CIA.

1995: CIA officially, overtly cancels STARGATE.

Steve Hammons is author of two novels about a secret research team investigating unconventional phenomena, the "Joint Reconnaissance Study Group." Mission Into Light and the sequel Light's Hand introduce readers to the ten women and men of the "JRSG" and their interesting adventures. Hammons serves as a research analyst at the "open source intelligence (OSINT)" Web site, IntelDesk.com.

Visit the home page of his novels at the link below:

Author's web site:

<http://navyseals.com/community/members/Ohio52>

View author's other articles:

<http://tinyurl.com/a6ekv>

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Horse Death Mystery Solved

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Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 09:45:27 -0400
Subject: Horse Death Mystery Solved

Source: The National Meteorological Office - U.K.

<http://tinyurl.com/c3brs>

26 Oct 2005

Horse Death Mystery Solved

A veterinary investigation has found that 16 horses, which were found dead and lying in a field last week, were killed by lightning.

The incident, which occurred in El Paso County in the US, sparked various rumours amongst the local community with regards to the cause of death.

One resident was convinced the horses had been poisoned. He told the Rocky Mountain News that one of the horses died resting on its knees, which was "evidence the horse was sick from poison and had just dropped to its knees and died".

From poisoning to ice bullets, the number of theories flying around was endless, but now Dr John Heikkila has put an end to the speculation.

He told officials that tissue samples tested at the Colorado School of Veterinary Medicine did not yield any signs of dangerous food sources or poisons.

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'UFO' Is Seen By Brothers

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 10:17:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 10:17:20 -0400
Subject: 'UFO' Is Seen By Brothers

Source: The Shropshire Star - Ketley, Telford, Shhhropshire, UK

http://www.shropshirestar.com/show_article.php?aID=38704

Oct 27, 2005

'UFO' Is Seen By Brothers

A man believes he may have seen a UFO after he saw a "ball of bright white light" in the sky in Telford.

Tony Millward said he and his brother, Steve, were getting groceries for their father when they saw a light flying in a straight line above Attwood Terrace, Dawley, at around 6.30pm on Tuesday.

Tony, 28, of St Leonards Road, Malinslee, said: "You could tell it was close but there was no sound and it was clean as a whistle in the way it moved. It just carried on going at the same pace and I saw it getting smaller and further away."

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Unidentified Lights Reported Over US West Coast

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 10:20:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 10:20:53 -0400
Subject: Unidentified Lights Reported Over US West Coast

Source: The San Francisco Chronicle - California, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/b4hwh>

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Unidentified Lights Reported Over The West Coast
Chronicle Staff Report

Residents across California and people as far east as Las Vegas reported seeing strange lights in the sky late Wednesday, according to the Vandenberg Air Force Base on the central coast.

Base command staff at Vandenberg, Travis Air Force Base and Edwards Air Force Base said there were no military aircraft in the sky that would have caused the lights. The air force bases also said there were no test missile launches Wednesday. Such tests have, in the past, resulted in light patterns that can be seen in across the California coast.

The bases did not send aircraft to check on the reports of lights.

The Federal Aviation Administration's West Coast office had no reports of the lights and no aircrafts were unaccounted for.

San Francisco resident Tim Sinclair said the lights appeared to be near the cross at the top of Mt. Davidson Park. Sinclair, who lives near the park, described them as a series of solid lights that appeared to be hovering. When viewed through binoculars, the lights appeared to vibrate, he said.

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Spellbound By Sky Lights

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Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 10:23:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 10:23:40 -0400
Subject: Spellbound By Sky Lights

Source: The San Francisco Chronicle - California, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/dt39r>

Friday, October 28, 2005

Spellbound By Sky Lights

Bright twinklers were nearby Mars and Venus, say astronomers -
or were they?

David Perlman
Chronicle Science Editor

Mysterious, bright lights in the night sky Wednesday that
alarmed or bemused scores of Bay Area residents were not
mysterious at all but most likely a pair of planets whose orbits
around the sun are carrying them close to Earth right now.

Others are not so sure.

Andrew Fraknoi, chairman of the astronomy department at Foothill
College, said the lights were probably Mars and Venus, two
planets that currently appear close together and will probably
remain brilliant for another week or two until their orbits
begin moving them away from Earth again.

If they seem to take on unusual colors, twinkle or even move,
Fraknoi said, it's because of an optical illusion caused by
Earth's somewhat dense, moisture-laden lower atmosphere. Clouds
scudding by also may obscure them briefly before they reappear,
he said.

Residents across California and people as far east as Las Vegas
reported seeing the lights in the sky late Wednesday. Those who
called space officials at Vandenberg Air Force Base on the
Central Coast and the Federal Aviation Administration drew the
usual response Thursday: No, there were no missile launches, no
wandering airplane pilots had failed to file flight plans, no
military jets were aloft, and no one was suggesting UFOs.

No one except astronomers could offer an explanation.

Chronicle photographer Lance Iversen caught images of the
peculiar lights in his camera around midnight Wednesday, looking
east from Twin Peaks. Mars and Venus would have been visible in
the eastern skies at that time.

Iversen said that at one point he saw four distinctly separate
lights, but then saw only two that seemed to move in unison.

"They were just lights moving in the sky," he said. "They might
have been helicopters, although I couldn't see any fuselages,
but the lights were moving far enough and fast enough so they
couldn't have been planets -- and I know planets when I see
them."

But Fraknoi said Venus and Mars remain the best explanation for the lights.

In their orbits around the sun, all planets move at different speeds, just as the Earth does, and periodically their varied speeds cause them to catch up and overtake the Earth's orbital flight and bring them closer to our home planet.

In fact, the Red Planet will be exactly 43.1 million miles from Earth at 8:25 p.m. Saturday, and its orbit won't bring it that close to Earth again until the summer of 2018, according to astronomical calculations.

Venus, which orbits the sun inside Earth's orbital path, is now about 106 million miles away -- no record, but close enough to appear much brighter than usual.

According to Fraknoi, Mars now far outshines even the brightest of all the stars in the sky, and when skies are clear, the fourth planet from the sun could look even bigger than normal. Its brilliance should be apparent above the eastern horizon soon after sunset, but will appear even brighter as it climbs higher in the sky during the night.

On the night of Nov. 7, Mars will be directly opposite the sun in relation to Earth -- a position astronomers call opposition, which means it will rise above the eastern horizon just at sunset, climb higher and higher, and remain in the sky all night until it sets at sunrise.

The Martian orbit last caught up with Earth's in August 2003, and on that occasion it was even closer -- about 36 million miles away. It won't come any closer than that for another 60,000 years, NASA astronomers have calculated.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Re: RRR Group Seeks Attention - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:01:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 10:52:47 -0400
Subject: Re: RRR Group Seeks Attention - Reynolds

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 17:23:33 +0000
>Subject: RRR Group Seeks Attention

>Rich Reynolds will be interested to know that an obnoxious jerk
>by the name of Christopher Jay sent me a private e-mail claiming
>to be "Assistant to Rich Reynolds, RRRGroup."

>This person flatly admitted that their purpose is to call
>attention to themselves. Rich, of course, will want to deny that
>this person is who he claims to be, I'm sure.

Mr. Hall and Listers:

Yes, Christopher and the RRRGroup does seek attention, not from
UpDaters necessarily, but from media folks, whom we'd like to
entice into the UFO debate.

We sensationalize, because that's what attracts media. The bone-
dry debates in ufology won't get media attention I'm afraid.

It's flag-waving on our part, which offends some here, but there is a
method to our madness, and it seems to be working.

Rich Reynolds

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Re: RRR Group - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:06:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 11:01:36 -0400
Subject: Re: RRR Group - Reynolds

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 07:42:00 -0500
>Subject: Re: RRR Group

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 09:35:57 -0500
>>Subject: Re: RRR Group - Connors

>>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <UFOUpdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 10:44:30 -0600

<snip>

>>>Wendy Connors

>>I've written to Wendy and apologized profusely for Christopher's
>>crude and obscene e-mail to her. (He will be taken down for it.)

>>Wendy has responded and we hope the matter has been corrected.

>Yeah -- but see, as I've pointed out before to you, it's always
>a step 'back' to cover the two steps and a kick forward your
>group invariably takes, with an ameliorating apology to cover
>damage done, but too little too late by far.

>I suspect it to be a device to you frequently used, a
>manipulation, a control mechanism, an applied psychology, a
>plausible deniability.

>Did you give CJ a 'real' good spankin'? Send the video.

Alfred:

I didn't give Christopher Jay a spankin' but I did try to slap
him around a little bit - he's bigger than I am, so I wasn't
too successful.

But I'm assured that e-mails will not go out that are as
offensive as that to Ms. Connors.

While I "direct" the RRRGroup, I'm not the dictator of it, since
it was set up by the boys and I've ended up being the primary
user of the blog by that name.

We're obnoxious I know... but then so are some here, in their
own way. UpDaters are as diverse as the merchandise in a
Wal-Mart's.

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Request From CBS Evening News - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:09:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 11:05:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Request From CBS Evening News - Lehmborg

>From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 09:41:02 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Request From CBS Evening News

>(On behalf of a non-subscriber. Please note that although she
>does not say so in her e-mail, they are ideally seeking
>interviews in either the Washington DC or Boston area, within
>the next 2 or 3 days.)

>To Whom it May Concern:

>My name is Andrea Bruce and I am a producer for CBS Evening News
>with Bob Schieffer.

>Please contact me at my newsroom in Washington at
>(202) 457-4385.

See... if you 'front' for the sociopathic, conflicted and
dissembling status-quo you can get begging attention from
mainstream media, even if you are a clueless insentient,
hideously uninformed, and the punchline for every blonde joke
I've ever heard.

Q: How long does it take Dr. Clancy to change a light bulb?

A: Forever, Dr. Clancy has no interest in changing lightbulbs as
she prefers to remain in the dark.

I wonder if "Bob n' Andrea" ever called on Dr. Mack...

Check out my blog - below - today, folks... it's a note to
'Suzy', too...

alienview.nul
www.AlienView.net
AVG Blog -- <http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>

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Re: Horse Death Mystery Solved - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 15:04:20 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 11:06:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Horse Death Mystery Solved - Shough

>Source: The National Meteorological Office - U.K.

><http://tinyurl.com/c3brs>

>26 Oct 2005

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>to the cause of death.

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>the Rocky Mountain News that one of the horses died resting on
>its knees, which was "evidence the horse was sick from poison
>and had just dropped to its knees and died".

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>around was endless, but now Dr John Heikkila has put an end to
>the speculation.

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>School of Veterinary Medicine did not yield any signs of
>dangerous food sources or poisons.

Dear List

Perhaps it's just me, but does anyone else wonder; 1) how this
puts an end to speculation, or 2) what this has to do the the UK
Met Office? I suppose it's definitely ice bullets, then, is it?

Martin Shough

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Re: Terry Groff In Hospital - Mackay

From: **Glennys Mackay** <gem60.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 00:12:48 +1000
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 11:10:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Terry Groff In Hospital - Mackay

>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 21:53:21 -0500
>Subject: Re: Terry Groff In Hospital

Terry I met you while lecturing at the MUFON Chapter in Dallas in June...

Just want to tell you that you are in our Prayers. I had a feeling we may have had that dinner together prior to my lecture along with Ken Cherry, his lovely wife, also Jim Marrs and family also some of the committee.

Take care.

Look forward to spending time with a great bunch of friends in Dallas in 2006 when I return.

Blessings,

Rev. Glennys Mackay,
National Dir. MUFON,
Brisbane, Australia.

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Re: Horse Death Mystery Solved - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 10:28:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 11:13:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Horse Death Mystery Solved - Kaeser

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>dangerous food sources or poisons.

>[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

I'm not sure if the reporter just didn't want to fool with
details and merely wanted closure, or if the spokesman really
felt that this information actually proved something, but I find
this article to be a little self-serving and didn't really
address the facts of the case.

From other posts I'm given the impression that there are no burn
marks on the ground and the horses were spread out over a large
area, so an explanation of how lightning killed the animals could
help to clear this up.

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Re: The Term Mothership - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 10:30:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 11:14:59 -0400
Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Sandow

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 09:31:29 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Clark

>>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 17:37:32 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

>>To illustrate, I've just tried a massive search with the terms UFO +
>>mothership in those 27.8 million pages I mentioned above (at the
>>largest commercial archive on the net). How many times does it say the
>>two words have coincided in print since 1947?

>>Fifteen. Think about that.

>Exactly, Chris. If any proof were needed of the disconnect
>between the UFO world and the mainstream world, that's it.
>"Everyone" does not think of motherships as disc-bearing ET
>visitors. To the contrary, only a very few of us do.

Often enough in the past I've noted how believers in the
psychosocial hypothesis ignore standard social science
methodology. All, of course, while claiming to be rational and
scientific.

They start with assumptions about how widespread UFO imagery and
ideas might be. Assumptions, of course, that they haven't
checked. They don't even think of seeking measurements of how
prevalent these things might be.

Then they make assumptions about how ideas and images spread,
and how they influence people. Assumptions, that, once again,
might have no basis in standard social science theory. They
don't think to check the literature to find out how social
scientists have theorized about these things, or how data may or
may not support particular theories.

And now, for a change, we have some actual research. Data!
Facts!

It's just amazing how cavalier skeptics can be about social
science, sociology, in particular. (Though their ignorance of
psychology - sometimes extending even to a lack of basic common
sense about people - is pretty notable, too. If psychology is a
social science, that is; not sure that's quite the proper
classification.). If I started blabbering about physics the way
they blabber about sociology, they wouldn't stop laughing for a
week.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Passive Radar - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 10:36:11 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 11:17:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Passive Radar - Smith

>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 15:56:26 +0100
>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 11:42:43 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

Thank you for your informed responses.
They ring true based on my readings.

>> I still wonder if their technology is basically
>>radar transparent (not even trying to hide) based on past
>>reports.

>Some of the best hard(ish) evidence that there is anything to
>track is radar evidence, so I don't see a general case for radar
>transparency based on those past reports. I read you as saying
>that there is no such radar evidence, and suggesting that this
>is because of "their technology". This seems convoluted
>reasoning to me. I would rather say that there is some evidence
>of some phenomena with some radar opacity.

I can't really talk in absolutes when it comes to UFOs. I can only talk in percentages. Other folk have the databases of cases. But my gut feel from many years of reading is that there are a small number of radar/optical sightings. These are indeed are very important. The Campeche "UFO fleet" was an excellent example of how such a sighting could have impact. Since we may be having various things causing TRUFO sightings, it hard to categorize them altogether. Although I think it is worth trying radar (passive or active), I am somewhat pessimistic (based on past case data) as to whether data proving ET sources can be accumulated. If an unknown natural phenomenon, then I feel it is much more likely to be able to gather proof.

>There are a few cases where there is persuasive visual evidence
>of some object that you'd expect to have been radar tracked, but
>wasn't. I'd say there are at least as many where a radar track
>is reported but nobody saw anything. Granted that there are
>genuine unknowns in both categories, and granted that some of
>these are sightings of "their technology", I think detection
>failure might still be explained in conventional ways because
>neither visual nor surveillance radar cover is 100% efficient
>for all kinds of reasons (non-luminosity, radar nulls and
>shadows, anti-clutter filters, staffing/reporting and other
>operational issues etc). You could argue reasonably that "they"
>probably _ought_ to have advanced stealth techniques, wherever
>they hail from. Maybe they do. This is why I made the point that
>known stealth techniques are more likely circumvented by passive
>than by active radar.

Yes, I agree that passive radar is harder to hide from than active radar and I see no reason for ET tech to _have_ to be radar transparent.

I have done no statistical study, just read too many reports,

and doesn't it seem that every time someone sights a UFO and calls an airport or military base to ask if it was seen on radar, they say "no". (In fact this week I have read a few recent reports with this characteristic). The cases of where there was an actual radar blip matching a TRUFO visual sighting seem very small. Can we trust the airport responses? Who knows? If you do trust them you end up with "mostly" stealth ET tech (even given possible radar hardware/operational/conditions problems). If you don't trust them, you have no data.

In the end, more data is required to see if it is justified to use active or passive radar for UFO research since it is so costly. It reminds me of "GhostHunters" where they have a very expensive thermal imaging camera, but rarely get decent "ghost images" from it. Since SciFi or RotoRooter is paying for this nice equipment, then they have the luxury. Sadly, UFOlogy doesn't. Its nice to have all these data streams, but unless a legitimate science program is generating the data for a prosaic use (and paying for the main cost), its a luxury for UFO research.

>>Excuse me if I am too much a novice at these matters, but it >>seems to me using a handheld radio that numerous weather effects >>(and the ionosphere) play havoc on signal strengths. Sure you >>can build a bigger, better antenna and amplify the signal, but >>these signal effects must impact using field strengths. Can >>f.s. really be relied upon in any way?

>We're all novices here, but according to what I've read the >multi-aspect pattern matching of radar signatures has been >studied and trialed, in simulation and using real-world data, by >people who know what they're doing. Some of this is DARPA and >NATO funded. There's the Automatic Target Recognition system >developed with Lockheed-Martin's "Silent Sentry" passive radar - >a commercial product. You can find open source papers on the >net. If Fast Illinois Solver Code tables, Multipole analysis, >Inverse Fast Fourier Transforms and Monte Carlo simulations are >your thing then you'll understand the practical guts of this >pattern-matching software better than I do! But the principles >are plain enough.

Hummmm. Well, we shall see. RF has never been my strong suit. It seems devilishly hard to use received weak signals. If you have a nice clear channel source, then it would be much less of a problem. I am sure the military has some nice systems, but they can afford their own signal generator (at their own desired signal design, deployed wherever they want).

>Meanwhile the issue of piggy-backing is worth thinking about. If >you read Sars' proposal on the US/Dutch LOFAR system (anyone >know whether this is getting built or not, by the way?) you'll >see that he pitches it as a radioastronomy telescope and an >instrument for detailed ionosphere studies, because the >ionosphere gets in the way of the radioastronomy at VHF. So if >ionosphere reflections defeat your radioastronomy goals well >then you opportunistically turn the failure into a method of >studying the problem!

>Maybe UFO studies could be parasitical on other fundable studies >of geophysical phenomena in a similar way, if Peter Davenport or >someone else can convince researchers to retain and share their >data for re-examination. This may need something a bit like >NARCAP's pitch, which imports the UFO problem on the back of the >air safety issue. Maybe appeal to researchers from some "safe" >position on moral high ground, like studying anecdotal radar >evidence of anomalously severe temp/humidity gradients or >possible unknown types of clear air turbulence.

This is a very sound recommendation in that it seems like academic institutions are not going to help unless tied to "real world" paradigms. Kyle King has mentioned addressing the search for dangerous Near Earth Objects, but we needn't even be so drastic. Just piggybacking off genuine "science" is good enough and easier than a more blatant approach.

>As you say, although real-time is nice it isn't essential for >evidentiary purposes. Re-using old radar data could be done in >the same way (well, hopefully a better way!) as the Condon team >used the Prairie Network cameras. If "we" know ahead of time >that such data might be available then arrangements could be >made in advance to monitor UFO reports in the coverage area

>during the study period, or auto cameras could be set up. There
>could be a lot of unused latent information in the passive radar
>data and recovering it would "only" take time, cunning and
>software skills, which could be paid for if we don't have them -
>cheaper than a lot of hardware anyway.

Good idea.

The interesting thing is that Davenport has gotten zero support from deep pocketed folk and academic institutions have given him the cold shoulder. Whether this is because of pressure due to the government wanting this technology "limited" or whether they want "real UFO data" limited is unclear. The cheapest way is to use academic data streams somehow (hopefully it has not been TOO filtered).

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From: **Wendy Connors** <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:59:18 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 11:20:43 -0400
Subject: Re: RRR Group - Connors

Greetings to the Listarians,

Has anyone on this List actually met Rich Reynolds? Seen him in a photo or on film?

I quote the so-called, Rich Reynolds:

"But my group of young guys - who call me Waldo - (Where's Waldo? is their current having fun at my expense) - are a cynical bunch, and hot-heads sometimes."

Seems Rich has a problem with keeping "my young guys," (what a really strange way of phrasing...hummm), from following his dictates as owner of the RRR Group blog.

Seems 'Capt. Bligh' of the RRR Group may be either MIA or a figment of imagination. Read his "cynical... hot heads..." on the Blog this morning with this statement to me of October 26, 2005:

"There is never going to be a harsh word about you or to you at our blog or anywhere else."

Your "young guys" looking for Pitcairn Island, Captain?

Wendy

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BBC's 'Material World' On Abductions

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 16:00:49 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 11:26:25 -0400
Subject: BBC's 'Material World' On Abductions

BBC Radio 4's next Material World on Thursday Nov 3 is supposed to be covering abductions.

For listening via the Web:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/science/thematerialworld.shtml>

However, don't expect unbiased reporting from its jokey presenter Quentin Cooper.

BBC's habit of defending status quo - recently heard "gravity travels at light speed" on "Leading Edge", and much earlier they gave us "ball lightning is an illusion" from establishment scientists - means we'll probably just get hyping of that recent re-hash of "sleep paralysis" as explanation for all and every report.

Cheers

Ray D

~~~~~  
"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 12:24:47 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 11:59:21 -0400
Subject: Re: RRR Group Seeks Attention - Ledger

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:01:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: RRR Group Seeks Attention

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 17:23:33 +0000
>>Subject: RRR Group Seeks Attention

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>>attention to themselves. Rich, of course, will want to deny that
>>this person is who he claims to be, I'm sure.

>Mr. Hall and Listers:

>Yes, Christopher and the RRRGroup does seek attention, not from
>UpDaters necessarily, but from media folks, whom we'd like to
>entice into the UFO debate.

>We sensationalize, because that's what attracts media. The bone-
>dry debates in ufology won't get media attention I'm afraid.
>It's flag-waving on our part, which offends some here, but there is a
>method to our madness, and it seems to be working.

With jerks like Christopher on there you aren't doing the
phenomenon any favors. I suspect you have an agenda but it has
nothing to do with getting the media interested in the
phenomenon.

Don Ledger

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Re: RRR Group Seeks Attention - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 10:27:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 07:22:10 -0400
Subject: Re: RRR Group Seeks Attention - Groff

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 17:23:33 +0000
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CJ is as he portrays himself. He is the real attention seeker yet
few know who the hell he is.

His tools are malice, acerbity, animosity, animus, antipathy,
bile, bitterness, spitefulness, dirt, enmity, hatefulness,
hostility, ill will, implacability, malevolence, maliciousness,
malignance, malignity, meanness, mordacity, rancor, repugnance,
resentment, spite, spitefulness, umbrage, vengefulness,
viciousness and vindictiveness.

Did I miss any?

This was very evident in a very long and totally erroneous
dissertation that he wrote about me a couple of months ago
concerning the UFO Blog Coalition
<http://ufocoalition.blogspot.com/>. The vitriolic post has since
been removed. He even tried to hijack the UBC from me and start
it anew. <http://ufobc.blogspot.com>. Of course, it failed.

Compared to Crissy Jay, Rich Reynolds is a lamb.

No, Rich will not deny it.

Terry

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Re: RRR Group - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 10:44:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 07:26:05 -0400
Subject: Re: RRR Group - Reynolds

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 08:59:18 -0600
>Subject: Re: RRR Group

>Greetings to the Listarians,

>Has anyone on this List actually met Rich Reynolds? Seen him in
>a photo or on film?

<snip>

For the curious, and Ms. Connors, there is a photo of Rich Reynolds
(me) online at our blog and links to others.

Persons who can't seem to get enough of me can find newspaper
articles (via archives) from The Detroit News, February 1st, 1970
and The (Fort Wayne) Journal Gazette, October 9th, 1994.

They will tell you much...too much perhaps.

Let the fun begin.

>Seems 'Capt. Bligh' of the RRR Group may be either MIA or a
>figment of imagination. Read his "cynical... hot heads..." on
>the Blog this morning with this statement to me of October 26,
>2005:

<snip>

Captain Blight [sic] aka Rich Reynolds

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Re: My Own Experience - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 12:58:16 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 07:27:47 -0400
Subject: Re: My Own Experience - Ledger

>From: Pavel Chichikov <fishhook.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 11:48:08 -0400
>Subject: Re: My Own Experience

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 14:35:15 -0300
>>Subject: Re: My Own Experience

><snip>

>>Since then I've had discussions with military personal about
>>their experiences. Three were airborne encounters. That's why I
>>take it seriously.

>Don,

>I believe that there is a complex phenomenon, at this time of
>an undetermined nature.

Pavel,

May I ask, what-you-think may be behind it?

Don

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US Spy Agency's Patents Under Security Scrutiny

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 13:15:15 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 07:35:40 -0400
Subject: US Spy Agency's Patents Under Security Scrutiny

<http://www.newscientist.com/article.ns?id=3Ddn8223>

27 October 2005

US spy agency=92s patents under security scrutiny
Paul Marks

The hyper-secretive US National Security Agency =96 the government=92s eavesdropping arm - appears to be having its patent applications increasingly blocked by the Pentagon. And the grounds for this are for reasons of national security, reveals information obtained under a freedom of information request.

Most Western governments can prevent the granting (and therefore publishing) of patents on inventions deemed to contain sensitive information of use to an enemy or terrorists. They do so by issuing a secrecy order barring publication and even discussion of certain inventions.

Experts at the US Patent and Trademark Office perform an initial security screening of all patent applications and then army, air force and navy staff at the Pentagon=92s Defense Technology Security Administration (DTSA) makes the final decision on what is classified and what is not.

Now figures obtained from the USPTO under a freedom of information request by the Federation of American Scientists show that the NSA had nine of its patent applications blocked in the financial year to March 2005 against five in 2004, and none in each of the three years up to 2003.

This creeping secrecy is all the more surprising because as the US government's eavesdropping and code-breaking arm - which is thought to harness some of the world=92s most powerful supercomputers to decode intercepted communications - the NSA will have detailed knowledge of what should be kept secret and what should not. So it is unlikely to file patents that give away secrets.

Bruce Schneier, a cryptographer and computer security expert with Counterpane Internet Security in California, finds the development =93fascinating=94.

=93It's surprising that the Pentagon is becoming more secretive than the NSA. While I am generally in favour of openness in all branches of government, the NSA has had decades of experience with secrecy at the highest levels,=94 Schneier told New Scientist. =93The fact that the Pentagon is classifying things that the NSA believes should be public is an indication of how much secrecy has crept into government over the past few years.=94

However, at another level, the Pentagon appears to be relaxing slightly: it seems to be loosening its post 9/11 grip on the ideas of private inventors, with the number having patents barred on the grounds of national security halving in the last year.

In the financial year to 2004, DTSA imposed 61 secrecy orders on private inventors, a number that had been climbing inexorably since 9/11. But up to the end of financial 2005, only 32

inventors had =93secrecy orders=94 imposed on their inventions.

Overall, the figures obtained by the FAS reveal 106 new secrecy orders were imposed on US inventions to March 2005, while 76 others were rescinded. So there are now 4915 secrecy orders in effect - some of which have been in effect since the 1930s.

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General Exon [was: Gill Sighting]

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 12:30:04 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 07:43:09 -0400
Subject: General Exon [was: Gill Sighting]

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 23:09:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 11:08:38 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Roswell - Case Closed (was Gill Sighting)

>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 20:09:15 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>Finally I have heard this "contemporaneous" nonsense from every
>>Roswell debunker I have ever read or debated. Basically the
>>argument is if it wasn't reported at the time then it isn't true
>>(unless it supports debunking arguments) and if it was reported
>>at the time then it must be true (unless it doesn't support
>>debunking arguments).

>Not at all. One thing that was reported at the time and is
>certainly false is that the disc was "loaned" to USAF higher
>headquarters. A clear case of a misheard word (should be
>"flown") by a copy typist over the phone. The error was then
>repeated from this. This error supports neither the believer or
>the debunking arguments.

Walter Haut explained the use of the word, "loaned" about 15
years ago. Originally the report had said flown, but people kept
asking how Marcel had known how to fly the craft (think of all
the questions that would have raised in today's world). To end
that confusion, Haut substituted the word loaned for flown.

So, that little mystery has been solved.

<snip>

>>E.g., initially the Eisenhower administration denied the U-2 was
>>a spy plane. Instead, they claimed it was an errant NASA weather
>>plane that crashed because the pilot passed out from oxygen
>>starvation. NASA went along with the scam, even manufacturing
>>phony transcripts of the pilot's last conversations. At Edwards
>>AFB, a U-2 was repainted with a NASA logo and phony ID number
>>and then shown to the press. Then the Soviets hauled out Francis
>>Gary Powers and the remains of the U- 2, including the spy
>>cameras. Checkmate. The U.S. government was caught red-handed in
>>flagrant lie, an elaborate cover story. But if the Russians
>>didn't have the evidence, you can bet the U.S. government would
>>have stuck with the cover story and government propagandists and
>>apologists would have repeated the party line for as long as the
>>government held to the story.

>>But such things couldn't have happened during the Roswell
>>incident. No way. The military absolutely told us the
>>unvarnished truth, even if the story was inconsistent and kept
>>changing, even back in 1947. And it's kept on changing, with
>>AFOSI mutating the 1947 singular weather balloon/radar target

>>(Ramey/Newton's description) into the present-day multiple
>>balloon/multiple radar target Mogul balloon plus the ridiculous
>>crash-dummies from the future.

>>>The stories of alien bodies did not emerge until the late 1970s,
>>>leaving plenty of time for ageing witnesses to become somewhat
>>>vague about when the incidents which they remembered occurred.
>>>No doubt when investigators assured them it must have been 1947
>>>they were not inclined to argue, as they had no way of checking.

>>No doubt you find it comforting to regurgitate the official
>>party line, which is what you are doing here, as do all
>>debunkers, as if reading from a common script. For all I know,
>>maybe you even believe that the U2 really was an errant NASA
>>weather plane, since that was the U.S.'s official story.

>Had the Russians not captured Gary Powers, the USAF or the CIA
>might have thought they could cover up the U-2 affair for
>several years, but it was very risky. Suppose, for example, that
>it happened again within a few months? Or even a third time?
>Would they still have tried to cover it up?

Actually, they would have. Absence of evidence to the contrary,
they would have kept the story going. They don't worry about
what they cannot control and operate as if they have complete
control over all the events.

It is a mindset of those who are charged with protection of
classified information and government secrets. If something is
compromised, they work from the premise that they can stop the
leak and explain the problem. They just don't think in terms of
what will happen if there is another crash. How do we end this
particular problem with the least damage to the overall secret.

So, yes, they would stick with the cover story just as long as
it worked.

>As for trying to cover up an ET crash, what if that also
>happened again, and again? Don't forget, they had no control
>whatever over ET crashes or in fact any ET actions. (They still
>haven't either). For all the USAF knew, ETs had already landed
>in Russia the year before!

But they wouldn't worry about what the Soviets had or what might
happen in a day, a week or a year. At that particular moment,
they could control the information.

>>Even the normally UFO cynical American press generally thought
>>the 1997 crash dummy report incredibly stupid and unbelievable.
>>Nobody would confuse 6 foot plastic mannequins with small,
>>rotting alien bodies. Nobody would confuse times like that (only
>>gullible, unthinking skeptics would swallow such preposterous
>>psychobabble explanations like "time compression"). And a number
>>of the body witnesses weren't even living in New Mexico when the
>>dummy and other tests were happening. Do you honestly think
>>General Exon's Air Force friends at Wright-Patterson who told
>>him about being personally involved and seeing the bodies were
>>telling him about crash dummies from the 1950s and 1960s?

>I think General Exon's testimony has been discredited by other
>writers, particularly Pflock. See p.124 of his book.

This one will be a matter of opinion based on my interactions
with General Exon. I'm not sure that you can dismiss all that
Exon said with a single paragraph calling Exon's testimony
rumors.

Let's be straight about this. Exon was a lieutenant colonel who
was stationed at Wright Field in 1947. He was interacting with
those who held positions of responsibility and in the course of
those interactions, was told several things. Those he trusted
said that there had been a crash and bodies had been recovered.
Not exactly the rumors that Pflock suggests.

Exon also had first-hand knowledge of the crash, having flown
over the two sites in 1947. He could talk of those details in
the first person.

Personally, I believe that after I interviewed Exon, and after
Don Schmitt conducted a follow up interview (which, fortunately
we have most of on tape), Exon began to back away from what he

had told us, suggesting that we had given more weight to his testimonies than we should.

I arranged to meet Exon at Wright-Patterson AFB when he returned there. Stopped the gate, they insisted I call him to verify that I was there to see him. Although I tried for thirty minutes, I never was able to reach him. Finally I used my military ID to get onto the base and drove to the VOQ. By coincidence, I was knocking on his door as he came down the hallway. He looked surprised to see me and then said he had forgotten all about our appointment.

We went to lunch at the Officer's Club and discussed, at some length, what he had been telling us. He refused to allow me to record the conversation.

The upshot of this was that Exon had been at the base, had some first-hand knowledge of the crash, had flown over the sites, and knew some other things about UFOs. His colleagues and friends filled in some details about the retrieval and bodies - not rumors they had heard, but actual events in which they had participated.

Finally, I believe that between the time I first talked to Exon and the time I saw him at the base, he had been talked to by his friends. In other words, I think Exon was taken aback by the controversy his words had started. I don't think he knew that some of what he was telling us was still classified. I think he made a mistake and began to backtrack a little because of that. In the end, however, Exon confirmed all that he told us and even provided a letter that said we had quoted him accurately. He thought that we might have given his words more importance than they deserved, but we had not misinterpreted anything he had said nor had we spun them to our own point of view.

So, say what you will, but I don't believe Karl adequately explained Exon's testimony, nor do I believe that it has been discredited. It certainly deserved more than a paragraph in Karl's book.

KRandle

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From: **Terry Groff** <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 12:18:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 08:16:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Terry Groff In Hospital - Groff

>From: Glennys Mackay <gem60.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 00:12:48 +1000
>Subject: Re: Terry Groff In Hospital

>>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 21:53:21 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Terry Groff In Hospital

>Terry I met you while lecturing at the MUFON Chapter in Dallas
>in June...

>Just want to tell you that you are in our Prayers. I had a
>feeling we may have had that dinner together prior to my
>lecture
>along with Ken Cherry, his lovely wife, also Jim Marrs and
>family also some of the committee.

>Take care.

>Look forward to spending time with a great bunch of friends in
>Dallas in 2006 when I return.

Glennys,

Yes, we met twice on your last two visits to DFW. The second
time was unusual in that we had our dinner before the meeting
instead of after.

I appreciate your prayers and look forward to seeing you again
in 2006.

All the best,

Terry

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Scientists Find Pyramids In Europe

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 13:36:22 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 08:21:07 -0400
Subject: Scientists Find Pyramids In Europe

Source: One News - TV New Zealand

<http://tvnz.co.nz/view/page/411366/622605>

Oct 27, 2005

Archaeologists Find European Pyramid

A team of American and Bosnian archaeologists claim to have found two new pyramids buried under hills in Central Europe.

The scientists say they found ancient labyrinths and other sand stone buildings under two unusually shaped hills in central Bosnia.

They believe the ruins indicate the hills were once human settlements, probably built by a stone age "super" civilisation tens of thousands of years ago.

They are now trying to locate ancient stairs that would lead them to the entry of the pyramids.

Well, here's another scientific paradigm shot to shot.

I'm still betting we'll find out far more advanced cultures the more we dig.

I still say some, some of our UFOs are products of these long ago civilizations.

Best,

Greg

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Re: BBC's 'Material World' On Abductions - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 18:37:13 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 08:22:32 -0400
Subject: Re: BBC's 'Material World' On Abductions - Pope

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 16:00:49 +0100
>Subject: BBC's 'Material World' On Abductions

>BBC Radio 4's next Material World on Thursday Nov 3 is supposed
>to be covering abductions.

>For listening via the Web:

><http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/science/thematerialworld.shtml>

>However, don't expect unbiased reporting from its jokey
>presenter Quentin Cooper.

>BBC's habit of defending status quo - recently heard "gravity
>travels at light speed" on "Leading Edge", and much earlier they
>gave us "ball lightning is an illusion" from establishment
>scientists - means we'll probably just get hyping of that recent
>re-hash of "sleep paralysis" as explanation for all and every
>report.

I'm appearing on this program and intend to argue for a
scientific and open-minded approach to the phenomenon.

This is one of numerous UFO-related features I'm doing at
present. I don't know who it was who said that ufology was dead,
but they forgot to tell the media here in the UK!

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Gill Sighting - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 11:19:51 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 08:25:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Rudiak

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 00:15:29 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:35:24 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 14:35:14 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>And it is equally reasonable to conclude that this articulate,
>>non-UFO-book reader drew the term from his knowledge of
>>nautical terminology, with which he was presumably familiar as
>>both Brit and resident of an island in the South Pacific.
>>There is no "very likely" connection between Adamski
>>and Gill in their use of "mothership."

>This is pretty feeble stuff.

Yes, John, your whole line of argumentation is pretty feeble stuff.

>I doubt that a Church of England clergyman would be overly
>familiar with a fairly specialised piece of maritime jargon,
>used almost entirely in the Royal Navy. I see no reason why
>Gill should be assumed to have any detailed knowledge of
>submarines, naval supply ships, etc.

So it was a "fairly specialised piece of maritime jargon, used almost entirely in the Royal Navy." Really? When I looked in two large U.S. newspapers, the L.A. Times and N.Y. Times, using electronic searches of millions of articles, I found over 2800 instances of "mothership" or "mother ship" dating from around 1900. These articles were rarely about the Royal Navy. They could be about the American Navy, the merchant marine, fishing fleets, mixed marine/aviation, pure aviation, and pure aerospace. There was only one article about UFO motherships, from 1955.

Also, for fun and out of curiosity, I did an electronic search of Ruppelt's 1956 book, "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects." "Mother" was used twice in the book (once in reference to "Mother Russia"), but no "motherships" could be found.

I also took a gander at Keyhoe's popular 1953 book, "Flying Saucers from Outer Space," which actually has an index. Again, no "motherships."

>To assume that a person, in describing a UFO incident, would
>use the word "mothership" via a naval analogy, rather than via the
>wealth of popular books, newspaper and magazine article which
>made the word familiar to most people even in the 1950s, shows
>an element of desperation which is extreme even for you,
>Jerry.

Perhaps John Rimmer could detail just how common this "wealth of popular books, newspapers, and magazine articles" really were. I certainly can't find any evidence of this overwhelming glut of literature and newspaper articles on the subject over here in the States. Neither can Chris Aubeck looking at another, even larger electronic database of 28 million articles, of which he could find only 15 articles with "mothership" in a UFO context.

Then maybe Rimmer can actually document how "this made the word familiar to most people even in the 1950s." E.g., can you produce an opinion poll? I can produce a Gallup poll from 1950 demonstrating that 95% of the population already knew of the term "flying saucer," but I'll be damned if I know of any poll about UFO "motherships". Perhaps John Rimmer can enlighten us. Or is it, as I suspect, he's simply making up his facts as he goes along?

Gill said he knew nothing of Adamski or UFO motherships prior to his sighting, and made up the term on the spur of the moment to apply to his sighting situation. But Rimmer (and Klass and Menzel and Christopher Allen) say they know better, that Gill was obviously contaminated by UFO literature because he used "mothership."

It is truly amazing how all of you can deduce this, knowing more about what a witness was thinking or what he previously read than the witness themselves. This seems to be debunker mindreading or remote viewing skills at work again. Or do you guys work with Ouija boards and mediums?

>When Gill said "mothership" he meant mothership in exactly the way that Adamski and dozens of other contactees, ufologists, >journalist and science-fiction writers used it at the time, and >I do not see what you think you have to gain by trying to >wriggle out of this obvious conclusion.

If Gill didn't read contactee, ufo, or sci-fi literature, which he said he didn't, then why would he necessarily be familiar with the term in those contexts? As for the "journalists", Aubeck and I have already covered that with our electronic searches. Use of the term in a UFO context is almost nonexistent in the newspapers. When the term was used, it was at least a thousand times more likely to be used in a completely non-UFO context.

>>Again, I could respond only to what you wrote, not to what you >>meant but did not express. Debunkers of the case, starting >>withKlass, use the "mothership" reference to argue that Gill >>was a UFO buff who read Adamski and others.

>Not a UFO "buff" (like you and me, Jerry) but someone who had >at least a glancing familiarity with what was being written about >UFOs in the popular press at the time. I find it amusing that >you are so desperate to portray Gill as a UFO-naif, whose only >contact with the word "mothership" would be through naval >jargon.

And we find it amusing that John Rimmer is so desperate to show that Gill knew about UFO motherships that he ignores what Gill himself had to say about it, then makes up fantasies about how English literature was somehow permeated with the term. Well "mothership" was used a fair amount, according to electronic searches of newspapers, but almost always in a non-UFO context.

>>Your assertion that Gill may have learned the term in >>discussion with Cruttwell is hardly unreasonable. If >>you had said that in the first place and made clear that >>you did not consider Allan's strange assertion about >>Gill's immersion in saucer literature "very likely true," >>we wouldn't have had to go to the trouble of this exchange.

>Depends what you mean by "immersion". Some topics, flying >saucers amongst them, were so widely discussed and reported >in the late 50s, early 60s, that it would be impossible for any >intelligent, well-read individual, as I'm sure Father Gill >was, not to have absorbed at least some of the vocabulary >of the subject. This is even without bringing up the subject >of the "flying saucer vicars" who were such a feature of British life >at the time!

>Cheerio, shipmates...

At the end of the day, all Rimmer and other skeptics have is a bunch of wild-assed speculation about what was hidden in Gill's subconscious. This is indeed pretty feeble stuff, if not downright pathetic.

David Rudiak

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Re: Passive Radar - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 08:27:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Passive Radar - Shough

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 10:36:11 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 15:56:26 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

>>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
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>>>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 11:42:43 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>Subject: Re: Passive Radar

>Thank you for your informed responses.
>They ring true based on my readings.

>>>I still wonder if their technology is basically
>>>radar transparent (not even trying to hide) based on past
>>>reports.

>>Some of the best hard(ish) evidence that there is anything to
>>track is radar evidence, so I don't see a general case for radar
>>transparency based on those past reports. I read you as saying
>>that there is no such radar evidence, and suggesting that this
>>is because of "their technology". This seems convoluted
>>reasoning to me. I would rather say that there is some
>>evidence of some phenomena with some radar opacity.

>I can't really talk in absolutes when it comes to UFOs. I can
>only talk in percentages. Other folk have the databases of
>cases. But my gut feel from many years of reading is that there
>are a small number of radar/optical sightings.

>These are indeed very important. The Campeche "UFO fleet"
>was an excellent example of how such a sighting could have impact.

Hi James

Please feel free to talk in percentages. You mention one case,
which as a radar case is not very interesting (Bruce Macabee did
a fine job on this - report of one aircraft-like uncorrelated
echo, no relevant visual) and is rather atypical.

<snip>

>I have done no statistical study, just read too many reports,
>and doesn't it seem that every time someone sights a UFO and
>calls an airport or military base to ask if it was seen on
>radar, they say "no". (In fact this week I have read a few
>recent reports with this characteristic).

Does it seem that way? Maybe it does, maybe it doesn't. Depends
on your reading habits. Since we know that 90% of those
sightings where people see some light and call the airport are
going to end up as "knowns", then you are talking about a
corrupted population. You have to do some statistics to try to
isolate a reliable figure that would be relevant.

>The cases of where
>there was an actual radar blip matching a TRUFO visual sighting
>seem very small.

Really? How small? How many cases are there? Which cases? What population are you starting from, and how have you arrived at this residue?

>Can we trust the airport responses? Who knows?
>If you do trust them you end up with "mostly" stealth ET tech
>(even given possible radar hardware/operational/conditions
>problems). If you don't trust them, you have no data.

I'm sorry, but this all seems like excuses not to undertake proper study of the data or the problem. I don't know anything tangible about your "airport responses" or stealth ET. What I do know is that we have credible and sometimes detailed reports of radar and radar/visual events that I can't explain to my satisfaction, and in context with the generality of Unknowns in the database they argue that at least one "new empirical phenomenon" (probably more) is likely. If I was one of Peter's billionaires, I'd fork over some cash.

>In the end, more data is required to see if it is justified to
>use active or passive radar for UFO research since it is so
>costly.

Yes of course data are required. We can't prove that the problem is worth funding. This is Catch 22 because the purpose of the experiment is to get the data to do this! We can only use persuasion and good judgement. Peter Davenport has encountered apathy or suspicion or both. But we have to argue the case positively. Competition for funds constrains all areas of new science.

>It reminds me of "GhostHunters" where they have a very
>expensive thermal imaging camera, but rarely get decent "ghost
>images" from it.

Since no work has even been planned yet isn't it a bit early to talk in ruefully amused tones about the failure rate of passive radar surveillance?

>Since SciFi or RotoRooter is paying for this
>nice equipment, then they have the luxury. Sadly, UFOlogy
>doesn't. Its nice to have all these data streams, but unless a
>legitimate science program is generating the data for a prosaic
>use (and paying for the main cost), its a luxury for UFO
>research.

I rather thought that was exactly what I said (see below).

>>>Excuse me if I am too much a novice at these matters, but it
>>>seems to me using a handheld radio that numerous weather effects
>>>(and the ionosphere) play havoc on signal strengths. Sure you
>>>can build a bigger, better antenna and amplify the signal, but
>>>these signal effects must impact using field strengths. Can
>>>f.s. really be relied upon in any way?

>>We're all novices here, but according to what I've read the
>>multi-aspect pattern matching of radar signatures has been
>>studied and trialed, in simulation and using real-world data, by
>>people who know what they're doing. Some of this is DARPA and
>>NATO funded. There's the Automatic Target Recognition system
>>developed with Lockheed-Martin's "Silent Sentry" passive radar -
>>a commercial product. You can find open source papers on the
>>net. If Fast Illinois Solver Code tables, Multipole analysis,
>>Inverse Fast Fourier Transforms and Monte Carlo simulations are
>>your thing then you'll understand the practical guts of this
>>pattern-matching software better than I do! But the principles
>>are plain enough.

>Hummmm. Well, we shall see. RF has never been my strong suit.
>It seems devilishly hard to use received weak signals.

Er... ? What else is radar but a device to use received weak (incredibly weak!) signals? I don't understand you.

>If you have
>a nice clear channel source, then it would be much less of a

>problem. I am sure the military has some nice systems, but they
>can afford their own signal generator (at their own desired
>signal design, deployed wherever they want).

I don't think you grasp the nature of the opportunistic passive radar systems that we've been talking about, the kind that have been widely studied for research and military applications. They don't use dedicated signal generators. They are designed to use ambient "signals of opportunity" from commercial sources - generally FM radio or TV. Multistatic active radar is another ball-game.

<snip>

>>Maybe UFO studies could be parasitical on other fundable
>>studies of geophysical phenomena in a similar way, if Peter
>>Davenport or someone else can convince researchers to
>>retain and share their data for re-examination. This may
>>need something a bit like NARCAP's pitch, which imports
>>the UFO problem on the back of the
>>air safety issue. Maybe appeal to researchers from some "safe"
>>position on moral high ground, like studying anecdotal radar
>>evidence of anomalously severe temp/humidity gradients or
>>possible unknown types of clear air turbulence.

>This is a very sound recommendation in that it seems like
>academic institutions are not going to help unless tied to "real
>world" paradigms. Kyle King has mentioned addressing the search
>for dangerous Near Earth Objects, but we needn't even be so
>drastic. Just piggybacking off genuine "science" is good enough
>and easier than a more blatant approach.

>>As you say, although real-time is nice it isn't essential for
>>evidentiary purposes. Re-using old radar data could be done in
>>the same way (well, hopefully a better way!) as the Condon team
>>used the Prairie Network cameras. If "we" know ahead of time
>>that such data might be available then arrangements could be
>>made in advance to monitor UFO reports in the coverage area
>>during the study period, or auto cameras could be set up.
>>There could be a lot of unused latent information in the passive
>>radar data and recovering it would "only" take time, cunning
>>and software skills, which could be paid for if we don't have
>>them - cheaper than a lot of hardware anyway.

>Good idea.

>The interesting thing is that Davenport has gotten zero support
>from deep pocketed folk and academic institutions have given
>him the cold shoulder. Whether this is because of pressure due
>to the government wanting this technology "limited" . . .

I really think this is a nonstarter. The principles, hardware and processing algorithms that we have talked about and referred to are all public domain and have been for many years. Peter has been trying to sell a project based on already-implemented "white" technology and open source research. Obviously there is classified work too but we don't have access to that and we aren't talking about it.

>or whether they want "real UFO data" limited is unclear.

Government pressure to stop passive radar work in order to corral UFO data? I hardly think so. It can't be stopped anyway. R and D is going on all over the world, at an increasing rate, in all sorts of civil and military applications that we know about, never mind those that we don't. They might as well try to stamp out the sale of binoculars to prevent aircraft identification.

>The cheapest way is to use academic data streams somehow

Yes, as I said this might be done provided the pitch for access or partnership is sufficiently cunning and done through the most conservative of ufological channels.

>(hopefully it has not been TOO filtered).

Too filtered? More covert government censorship of academic data sets? Whilst I'm all for great caution, I have the feeling that you are looking around for problems to justify your initial disbelief in this technology.

Martin Shough

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Re: Roswell - Case Closed [was: Gill Sighting]

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Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 12:49:29 -0700
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Subject: Re: Roswell - Case Closed [was: Gill Sighting]

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 23:09:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 11:08:38 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Roswell - Case Closed (was Gill Sighting)

>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 20:09:15 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>The assertion that they could not have been the source of
>>>stories of aliens from crashed saucers because they started some
>>>years after 1947 is nonsense. No reports of aliens, alive or
>>>dead, were made in 1947, only the reports of the wreckage which
>>>appeared in the news media at the time.

>>Well, John, actually General Ramey was photographed in 1947
>>clutching a telegram in his hand, which specifically mentions
>>"the victims of the wreck" along with "the 'disc'". That's the
>>strong consensus reading of what is there, not just my take on
>>it. Even Phil Klass admitted the word "victims" was there (but
>>tried to spin "the victims" into "no victims" in a personal
>>email to me).

>"Specifically mentions"?

Yes, you heard me right. It mentions Roswell "victims" in 1947.

>The phrase "victims of the wreck" makes no sense, and is bad
>English. You can have "victims of the crash", "victims of the
>hurricane", "victims of the plague", etc. but "victims of the
>wreck" is a non-starter (unless Ramey's command of English was
>atrocious). So we can rule out this phrase, I think, from
>Ramey's infamous memo.

Stuffy Brit nonsense argument. As Jerry Clark points out in
another post, "victims of the wreck" (VOTW) is perfectly good
English. He found many such examples of its use in newspaper
stories. I did my own electronic search yesterday of the N. Y.
Times (electronic archive from 1851-2002) and L. A. Times
(archive 1881-1985) and found 175 other examples starting 1870
in the N. Y. Times and 1888 in the L. A. Times. The last such
example in the NYT was 1970 and the LAT in 1981.

When I compiled statistics I found that use of VOTW was most
popular between 1890 and 1910 (used about 90 times), and then,
for some reason, went into decline: used 43 times between 1910
and 1930, 17 times between 1930 and 1950 and only 12 times after
1950.

On the other hand, "victims of the crash" (VOTC) was hardly ever
used before 1920 (only 6 instances, all in the LA Times, vs. 110
instances of VOTW). But after 1920, VOTC, for some reason,
started to outstrip VOTW in popularity. Thus we find it used 42

times in the 1920s, 74 times in the 1930s, 56 times in the 1940s, etc.

Thus VOTW heavily dominated in use to disasters before 1920, and was applied primarily to train and ship wrecks. I found VOTW and VOTC used in reference to aviation disasters, starting only in the 1920s (first instance, 1924). In the 1920s, just when multi-passenger planes were first introduced creating the first potential for major plane disasters, use of VOTW was in decline. VOTW was applied to air disasters only 3 times between 1920 and 1930, and then I couldn't find another instance. On the other hand, VOTC was applied to air disasters 10 times in the 1920s (first use 1924 to a dirigible disaster, then 1928 to a plane crash). In the 1930s it was used 37 times, and 41 times in the 1940s (as far as I compiled statistics on this).

So does this rule out "victims of the wreck" in the Ramey memo? No, not at all. First of all, Chris Allen's original contention that VOTW would never, ever have been used in the English language is baloney (a point I notice he honestly concedes in a post responding to Jerry Clark's research).

Second, VOTW was overwhelmingly the popular phrase before 1920, and still being used often enough in the 1920's, including for the new air disasters, all during Ramey's impressionable early years (he was born in 1904, graduated West Point in 1928). Maybe Ramey was just an old-fashioned guy and still using VOTW, even though VOTC had mostly replaced it by the 1940s.

Third, does it really matter? An alternate interpretation of the "wreck" word is "crash", which would make the phrase "victims of the crash". Both mean the same thing, and the key word is still "victims".

>In addition, I claim the "V" is just as likely to be a "Y", and

It's one thing to "claim," another to back up the claim. This is typical of the simple-minded treatment of the memo's analysis I have come to expect from debunkers. They try to treat every letter in isolation, ignoring the obvious fact that letters exist in words, the words in phrases and sentences, the sentences in a message embedded in a historical context. In short, they deliberately ignore the linguistic context, hoping to cast doubt on the minutia, thus casting doubt on everything. It's a divide and conquer strategy.

Yes the first letter of the "victims" word in isolation could also be interpreted as a "Y" instead of a "V". But what of the rest of the letters and word? First of all we can count the number of letters--there are 7. Second, the 2nd and 5th letters are almost certainly "I's". So if the first letter is really "Y", a critical question is are there any 7-letter words in the English that are YI??I?? and would make sense in the overall historical context of the message (military message held by Gen. Ramey while trying to sell the idea of a weather balloon found at Roswell)?

So several years ago, I actually did word searches of the English looking for suitable YI??I?? words that might fit. Did nattering nay-sayers like Christopher Allen do this? Of course not. That would have forced them to actually do a little work. Research by proclamation is so much easier.

I used the search engine at onelook.com, which searches through hundreds of online dictionaries and specialty lexicons. Only four words pop up: YIDDISH, YIPPING, YI JING (variant spelling of I CHING), and YINXIAN (an English spelling of a province in China). Yeah, those make a lot of sense, don't they?

Since some have suggested E as the second letter, I also tried than, thus YE??I?? as the search word. This yields 19 hits, but all of them are as nonsensical in context as the four words above, words like YELPING, YESSING, YERKISH, YESHIVA, YETTIES, etc. Yeah, those make a lot of sense too.

So the reason to reject "Y" as the first letter is not because of "crashed saucer bias" but because it has to be part of a sensible word, and there are no sensible Y-words when one takes into account the rest of the word and likely letters in it. That's why treating letters strictly in isolation is a bogus, inane, and dishonest approach.

On the other hand, if the letter starts with "V" and one tries "VI??I??" or more limited searches like "VI??IN?", "VI??IM?", "VI??I?S" (i.e., other likely discernible letters in the word), then "VICTIMS" is the only sensible word that comes up given the context. Other word hits like VIOLINS or VIRGINS just don't make any sense.

>the "W" in wreck looks like a "G". This "W" in any case looks
>very different from the "W" in "weather", so they cannot both be
>"W".

More nonsensical arguments. The "THE" before "victims" also does not look exactly like the "THE" before "wreck" which does not look exactly like the "THE" before "disc". Yet the words are all almost undoubtedly the simple English article "THE." Similarly, the "OF" before "victims" does not exactly match the "OF" before "weather", yet the words are almost unquestionably "OF". You could play the isolationist game even further, comparing letter against letter, arguing that they don't look exactly the same.

By Chris Allen's simple-minded argument, if words or letters don't look the same "they cannot be" the same. How dumb can you get? Of course they can be the same, just like people with strong accents can say the same words even if they sound different or somebody's handwriting has identical letters and words that don't look the same. Again, one has to look at the overall context in which individual letters, words, and sounds are used to disambiguate what is being said or written. It's a common signal-to-noise problem. We humans do this all the time in reading bad handwriting or following the thread of conversations in noisy environments or interpreting strong accents. This can also be applied to reading noisy text like the Ramey memo. Rules of the language and context can be used to help disambiguate and give likely interpretations to very badly formed letters and words.

Cryptographers use this technique, as do ordinary humans every day to disambiguate ambiguous speech and writing. This isn't 100% perfect, but it's a far more scientific approach than Allen's inane "discount letter-by-letter" debunkery.

I can never prove that the first letter in the "wreck" word is really W because it is so badly formed. If it were G, then it is incumbent upon Allen to come up with a sensible 5-letter "G" word that probably ends in either "H" or "K". Let's see... GREEK, GLORK, GROOK, GOPAC, GATCH, GRAPH, GIZEH, etc. See the problem? Despite what armchair debunkers may think, it's not that easy coming up with sensible words, phrases, and sentences. This is a message written in the English language and one has to assume it is reasonably coherent and sensible.

Now possibly Allen is partly right. Maybe it's a noisy "C" instead of "G". Thus now we might search for C???H or C???K. If one does that, then CRASH pops up as the only sensible word out of about 200 hits that fits any sort of Roswell context. This brings us right back to "victims of the wreck" or "victims of the crash", both of which mean the same, and both still saying that there were "victims" associated with Roswell.

>So where does this analysis of Ramey's memo lead us?
>Answer: nowhere. I suggest that unless some super-powerful new
>technology arrives, we drop the whole idea of ever being able to
>decipher this Ramey scrap of paper.

For super-powerful technology, Allen might start by using his brain instead of absurd reductionist debunking arguments. The human brain is still the most powerful pattern recognition and deciphering machine in existence. That's why humans can easily understand human language in it's many variant and ambiguous spoken and written forms whilst the most powerful computers as yet cannot.

>>It is also interesting that General Ramey back in 1947 went out
>>of his way to ridicule the idea that there was a crew, stating
>>that the object was "too lightly constructed to have carried
>>anyone." Then he "scoffed at the possibility that the object
>>could have been piloted." Why would Ramey bring the subject up
>>to begin with? Possibly it was a form of damage control against
>>rumors or speculation of bodies being involved.

>I believe 25 feet was the estimated diameter of one of the
>balloons. A likely over-estimate, but it was done from fragments
>of what was in Ramey's office.

How does one estimate the size of a balloon from "fragments"
anyway, even crudely? Maybe Christopher Allen can enlighten us.

In the meantime, instead of Allen's armchair, handwaving "I
believe," how about some actual contemporaneous quotes of what
the press was actually being told?

First, let's look at this very interesting quote from the
Washington Post of July 9:

http://roswellproof.com/Washington_Post_July9.html

"They got from Brig. Gen. Roger Ramey, Eighth Air Force
Commander, a description of the object. It was "of very flimsy
construction--almost like a box-kite", made of wood and with a
cover 'like tinfoil'... Ramey said he hadn't actually seen it
himself as yet. He went to take a look, and called back that it
was about 25 feet in diameter."

Nothing here from Ramey about rubber "fragments" or balloons,
only a "boxkite" covered with "tinfoil", which he instantly
deduces at a glance was "about 25 feet in diameter." Amazing.

AP, July 8:

http://roswellproof.com/LA_HeraldExpress_July8.html

"In talking by telephone to A.A.F. headquarters at Washington,
Ramey described the object as of 'flimsy construction, almost
like a box kite.' It was so badly battered that Ramey was unable
to say whether it had a disc form. He did not indicate the size
of the object. ...Ramey reported that so far as the A.A.F.
investigation could determine, no one had seen the object in the
air. Asked what the material seemed to be, A.A.F. officials here
said Ramey described it as 'apparently some sort of tin foil'"

"... Later the A.A.F. said that further information indicated
that the object would have had a diameter of about 20 to 25 feet
if reconstructed. Nothing in the apparent construction
"indicated any capacity for speed, and there was no evidence of
a power plant, the A.A.F. said. Construction of the disc seemed
too flimsy to have enabled it to carry a man, it was added."

or how about this AP story:

http://roswellproof.com/AP1_July9.html

"The material had been described as of flimsy construction about
25 feet in diameter, covered with tinfoil-like substance and
built on a framework of light wood. It was badly battered."

Earlier UP story:

http://roswellproof.com/UP_NevadaSJ_July9.html

"AAF spokesmen would say only that the 'saucer' was a flimsily-
constructed, kite-like object measuring about 25 feet in
diameter and covered with a material resembling tinfoil."

Later UP story:

http://roswellproof.com/Charleston_NewsCourier_July9.html

"Ramey informed his Washington superiors that the object was 'of
very flimsy construction--almost like a box kite'. He said it
had been smashed and apparently was made with a cover of some
kind of material like tinfoil. Reports from Ramey, AAF
spokesman in Washington, and Sheriff George Wilcox of Roswell
indicated that the object, if reconstructed, would have a
diameter of 25 feet,"

It is pretty obvious from these various stories that "the
object" being referred to "25 feet in diameter" "if
reconstructed" is the "kite" "covered with" "tinfoil," not the
balloon.

One rare Reuters story I found used the same boxkite, tinfoil,
20-25 foot description, but then added the following:

http://roswellproof.com/CeylonObserver_July9.html

"Army Air Force Headquarters said later that the officer who had seen the object [probably Ramey] held a strong opinion that it might be a meteorological device. 'There is some indication that the object might have been attached to a balloon which squares with the description of meteorological equipment we have in use,' it was stated.

So "the object" of 20-25 diameter might have been attached to a balloon, but again it was not the balloon.

Now against this we have Major Kirton, Ramey's intelligence officer, speaking to Reuters and the FBI. saying he is quoting Ramey, and applying a 20 foot description to the balloon:

Here are some later Reuters stories:

http://roswellproof.com/Reuters_Canada_July10.html

http://roswellproof.com/Reuters_TheHindu_Madras_July10.html

"It looks like a hexagonal object covered with tinfoil [or other shining material] suspended from a balloon of about 20 feet diameter.

FBI telegram:

http://roswellproof.com/FBI_Telegram.html

"The disc is hexagonal in shape and suspended from a balloon by cable, which balloon was approximately 20 feet in diameter."

Interestingly, the battered, torn-up radar target which Ramey was earlier quoted as saying he couldn't even tell if it was disk-shaped was now specifically being described as "hexagonal," a very unusual description that would only apply to a fully_intact_radar target viewed from directly above or below. So we have Ramey instantly deducing the radar "target box-kite" "tinfoil" "object" was about 25 feet across if reconstructed, but also he couldn't tell if it was disk-shaped because it was so "battered", and now he was supposedly deducing it was also "hexagonal."

Then Kirton comes along speaking for Ramey, and now it is the balloon that is about 20 feet across. The press was being told all sorts of things.

Anybody else smell a highly inconsistent, shifting cover story? Maybe it's because they never did bother to get the story straight or maybe they thought that putting out multiple, conflicting stories would be more effective because it would just confuse people and improve the cover. This is a common strategy of counterintelligence, to put out some facts but also deliberately confuse truth with fiction by flooding the story with disinformation.

>Lydia Sleppy's story has 'improved' considerably with time and >retelling. Her original tale to Stanton Friedman made no mention >of the FBI, and was far simpler than the later, embellished, >versions. It appeared in a 1974 issue of SAGA magazine. The FBI >mysteriously entered the the Sleppy-McBoyle story years later. I >cannot dig up all the references now.

As usual Christopher Allen can't provide the specifics. As far as I know, Sleppy has always told pretty much the same story. Part of her story about McBoyle phoning in the story and them not being able to get the story out was also corroborated by her and McBoyle's boss Merl Tucker when he was interviewed by Randle and Schmitt:

"[Tucker] was out of town. When he got back, he was upset to hear that Johnny McBoyle, his station manager, and Lydia Sleppy, his secretary, had tried to put a story out over the wire. Tucker was sure that he was going to get into trouble over it. ...he knew that McBoyle had tried to get out to the site of the crash and that he had been intercepted by the military. Once McBoyle returned to Roswell, the sheriff went to see McBoyle and told him not to talk about it. Tucker mentioned that McBoyle had been giving information to Sleppy over the phone, that he had talked about a 'crushed' dishpan and about burn spots on the

ground. But when Tucker asked him about it specifically, McBoyle said he couldn't talk about it..."

Now why couldn't Sleppy get the story out over the wire unless it was as she said? The bell on the teletype rang indicating a request at the other end to cease transmission and to place the teletype into receive mode to receive further instructions. Once in receive mode she received the FBI message to cease all further transmission of the story.

It is also interesting that knee-jerk debunkers like Allen are totally unconcerned about clear embellishment of stories if they believe it supports their side. E.g., we have Mogul engineer Charles Moore obviously engaging in some lying and hoaxing to support a Mogul crash. Allen e-mailed out of the blue about 2 years ago, immediately called me "incompetent" because I supposedly didn't understand had Moore had done his calculations (this regards Moore's bogus calculation of Flight #4's trajectory taking it "exactly" to the Brazel ranch). When I boxed Allen into numerous mathematical corners and contradictions, his hypocritical and disingenuous "defense" then became that it "didn't matter." That's how these guys operate. As Stan Friedman says, don't confuse them with facts because their mind is already made up.

>>Finally I have heard this "contemporaneous" nonsense from every
>>Roswell debunker I have ever read or debated. Basically the
>>argument is if it wasn't reported at the time then it isn't true
>>(unless it supports debunking arguments) and if it was reported
>>at the time then it must be true (unless it doesn't support
>>debunking arguments).

>Not at all. One thing that was reported at the time and is
>certainly false is that the disc was "loaned" to USAF higher
>headquarters. A clear case of a misheard word (should be
>"flown") by a copy typist over the phone. The error was then
>repeated from this. This error supports neither the believer or
>the debunking arguments.

Although I agree with this specific instance, Allen is also trying to trivialize the point I was making. Guys like Allen will quote very selectively from "contemporaneous" sources to make their debunking case and deliberately ignore anything contradictory. More detail below.

>The differing accounts of when the disc was discovered, i.e.
>"last week", "three weeks ago", and "a few days ago" can be
>explained by the various reporters getting confused over when
>the disc was first discovered and when it was recovered.
>(Something I have pointed out before). Haut's original press
>release was based on rushed information before he had time to
>get the story correct. He never got it first hand from Brazel
>anyway and, as far as I know, never saw the recovered 'disc'.

More spin. Haut got the information from Col. Blanchard. Haut didn't spontaneously make it up. Further, as Haut himself told me, any press release of any import was going to be reviewed personally by Blanchard or his adjutant, before it went out. Blanchard likely got his information from Marcel and Cavitt, both of whom spent a day with Brazel. Marcel 30+ years later was quite clear that the actual crash had happened only a few days before. And that's how it was initially reported in the press release, as "sometime last week." (In his last interview, Marcel was more specific and correlated the crash with the Wilmot sighting of July 2, since Wilmot's son told him his parents had also seen their sighted disk explode in the distance toward the Foster Ranch, and Brazel subsequently reported finding the debris field after an explosion.)

But immediately after the press release, the military changed the story. Sheriff Wilcox, who admitted to AP that he was "working with those fellows at the base," couldn't make up his mind which story to tell. He told AP that Brazel "made the discovery" "some days before" or "two or three days before" but told UP that Brazel found the disk "about three weeks ago."

http://roswellproof.com/AP5_July9.html

http://roswellproof.com/UP_ClovisNMPress_July9.html

http://roswellproof.com/United_Press_Telexes.html

In Fort Worth, Gen. Ramey also changed the story to about 3 weeks before. Marcel, under direct orders from Ramey, also told a balloon story, as reported by AP, again saying:

"It had been found three weeks previously by a New Mexico rancher, W. W. Brazell [sic], on his property about 85 miles northwest of Roswell. Brazell, whose ranch is 30 miles from the nearest telephone and has no radio, knew nothing about flying discs when he found the broken remains of the weather device scattered over a square mile of his land. He bundled the tinfoil and broken wooden beams of the kite and the torn synthetic rubber remains on the balloon together and rolled it under some brush, according to Maj. Jesse A. Marcel, Houma, La., 509th Bomb Group intelligence officer at Roswell, who brought the device to Fort Worth." On a trip to town at Corona, N.M., Saturday night, Brazell heard the first reference to the "silver" flying disks, Maj. Marcel related. Brazell hurried home, dug up the remnants of the kite(s) and balloon on Sunday, and Monday headed for Roswell to report his find to the sheriff's office."

Now what's fishy about this story? Well for one thing, Marcel reports the device was scattered "over a square mile." Does the weather balloon and few pieces of foil and balsa sticks in Ramey's office look like they would have been scattered over a square mile?

Brazel was then to report this all happened 7 or 8 miles from his ranch house. Brazel's "contemporaneous" story also directly contradicted the one Ramey had Marcel tell in Fort Worth. Brazel said he merely found the debris back on June 14, but "At the time Brazel was in a hurry to get his round made and he did not pay much attention to it. ...on July 4 he, his wife, Vernon and a daughter, Betty, age 14, went back to the spot and gathered up quite a bit of the debris. The next day he first heard about the flying disks, and he wondered if what he had found might be the remnants of one of these."

So in Brazel's story, he didn't gather the debris until the day before he first heard about the saucers (and also didn't gather all of it). But Marcel's story suggests that Brazel bundled it all up and threw it under some brush back when he first found it 3 weeks before, then gathered it back up after he found out about the saucers. That would also agree with what local ranchers say Brazel would have done to protect his livestock from eating foil/paper and rubber debris, which could prove fatal to them. He wouldn't have let it sit out there for 3 weeks.

Brazel's "recent recovery" story is also inconsistent with the condition of the debris shown in Ramey's office. The weather balloon in the photos would have been reduced to a black, brittle ashlike condition after sitting in the hot sun for a month (remember this was supposedly the remains of the June 4 Mogul Flight #4). That's not me saying that. It's Charles Moore, who has also demonstrated how this happens after only 2 or 3 weeks exposure in the N.M. sun. But the balloon in the F.W. photos is obviously still pliable and mostly in one piece.

Also if you look at the white backing on the radar target in 1st generation prints, it is absolutely clean and bright white. But we learned independently from Marcel and Brazel Jr. that Brazel Sr. said he found the material the morning after hearing a huge explosion in the middle of a violent thunder and lightning storm. So where's the weathering on the white paper after sitting out in the elements for a month, being rained and dewed on, and dragged through the dirt?

Further, a check of weather records shows zero thunderstorm activity in central New Mexico until late June and early July (July 2 and July 4 to be precise) Thus there was no storm activity back when Brazel supposedly first found the material in mid-June, but there was such activity in early July, which squares with the "sometime last week" and the Wilmot families disk of July 2 seen to explode in the distance.

The point is, even if we restrict ourselves to only the contemporaneous stories, the various stories are usually completely inconsistent with one another. If Haut's press release with its "sometime last week" was inaccurate because it was supposedly based on "rushed information," then what are we

to make of Marcel's still later recovery story that directly contradicts what Brazel told the press even later? Allen wants to argue that because the "three weeks before" came later and is "less rushed," that somehow makes it more accurate. But that being the case, then why do the later Brazel and Marcel stories so strongly disagree with one another in crucial details? Allen obviously wants to have it both ways, picking and choosing what details he wants to label true and ignoring the contradictory ones.

<snip>

>See above. A lot of the contemporary press reports are likely to >be error-prone in places, due to the desire to 'be firstest with >the mostest'. There is only one actual date for the discovery >given anywhere, and that is June 14, which came directly from >Brazel.

Isn't it remarkable that Brazel would remember exactly the day he first supposedly discovered the debris, yet considered it so unimportant that he supposedly didn't collect it for another 3 weeks? No, Brazel didn't say "about 3 weeks ago" or "mid-June". He had it down to the exact day. That's not impossible, but it's not very likely either, and just another indication that the story was fed to him before hand.

>The rest are all semi-vague phrases like those I list >above. I agree with Karl Pflock that June 14 is therefore very >likely the true date. To those people who still insist that the >USAF planted that date in Brazel's mind I refuse to debate the >matter any further.

Of course not.

>The claimed differences in size were probably due to confusion >in the press over the balloon portion and the radar target(s). >Carelessness can explain a lot. You do not need cover-ups or >damage limitation exercises to account for it.

More wing-flapping and unthinking skeptical spin. How about the actual quotes? The press was initially very clearly told that the 20-25 foot size referred to the "box-kite" covered with "tinfoil", i.e., the radar target. In fact, the initial stories mention nothing about a balloon. Then one of Ramey's intel officers changed it to the balloon. It wasn't the press that was confused. The stories they were being given were simply inconsistent.

<snip details of U-2 incident cover story of errant weather plane>

>Had the Russians not captured Gary Powers, the USAF or the CIA >might have thought they could cover up the U-2 affair for >several years, but it was very risky. Suppose, for example, that >it happened again within a few months? Or even a third time? >Would they still have tried to cover it up?

I fail to see what point Allen is trying to make here. My point is that governments often flagrantly lie and put out elaborate cover stories. What the press is told isn't necessarily true, therefore "contemporaneous" stories aren't necessarily the most trusted source, despite what debunkers usually argue. Often the real facts may not emerge until decades later. It all depends on how successful they might have been in burying the real story to begin with.

>As for trying to cover up an ET crash, what if that also >happened again, and again? Don't forget, they had no control >whatever over ET crashes or in fact any ET actions. (They still >haven't either). For all the USAF knew, ETs had already landed >in Russia the year before!

???? Well I guess, this is Allen's usual dumb point that governments can't possibly keep secrets, so if there were repeated crashes we would know about them despite all efforts of the government to keep them secret.

Well, here's a news flash. We do know about some of them other than Roswell, incidents like Kecksberg and Shag Harbor which are pretty well documented. Various witnesses have been talking about them for years. Thus they aren't exactly secret. What remains in place is the official denial, both by governments and

their debunker apologists

The accusations of cover-up do not just come from "UFO buffs" but from various military officers like Gen. Exon, Gen. Lovekin, Gen. Dubose, Sen. Goldwater, former CIA director Adm. Hillenkoetter, the French generals on the recent COMETA panel, and one closer to Allen's UK, Lord Hill-Norton, former chief of the British Defense staff. In the U.S., that would be like Colin Powell publicly coming out and accusing the U.S. government of a massive UFO coverup.

>I think General Exon's testimony has been discredited by other >writers, particularly Pflock. See p.124 of his book.

Basically all Pflock says is that Exon's testimony is mostly second-hand, which hardly "discredits" it. Exon wasn't some goat-herder passing on rumors from fellow goat-herders. He was an Air Force general, stationed at Wright-Patterson in 1947 at the time of the crash and C/O of Wright-Patterson in the mid 1960s. This placed him in direct contact with people who said they dealt directly with both the debris and bodies. Thus Exon's second-hand "rumors" are particularly credible.

Second-hand testimony from a credible witness like this would be perfectly admissible in a murder trial. No historian worth anything would ignore it. But if you are a UFO debunker, you pretend such testimony "has been discredited" and has no probative value.

[regarding the Air Force "crash dummy" body explanation and time compression theory, which I said even the American press thought unbelievably stupid...]

>There is an interesting example of time distortion/compression >in Magonia 65 (Nov 1998). In it Peter Rogerson gives an example >of a witness, the chief stewardess to the June 1954 BOAC >Stratocruiser sighting over Goose Bay, who alleged in the 1990s >that she and the two pilots were hypnotically regressed by a >psychiatrist soon afterwards, whom she met at the Air Ministry.

>In fact these witnesses were never regressed, and the man she >had met (a Dr Stephen Black) was someone she was interviewed by >years later, in 1968, in a BBC documentary on UFOs. She had >recalled his name correctly but got the date wrong by 14 years! >Hypnosis was mentioned during the documentary, but that is all. >She had become confused when she recounted the story for Jenny >Randles in a book published in the 1990s, i.e. some 35-40 years >after the UFO event had occurred.

>Now tell us that there is no such thing as this "preposterous" >time compression!

Thus one lousy anecdote and Christopher Allen rests his case. What psychological mechanism accounts for identical "time compressions" to multiple witnesses? How does "time compression" explain identical confusion between 6-foot plastic human mannequins and small, rotting alien bodies? How does "time compression" explain universal confusion in locations? And how does "time compression" explain what Air Force personnel were personally telling Gen. Exon about what really happened at Roswell?

Any psychologist trying to pull this at a psychology convention would be hooted off stage if they tried to use such nonsense to explain something conventional. But with UFO debunkery it seems anything goes, no matter how absurd.

Example from just today: People saw strange moving lights in the sky over Nevada and California late Wednesday night. Today the S.F. Chronicle has an article where an astronomy professor proclaims that these were almost certainly Venus and Mars. One Big Problem: The lights were seen from San Francisco toward the east near midnight and Venus set in the west at 7:30 p.m. Thus Venus wasn't even visible. But no matter. If an authority figure like an astronomer says it's Venus then it's Venus. And if the Air Force says Roswell bodies were time compressed crash dummies, then they were time compressed crash dummies.

David Rudiak

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Ha, ha, ha. This is particularly rich coming from an astronomy
professor and a science reporter. Venus and Mars are not
"currently close together" but practically 180 degrees apart.
Venus is setting in the west as Mars is rising in the east.
Further Venus sets at around 7:30 p.m., but see below where a
Chronicle photographer was photographing the lights in the east
around midnight.

>If they seem to take on unusual colors, twinkle or even move,
>Fraknoi said, it's because of an optical illusion caused by
>Earth's somewhat dense, moisture-laden lower atmosphere. Clouds
>scudding by also may obscure them briefly before they reappear,
>he said.

But around midnight, Venus is invisible, having set 4-1/2 hours
before, and Mars is high in the night sky where there is usually
very little atmospheric turbulence. It is when stars or planets
are near the horizon and we are looking through a lot more
atmosphere that we tend to see a lot of twinkling and maybe
color distortions.

>Residents across California and people as far east as Las Vegas
>reported seeing the lights in the sky late Wednesday.

Note, late Wednesday. Venus was invisible.

>Those who
>called space officials at Vandenberg Air Force Base on the
>Central Coast and the Federal Aviation Administration drew the
>usual response Thursday: No, there were no missile launches, no
>wandering airplane pilots had failed to file flight plans, no
>military jets were aloft, and no one was suggesting UFOs.

>No one except astronomers could offer an explanation.

Except it's not a real explanation. How can a planet not even in the sky explain anything?

>Chronicle photographer Lance Iversen caught images of the
>peculiar lights in his camera around midnight Wednesday, looking
>east from Twin Peaks. Mars and Venus would have been visible in
>the eastern skies at that time.

More ha, ha, ha. Venus set _in the west_ 4-1/2 hours before. Venus is always near the sun and would only be seen rising in the east before sunrise, and then only if it were on the opposite side of the sun from where it is now.

And Mars is not exactly "east" right now around midnight, instead being near the zenith.

>Iversen said that at one point he saw four distinctly separate
>lights, but then saw only two that seemed to move in unison.

Even ignoring movement, Venus and Mars were far apart, Venus by now being invisible, leaving only Mars all by its lonesome. That hardly explains 2 or 4 lights, moving or not.

>"They were just lights moving in the sky," he said. "They might
>have been helicopters, although I couldn't see any fuselages,
>but the lights were moving far enough and fast enough so they
>couldn't have been planets -- and I know planets when I see
>them."

>But Fraknoi said Venus and Mars remain the best explanation for
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I would say the mere photographer is a helluva lot smarter than the astronomy professor and the science reporter.

>In their orbits around the sun, all planets move at different
>speeds, just as the Earth does, and periodically their varied
>speeds cause them to catch up and overtake the Earth's orbital
>flight and bring them closer to our home planet.

>In fact, the Red Planet will be exactly 43.1 million miles from
>Earth at 8:25 p.m. Saturday, and its orbit won't bring it that
>close to Earth again until the summer of 2018, according to
>astronomical calculations.

>Venus, which orbits the sun inside Earth's orbital path, is now
>about 106 million miles away -- no record, but close enough to
>appear much brighter than usual.

Just padding the story with irrelevant details, probably to make "Venus and Mars" sound more impressive. However, the important detail about Venus setting in the west at 7:30, and thus being invisible, somehow doesn't make it into the laundry list of "impressive" astronomical facts.

>According to Fraknoi, Mars now far outshines even the brightest
>of all the stars in the sky, and when skies are clear, the
>fourth planet from the sun could look even bigger than normal.
>Its brilliance should be apparent above the eastern horizon soon
>after sunset, but will appear even brighter as it climbs higher
>in the sky during the night.

Right, Mars in east near horizon at sunset, Venus in west near horizon at sunset, hardly "close together" and can hardly account for multiple lights seen close together. And as Mars climbs during the night high in the sky away from the horizon, it would shine as a steady light. At midnight when it is practically directly overhead, it is unlikely to be described as a light in the "east."

>On the night of Nov. 7, Mars will be directly opposite the sun
>in relation to Earth -- a position astronomers call opposition,

>which means it will rise above the eastern horizon just at
>sunset, climb higher and higher, and remain in the sky all night
>until it sets at sunrise.

>The Martian orbit last caught up with Earth's in August 2003,
>and on that occasion it was even closer -- about 36 million
>miles away. It won't come any closer than that for another
>60,000 years, NASA astronomers have calculated.

More irrelevant padding. Science writer David Perlman is usually pretty good, but he has his head up where Venus don't shine on this one. How he and the astronomer could both think Venus and Mars were close together in the east or how they could ignore Venus being invisible after 7:30 are real puzzlers. It's hard to believe they could be that careless or dumb. Maybe they don't care about being factual if the whole point is UFO debunkery.

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As I just pointed out my previous post, Fraknoi's "explanation" is impossible. Venus and Mars are currently not "close together" in the sky but on opposite ends of the sky. Further Venus sets below the horizon around 7:40, and thus invisible at midnight, when a S.F. Chronicle photographer photographed multiple lights (also part of article--see above url for multiple photos).

Who the heck is this guy Fraknoi, a supposed professional astronomer? I googled the guy, and guess what? He's a proud, card-carrying Fellow of CSICOP.

<http://www.foothill.fhda.edu/ast/afraknoi.htm>

Further it says he "specializes in debunking astrology." Obviously he also specializes in debunking UFOs, and doesn't care whether his explanations are scientifically impossible. Some scientist.

Ironically his bio also states, "Fraknoi has a strong interest in helping to improve the way science is taught in the nations's schools." If that were the case, he could start by getting his

astronomical facts correct first.

I was so mad, that I just sent the following letter-to-the-editor off to the S.F. Chronicle. We'll see if it gets published or we get a public apology from science editor Perlman or Fraknoi.

Bogus Astronomy

To the editor:

Regarding the story "Spellbound by Sky Lights" in Friday's Chronicle by science editor David Perlman. It is literally impossible, as Perlman and astronomy professor Andrew Fraknoi claim, for Venus and Mars to be close together in the eastern sky and thus explain the multiple lights seen by many moving together and which Chronicle photographer Lance Iversen also photographed around midnight on Wednesday night. At sunset, Mars is currently rising in the east while Venus is setting in the west. They are on opposite sides of the sky. Venus sets at around 7:40 p.m. and is completely invisible at midnight. Further Mars is almost directly overhead at midnight, not near the horizon where Iversen photographed his lights. Stars and planets do not move relative to one another, as Iversen's photographs clearly show these lights as doing. I don't know what the lights were, but I do know Perlman and Fraknoi should do some simple fact checking before proposing absurdities like an invisible planet and then trying to portray this as a scientific explanation. Maybe they both need to take remedial astronomy courses.

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>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
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>>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>There can be no investigation thorough enough for an ardent
>>>enough denialist.

>>And there can be no explanation convincing enough for an eager
>>believer.

>John, you've got to be kidding. What explanation[s]? So far
>there are none.

Are you saying no UFO case has ever been explained. There are
people who seem to think that - 'eager believers' - but I hadn't
previously put you amongst them!

>It's getting harder and harder to take you or
>your position seriously. You bring nothing to the table unless
>you consider negative, unsupported rhetoric as evidence. Since
>you don't seem to want to either supply any evidence to the
>contrary, just disdain and derision, why you are even on the
>list? Rich, as bad as his attempts are to explain this case with
>thinly disguised cosmetic, oft times silly, applications, does
>offer up a position. On the other hand you offer nothing, not
>even an opinion.

I suggest you go back in the archives and read my previous
posts. On second thoughts, no, there are just too many of
them, and packed full of opinions (and sometimes even facts).

>You seem satisfied with just assigning
>degeneratory motive to anyone not readily supportive of
>ridiculous conjecture or theories.

>Debate seems a useless tool when trying to get at the truth of
>this phenomenon. Obviously the best debater would win, but
>that's not the point. Winning an argument is a poor substitute
>for proof if the facts suffer in the process. Debate is the
>purview of courts and legislatures who often get it wrong.

>The "eager believer" comment is an attempt to win points by
>derision and thereby hopefully weaken a case and enhance your
>own position, not through the presentation of facts but by
>ridiculing of the presenter of the facts. It's an old ploy but
>it simply amounts to tripe.

Everything you have said above applies, one hundred times over,

to Alfred Lehmborg, whose only function on this List seems to be to make pointless, sarcastic comments to anyone who attempt to take a moderate, sceptical approach to the UFO problem. Perhaps if you were to take a similar admonitory attitude to him - which nobody on this List appears to be willing to do - I might be prepared to take your comments above more seriously.

What contribution has Lehmborg ever made to ufology? Does he publish one of the world's oldest continuously published UFO-related magazines? Has he written a serious book on UFO abductions? Has he actually investigated a UFO case, either first hand or through studying the literature? What does he 'bring to the table' other than 'negative, unsupported rhetoric'? Has he ever tried to do anything other than 'attempt to win points through derision'?

Lehmborg has been ridiculing presenters of facts on this List for years, not through winning the debate, but simply because no-one appears to be willing to challenge his... I would say rhetoric, but that is too flattering of his crude, though elaborately worded ramblings.

If you are prepared to challenge that, I might be prepared to 'debate' with you further, but I don't suppose you'd be to bothered if I didn't, which may well be your loss.

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John Rimmer

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Langley AFB's Ad Censorship

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 20:29:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 08:48:23 -0500
Subject: Langley AFB's Ad Censorship

To: dodgcweb.nul
Cc: william.haynes.nul
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 20:29:13 -0500
Subject: Langley Air Force Base's Ad Censorship

TO: Hon. William J. Haynes, II
General Counsel
U. S. Department of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

FROM: Larry W. Bryant
3518 Martha Custis Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302

DATE: October 28, 2005

As you can see from the below-quoted e-mail exchanged between me and certain officials at Langley Air Force Base, Va. (in which the base public affairs office announces its decision to bar my proposed classified advertisement "Blow the Whistle on the Neo-UFO Whistleblowers!" from being published in the LAFB "Flyer" newspaper), I hereby serve notice upon you that -

(1) Langley's censorship of my ad violates the consent decree issued by the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria Division) in the First Amendment lawsuit of Larry W. Bryant v. Caspar W. Weinberger, et al. (1987) That decree expressly prohibits any USAF personnel from interfering with my right to have my UFO-related ads printed in such U. S. military newspapers as the Langley "Flyer."

(2) The rejected ad in question recently has been approved by the public affairs office at Arnold Air Force Base, Tenn., for publication in Arnold's newspaper (the "High Mach"). This Langley-banned ad happens to reflect a series of such "UFO-cover-up-whistleblower" solicitation ads already published since 1987 in various other post/base newspapers (including the ad "Blow the Whistle on 'Hostile Aerial Craft'" - published in the April 18, 2003, issue of Fort Myer's "Pentagram").

(3) If you fail to order, no later than Nov. 22, 2005, a complete reversal of Langley's censorship, I plan to instruct my attorney to pursue, on my behalf, a show-cause order as to why the Secretaries of Defense and Air Force should not be held in contempt of court for this violation of the subject consent decree.

(4) The sought-for show-cause order will seek from the U. S. government full reimbursement of my litigation costs in this matter, along with all appropriate monetary damages.

Please advise me, in writing, as soon as you take the remedial action requested by this e-formatted letter (a signed printout of which is being sent to you by snail-mail).

LARRY W. BRYANT

Copy furnished to: U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria Div.)

TEXT OF THE BRYANT-LAFB E-MAIL AT ISSUE:

Subject: RE: Fwd: Submission of An Ad for Publication in the Langley AFB "Flyer"
Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2005 11:56:46 -0400
From: "Rothwell Deborah L Civ 1 FW/IG" <Deborah.Rothwell.nul>
To: "overtci.nul" <'overtci.nul'>
Cc: "1 FW/IG IG Complaints" <lfw.igg.nul>

Good Morning Sir,

Here is the response to your inquiry concerning your ad-review submission of May 9, 2005. With the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigation and analyzing UFOs was rescinded. Documentation regarding the former Blue Book investigation was permanently transferred to the Modern Military Branch, National Archives and Records Service, and is available for public review and analysis. The newspaper contract Langley AFB has with Military Newspapers stipulates, in section 4, Line "d" that the publisher shall not accept for publication advertisements that are worded or phrased to give the reader impressions that the Department of the Air Force in any way endorses, guarantees or sponsors any product or service. Section 4, line "k" states that the editorial staff will review advertisements to identify any that are contrary to law, Air Force or Department of Defense instructions, or that may pose a danger or detriment to Air Force members or their families, or that interfere or detract from the command or the installation's mission. Based on results of Project Blue Book, it is clearly not within our scope to publish material contrary to the government interest. Thanks for your consideration. Requests for copies of records and general information about Project Blue Book should be sent to: Modern Military Records, National Archives, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740-60001, (303) 71307250. If you have any questions, regarding this response, please feel free to contact Maj Patricia A. Traynor, USAFR, Chief Public Affair, 757-764-2018. If the 1 FW/IG can be of any further service, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Deborah L. Rothwell, Civ, USAF
Deputy Inspector General
DSN: 574-5162/6782
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---Original Message---

From: 1 FW/IG
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2005 10:18 AM
To: 'overtci.nul'
Subject: RE: Fwd: Submission of An Ad for Publication in the Langley AFB "Flyer"

Good Morning Sir -

I have received your complaint. The complaint is being referred over to PA for resolution as to why your article for not accepted for submission to the FLYER. I will let you know as soon as I receive the response. If I can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to give me a call. Thanks.

Deborah L. Rothwell, Civ, USAF
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---Original Message---

From: overtc1.nul [overtc1.nul]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2005 12:58 AM
To: 1 FW/IG
Subject: Fwd: Fwd: Submission of An Ad for Publication in the Langley AFB "Flyer"

TO: Inspector General of the Headquarters, 1st Fighter Wing (Langley Air Force Base, VA 23665) (June 3, 2005):

Your command's public affairs officer (Capt. Glenn) apparently has chosen to ignore my below-quoted ad-review submission of May 9, 2005. In doing so, he has exceeded his authority. I therefore request that your office (1) investigate this managerial irregularity; and (2) report to me, promptly, your resultant findings and recommendations. Please tell me the name and contact information of the I.G. official to whom you plan to assign this case. - Larry W. Bryant

--- Forwarded Message ---

From: "overtc1" <overtc1.nul>
To: 1fw.paedit.nul
Subject: Fwd: Submission of An Ad for Publication in the Langley AFB "Flyer"
Date: Tue, 17 May 2005 02:04:55 -0500

DEAR CAPTAIN: Please tell me the name and e-address of the USAF official to whom I may appeal your apparent decision to ignore my request for your prepublication review of my below-quoted ad submission. - Larry W. Bryant

--- Forwarded Message ---

From: "overtc1" <overtc1.nul>
To: 1fw.paedit.nul
Subject: Submission of An Ad for Publication in the Langley AFB "Flyer"
Date: Mon, 09 May 2005 20:49:52 -0500

TO: Capt. Jeff Glenn
Public Affairs Officer
Langley Air Force Base, Va.

FROM: Larry W. Bryant
3518 Martha Custis Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302

DATE: May 9, 2005

Please have the text of the following classified ad undergo your standard prepublication review/clearance prior to my submitting it direct to the printer of your base newspaper, the "Flyer":

BLOW THE WHISTLE ON THE NEO-UFO WHISTLEBLOWERS!

Two members of a reinvigorated crop of reputed UFO-coverup whistleblowers - former USAF intelligence officer Robert M. Collins and former USAF-OSI agent Richard C. Doty - have teamed up to produce a brand-new book, titled "Exempt from Disclosure: The Disturbing Case About the UFO Coverup"

<http://www.ufoconspiracy.com>

Does the book constitute a confirmable case of insider knowledge of what our government knows (and when it knew it) about UFO reality? Or does its foray into the bowels of the world's Deepest Secret merely regurgitate a form of official disinformation - "disUFOMation" - made (in)famous back in the 1980's via the Kirtland AFB's Bennewitz Affair? If you (or someone you know) reliably can corroborate or discount the Collins-Doty revelations, please contact me at: Larry W. Bryant, 3518 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302; e-mail: overtc1.nul .

Thank you, sir, for your coordination of this submission.

Larry W. Bryant

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Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 23:12:42 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 08:52:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights - Rudiak

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Sent: Friday, October 28, 2005 2:48 PM
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Spellbound By Sky Lights

>>From: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: "- UFO UpDates Subscribers -" <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Sent: Friday, October 28, 2005 7:23 AM
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Spellbound By Sky Lights

>>Source: The San Francisco Chronicle - California, USA

>><http://tinyurl.com/dt39r>
>>Friday, October 28, 2005
>>Spellbound By Sky Lights

>>Bright twinklers were nearby Mars and Venus, say astronomers -
>>or were they?

>>David Perlman
>>Chronicle Science Editor

>>Andrew Fraknoi, chairman of the astronomy department at
>>Foothill College, said the lights were probably Mars and
>>Venus, two planets that currently appear close together and
>>will probably remain brilliant for another week or two until
>>their orbits begin moving them away from Earth again.

>><...>

>>But Fraknoi said Venus and Mars remain the best explanation
>>for the lights.

>As I just pointed out in another post, Fraknoi's "explanation"
>is impossible. Venus and Mars are currently not "close
>together" in the sky but on opposite ends of the sky. Further
>Venus sets below the horizon around 7:40, and thus invisible
>at midnight, when a S.F. Chronicle photographer photographed
>multiple lights (also part of article - >see above url for
>multiple photos).

>Who the heck is this guy Fraknoi, a supposed professional
>astronomer? I googled the guy, and guess what? He's a proud,
>card-carrying Fellow of CSICOP.

><snip>

>>I was so mad, that I just sent the following letter-to-the-
>>editor off to the S.F. Chronicle. We'll see if it gets
>>published or we get a public apology from science editor
>>Perlman or Fraknoi.

>Bogus Astronomy

>To the editor:

>Regarding the story "Spellbound by Sky Lights" in Friday's
>Chronicle by science editor David Perlman. It is literally
>impossible, as Perlman and astronomy professor Andrew Fraknoi

>claim, for Venus and Mars to be close together in the eastern
>sky and thus explain the multiple lights seen by many moving
>together and which Chronicle photographer Lance Iversen also
>photographed around midnight on Wednesday night....

Quick update:

I also sent off an email to David Perlman and he emailed me back within minutes. He apologized for the errors and said he was correcting them "ASAP."

Judging from his instant response, my guess is that he got an earful from a lot of people besides me and is probably rather embarrassed about being taken in by CSICOPian Fraknoi. As I said before, Perlman is usually a very good science writer and seems fair and level-headed. On the other hand, his evil science writer twin at the Chronicle, Keay Davidson, can be a really rabid UFO debunker.

David Rudiak

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George Knapp On Vegas Sighting

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 09:02:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 09:02:15 -0500
Subject: George Knapp On Vegas Sighting

Source: KLAS-TV - Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

<http://www.klastv.com/Global/story.asp?S=4045253&nav=168Y>

Oct 29, 2005

Friday Phenomena: UFO Sightings
George Knapp
Investigative Reporter

By definition, UFOs are just unidentified things in the sky, not necessarily alien aircraft. One Las Vegas man has captured a curious array of photos and videos of weird stuff he's seen flying over his house. He shared his material with the I-Team's George Knapp.

UFO witness, "The first thing I started seeing were odd-shaped things that changed colors and just darted across the screen at phenomenal speeds."

Have you ever wanted to see an honest to goodness UFO? This Las Vegas man sees them all the time. He worries about being labeled a UFO wacko, so we agreed to hide his identity. Call him Bob. "I started seeing them at night, and they're balls of light, not aircraft or jets," he explained.

Bob lives in a central Las Vegas neighborhood and for the past two years has been seeing and photographing weird objects in the skies over his home. He started with still photos, and then switched to video to record the movements of things like this opaque pretzel shaped.

Bob continued, "They started making aerial maneuvers and then a dead stop, and then start up again, like they were searching for - they were like ants."

The objects appear at different times and at different points. Few of Bob's neighbors seem to have noticed the aerial ballet above their rooftops. Raul has an extra advantage with 20/10 vision, he says, which allows him to pick out objects in the sky that others might overlook.

It's hard to believe that no one else noticed this tandem of dark spheres that danced around on a recent afternoon. One looked like a big plastic bag caught in the wind, but it stayed up there - way up there - for more than an hour. They aren't satellites because satellites don't stay put for 4 hours as this one did.

Colonel John Alexander said, "UFOs are real. What are they? That's the question."

Col. Alexander, an author and retired Army intelligence officer who worked in highly classified military research programs, watched some of Bob's footage. "That one looks like the one they show down in New Zealand."

But he isn't sure what he is seeing. He doubts they are anything from, say, Area 51. "It's quite possible that things might fly in this area. However, they would not be extremely sensitive things. You don't test advanced technology where it's going to be available over major metropolitan areas. That's what they do out in the desert."

This is a computer-enhanced freeze-frame of an odd object. On video, the three-orbed thing looks a lot like balloons tied together, but these orbs seem to be tumbling over each other in flight, and the object has a twin. If they are moving with the wind, why do they move in different directions?

Bob said, "You can't have two craft with wind draft coming down and then almost colliding, the one almost bending over. If you slow it down, it bends over. It's like they're interacting. This one is stationary and this one is jamming up. Man, look at that separation."

Within seconds the two objects put a huge distance between themselves. Maybe they're balloons, maybe not. This one was frozen in the sky for a while, and then zipped behind the clouds - very un-balloon-like behavior. Bob is convinced there's a lot of stuff in the sky that we can't recognize, but we can see them if we try.

The National Weather Service launched two weather balloons each day over the Las Vegas Valley, but we aren't sure if that's what some of these are. We've sent the footage to an optical physicist for analysis and will have the results for you soon as part George's "Friday Phenomena."

Contact I-Team Investigative Reporter George Knapp
gknapp.nul

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Corrales Discusses Newest Book Unusual Profession

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 09:06:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 09:06:50 -0500
Subject: Corrales Discusses Newest Book Unusual Profession

Source: The Bradford Era - Bradford, Pennsylvania, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/bllfd>

10/28/2005

Corrales Discusses Newest Book, Unusual Profession
by Marcie Schellhammer - Era Reporter

Bradford resident Scott Corrales speaks about his feelings on UFOs and the paranormal without worry of being dismissed as "nuts." After all, among those who seek his counsel are The Discovery, National Geographic and The History television channels.

The author of several books, including his most recent release "Flashpoint: High Strangeness in Puerto Rico," deals with skepticism with a hearty sense of humor.

"You have to have a terrific sense of humor," he explained Friday. People will send alien stickers in the mail, or small "E.T." figures to him.

"It's become a little sub-order of study," Corrales said with a laugh.

Known in several countries as an expert in the field, Corrales has been a guest on numerous radio shows and submitted articles to magazines - as well as having been interviewed for television.

On Aug. 21, a crew from National Geographic came to Bradford to talk to him about chupacabras. The show will air in December. Today, he will have a visit from The Discovery Channel about the "goat-suckers," an entity reported in Puerto Rico, Mexico and the southern U.S. which attacks livestock and drains their blood.

"It's an inclusive 10-year anniversary blowout to interview field researchers," Corrales said. He had written the first of his three books on chupacabras in 1995. He was selected because he is considered an expert.

"I'm moderately well-known as a troublemaker in the field," he said with a laugh. He explained that not all of the people involved in researching paranormal phenomena welcome information about activity elsewhere, and thus consider him a troublemaker in his quest to disseminate information.

"To constantly feed people information . . . it is well received by some and considered a nuisance by others," Corrales explained.

Some other information he plans to share with the television audience is on the history of UFOs.

He will be interviewed for The History Channel, which "wants me to discuss a history of UFO sightings going back to the first wave in the Americas in the 1500s ... in the Aztec Empire. They're interviewing researchers."

And that's what he considers himself, a researcher and a writer - a journalist whose "main interest is letting people know" about the subject of UFOs.

The most common questions he gets go something like this: Have you ever seen a UFO? "I never have," Corrales responds. Well, then, how do you know they exist? "I've never been to Australia, but I believe it exists," he says with a smile.

"Until you have a UFO that you can give to scientists, it cannot become a field of study," he explained. The UFO phenomenon is not predictable or repetitive - but during the 1970s and 1980s, it was frequent.

In the book "Flashpoint: High Strangeness in Puerto Rico," which was published in 1998 in England and is available now for the first time in America through Amazon.com's British counterpart, amazon.co.uk., Corrales explores that activity.

"It tries to give an objective chronological perspective on UFO activity in the Caribbean island of Puerto Rico," Corrales said of the book. "It's a prequel to 'Chupacabras.' "

Corrales explained that during the 1970s and 1980s, UFO activity was at its peak.

"It was widespread worldwide," he said. "The Caribbean, Mexico and Europe were rife with sightings."

While others enter the realm of speculation to explain the existence of the unidentified flying objects, Corrales does not. What are they? "No one knows and don't ever let them tell you," he replies with a laugh.

"We are gathering the information, creating a worldwide database on UFOs that will be useful to scholars and scientists 200 or 300 years from now," he said, explaining his view of UFO research. "In fact, you are tilling a field for the future."

He encourages anyone who has seen any UFO to report it to an organization, many of which are available on the Internet. That information could prove useful, he said. The phenomenon, while currently unexplained, may prove to be related to weather or earthquakes or volcanic activity or something - and the more information, the better.

"People should at least respect the people who come forward," Corrales explains, saying that it takes courage for a person to speak out about a paranormal experience.

"People would rather not have the unknown thrust upon them," he said, adding that making fun of a witness is hurtful.

"UFOs exist. We don't know what they are," he said, adding that he doesn't necessarily feel there's anything otherworldly to them.

"Given the vast distances involved ... it leads me to think the UFO explanation is a lot closer to earth," he said.

"When it comes to UFOs, you don't have them to study. You have people to study," Corrales said, explaining information must come from witnesses.

While in Puerto Rico researching for his book, he came across witnesses who told of their experiences "in case there was a greater danger to the community."

And, he recalled with a smile, he encountered at least one skeptic. Stopping at an open air food stand or lunch, he was asked by the waitress what he was doing there. When he told her he was researching UFOs, she told him they didn't exist.

"Why not?" he asked.

"Because if they did, they would eat here," she replied with a laugh.

c. Bradford Publishing 2005

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3 More Reasons To Attend UFO Crash Conference

From: Ryan S. Wood <majesticdocuments.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 14:22:51 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 09:37:33 -0500
Subject: 3 More Reasons To Attend UFO Crash Conference

Three More Reasons To Attend 3rd Crash Conference
Friday, November 4th =96 Sunday, November 6th, 2005
Las Vegas, Nevada

Broomfield CO Friday October 28, 2005 What does the super-secret government cabal managing the UFO program desperately want to hide from the public? It is the direct physical evidence that there have been scores of UFO crashes since 1897 with an aggressive program to exploit and reverse engineer the technology all at taxpayer expense.

The UFO Crash Retrieval symposia continues to hammer away at the notion of a single Roswell UFO crash with more and more credible evidence of multiple UFO crashes and subsequent military recoveries.

Let me share with you five compelling reasons to attend this years 3rd Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Symposium.

- Its the people. Not only do you have tremendous direct access to a host of world-class experts of ufology you have access to the audience. The attendees are the cream of the crop, the people that realize that the cutting edge of the phenomenon is in researching the recovery, analysis and exploitation of real physical objects and hardware.
- Its the after hours meetings and hallway discussions. At present, I know of three very provocative after-hour meetings. For example, the MJ-13 initiative, with the goal to have all knowledge about UFOs integrated into a single on-line searchable database. Included are thousands of books, periodicals, and broadcast conference video and audio along with deep-web mining of relevant UFO topics.
- Its the speakers with their unique experiences and expertise. Where else can you go to a cocktail party and talk with world-class investigative reporters like Jim Marrs and Linda Moulton Howe? Or National Security guru Richard Dolan, or police officer Ken Storch, or reverse engineering expert William Hamilton? Let alone the Rendlesham forest expert Peter Robbins and Dr. Tom Valone antigravity and UFO propulsion expert? Or Nick Redferns extensive knowledge of the UFO subject, or my fathers 35 years of experience in the field of ufology?

There is no time to delay, act now and sign up now at www.ufoconference.com, or call me and we can do it over the phone, faxes and mail work too. If you need more information or would like to talk with me personally please call 720-887-8171.

Looking forward to seeing you there and having a great time.

Sincerely,

Ryan S. Wood

Conference Chairman

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P.S. Check out my new book - Majic Eyes Only
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Woman's Tale About Abduction

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 09:41:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 09:41:36 -0500
Subject: Woman's Tale About Abduction

Source: The Capital, Annapolis, Maryland, USA

http://www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/read/2005/10_28-12/TOP

October 28, 2005

Woman's Tale About Abduction At Center Of Conference
By Elizabeth Leis, Staff Writer

Anna Jamerson always found ways to explain away her nosebleeds, or her inability to account for periods of time, or why she woke up with her nightgown on backwards.

But it wasn't until a six-month period in 1992 that she and a friend with similar symptoms starting keeping journals, researching and undergoing hypnosis. Their conclusion: They had been abducted by aliens.

"I remember lying on single-footed tables with beings over me," Ms. Jamerson said. "I remember them poking and prodding with various instruments and their hands and being completely terrified."

The Virginia author's story will be at the center of "Mysteries of Space and Sky II" tomorrow, a conference at Anne Arundel Community College.

Since exchanges about alien abductions can become heated, conference organizer S. Peter Resta, a psychology professor and practicing psychotherapist in Pasadena, said this forum is meant to be educational and friendly.

"I'm all for debate," Dr. Resta said. "But I've seen some exchanges that can get nasty."

Other speakers will be scientists who will present history and analyses of unidentified flying objects, including Temple University professor Dr. David Jacobs' response to a recent theory that alien "abductees" are victims of only sleep paralysis.

According to that theory, postulated by a Harvard psychology fellow, the brain is out of deep sleep but the body is unable to move. As a result, victims often hallucinate, sense a presence, or feel like they are floating.

Ms. Jamerson, 56, and all the other conference participants reject that theory.

"Everyone would like to find a different explanation than abductions and so would I," said Ms. Jamerson, who uses the penname Anna Jamerson to protect her family. "(Sleep paralysis) doesn't explain it when I am abducted from my car. Sleep paralysis doesn't cause scars on my body."

She's also resigned herself to not caring when people doubt her, she said. Although she's happy today, there are times she has

despaired, she said, starting to cry.

"I know it's as real as sitting here talking to you," she said. "For other abductees it's (also) very very real. Don't tell me it's not real."

Sue Swiatek, the Virginia director of the Mutual UFO Network and a conference speaker, agrees the sleep paralysis theory is not scientific enough. She sees the UFO debate as "another culture war."

"At least reserve judgment," she said. "When a person at a cocktail party says 'I've been abducted,' say, 'You've had an experience that's real to you and science needs to study that.'"

Ms. Swiatek will present information on recent UFO sightings, while her husband, Rob Swiatek, will present photographic evidence.

"In UFOs over the years, fewer than 20 stand up to rigorous analysis," he said. "But those 20 or fewer show clearly structured objects after you rule out obvious hoax attempts."

Ms. Jamerson said she hasn't seen the "gray guys" for about two years, which she believes may be due to finishing menopause.

She avoids talking a lot about her experiences, she said.

"If (people) know about (Beth and I) and want to talk about it, it's fine, but as a general rule don't tell anybody," she said.

The conference will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Humanities Building Room 112 at AACC. Cost is \$25. For information, call 410-777-2325.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Humans Born From Aliens New Book Reveals All!

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 09:44:40 -0500
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Source: The News Tribune

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Bill Hutchens - The News Tribune

What is it? "Bat Boy Lives! The 'Weekly World News' Guide to Politics, Culture, Celebrities, Alien Abductions and the Mutant Freaks that Shape Our World" (\$12.95, Sterling Publishing). On bookstands this week.

Finally! The truth! At least, it's "the truth" for anyone overly suspicious of mainstream science and media outlets.

Sneak a peak: You read the tabloid headlines in the supermarket checkout line anyway. Why not get it all in one 198-page guide organized by WWN editors?

Organized? Take the page on evolution, for example, in Chapter 1: "Killer Androids Breeding Like Flies! Revealing Reports on Science & Technology." According to WWN, God/George Burns and aliens begat microbes. Then we got bacteria, giant mutant bugs, mermaids, talking coconuts and the occasional three-breasted woman (*Homo sapiens triboobis*).

More questions than answers: Such as, "COULD Buddha's frog guardian know the winning lotto numbers?"

What else? Helen the Bigfoot prostitute centerfold; Hillary Clinton's "hot nights" with alien advisor P'lod; Saddam and Osama's gay wedding; six-inch nose hairs and the flesh-eating bacteria diet.

Each week in this space, we playfully deconstruct a pop culture phenomenon. To suggest a Pop Shot, e-mail Bill Hutchens at bill.hutchens.nul

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Re: My Own Experience - Chichikov

From: Pavel Chichikov <fishhook.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 08:12:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 09:48:35 -0500
Subject: Re: My Own Experience - Chichikov

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 12:58:16 -0300
>Subject: Re: My Own Experience

>Pavel,

>May I ask, what-you-think may be behind it?

Don,

I really don't know, except to say that beyond the considerable residue of hoaxes and misapprehensions that there is something real happening, and it is not simple in nature.

For one thing, it's unlikely that physical science for the rest of time is going to be a mere gloss on the physics of the year 2005. It's undoubtedly true that our understanding of the cosmos is still rudimentary.

I believe that the universe is filled with intelligence - both my faith and my instincts tell me so. I find it difficult to accept that some form of cosmic quarantine has forever prevented these minds from communicating with one another.

I would tell you how my faith assures me of this, but this is not the venue for such explanations.

As for other evidence - I don't think we as a species have the intellectual and emotional equipment to adequately evaluate it.

If beings from other worlds, other places were to directly manifest themselves, I think that would be devastating to our species as a whole. As an analogy, think of what has happened to many small indigenous cultures on our own world, and multiply that many times.

Years ago I had a friend who spent two years with a group of remote indigenous people in the Peruvian Amazon, as part of her doctoral thesis in anthropology. There were less than 90 of these people, their numbers having been previously reduced by a smallpox epidemic.

Almost every evening the men would take ayahuasca (a powerful psychotropic), and then hallucinate. If the general mood was a good one, they would see beautiful women and children adorned in feathers and paint, dancing toward the village. If the mood was anxious, they would see Peruvians coming up-river with shotguns to kill them.

I think there may be an analogy there with our own situation.

Best wishes,

Pavel

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Re: Roswell - Case Closed - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 09:34:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 09:52:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell - Case Closed - Shell

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 12:49:29 -0700
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>Since some have suggested E as the second letter, I also tried
>than, thus YE??I?? as the search word. This yields 19 hits, but
>all of them are as nonsensical in context as the four words
>above, words like YELPING, YESSING, YERKISH, YESHIVA, YETTIES,
>etc. Yeah, those make a lot of sense too.

Yep, makes sense to me. The disk was piloted by Abominable Snow
Midgets so busy yelping in Yerkish that they lost control and
crashed. Yessir, the mystery has been solved at last. Oh, and
don't forget the mess caused by the escape of their pet
pelicans.

Bob Shell

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Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 08:38:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 09:55:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses - Lehmborg

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 00:38:10 +0100
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 14:09:21 -0300
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>to Alfred Lehmborg, whose only function on this List seems to be
>to make pointless, sarcastic comments to anyone who attempt to
>take a moderate, sceptical approach to the UFO problem.

Singularly pointed and very non-sarcastic (Oh - I can do that
in a fashion to water your eyes, Sir). And if you would
laughably use yourself as a ready example of a "moderate [and]
skeptical approach to the UFO problem..." You should disabuse
yourself of that ridiculous notion with all deliberate speed.
You are not, Mr. Rimmer. I suspect that I am not remotely alone
in that contention.

>Perhaps
>if you were to take a similar admonitory attitude to him - which
>nobody on this List appears to be willing to do - I might be
>prepared to take your comments above more seriously.

Are you joking, Sir. Clark, Sandow, Hall, and yourself, et sig
al, have taken me to considerable task over the years.

>What contribution has Lehmborg ever made to ufology?

What contribution am I required to make, in your 'non-biased'
estimation, Mr. Rimmer? Forgetting hundreds of papers, poems,
and a considered commentary, forgetting focused and respectful
attention on the community, forgetting my tireless advocacy for
'real' truth seeking? What contribution would you require?

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>publish one of the world's oldest continuously published UFO-
>related magazines?

A spineless rag of insouciant negativism and sneering
pelicanistic elitism?

>Has he written a serious book on UFO
>abductions? Has he actually investigated a UFO case, either
>first hand or through studying the literature?

Yes, I have, Sir. And, unlike you, you won't have to first pay to be disappointed by my explications. Moreover, you can access it 24 hours a day. Happy reading!

>What does he
>'bring to the table' other than 'negative, unsupported
>rhetoric'?

What do you bring to the table, Sir, but sneering pomposity, the negativity already mentioned, and two steps back for every step you only pretend to take forward?

>Has he ever tried to do anything other than 'attempt
>to win points through derision'?

That, Sir, is your function, and this churlish little note from you is only evidence of same.

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>for years, not through winning the debate, but simply because
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>rhetoric, but that is too flattering of his crude, though
>elaborately worded ramblings.

It would appear that you have had enough of them at any rate, step (rather deliciously!) from defilade to express anxiousness about them, and only encourage the continuance of same, Sir.
Good Show!

>If you are prepared to challenge that, I might be prepared to
>'debate' with you further, but I don't suppose you'd be to
>bothered if I didn't, which may well be your loss.

Now "loss" is to be defined by you as apart from and ignored by you? What awesome, if thoroughly ridiculous hubris, Mr. Rimmer!

Ignore me if you can, Sir! Metaphorically, "I struggle to the last with thee; from Hell's heart I stab at thee; I spit my last cross breath at thee..." You just encourage me. And thanks!

With regard to you? Mr. Ledger has been there and done that, Sir, and I suspect, is immune to your pouty ultimatum. But I shan't presume to speak for him.

That said, I suspect I have a quality you lack, Mr. Rimmer keeping me 'alive' at UpDates. It is a quality lost in your dissemblely and pomposity and arrogant expression, Sir.

It is sincerity. That's all that is truly required in a 'contribution', Mr. Rimmer.

Have a good week-end.

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Re: BBC's 'Material World' On Abductions - Hale

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 14:54:39 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 09:56:56 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC's 'Material World' On Abductions - Hale

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 18:37:13 +0100
>Subject: Re: BBC's 'Material World' On Abductions

<snip>

>I don't know who it was who said that ufology was dead,
>but they forgot to tell the media here in the UK!

Hi Nick,

Well you could try asking BUFORA, an answer my colleague
received some weeks back was just like the above!

Roy

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UpDates List Politics [was: Zamora's Eyeglasses]

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 09:39:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 10:07:57 -0500
Subject: UpDates List Politics [was: Zamora's Eyeglasses]

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 00:38:10 +0100
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 19:30:47 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 09:08:24 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>>There can be no investigation thorough enough for an ardent
>>>>enough denialist.

>>>>And there can be no explanation convincing enough for an eager
>>>>believer.

>>>>John, you've got to be kidding. What explanation[s]? So far
>>>>there are none.

>>>>Are you saying no UFO case has ever been explained. There are
>>>>people who seem to think that - 'eager believers' - but I hadn't
>>>>previously put you amongst them!

>>>>It's getting harder and harder to take you or
>>>>your position seriously. You bring nothing to the table unless
>>>>you consider negative, unsupported rhetoric as evidence. Since
>>>>you don't seem to want to either supply any evidence to the
>>>>contrary, just disdain and derision, why you are even on the
>>>>list? Rich, as bad as his attempts are to explain this case with
>>>>thinly disguised cosmetic, oft times silly, applications, does
>>>>offer up a position. On the other hand you offer nothing, not
>>>>even an opinion.

>>>>I suggest you go back in the archives and read my previous
>>>>posts. On second thoughts, no, there are just too many of
>>>>them, and packed full of opinions (and sometimes even facts).

>>>>You seem satisfied with just assigning
>>>>degeneratory motive to anyone not readily supportive of
>>>>ridiculous conjecture or theories.

>>>>Debate seems a useless tool when trying to get at the truth of
>>>>this phenomenon. Obviously the best debater would win, but
>>>>that's not the point. Winning an argument is a poor substitute
>>>>for proof if the facts suffer in the process. Debate is the
>>>>purview of courts and legislatures who often get it wrong.

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Oh, Oh... John Rimmer makes some valid points, but they'll be
lost after an expected barrage from Mr. Lehmborg I suspect.

For some reason acrimony prevails here at UpDates and the UFO
phenomenon gets lost in the maelstrom of epithets from regulars:
stupid, pelicanist, silly, et cetera.

When the RRRGroup does this at our blog, UpDaters get livid.

When David Rudiak, Alfred, or the milder Don Ledger do it here,
no one chastises them. Why not?

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 07:41:32 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 10:09:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights - Hatch

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 13:27:21 -0700
>Subject: Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights

>>Source: The San Francisco Chronicle - California, USA

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>>Friday, October 28, 2005

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>>College, said the lights were probably Mars and Venus, two
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>>remain brilliant for another week or two until their orbits
>>begin moving them away from Earth again.

>Ha, ha, ha. This is particularly rich coming from an astronomy
>professor and a science reporter. Venus and Mars are not
>"currently close together" but practically 180 degrees apart.

<snip>

Good catch David!

As much as I like the Chronicle (their devilish crossword puzzle especially) they blew it this time, and so did Fraknoi, assuming he is correctly quoted.

Seeing your message above, I ran my Astronomical Clock routine and found the Geocentric Longitude of Venus at 263.1 degrees, versus 47.2 degrees for Mars .. poles apart.

In terms of "right ascension", same thing. 17:29 hrs RA for Venus versus 3:00 hrs RA for Mars. [Readings as of 0738 hours PDT in California on Saturday 29OCT05.]

I don't want to malign any experts, but even they can and do slip up from time to time.

Best

- Larry

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From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
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><...>

>>But Fraknoi said Venus and Mars remain the best explanation
>>for the lights.

>As I just pointed out my previous post, Fraknoi's
"explanation" is impossible. Venus and Mars are currently not
"close together" in the sky but on opposite ends of the sky.

<snip>

>Who the heck is this guy Fraknoi, a supposed professional
astronomer? I googled the guy, and guess what? He's a proud,
card-carrying Fellow of CSICOP.

><http://www.foothill.fhda.edu/ast/afraknoi.htm>

>Further it says he "specializes in debunking astrology."
>Obviously he also specializes in debunking UFOs, and doesn't
>care whether his explanations are scientifically impossible.
>Some scientist.

<snip>

Hello again Dave:

I forgot something. Two things really.

The name Fraknoi rang a bell. I flashed on 'Fraknoi's Complaint'

but that's a movie with a different name. (Portnoy?) It looks like I did remember the name but lost the context.

The other thing was a curious blip in the visitor statistics to my website. A relatively obscure page suddenly got busy:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/SFTRAJ.html>

That page shows a simple map of the San Francisco Bay region with red arrows indicating UFO direction of travel.

The search phrases for the last day or so are full of queries like "San Francisco UFO". I wondered what the fuss was about, and this explains it all. I hope visitors like the red arrows. One of them practically goes over this house.

Thanks

- Larry

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Re: UpDates List Politics [was: Zamora's

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 16:19:21 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 10:16:03 -0500
Subject: Re: UpDates List Politics [was: Zamora's

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Maybe John, engaging with Jerry Clark in mind numbingly boring
threads that last months that have nothing to do with getting at
the truth and everything to do with point scoring might have
seared into Alfred's brain a certain subset of attitudes towards
you that may take some time to shake off. It's also just a tad
hypocritical of you to complain about "pointless, sarcastic
comments" when it could be argued, as Don has, that you do the
same thing yourself from time to time.

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>'attempt to win points through derision'?

Whoa there big fella. Congratulations; you've just managed to
dismiss out of hand the majority of people in Ufology, sceptics
'n all.

Alfred is a "character" and without people like him in Ufology,
we'd be left with dull, grey men in dull grey suits, who do dull
grey things for their day jobs. He adds to the colour and the
culture of the subject and has also probably written more on and
around Ufology over the last few months, via his blog, than you
most likely have.

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You seem to want, by your comment above and previously, for us to do something about Alfred, to take him in hand and sort him out. You want us to challenge him, it would appear.

OK.

Alfred leave John Rimmer alone please. Try it for a month, if you can. If you can't manage it Alfred for that short period then you have an addiction problem and will need to see someone.....

That might do it John. Alfred always listens to me and does everything I ask of him, and with a jump in his step as well. Alternatively, you could try sorting him out yourself, safe in the knowledge that however long and rambling his postings may be, you will only have at the most, half a dozen sentences to respond to, the rest being unintelligible.

I can see the irritation value from your point of view because I do accept that you can't even cough on this List without drawing a response from him but surely you can see he is harmless and from your perspective, should just be ignored. Ignore him for long enough and eventually, and it could be a long time, he will go away.

I am quite sure that the majority of us here John do not want you to quit this List. I guiltily admit that I might have had similar thoughts to Don in the past and may even have voiced them, but they were short lived and pointless.

I agree with your own description of yourself as a moderate sceptic and as such, I view your presence here as a positive thing, providing balance and an alternative point of view, as well as occasionally grounding us when we look set to take off into the stratosphere. But you are outnumbered and inevitably from time to time, you will irritate. And you are also culpable. When the mood is on you, you have deliberately been provocative.

Stuart Miller

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Re: Gill Sighting - Borraz

From: Manuel Borraz <maboay.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 18:40:56 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 10:18:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Borraz

>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 11:31:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 00:44:07 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

On Rev. Gill probably misidentifying Venus on July 6, 1959

>>on the "negative" side, since Gill also stated that "I
>>identified it as one of these objects", it casts serious doubts
>>on Gill's ability to identify Venus.

>Well, as I said, I'd agree that it reflects on Gill's and
>others' predisposition as of July 6 to interpret Venus as
>"one of these objects". In terms of the descriptions, though,
>neither Durie nor Gill report anything inconsistent with a
>binocular observation of Venus setting - a small bright disc
>on the horizon "coming down" slowly through broken cloud.
>There is really nothing there that suggests a propensity to
>extreme fantasy.

><snip>

Rather than Gill's predisposition to interpret Venus as something extraordinary, I was considering here his inability to identify it in the first place. Just another argument for not discarding that he might have taken Mercury for Venus on 26 June.

>>- Venus was pointed out by Gill separately in the sky (what
>>about Mercury?).

>This is possible too.

><snip>

>>- Whereas Venus had set by about 9 PM on June 26, it is a
>>flatout physical impossibility for Venus to have remained
>>visible until past 10:30 PM (but don't forget that, by the end,
>>the sighting was in fact discontinuous...).

>It was. Gill's log seems to show that the "mother"
>disappeared at 2130, not 2230. However this is still about
>40 minutes too late to have been Venus. As I suggested it is
>possible that Venus was lost in thick cloud to the west and
>set without them noticing, whilst they transferred their
>attention some slightly higher star - maybe Regulus, the only
>star brighter than about mag +3 anywhere near the right area.
>Regulus would have set about the time that the "mother"
>finally disappeared. But Regulus is still a very dim star,
> bearing no comparison to Venus. Venus at the time was more
> than 100 times as bright!
>Also, although Gill's log only indicates the mother
>disappearing "across sea to Giwa - white, red, blue, gone"
>which is a bit ambiguous and could suggest strong

>scintillation of a star on the point of setting, his narrative
>accounts appear to describe a large angular motion "across
>the bay" for a distance estimated at 30 miles.

- Venus at the time was more than 100 times brighter than
Regulus:

An observer thinking that there was a unique object would
interpret this just as a displacement to a position some 10
times further away (approx.). Right?

- Large angular motion "across the bay" when disappearing: No
hint of such an angular motion. Rev. Gill explained (Gill's
talk, Oct. 28, 1959):

"The maximum speed was, I said, about less than a second, about
3/4 of a second or 1/2 of a second, across the bay 30 miles
wide. It just zoomed into the distance and disappeared in that
fraction of a second."

>>- The UFOs were seen descending and ascending "through"
>>the clouds according to Gill (it seems that Venus "did" the
>>same on July 6).

>Strictly, on July 6 Venus is described by Gill as descending
>through clouds, evidently in the sense of passing between
>bands of cloud near the horizon, not ascending.
><snip>

How did Gill know that the objects were descending and ascending
"through" the clouds? Let's see what Gill said about it:

"As U.F.O's were often below (under) clouds and their glow gave
off a wide halo of light reflected on clouds, it follows that
U.F.O's descended to below 2,000 ft." [approx. height of clouds
at the time] (Gill's report, Jul. 14, 1959)

"When they [the objects] were stationary, they were a dull
yellow, perhaps slightly orange in colour. The luminosity was
not as bright, and that made their shape stand out very
distinctly. However, as they moved, they became more intense in
luminosity, in brightness, and as they went up and became more
bright, they did appear as they got higher, at one glance, like
a bright planet, or something like that. And that was the reason
for mistaking it for Venus, confusing it with Venus, that first
night." (Gill's talk, Oct. 28, 1959)

Clearly, the perceptual clues were luminosity changes and the
presence/absence of "halos" around the objects, just possible
effects of clouds upon the light from bright stars and planets,
if these were involved.

>So, despite some frustrating aspects, I still vote: Unknown.

><snip>

Is there a confirmed explanation for the sightings of Boianai?

Not yet.

Nevertheless, to say "Unknown" falls a little short. I think
that we should also try to answer the following questions:

Is this case "one of the most convincing on report" as stated
time and again (except by Brad Sparks)?

Are there any hints as to the nature of the sightings?

I will concentrate on other details in another post.

Manuel Borraz

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Re: General Exon - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 09:57:13 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 10:20:18 -0500
Subject: Re: General Exon - Rudiak

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 12:30:04 EDT
>Subject: General Exon [was: Gill Sighting]

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 23:09:27 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 11:08:38 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Roswell - Case Closed (was Gill Sighting)

>>>Even the normally UFO cynical American press generally thought
>>>the 1997 crash dummy report incredibly stupid and unbelievable.
>>>Nobody would confuse 6 foot plastic mannequins with small,
>>>rotting alien bodies. Nobody would confuse times like that (only
>>>gullible, unthinking skeptics would swallow such preposterous
>>>psychobabble explanations like "time compression"). And a number
>>>of the body witnesses weren't even living in New Mexico when the
>>>dummy and other tests were happening. Do you honestly think
>>>General Exon's Air Force friends at Wright-Patterson who told
>>>him about being personally involved and seeing the bodies were
>>>telling him about crash dummies from the 1950s and 1960s?

>>I think General Exon's testimony has been discredited by other
>>writers, particularly Pflock. See p.124 of his book.

>This one will be a matter of opinion based on my interactions
>with General Exon. I'm not sure that you can dismiss all that
>Exon said with a single paragraph calling Exon's testimony
>rumors.

>Let's be straight about this. Exon was a lieutenant colonel who
>was stationed at Wright Field in 1947. He was interacting with
>those who held positions of responsibility and in the course of
>those interactions, was told several things. Those he trusted
>said that there had been a crash and bodies had been recovered.
>Not exactly the rumors that Pflock suggests.

<snip>

>So, say what you will, but I don't believe Karl adequately
>explained Exon's testimony, nor do I believe that it has been
>discredited. It certainly deserved more than a paragraph in
>Karl's book.

It's very simple. Karl Pflock is a debunker, or as Sheridan
Cavitt said in his Air Force interview, "our debunker, I lean
toward him." I'm not the only one who thinks Pflock's former (?)
CIA intel history has something to do with it.

Exon got almost no mention and then a flippant dismissal because
that's the way debunkers like Karl operate with very important
witnesses. Either they slime them with character assassination
(like Marcel), treat them like nobodies, or try to trivialize
what they had to say (Exon was repeating mere "rumors").

Pflock similarly dismissed all the second-hand testimony about Pappy Henderson, labeling his statements the product of a "practical joker."

At least Pflock told his readers something about Generals Dubose and Exon. The Air Force in their Roswell report treated both of them as complete nobodies and nothing of their testimony was presented, except perhaps as the fantasies of people who write UFO books. E.g., Dubose was never identified by name, but his story of a secret shipment of debris to Washington D.C. was briefly mentioned, but then said to be the story of "crashed saucer promoters," not one of their own generals.

That's what happens when trained propagandists with a clear agenda write histories.

David Rudiak

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Which UFO Movie Would You Druther?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 13:39:00 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 10:24:36 -0500
Subject: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther?

I'm sitting here at my desk looking at the ever growing row of DVDs and noticed the the only UFO based movies so far collected are:

The Day The Earth Stood Still by Robert Wise, Roswell by Paul Davids and Close Encounters Of The Third Kind by Spielberg.

I can't figure out why they're the only ones I've acquired so far. Not documentaries, just films.

Hence, the question came to mind, if I had my druthers which UFO based movie would I show to a curious public or newbie to the subject?

Just one film of fiction.

Close Encounters of the Third Kind comes to mind as foremost as it has some well rounded UFO info, yet to me it's probably the scariest danged movie ever made if Dr. Jacobs' hypothesis is correct.

Roswell is more disturbing than scary. The scariest part of the film is that things like this are supposed to have happened and to this day we're still not being treated fairly about it as is due our birthrights as citizens.

The Day The Earth Stood Still is an all time favorite. It's a powerful film that was daring enough to delve into the social issues of the day. It's got that extra kick to it that we may not be the biggest kids on the block. What's an extra tickle is that not too long ago legendary director Robert Wise passed on and here in Hollywood the day he went on to his reward there was a major electrical failure/blackout. Things came to a grinding halt. We all mused how it reminded us of the film of note. Later that day the news of Mr. Wise's passing was announced and we all looked at one another with that 'Twilight Zone' feeling.

I aim to get Howard Hawks' The Thing soon and if memory serves that was one of the first UFO flicks I saw as a kid when my mom kept me up one night watching horror movies.

As for the documentaries, any single one would you pick?

So, what are your choices and why?

Best,

Greg

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Re: UpDates List Politics - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 14:45:09 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 10:31:04 -0500
Subject: Re: UpDates List Politics - Ledger

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 00:38:10 +0100
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 14:09:21 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

<snip>

>>>And there can be no explanation convincing enough for an
>>>eager believer.

>>John, you've got to be kidding. What explanation[s]? So far
>>there are none.

>Are you saying no UFO case has ever been explained. There are
>people who seem to think that - 'eager believers' - but I
>hadn't previously put you amongst them!

Once again we are back into debating mode. I believe the point I
was making was about the Zamora case, not all of them. After all
that's the subject heading of this thread. I would not classify
myself as an eager believer, so for a change, you are right.

>>It's getting harder and harder to take you or your position
>>seriously. You bring nothing to the table unless you
>>consider negative, unsupported rhetoric as evidence. Since
>>you don't seem to want to either supply any evidence to the
>>contrary, just disdain and derision, why you are even on the
>>List? Rich, as bad as his attempts are to explain this case
>>with thinly disguised cosmetic, oft times silly,
>>applications, does offer up a position. On the other hand
>>you offer nothing, not even an opinion.

>I suggest you go back in the archives and read my previous
>posts. On second thoughts, no, there are just too many of them,
>and packed full of opinions (and sometimes even facts).

I have read your stuff, but you have a penchant for debunking
cases that many of us don't take seriously to begin with. There
is much to read and so little time. I applaud you for offering up
facts, however.

>>You seem satisfied with just assigning degenerative motive
>>to anyone not readily supportive of ridiculous conjecture or
>>theories.

>>Debate seems a useless tool when trying to get at the truth
>>of this phenomenon. Obviously the best debater would win,
>>but that's not the point. Winning an argument is a poor
>>substitute for proof if the facts suffer in the process.
>>Debate is the purview of courts and legislatures who often
>>get it wrong.

>>The "eager believer" comment is an attempt to win points by

>>derision and thereby hopefully weaken a case and enhance
>>your own position, not through the presentation of facts but
>>by ridiculing of the presenter of the facts. It's an old
>>ploy but it simply amounts to tripe.

>Everything you have said above applies, one hundred times
>over, to Alfred Lehmborg, whose only function on this List
>seems to be to make pointless, sarcastic comments to anyone
>who attempt to take a moderate, sceptical approach to the UFO
>problem. Perhaps if you were to take a similar admonitory
>attitude to him - which nobody on this List appears to be
>willing to do - I might be prepared to take your comments
>above more seriously.

Al is a big boy. He can look after himself. While not speaking
for him, I suspect he is the product of 30 years of repressed
military dogma [You know, yes sir, no sir, pulling on his
forelock, following orders] and he's now a pendulum which has
swung back to other way and he's busting loose. I know Al
personally. He's a talented artist and a really nice person.
He's protecting his turf and usually mine, by association. But
Al can speak for himself, and he probably has/will.

>What contribution has Lehmborg ever made to ufology? Does he
>publish one of the world's oldest continuously published UFO-
> related magazines? Has he written a serious book on UFO
>abductions? Has he actually investigated a UFO case, either
>first hand or through studying the literature? What does he
>'bring to the table' other than 'negative, unsupported
>rhetoric'? Has he ever tried to do anything other than
>'attempt to win points through derision'?

>Lehmborg has been ridiculing presenters of facts on this List
>for years, not through winning the debate, but simply because
>no-one appears to be willing to challenge his... I would say
>rhetoric, but that is too flattering of his crude, though
>elaborately worded ramblings.

Hey, stay focused. You and me. I was referring to your
dismissive statement, "And there can be no explanation
convincing enough for an eager believer.", which in the context
of the thread was concerning the Zamora incident. I realize your
comment was to Al's comment but since I invested some time
arguing the merits of the Zamora case, I jumped in as an
"injured party".

>If you are prepared to challenge that, I might be prepared to
>'debate' with you further, but I don't suppose you'd be to
>bothered if I didn't, which may well be your loss.

Lately I've noted your attempts to be more reasonable in your
arguments and questions-the latter not as loaded with sarcasm. I
don't expect you to blindly see my side, or acquiesce to my
paradigm, that would be foolish and and in the broader sense
across the field of the phenomenon, dangerous. I don't think
anyone wants that, at least I don't.

But again with the debating. I spent 34 years listening to
debate in a legislature modeled after the British Parliament.
Debate is for politicians seeking re-election. They call it free
debate but often the best debater wins [and more importantly,
the party with the most seats] but the truth suffers.

Debating dictates that both sides take opposite sides of the
question, one side of which is wrong. I just wonder why you
always pick the wrong side?

Don Ledger

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Re: General Exon - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 14:50:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 10:34:08 -0500
Subject: Re: General Exon - Sandow

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 12:30:04 EDT
>Subject: General Exon [was: Gill Sighting]

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>with those who held positions of responsibility and in the
>course of those interactions, was told several things. Those
>he trusted said that there had been a crash and bodies had
>been recovered.

>Not exactly the rumors that Pflock suggests.

I can back Kevin here. I've heard the tapes of his first interview with Exon. Exon says exactly what Kevin summarizes here, which is also what Kevin and Don Schmitt wrote in their book(s). (Don't remember if the Exon testimony is in one or both of them.) Neither here nor in the book does Kevin exaggerate, distort, or take out of context anything that I heard Exon say on the tape. Nor did Kevin lead the conversation in the directions some people might think he wanted it to go.

We can all choose to believe Exon, or not to believe him, but we shouldn't disbelieve what Kevin reports about what Exon said.

Greg Sandow

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Re: The Term Mothership - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 20:56:34 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 10:36:03 -0500
Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 09:31:29 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Clark

>>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 17:37:32 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 11:57:35 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

><snip>

>>To illustrate, I've just tried a massive search with the terms
>>UFO + mothership in those 27.8 million pages I mentioned above
>>(at the largest commercial archive on the net). How many times
>>does it say the two words have coincided in print since 1947?

>>Fifteen. Think about that.

>Exactly, Chris. If any proof were needed of the disconnect
>between the UFO world and the mainstream world, that's it.
>"Everyone" does not think of motherships as disc-bearing ET
>visitors. To the contrary, only a very few of us do.

It is in the interest of people who wish for UFOs to remain a
mystery to attempt to downplay the degree to which UFO imagery
and language has entered the popular domain - although I agree
that it might be that sometimes psycho-social ufologists may
overplay the argument. As Sigmund Freud didn't say: sometime a
phallic symbol is just a cloud-cigar.

I'm greatly impressed by the on-line indexing tools which allow
you and others to do word searches amongst numerous obscure
newspaper articles. However, I suspect (and please show me, if
I'm wrong) that the newspapers indexed here are probably not the
ones which would have most of the speculative articles about
flying saucers in them.

A lot of the popular UFO material in the 1950s and 1960s came
out in weekly magazines such as (in Britain) Reveille and
Titbits which combined mild cheesecake with celebrity and movie
gossip, and general weird news of the type which now fills the
first half-dozen pages of Fortean Times. I doubt that these
publications are indexed in your fearsome search engines.

You might argue that it is unlikely that a respectable Church of
England clergyman would be browsing even the mild glamour of
Reveille (if you had a particularly unworldly view of clergymen)
but it is likely that they may have read some of the popular
tabloids such as the Daily Dispatch and the News Chronicle which
were around in the 50s and carried UFO stories, including,
incidentally the famous Birch and Derbyshire photographs which
were also publicised prominently by the Sunday Dispatch and
Illustrated, both widely circulating weeklies which I suspect

are also not indexed in your search engines.

I don't know whether Gill read Adamski (he said he didn't, fair enough) but it is ludicrous to say that somehow he would have been insulated from the flying saucer material which was being published in popular newspapers and magazines in the 1950s.

The idea that you have to be part of a small in-group of UFO buffs to be exposed to words like "mothership" may suit the agenda of those who wish to portray UFO witnesses as 'saucer virgins' whose accounts could be taken at face value because they have not been 'contaminated' by reading about the subject; but I think it shows a bit of a 'disconnect' between the real world of people who read about flying saucers in their newspapers and magazines, and the UFO world which thinks that its subject is too arcane for the laymen to understand anything about it.

I'll save you the trouble of writing the first line of your reply, Jerry:

"Sigh, John..."

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John Rimmer

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Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 22:56:49 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 10:40:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights - Dickenson

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 14:48:16 -0700
>Subject: Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Sent: Friday, October 28, 2005 7:23 AM
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Spellbound By Sky Lights

>>Source: The San Francisco Chronicle - California, USA

>><http://tinyurl.com/dt39r>

<snip>

>As I just pointed out my previous post, Fraknoi's "explanation"
>is impossible. Venus and Mars are currently not "close together"
>in the sky but on opposite ends of the sky. Further Venus sets
>below the horizon around 7:40, and thus invisible at midnight,
>when a S.F. Chronicle photographer photographed multiple lights

<snip>

Good for you David,

if anyone else wants instant confirmation of sky-views at any
date or time there's John Walker's on-line Orrery at:

<http://www.fourmilab.ch/cgi-bin/uncgi/Solar/action?sys=-Sf>

(which needs maybe a little concentration but I enter "solar
system / equal orbits" and substitute date / times to make sure
don't get wrong format)

or maybe easier to check John Walker's on-line "Your Sky" at:

<http://www.fourmilab.ch/cgi-bin/uncgi/Yoursky>

for an optical view (you just name the planets / stars you want
visible - otherwise you get them all)

Cheers

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: Gill Sighting - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 23:09:20 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 10:41:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Allan

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 11:19:51 -0700
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 00:15:29 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:35:24 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 14:35:14 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>And it is equally reasonable to conclude that this articulate,
>>>>non-UFO-book reader drew the term from his knowledge of
>>>>nautical terminology, with which he was presumably familiar as
>>>>both Brit and resident of an island in the South Pacific.
>>>>There is no "very likely" connection between Adamski
>>>>and Gill in their use of "mothership."

>>This is pretty feeble stuff.

>Yes, John, your whole line of argumentation is pretty feeble stuff.

>>I doubt that a Church of England clergyman would be overly
>>familiar with a fairly specialised piece of maritime jargon,
>>used almost entirely in the Royal Navy. I see no reason why
>>Gill should be assumed to have any detailed knowledge of
>>submarines, naval supply ships, etc.

>So it was a "fairly specialised piece of maritime jargon, used
>almost entirely in the Royal Navy." Really? When I looked in two
>large U.S. newspapers, the L.A. Times and N.Y. Times, using
>electronic searches of millions of articles, I found over 2800
>instances of "mothership" or "mother ship" dating from around
>1900. These articles were rarely about the Royal Navy. They
>could be about the American Navy, the merchant marine, fishing
>fleets, mixed marine/aviation, pure aviation, and pure
>aerospace. There was only one article about UFO motherships,
>from 1955.

>Also, for fun and out of curiosity, I did an electronic search
>of Ruppelt's 1956 book, "The Report on Unidentified Flying
>Objects." "Mother" was used twice in the book (once in reference
>to "Mother Russia"), but no "motherships" could be found.

>I also took a gander at Keyhoe's popular 1953 book, "Flying
>Saucers from Outer Space," which actually has an index. Again,
>no "motherships."

Have a look at Keyhoe's account of the December 6, 1952 Gulf of
Mexico radar-visual case (in chapter IX). He refers to

"mothership" at least three times. Twice it appears as two words, in the third instance it is a hyphenated word. (UK paperback edition). In his next book "The F.S. Conspiracy", Keyhoe refers to the sighting as "The Gulf of Mexico Mothership case" when conversing with a skeptic.

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Re: Scientists Find Pyramids In Europe - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 18:29:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 10:59:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists Find Pyramids In Europe - White

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 13:36:22 EDT
>Subject: Scientists Find Pyramids In Europe

<snip>

>I still say some, some of our UFOs are products of these long
>ago civilizations.

That cave in the Caucasus Mountains with stalagmite-covered
vents issuing humming sounds and hot air suggests that
possibility. So does the 8,000 year old city site in Inda which
was turned to glass by some huge thermal event.

(Sorry - I don't have instant doc for these, but I've heard
about them repeatedly.)

Eleanor White

[See: 'Tatra Cave' at:

www.cptr.us

- which may not pop immediately - name servers
being changed --ebk]

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Local UFO Expert To Sponsor Film Festival

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 11:10:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 11:10:48 -0500
Subject: Local UFO Expert To Sponsor Film Festival

Source: The Gallup Independent - Gallup, New Mexico, USA

<http://www.gallupindependent.com/2005/oct/102805ufofilm.html>

October 28, 2005

Local UFO Expert To Sponsor Film Festival
Believes he has debris from crashed saucer

By Darrel Beehner
Staff Writer

GALLUP =97 Over the last 60 years, New Mexico has been a magnet for unidentified flying objects.

Besides the infamous Roswell incident, another perhaps even more spectacular crash is reported to have occurred in July of 1947 on the Plains of San Agustin, south of the area now known as the Very Large Array. According to accounts from the time, a U.S. Soil Conservation Service engineer came across a disk-shaped object with four small bodies nearby.

The engineer and other witnesses said the bodies were human-like but were shorter with large heads and slanted eyes. Before they could conduct a thorough examination of the bodies and the craft, U.S. Army trucks spirited the craft and bodies away.

Now the incident seems nothing more than folklore, except to a handful of people who believe they have uncovered parts of the craft during digs in recent years.

Among those who claim to have uncovered debris from the downed spacecraft is Gallup resident Chuck Wade.

Wade, who is sponsoring a UFO film festival Saturday at El Morro Theater, said he learned of the crash site while attending a UFO crash retrieval conference in Las Vegas, Nev., two years ago. During the conference he met Art Campbell, one of the presenters. In subsequent meetings with Campbell, who had allegedly found the crash site years before, Wade learned of the location.

Since then, Wade has returned to the site and unearthed dozens of pieces of metallic material he believes are remnants from the crash. He has several gray-colored pieces of light-weight material, some only .0011 of an inch thick, with a silicon coating on both sides.

"It damn sure's not a burrito wrapper," he said as he shows the various-sized pieces of material. "This stuff is put together."

Wade has sent several pieces of the material away to have it tested by an independent group of nine scientists. He's still awaiting their analysis.

Other thicker pieces are composed of iron and aluminum with a silcon coating, he said.

"It's not homogeneous," Wade said. "It's like adding raisins to a cake mix, it doesn't blend."

While some labs have expressed great interest in the material, others Wade said, feel the metal is nothing to get excited about.

"The scientists I've got working on it will go into isotopic ratios, which will tell if it is Earthly in origin."

Wade has an number of other items from the dig site that he will share during Saturday's UFO film festival. As part of the festival, Wade has invited people from the Standing Rock and Crownpoint areas who recently reported UFO sitings to offer tales of their encounters with the audience.

Saturday's festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. and include several speakers, a documentary on crop circles and a video presentation of UFO activities in Mexico.

Cost to attend the festival is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for students in grades 2-12.

Information: 505-722-3377

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Black Holes May Not Exist

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 20:49:58 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 11:13:28 -0500
Subject: Black Holes May Not Exist

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<http://www.science-frontiers.com>

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ASTRONOMY

Black holes may not exist!

Black holes have long been essential to modern cosmology and science fiction. An aura of magic surrounds them, as if Alice had found an infinitely long rabbit hole. The adjective "infinite", however, trips up black-hole believers. The mathematics describing them leads to singularities - points of infinite density - which are logically indigestible and usually sloughed off and ignored.

Nevertheless, black holes survive in the armamentarium of many cosmologists because they do possess some explanatory value. What is needed is a cosmological entity with many of the useful black-hole properties sans those troubling singularities.

G. Chapline has described a worthy substitute on nature.com

<http://www.nature.com/news/2005/050328/full/050328-8.html>

Chapline thinks that the collapse of massive stars, long believed to generate black holes, actually leads to the formation of stars that contain "dark energy", the latest cosmological fad. From outside the collapsed body, the object would act similar to expectations for a black hole, having strong gravity while emitting little light. But on the inside, the dark energy overpowers gravity, as it appears to do for the universe at large, and drives matter outward again.

Thus, dark energy prevents the formation of singularities.

(Ball, Philip; "Black Holes 'Do Not Exist'" *Nature Online*, March 31, 2005. Quotation and review by Tom Van Flandern in *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 19:319, 2005)

Comment. One fad (dark energy) may now replace an older fad (the black hole)! When will cosmology become fad-free?

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Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 08:57:50 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 11:16:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights - Gehrman

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 14:48:16 -0700
>Subject: Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights

>Regarding the story "Spellbound by Sky Lights" in Friday's
>Chronicle by science editor David Perlman. It is literally
>impossible, as Perlman and astronomy professor Andrew Fraknoi
>claim, for Venus and Mars to be close together in the eastern
>sky and thus explain the multiple lights seen by many moving
>together and which Chronicle photographer Lance Iversen also
>photographed around midnight on Wednesday night. At sunset, Mars
>is currently rising in the east while Venus is setting in the
>west. They are on opposite sides of the sky. Venus sets at
>around 7:40 p.m. and is completely invisible at midnight.
>Further Mars is almost directly overhead at midnight, not near
>the horizon where Iversen photographed his lights. Stars and
>planets do not move relative to one another, as Iversen's
>photographs clearly show these lights as doing. I don't know
>what the lights were, but I do know Perlman and Fraknoi should
>do some simple fact checking before proposing absurdities like
>an invisible planet and then trying to portray this as a
>scientific explanation. Maybe they both need to take remedial
>astronomy courses.

David, List, EBK,

Yes, for once David and I agree. I was an eye witness to these amazing lights along with my daughter, her boy friend, and Jim Martin, publisher of Flatland magazine. We were all staying at my daughter's home in Potter Valley CA which is about 130 miles, as the crow flies, from San Francisco. It was about 10:35 and Jim and I had just gone to bed after an evening of good conversation and competitive eight-ball. I hadn't even closed my eyes when my daughter came running into my room and told me to come outside to see the strange lights they saw while having a late night smoke (tobacco). We all went outside and viewed this strange phenomenon. There were three lights about the size of a quarter at arm's length, quite large. They seemed to be moving in unison around a central point, and there was a blue beam coming from them like they were from a spotlight from a used car lot but were twenty miles from the nearest car lot. I can't explain what I saw but it certainly wasn't Mars or Venus.

These lights seemed to be moving to the south and since it was about midnight when they were seen in SF then it appears they were moving at a slow rate of speed.

Ed

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New FUFOR Monograph On Ramey

From: Jim Houran <gemamant.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 15:53:20 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 11:19:32 -0500
Subject: New FUFOR Monograph On Ramey

A Search For Meaning In The Ramey Document From The Roswell UFO Case by James Houran, Ph.D. (2005, Fund for UFO Research, www.fufor.com)

I'm pleased to announce that the FUFOR recently published the results of a new and unprecedented study of the Ramey document by outside and impartial experts in digital imaging, which I facilitated with the Fund's assistance. This project, which was purposely kept silent from other investigators, has been about two years in duration. I urge anyone interested in the Ramey document controversy, as well as the broader Roswell case to obtain a copy of this 67-page monograph.

Thanks,

Jim Houran

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Re: The Term Mothership - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 09:47:23 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 11:29:32 -0500
Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 20:56:34 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 09:31:29 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Clark

>>>From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 17:37:32 +0100 (BST)
>>>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

>>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 11:57:35 -0700
>>>>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

>>>To illustrate, I've just tried a massive search with the terms
>>>UFO + mothership in those 27.8 million pages I mentioned above
>>>(at the largest commercial archive on the net). How many times
>>>does it say the two words have coincided in print since 1947?

>>>Fifteen. Think about that.

>>Exactly, Chris. If any proof were needed of the disconnect
>>between the UFO world and the mainstream world, that's it.
>>"Everyone" does not think of motherships as disc-bearing ET
>>visitors. To the contrary, only a very few of us do.

>It is in the interest of people who wish for UFOs to remain a
>mystery to attempt to downplay the degree to which UFO imagery
>and language has entered the popular domain - although I agree
>that it might be that sometimes psycho-social ufologists may
>overplay the argument. As Sigmund Freud didn't say: sometime a
>phallic symbol is just a cloud-cigar.

>I'm greatly impressed by the on-line indexing tools which allow
>you and others to do word searches amongst numerous obscure
>newspaper articles. However, I suspect (and please show me, if
>I'm wrong) that the newspapers indexed here are probably not the
>ones which would have most of the speculative articles about
>flying saucers in them.

Patient and gentle Listfolk,

If you're interested in what else John Rimmer has to say, go
back to his original post. (I've clipped the rest to save space
and patience.) You will see that in response to clear and
specific evidence about the rare use of "mothership" in
mainstream discourse, he offers up yet more unverifiable
speculation and engages in continued shameless guesswork and
arm-waving mind-reading.

If you want to know why I am not a pelicanist, read my posts
(and Chris Aubeck's, David Rudiak's, and Greg Sandow's) in this
and the Gill Sighting thread. Then read John's words, and then

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know why the rest of us have rejected psychic ufology as a
useful research tool.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 12:02:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 11:32:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther? - Ledger

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 13:39:00 EDT
>Subject: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther?

>I'm sitting here at my desk looking at the ever growing row of
>DVDs and noticed the the only UFO based movies so far
>collected are:

>The Day The Earth Stood Still by Robert Wise, Roswell by Paul
> Davids and Close Encounters Of The Third Kind by Spielberg.
>I can't figure out why they're the only ones I've acquired so
> far. Not documentaries, just films.

<snip>

>As for the documentaries, any single one would you pick?

Unidentified Flying Objects [BTW - If that's out on DVD, I'd
appreciate a heads-up]

>So, what are your choices and why?

Try The Disappearance of Flight 412 starring Glenn Ford. It's
a B-movie but with a thread running through it that sounds
familiar and rings true. Not a jarring CE3K type world-shaker
though.

Don Ledger

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Re: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther? - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 11:02:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 11:33:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther? - Reynolds

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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<snip>

>The Day The Earth Stood Still is an all time favorite. It's a
>powerful film that was daring enough to delve into the social
>issues of the day. It's got that extra kick to it that we may
>not be the biggest kids on the block. What's an extra tickle is
>that not too long ago legendary director Robert Wise passed on
>and here in Hollywood the day he went on to his reward there was
>a major electrical failure/blackout. Things came to a grinding
>halt. We all mused how it reminded us of the film of note. Later
>that day the news of Mr. Wise's passing was announced and we all
>looked at one another with that 'Twilight Zone' feeling.

Greg:

The Day the Earth Stood Still is a metaphor for the Jesus story.

A messenger from the heavens comes to earth to warn humans of
their "sins" (nuclear wars et cetera).

He performs some miracles (making the Earth stand still), is killed
by mankind (the military), revived by God (Gort), and ascends
back into the heavens.

(The exegesis is better than that, but you get the gist.)

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther? - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 12:04:26 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 08:54:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther? - Balaskas

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 13:39:00 EDT
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<snip>

>As for the documentaries, any single one would you pick?

>So, what are your choices and why?

<snip>

Hi Greg!

On September 12, 2001 I got an e-mail from a UFO investigator who wanted to know further details about the film documentary 'Alien Technology' (NYIIFVF Award Winner, LA 2001) which was scheduled to be shown in Manhattan (about 4 miles north of WTC) tonight. A very small advertisement in The Living Arts section of the 'The New York Times', for Monday, September 10, 2001 titled 'Item' had this to say:

Despite Federal Government attempts via the National Security Act to prevent its first public screening, "Alien Technology" 48 minute Documentary hosted by Stacy Keach will commence as scheduled on: Wednesday, September 12th, 7:00 PM at: Clearview Theater 239 E. 59th St. (between 2nd and 3rd Ave.) Admission \$10 Nyfilmvideo.com Ticketweb.com 1(866) 468-7619

According to this same UFO investigator, 'Alien Technology' (directed by Scott McClintock) includes vintage newsreel footage and interviews with Pentagon insiders. Harvard's psychiatrist and alien abduction expert, the late Dr. John Mack, is also interviewed.

When I phoned Clearview Theater in New York City after the 911 attack at the nearby WTC complex and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. (coincidence or government cover-up?) to ask if the showing of this UFO documentary would be rescheduled, no one there I spoke with knew anything about the 'Alien Technology' film documentary!

You can try to order a copy directly from the producer (Scott McClintock at Nile River Productions Inc.) but I have never got my own copy of this film in the mail after I ordered and pre-paid for it in June of this year. In case my original order was lost in the mail, I have just reordered this film. Since I have now paid for two copies of 'Alien Technology', if I get two I

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will be happy to give one to you to add to your small but growing DVD UFO collection.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther? - Friedman

From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 13:14:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 08:57:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther? - Friedman

>From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 13:39:00 EDT
>Subject: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther?

<snip>

>As for the documentaries, any single one would you pick?

>So, what are your choices and why?

I still like my UFOs ARE Real from 1979 and still available.

It includes interviews with Betty Hill, Marjorie Fish, Travis Walton and Mike Rogers, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Dr. George Mitchell (Ohio State U. Astronomer), Dr. James Harder, Dr. Richard Haines, Major Jesse Marcel Sr., Colonel Lawrence Coyne, myself, stuff about the Iranian Jet Case, Astronaut Gordon Cooper, the Catalina Island and 4 corners footage, a number of stills, a nuclear rocket in operation as well as the electromagnetic submarine in motion etc., etc. I tried to keep out the Billy Meier segment, the only one I didn't endorse. I was co-script writer, consultant, travel planner, on location, etc.

This film covers a great deal of ground with outstanding people and was filmed in California, Arizona, Louisiana, Ohio, Tennessee, New Hampshire, etc. I like it better than my 2 volume "Flying Saucers ARE Real", though it is now available as a 2 volume DVD and includes footage shot at the Kennedy space center.

Another TV documentary I liked was "The UFO Incident" with James Earl Jones and Estelle Parsons playing Barney and Betty Hil as shown on NBC.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Roswell Case Closed - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 17:17:00 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 10:10:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Case Closed - Shough

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 12:49:29 -0700
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Allan

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 23:09:27 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 11:08:38 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Roswell - Case Closed (was Gill Sighting)

>>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 20:09:15 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>The assertion that they could not have been the source of
>>>>stories of aliens from crashed saucers because they started some
>>>>years after 1947 is nonsense. No reports of aliens, alive or
>>>>dead, were made in 1947, only the reports of the wreckage which
>>>>appeared in the news media at the time.

>>>>Well, John, actually General Ramey was photographed in 1947
>>>>clutching a telegram in his hand, which specifically mentions
>>>>"the victims of the wreck" along with "the 'disc'". That's the
>>>>strong consensus reading of what is there, not just my take on
>>>>it. Even Phil Klass admitted the word "victims" was there (but
>>>>tried to spin "the victims" into "no victims" in a personal
>>>>email to me).

>>"Specifically mentions"?

>Yes, you heard me right. It mentions Roswell "victims" in 1947.

<snip>

>On the other hand, if the letter starts with "V" and one tries
>"VI??I??" or more limited searches like "VI??IN?", "VI??IM?",
>"VI??I?S" (i.e., other likely discernible letters in the word),
>then "VICTIMS" is the only sensible word that comes up given
>the context. Other word hits like VIOLINS or VIRGINS just
>don't make any sense.

<snip>

>By Chris Allen's simple-minded argument, if words or letters
>don't look the same "they cannot be" the same. How dumb can you
>get? Of course they can be the same, just like people with
>strong accents can say the same words even if they sound
>different or somebody's handwriting has identical letters and
>words that don't look the same. Again, one has to look at the
>overall context in which individual letters, words, and sounds
>are used to disambiguate what is being said or written. It's a
>common signal-to-noise problem. We humans do this all the time
>in reading bad handwriting or following the thread of

>conversations in noisy environments or interpreting strong
>accents. This can also be applied to reading noisy text like
the
>Ramey memo. Rules of the language and context can be used to
>help disambiguate and give likely interpretations to very badly
>formed letters and words.

>Cryptographers use this technique, as do ordinary humans every
>day to disambiguate ambiguous speech and writing. This isn't
>100% perfect, but it's a far more scientific approach than
>Allen's inane "discount letter-by-letter" debunkery.

>I can never prove that the first letter in the "wreck" word is
>really W because it is so badly formed. If it were G, then it is
>incumbent upon Allen to come up with a sensible 5-letter "G"
>word that probably ends in either "H" or "K". Let's see...
>GREEK, GLORK, GROOK, GOPAC, GATCH, GRAPH, GIZEH, etc. See the
>problem? Despite what armchair debunkers may think, it's not
>that easy coming up with sensible words, phrases, and
>sentences. This is a message written in the English language
>and one has to assume it is reasonably coherent and sensible.

Hi David

I agree with all that you say about context, whilst adding that
one should also allow for some degree of reasonable
incoherence in that context. One point I'm sure you must have
taken account of, but which I haven't seen mentioned here, is
the possibility of grammatical gaffes or typos or
inconsistencies due to haste or whatever.

They aren't uncommon in official teletypes and your transcript
does allow for a couple already - the inconsistent spelling of
"disc"/"disk" for example, or the odd construction of the phrase
with "missstates". Ad hoc abbreviations are also possible. These
are difficult to allow for aren't they?

Your argument based on contextualising 7-letter alternatives for
VICTIMS is quite convincing. But can we rule out the possibility
that this is a mis-spelling of a 6- or 8-letter word (say, for
_illustration_of_the_point_only_, "the VIOLENCE of the
wreck/crash") or a contraction of a longer one?

>>So where does this analysis of Ramey's memo lead us?
>>Answer: nowhere. I suggest that unless some super-powerful new
>>technology arrives, we drop the whole idea of ever being able
>>to decipher this Ramey scrap of paper.

>For super-powerful technology, Allen might start by using his
>brain instead of absurd reductionist debunking arguments. The
>human brain is still the most powerful pattern recognition and
>deciphering machine in existence. That's why humans can easily
>understand human language in it's many variant and ambiguous
>spoken and written forms whilst the most powerful computers as
>yet cannot.

Your point about the sophistication of the human brain for
pattern recognition is well made, but doesn't get to the root of
the problem for critics like Christopher Allen as long as
different human brains persist in seeing different patterns, or
in having different levels of confidence in the same possible
patterns. Some way of approaching this objectively is needed.
But I'm not sure that we need "superpowerful technology" to at
least start doing that.

One crude way of quantifying the likelihood of different
readings would be to stage a large scale lab experiment using
subjects known to have had no prior exposure to the issue. Of
course in the extreme case totally naive subjects might look at
the message as a shopping list, or a love letter, and we can't
get away from the importance of context in restricting the range
of likely vocabulary. So the briefing of subjects and other
aspects of the protocol would have to be thought out very
carefully. But properly done this is respectable scientific
method and amenable to quantitative analysis.

There might also be a "hard" science method, which is probably
more difficult but with less ambiguity in the protocol. If
enlarged images of all letters that occur more than once in your
best-guess "translation" could be normalised by appropriately
rescaling and skewing, to correct for the perspective

distortion, then superposition of these images should tend to improve the signal/noise ratio if you are correct, or degrade it if you are not correct. (I think I'm right in saying that according to information theory, the ratio improves in proportion as the square root of the number of samples.)

The question is how to measure this. I think this might be done by digital densitometry of high resolution scans which could then be analysed pixel by pixel, or for more practical computation cell by cell where a cell is an average density over some small equivalent region of each image (the resolution might need to be varied to find the scale on which the test is most sensitive).

The first step would be to assemble matrices of density values for each individual occurrence of the apparent letter "S" (say) - call these the individual test matrices. Next you'd need to generate from these, by summing the negative or positive contributions in each cell, another matrix which represents the total noise and the total signal in the superposition of all apparent "S"s - call it the group test matrix. Finally you'd need a matrix generated by scanning a perfect noise-free telex "S" character at the same scale - call this the control matrix. Now you can analyse the result statistically.

The simplest method would be cell-by-cell correlation analyses of different pairings of these matrices. This would be done by taking, in each matrix, the differences (+ or -) of each of the values from an arbitrary origin. You tabulate a set of sums of differences and their squares for each matrix, and find the standard deviations of each set of values. You then take the product of the means of the two sets away from the summed products of the differences, multiply by the reciprocal of the number of cells and divide by the product of the two standard deviations. This gives you a product moment correlation coefficient between -1.0 and +1.0 indicating a degree of negative or positive correlation. This can then be tested and a level of significance read off from standard tables.

By this procedure you can quantify the correlation between 1) the group test matrix and the control matrix, and 2) any individual test matrix and the control matrix. If the correlation found in 1) exceeds those found in 2) then you have shown evidence consistent with improving the sign/noise ratio by aggregating all examples of apparent "S"s, which in turn argues that your identification of these characters as "S"s is probably more reliable than not, in the aggregate.

To take the case of "VICTIMS", there are only a couple of "V"s, but about eight "M"s and plenty of "I"s, "S"s and "T"s. The results might not be very striking given the sheer amount of noise and the relatively small samples (a dozen superposed examples should improve the signal correlation by a factor of only three or four), and it may seem like a lot of work; but it would be objective evidence at least, and if it worked it could add weight to other methods of interpretation in the case of at least some letters, and by extension to others also in the manner of a crossword puzzle.

Maybe there are statisticians on the list (Cathy?) who could improve on these rather crude ideas?

Martin Shough

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Re: UpDates List Politics - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 11:21:04 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 10:12:46 -0500
Subject: Re: UpDates List Politics - Lehmborg

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 09:39:04 -0500
>Subject: UpDates List Politics [was: Zamora's Eyeglasses]

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 00:38:10 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 14:09:21 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2005 19:30:47 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 09:08:24 -0500
>>>>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>>>There can be no investigation thorough enough for an ardent
>>>>>enough denialist.

>>>>>And there can be no explanation convincing enough for an eager
>>>>>believer.

<snip>

>Oh, Oh... John Rimmer makes some valid points,

Does he? Does he really? Or does he perhaps prosecute the same old hubristically obtuse tedium that he always prosecutes, much to the delight of dwindling base of similarly homocentric and ufologically constipated like-minders?

I've read Mr. Rimmer's posts on Updates for years and years, and they are almost identical to each other no matter the subject or UFO case. Each time he addresses a case with his usual, pseudo sociological approach (most of which have no basis in logic or in fact), various respected researchers take turns explaining why these approaches just don't work for each and every sighting.

Anyone who has seen his reviews of at least a case or two can predict the subject of his posts -- eyesight, cultural bias, perceptual difficulty, or mental instability. This goes on over, and over, and over, and over... and each and every time he spews his cognitive "M" Cubed detritus, he demands the same amount of respect for his uninspired views. Can't we expect that after six or seven years onlist, and even if he hasn't done any independent reading elsewhere, that he'd learn something new? Can't we expect that after all the attention he's demanded for his half-baked phony baloney explanations for UFOs that have been utterly defeated by fact-based argument, that he improves

himself in some small way? No, I suspect... because that is not what he's really about I suspect...

>but they'll be
>lost after an expected barrage from Mr. Lehmborg I suspect.

Mr. Reynolds! Metaphorically, lest you begin to feel that I would compare myself with same, predicting that the sun is going to come up in the morning to dispel the night is not a prediction, Sir. It is taking advantage of a certainty... ..which won't keep the sun DOWN, at all... will it!

>For some reason acrimony prevails here at UpDates

Right, Mr. Reynolds. Your watched pot finally boiled like it was not due in part to your feeble attentions and sputtering, inconstant or inconsistent little "gadfly's" Zippo.

>and the UFO
>phenomenon gets lost in the maelstrom of epithets from regulars:
>stupid, pelicanist, silly, et cetera.

Your lot best buckle-up, Mr. Reynolds. Your well betrayed opportunity to provide commentary in any way substantive or considerable has likely passed for the remainder of the decade. Good work.

>When the RRRGroup does this at our blog, UpDaters get livid.

That would only have been back when we were reading, Mr. Reynolds. I suspect that number is dwindling and getting smaller with every day gone by.

>When David Rudiak, Alfred, or the milder Don Ledger do it here,
>no one chastises them. Why not?

Mr. Lehmborg, Sir. Our momentary congeniality is expired Mr. Reynolds...

Why not? ...I suspect because the expressions of the three you mention are considered, honest, efficacious, and sincere and in at least two of the three... educated, experienced, and connected. You "R" Cubers seem to fail in all categories.

I hope that helped.

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Breakthroughs In Genetics Leads To Secret Of Aging

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 12:22:35 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 10:15:40 -0500
Subject: Breakthroughs In Genetics Leads To Secret Of Aging

<http://pub.ucsf.edu/magazine/200305/kenyon.html>

<http://elixirpharm.com/index.html>

I'm in admiration of Dr. Cynthia Kenyon of UCSF.

She's got more kudos than Luke Skywalker.

Any of you following the advances in genetics and biochemistry should know of her groundbreaking work in uncovering the genetic mysteries of aging. She has literally broken the code and proved by adjusting two genes DAF-2 and DAF-16 that she's been able to increase health and life span by 6X in worms and further experimentation extended health and life in mice and other creatures.

You can read all about it at the URLs above.

She was spotlighted on ABC News recently during their look into aging.

She has absolutely nothing to do with UFOs so I hope no smart asses start inundating her with questions about her viewpoints on Roswell or Betty and Barney Hill.

Her research is rapidly changing our future as a species and perhaps in years to come her discoveries will actually increase our health and life spans to remarkable ranges. This isn't dream technology, she's been able to prove it time and again and the foundations of these new technologies are here now.

The reason I bring this up in relation to Ufology is in relation to the ETH and or past super civilization theory.

My point being that the first thing an advanced civilization is going to do with their technologies is what life is always trying to do: Stay alive as long as it can.

Why? That's a simple answer. Alive and healthy longer is better than dead and miserable sooner.

Our advances in cloning, stem cell, and the legendary work of Dr. Kenyon are here now and one day soon will be applied and a sort of immortality will be at hand. Maybe 10 or 20 years from now or maybe sooner, but it will arrive if we don't blow ourselves up or create some super germ or some other disaster befalls us.

Suppose a civilization did or does achieve this and beings live to incredible ages and health, that changes the focus of what to do with all that time on one's hands. We may, may be dealing with beings who don't think in such miniscule spans of time like decades as we do but in terms of millenia or longer to achieve goals. The mind boggles to imagine perhaps mindsets that think in eons.

If you've got forever to get around to something you have the luxury of taking your time to make sure things are done right. We think of terraforming planets but that doesn't happen

overnight. Could take an eon or less or more. We think of star travel and if you've got forever to get where you want to go 10, 20, 50 years may be to an immortal being likened to our waiting for the dryer to finish it's cycle.

We need to stay on top of the new technologies coming forth and make sure we don't abuse them. It's going to be tricky but I'm sure we'll make it.

BTW Dr. Kenyon is pretty too!

Best,

Greg

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Re: UpDates List Politics - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 11:37:11 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 10:20:38 -0500
Subject: Re: UpDates List Politics - Lehmborg

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 16:19:21 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 00:38:10 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

><snip>

>Alfred leave John Rimmer alone please. Try it for a month, if
>you can. If you can't manage it Alfred for that short period
>then you have an addiction problem and will need to see
>someone... ..

>That might do it John. Alfred always listens to me and does
>everything I ask of him, and with a jump in his step as well.
>Alternatively, you could try sorting him out yourself, safe in
>the knowledge that however long and rambling his postings may
>be, you will only have at the most, half a dozen sentences to
>respond to, the rest being unintelligible.

Must... resist... mind meld... imperative... from... Stuart...
Miller... must... resist... must... resist... must...

Ahhh...

Sorry Stuart, disapproved... resubmit in 30 days for final
disapproval. But by all means, Mr. Rimmer, do try to sort me out
yourself. Everybody else, Buckle-up, it's the law.

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Christopher Jay & RRRGroup

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 11:08:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 11:08:08 -0500
Subject: Christopher Jay & RRRGroup

What a nasty piece of work Christopher Jay of Rich Reynolds' group is.

Not content with spiteful attacks on Wendy Connors and Richard Hall, Jay Google'd Alfred Lehmborg and found Alfred's name in a search results page for a site at:

www.horriblemonster.com/things/search_200301.html

Jay sent his search 'results' to myself and others, noting that most of the page gives stats for child-pornography and asking that Alfred "...explain why his name is listed for usage at the child porn site?".

Jay also included most of the page's header. "Most", because he carefully omitted the word "string" from that header, below:

Usage Statistics for horriblemonster.com
Summary Period: October 2002 - Search String
Generated 01-Nov-2002 01:03 EDT

The page is obviously a stats-report of search queries via an engine/engines either off-site or one that was installed on the horriblemonster.com site in 2002. Stats that can generated via any website's log-file, should the webmaster use readily available software to do so.

The 'incriminating' entry:

Hits	Search String
<snip>	
2	0.13% alfred lehmborg
<snip>	

What this tells me is two searches were made via search-engine/engines which included Alfred's name - not that Alfred had visited the site, as Jay's vicious e-mail, suggests. And certainly not Alfred's "usage" of the site.

Jay is also forwarding his search 'results' to the FBI office in Montgomery, Alabama. I trust the FBI will take a dim view of Jay's attempt to smear Alfred and act accordingly.....

Frankly, enough is enough, and since Rich Reynolds is not capable of reining-in Christopher Jay I'm removing the rrrgroup address from the List.

Rich Reynolds may re-subscribe via another address, should he care to.

Errol Bruce-Knapp
Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

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Re: The Term Mothership - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 17:39:48 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 11:29:12 -0500
Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 09:47:23 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Clark

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 20:56:34 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Term Mothership

>>It is in the interest of people who wish for UFOs to remain a
>>mystery to attempt to downplay the degree to which UFO imagery
>>and language has entered the popular domain - although I agree
>>that it might be that sometimes psycho-social ufologists may
>>overplay the argument. As Sigmund Freud didn't say: sometime a
>>phallic symbol is just a cloud-cigar.

>>I'm greatly impressed by the on-line indexing tools which allow
>>you and others to do word searches amongst numerous obscure
>>newspaper articles. However, I suspect (and please show me, if
>>I'm wrong) that the newspapers indexed here are probably not the
>>ones which would have most of the speculative articles about
>>flying saucers in them.

>Patient and gentle Listfolk,

>If you're interested in what else John Rimmer has to say, go
>back to his original post. (I've clipped the rest to save space
>and patience.) You will see that in response to clear and
>specific evidence about the rare use of "mothership" in
>mainstream discourse, he offers up yet more unverifiable
>speculation and engages in continued shameless guesswork and
>arm-waving mind-reading.

>If you want to know why I am not a pelicanist, read my posts
>(and Chris Aubeck's, David Rudiak's, and Greg Sandow's) in this
>and the Gill Sighting thread. Then read John's words, and then
>know why the rest of us have rejected psychic ufology as a
>useful research tool.

If people can be bothered to go back over this increasingly
life-sapping thread to see what my previous post said, they will
note another superb example of "Clarkian Snipper", in which,
when replying to a post, the serious question, which most
deserves an answer, is neatly excised in Clark's reply. You may
think this is because he does not have an adequate reply. I
could not possibly comment.

--
John Rimmer

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Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 18:11:19 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 11:30:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Shough

>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 18:40:56 +0200
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 11:31:54 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: Manuel Borraz <maboay.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 00:44:07 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>On Rev. Gill probably misidentifying Venus on July 6, 1959

>>>on the "negative" side, since Gill also stated that "I
>>>identified it as one of these objects", it casts serious
doubts
>>>on Gill's ability to identify Venus.

>>Well, as I said, I'd agree that it reflects on Gill's and
>>others' predisposition as of July 6 to interpret Venus as
>>"one of these objects". In terms of the descriptions, though,
>>neither Durie nor Gill report anything inconsistent with a
>>binocular observation of Venus setting - a small bright disc
>>on the horizon "coming down" slowly through broken cloud.
>>There is really nothing there that suggests a propensity to
>>extreme fantasy.

>><snip>

>Rather than Gill's predisposition to interpret Venus as
>something extraordinary, I was considering here his inability to
>identify it in the first place. Just another argument for not
>discarding that he might have taken Mercury for Venus on 26
>June.

Well you just snipped my discussion relevant to these issues so I
won't bring it all up again.

>>So, despite some frustrating aspects, I still vote: Unknown.

>><snip>

>Is there a confirmed explanation for the sightings of Boianai?

>Not yet.

>Nevertheless, to say "Unknown" falls a little short. I think
>that we should also try to answer the following questions:

>Is this case "one of the most convincing on report" as stated
>time and again (except by Brad Sparks)?

I'm certain there are others than Brad who have not made this
statement! I've never expressed or held such a view myself.

>Are there any hints as to the nature of the sightings?

Of course there are possible clues to possible explanations. We have spent some time discussing them haven't we? I'm not convinced. But maybe I don't officially qualify as a participant; I don't appear on Jerry's recent approbatory list of non-pelican contributors to this discussion so I'll leave this topic and retreat to my accustomed invisibility.

Martin Shough

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Re: The Term Mothership - Rogerson

From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 17:52:53 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 11:36:58 -0500
Subject: Re: The Term Mothership - Rogerson

The use of the term mothership has to be looked at in context, and here it is used to describe a large object with satellite objects, as used in popular UFO literature. Why go to all these convoluted lengths to try to find other origins.

I think the extent to which ufology had permeated popular culture, as far back as the mid 1950s, is underestimated. My first encounter with the term was as a tiny child when there were flying saucer kiddy rides in the Lewis's department store in Manchester (c late 1953 to early 1955)

Americans may not realise that, unlike in the States, George Adamski's first book was a runaway best seller in the UK, and was serialised and featured across the press. Donald Keyhoe's second book was another big seller, especially in the mass market Arrow edition.

If these cases are so weak as Don suggests, why is so much time being spent arguing about them, or about the state of the eyesight of witnesses from cases 40 or more years ago. Is this because there are no good modern cases?

Peter Rogerson

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Re: New FUFOR Monograph On Ramey - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 13:21:07 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 11:39:38 -0500
Subject: Re: New FUFOR Monograph On Ramey - Boone

>From: Jim Houran <gemamant.nul>
>To: ufoupDates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 15:53:20 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: New FUFOR Monograph On Ramey

>A Search For Meaning In The Ramey Document From The >Roswell UFO
>Case by James Houran, Ph.D. (2005, Fund for UFO Research,
>www.fufor.com)

>I'm pleased to announce that the FUFOR recently published the
>results of a new and unprecedented study of the Ramey >document
>by outside and impartial experts in digital imaging, which I
>facilitated with the Fund's assistance. This project, which was
>purposely kept silent from other investigators, has been about
>two years in duration. I urge anyone interested in the Ramey
>document controversy, as well as the broader Roswell case to
>obtain a copy of this 67-page monograph.

Doc, I'm pleased to announce I can't find the link to the report mentioned. Mayhaps I've overlooked something on the site but could you post a direct link to where this new report is located on your site?

Best,

Greg

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Re: Roswell Case Closed - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 10:47:13 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 11:41:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Case Closed - Rudiak

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 09:34:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell Case Closed

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 12:49:29 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>Since some have suggested E as the second letter, I also tried
>>than, thus YE??I?? as the search word. This yields 19 hits, but
>>all of them are as nonsensical in context as the four words
>>above, words like YELPING, YESSING, YERKISH, YESHIVA, YETTIES,
>>etc. Yeah, those make a lot of sense too.

>Yep, makes sense to me. The disk was piloted by Abominable Snow
>Midgets so busy yelping in Yerkish that they lost control and
>crashed. Yessir, the mystery has been solved at last. Oh, and
>don't forget the mess caused by the escape of their pet
>pelicans.

Nice try Bob, but it was yeshiva rabbinical students yelping in
yiddish that caused the crash after being distracted by the
virgin Vilnius violinists. The pelicans were merely collateral
damage.

David Rudiak

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Re: Gill Sighting - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 11:06:13 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 11:43:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Rudiak

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 23:09:20 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 11:19:51 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

<snip>

>>I also took a gander at Keyhoe's popular 1953 book, "Flying
>>Saucers from Outer Space," which actually has an index. Again,
>>no "motherships."

>Have a look at Keyhoe's account of the December 6, 1952 Gulf of
>Mexico radar-visual case (in chapter IX). He refers to
>"mothership" at least three times. Twice it appears as two
>words, in the third instance it is a hyphenated word. (UK
>paperback edition). In his next book "The F.S. Conspiracy",
>Keyhoe refers to the sighting as "The Gulf of Mexico Mothership
>case" when conversing with a skeptic.

Well for once Christopher Allen is right and I stand corrected.

However, this still doesn't change the fact that Gill denied reading UFO literature and "mother ship" in a UFO context was very rarely used in mainstream newspapers in the U.S. This is based on electronic searches of newspapers, not proclamations of fact backed up by nothing from the likes of Rimmer and Allen. Like I said previously, their "evidence" amounts to little more than reading Gill's mind and somehow knowing that Gill was already familiar with UFO motherships even though Gill said he wasn't. I second Jerry Clark's statement that "psychic ufology" is pretty useless if not laughable.

David Rudiak

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Re: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther? - Chichikov

From: Pavel Chichikov <fishhook.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 14:57:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 12:14:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther? - Chichikov

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 13:39:00 EDT
>Subject: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther?

>I'm sitting here at my desk looking at the ever growing row of
>DVDs and noticed the the only UFO based movies so far collected
>are:

>The Day The Earth Stood Still by Robert Wise, Roswell by Paul
>Davids and Close Encounters Of The Third Kind by Spielberg.

One, two and four of the Alien series, if only for its skeptical, clear-eyed attitude toward human motives. When one of the characters asks, in so many words: How many of 'them' do you see betraying one another for personal advantage? - he asks an important question for all of us. The films are about monsters, including the ones in the mirror.

I saw Alien One, for about the third time, in a big movie theater on Pushkin Square in Moscow, almost fifteen years ago. At that time at least the Russians were dubbing the dialogue, with one actor taking all the roles. Even with that, the audience was obviously impressed.

Pavel

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Re: Roswell Case Closed - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 20:42:20 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 12:24:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Case Closed - Allan

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 12:49:29 -0700
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Allan

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 25 Oct 2005 23:09:27 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2005 11:08:38 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Roswell - Case Closed (was Gill Sighting)

>>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sun, 23 Oct 2005 20:09:15 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>>>The assertion that they could not have been the source of
>>>>stories of aliens from crashed saucers because they started some
>>>>years after 1947 is nonsense. No reports of aliens, alive or
>>>>dead, were made in 1947, only the reports of the wreckage which
>>>>appeared in the news media at the time.

>>>>Well, John, actually General Ramey was photographed in 1947
>>>>clutching a telegram in his hand, which specifically mentions
>>>>"the victims of the wreck" along with "the 'disc'". That's the
>>>>strong consensus reading of what is there, not just my take on
>>>>it. Even Phil Klass admitted the word "victims" was there (but
>>>>tried to spin "the victims" into "no victims" in a personal
>>>>email to me).

I have replied to, and conceded, the point about the supposed
"victims of the wreck" in the answer to Jerry Clark. No further
response is necessary.

>For super-powerful technology, Allen might start by using his
>brain instead of absurd reductionist debunking arguments. The
>human brain is still the most powerful pattern recognition and
>deciphering machine in existence. That's why humans can easily
>understand human language in it's many variant and ambiguous
>spoken and written forms whilst the most powerful computers as
>yet cannot.

I think this Ramey memo has been exhaustively debated before in
this forum, so decline to get involved any further. If others
want to stoke the flames of this debate they can do so.

>>Lydia Sleppy's story has 'improved' considerably with time and
>>retelling. Her original tale to Stanton Friedman made no mention
>>of the FBI, and was far simpler than the later, embellished,
>>versions. It appeared in a 1974 issue of SAGA magazine. The FBI
>>mysteriously entered the the Sleppy-McBoyle story years later. I
>>cannot dig up all the references now.

>As usual Christopher Allen can't provide the specifics. As far
>as I know, Sleppy has always told pretty much the same story.

>Part of her story about McBoyle phoning in the story and them
>not being able to get the story out was also corroborated by her
>and McBoyle's boss Merl Tucker when he was interviewed by Randle
>and Schmitt:

Oh yes I can provide the specifics.

Have a look at the article by Stanton Friedman & B. Ann Slate in SAGA Magazine winter 1974. It is entitled "UFO Battles the Air Force Couldn't Cover Up" Page 60 contains the relevant quote from STF's interview with Lydia Sleppy (her name is omitted). "As the woman began typing out the fantastic news item over the teletype to their other two radio stations, a line appeared in the middle of her text, tapped in from somewhere, with the official order: 'do not continue this transmission' ". The station manager is mentioned, again not by name, as having seen pieces of the UFO being carried into a waiting Air Force plane. We do not know how much text she managed to type before the interrupt.

That's the original article. At that time Sleppy was already recalling events 27 years old. Nothing whatever about the FBI, and how did Sleppy know it was an official order anyway?

By 1980, however, in the "Roswell Incident" (Berlitz & Moore) the story has improved. Here it is (p.24). The alleged interrupt message was: "Attention Albuquerque: DO Not Transmit. Repeat Do Not Transmit This Message. Stop Communication Immediately". Still no FBI.

In Bill Moore's paper "Crashed UFOs, Evidence in the search for proof" (1985) we get another version: "Attention Albuquerque. Cease Transmission. Repeat. Cease Transmission. National Security Item. Do Not Transmit. Stand By." Moore says it was Berlitz, his co-author (surprise!) who got the text wrong in the Roswell Incident book. Note how the phrase "national security item" has crept in. Starting to suggest FBI involvement? Perhaps.

Later versions embellish the story further, but David Rudiak can search out these himself. I have said enough.

So by 1985 there was still no FBI mention. So please tell me, and others, just when the FBI became involved in this alleged story. I repeat: when did Sleppy first relate the story about the supposed FBI involvement? I suggest that someone planted this absurd idea in her head at some point. Either that or some ufologist else has 'introduced' the FBI to puff up the whole incident.

By 1992, in the Friedman & Berliner book "Crash at Corona" the FBI had certainly appeared. See the Sleppy tale as given therein, which says, among other things: "This is the FBI, you will cease transmitting".

If you want to place any credence on this overblown, embellished example of ufology (sic) by all means do so.

>Now why couldn't Sleppy get the story out over the wire unless
>it was as she said? The bell on the teletype rang indicating a
>request at the other end to cease transmission and to place the
>teletype into receive mode to receive further instructions. Once
>in receive mode she received the FBI message to cease all
>further transmission of the story.

See above. The FBI involvement is highly suspect and probably fictitious.

How far did Sleppy get with transmitting her story?

Or were the FBI (or some other official spies) so psychic that they read her mind before she finished typing so much as one word? And what about all those UP wires collected by Frank Joyce from 1947? These are in Karl Pflock's book. There are quite a number of them, but absolutely no suggestion of FBI (or any other agency) involvement in suppression of them, or interruptions during their original transmission.

>It is also interesting that knee-jerk debunkers like Allen are
>totally unconcerned about clear embellishment of stories if they
>believe it supports their side. E.g., we have Mogul engineer

>Charles Moore obviously engaging in some lying and hoaxing to
>support a Mogul crash. Allen e-mailed out of the blue about 2
>years ago, immediately called me "incompetent" because I
>supposedly didn't understand had Moore had done his calculations
>(this regards Moore's bogus calculation of Flight #4's
>trajectory taking it "exactly" to the Brazel ranch). When I
>boxed Allen into numerous mathematical corners and
>contradictions, his hypocritical and disingenuous "defense" then
>became that it "didn't matter." That's how these guys operate.
>As Stan Friedman says, don't confuse them with facts because
>their mind is already made up.

I did not use the word 'incompetent'. Rudiak is confusing me
with another critic, possibly David Thomas.

How 2 years can affect people's memories!

For the record, whilst I do accept Moore's analysis, I also
accept that his 'exact' trajectory chart and table do contain
several instances of dubious data.

Also, my own one derogatory word was met by about ten times as
much abuse in David Rudiak's response. (Assuming my own memories
after 2 years are correct).

>>See above. A lot of the contemporary press reports are likely to
>>be error-prone in places, due to the desire to 'be firstest with
>>the mostest'. There is only one actual date for the discovery
>>given anywhere, and that is June 14, which came directly from
>>Brazel.

>Isn't it remarkable that Brazel would remember exactly the day
>he first supposedly discovered the debris, yet considered it so
>unimportant that he supposedly didn't collect it for another 3
>weeks? No, Brazel didn't say "about 3 weeks ago" or "mid-June".
>He had it down to the exact day. That's not impossible, but it's
>not very likely either, and just another indication that the
>story was fed to him before hand.

>>The rest are all semi-vague phrases like those I list
>>above. I agree with Karl Pflock that June 14 is therefore very
>>likely the true date. To those people who still insist that the
>>USAF planted that date in Brazel's mind I refuse to debate the
>>matter any further.

>Of course not.

I stick to my guns. Either you prove Brazel was forcibly fed this
date (and give a coherent reason why) or find another precise
date for the initial find. The fact that Brazel did not bother to
collect the stuff for nearly 3 weeks is powerful evidence that he
did not think it had any significance. He paid little attention
to it because he was in a hurry to get round his ranch.
Yet 32 years later the first civilian investigators were desperately
trying to prove it was pieces of a crashed alien spaceship.

The only reason people like you keep saying the USAF put this
date into Brazel's head is because they want to show it was all
part of the grand cover up, a cover-up that (allegedly) exists
to this day. None of you can, or will, accept that Brazel did
remember the exact date, as well as three or four other dates of
what happened at the ranch and in Corona and Roswell. You still
insist that memories of other witnesses anything from 30 to 50
years afterwards are preferable to the memory of the prime
witness only 3 weeks afterwards.

>>The claimed differences in size were probably due to confusion
>>in the press over the balloon portion and the radar target(s).
>>Carelessness can explain a lot. You do not need cover-ups or
>>damage limitation exercises to account for it.

>More wing-flapping and unthinking skeptical spin. How about the
>actual quotes? The press was initially very clearly told that
>the 20-25 foot size referred to the "box-kite" covered with
>"tinfoil", i.e., the radar target. In fact, the initial stories
>mention nothing about a balloon. Then one of Ramey's intel
>officers changed it to the balloon. It wasn't the press that was
>confused. The stories they were being given were simply
>inconsistent.

And I suppose the stories given between 30 & 50 years afterwards

are consistent. The whole point is that they are not.

>>Had the Russians not captured Gary Powers, the USAF or the CIA
>>might have thought they could cover up the U-2 affair for
>>several years, but it was very risky. Suppose, for example, that
>>it happened again within a few months? Or even a third time?
>>Would they still have tried to cover it up?

>I fail to see what point Allen is trying to make here. My point
>is that governments often flagrantly lie and put out elaborate
>cover stories. What the press is told isn't necessarily true,
>therefore "contemporaneous" stories aren't necessarily the most
>trusted source, despite what debunkers usually argue. Often the
>real facts may not emerge until decades later. It all depends on
>how successful they might have been in burying the real story to
>begin with.

>>As for trying to cover up an ET crash, what if that also
>>happened again, and again? Don't forget, they had no control
>>whatever over ET crashes or in fact any ET actions. (They still
>>haven't either). For all the USAF knew, ETs had already landed
>>in Russia the year before!

>???? Well I guess, this is Allen's usual dumb point that
>governments can't possibly keep secrets, so if there were
>repeated crashes we would know about them despite all efforts of
>the government to keep them secret.

I never said governments can't keep secrets. I am merely telling
you that they could not, repeat not, keep this particular secret
(i.e. of an ET visit to planet earth) secret for 60 years. Got
it? By all means believe in Stan Friedman's Cosmic Watergate. I
am merely saying it is fantasy. However, I do concede that there
are plenty of classified papers still about that you and others
can always point to as evidence of government secrecy.

>Well, here's a news flash. We do know about some of them other
>than Roswell, incidents like Kecksburg and Shag Harbor which are
>pretty well documented. Various witnesses have been talking
>about them for years. Thus they aren't exactly secret. What
>remains in place is the official denial, both by governments and
>their debunker apologists

Pretty well documented? I am happy that Kecksburg was nothing
more than a bright fireball. Most of the surrounding story
sounds like a Roswell copycat. Shag Harbor I don't know about.
"Well documented" does not imply anything other than that some
ufologists have compiled documents taken either from
contemporaneous interviews or interviews conducted years later.
Where are the official investigation results of Kecksburg, like
the one at Socorro? Did Blue Book (or the CIA, etc) conduct any
investigation into Kecksburg? Or is that also Top Secret?

I'll repeat myself: No government could, or would, keep such an
important scientific discovery secret for nearly 6 decades.

>>Now tell us that there is no such thing as this "preposterous"
>>time compression!

>Thus one lousy anecdote and Christopher Allen rests his case.
>What psychological mechanism accounts for identical "time
>compressions" to multiple witnesses? How does "time
>compression" explain identical confusion between 6-foot plastic
>human mannequins and small, rotting alien bodies? How does
>"time compression" explain universal confusion in locations?
>And how does "time compression" explain what Air Force
>personnel were personally telling Gen. Exon about what really
>happened at Roswell?

You said the time compression was "preposterous". I gave you an
example of one instance that did actually occur. I did not
attempt to explain all the other oddities you give. Others can
try their hand at that if they so desire.

What psychological mechanism can account for identical "time
compressions" to multiple witnesses? Suggestibility by
interviewers is one answer. Otherwise known as cross-
contamination during the interview process. How many of these
multiple witnesses remember the actual year of the events they
tried to recall? Probably none at all. Even Jesse Marcel didn't,
at least not until many months after his first interview and not

until other evidence came forth. Therefore (as was made plain in the McAndrew Report) they may well be guilty of combining memories of events separated in time by several years, and then assuming they all took place in 1947. People are very often forgetful in remembering dates of past events, especially if they did not keep any notes or diaries.

Having said the above, I am still more than a bit skeptical of the USAF conclusions in the "Case Closed" report.

CDA

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Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 12:28:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights - Rudiak

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 23:12:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Sent: Friday, October 28, 2005 2:48 PM
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Spellbound By Sky Lights

>>>From: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>To: "- UFO UpDates Subscribers -" <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>>Sent: Friday, October 28, 2005 7:23 AM
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Spellbound By Sky Lights

>>>Source: The San Francisco Chronicle - California, USA

>>><http://tinyurl.com/dt39r>
>>>Friday, October 28, 2005
>>>Spellbound By Sky Lights

>>>Bright twinklers were nearby Mars and Venus, say astronomers -
>>>or were they?

>>>David Perlman
>>>Chronicle Science Editor

>>>Andrew Fraknoi, chairman of the astronomy department at
>>>Foothill College, said the lights were probably Mars and
>>>Venus, two planets that currently appear close together and
>>>will probably remain brilliant for another week or two until
>>>their orbits begin moving them away from Earth again.

>>><snip>

>>>But Fraknoi said Venus and Mars remain the best explanation
>>>for the lights.

>>>As I just pointed out in another post, Fraknoi's "explanation"
>>>is impossible. Venus and Mars are currently not "close
>>>together" in the sky but on opposite ends of the sky. Further
>>>Venus sets below the horizon around 7:40, and thus invisible
>>>at midnight, when a S.F. Chronicle photographer photographed
>>>multiple lights (also part of article - >see above url for
>>>multiple photos).
>>>Quick update:

>>>I also sent off an email to David Perlman and he emailed me back
>>>within minutes. He apologized for the errors and said he was
>>>correcting them "ASAP."

Perlman and the Chronicle issued the following partial
retraction yesterday (Saturday) under "Corrections":

"A story Thursday [actually Friday] on mysterious lights in the
sky mistakenly attributed one of the lights to the planet Venus,
which actually sets in the west each evening, on the opposite
side of the sky from Mars."

I felt this didn't go far enough, since it still leaves the impression that Mars had something to do with it. I emailed Perlman again and reiterated the reasons why Mars should be discounted as well (it was in the wrong part of the sky and doesn't move, like the multiple objects in the Chronicle photographer's photographs obviously did). I said further clarification was needed from the Chronicle. I copied this to the reader's rep who handles the "corrections". This time I've heard nothing back.

In my email, I also again pointed out that Fraknoi is with CSICOP and has a history of UFO debunkery. UFOs, in true CSICOPIAN fashion, he labels "pseudoscience," along with such things as astrology and creationism. (The guilt by association tactic.) I also pointed out to Perlman that this wasn't the first time CSICOP reps have used misplaced or invisible planets to debunk UFO sightings, and specifically mentioned the 1986 JAL Alaska incident where Phil Klass and CSICOP initially claimed the UFOs were Mars and Jupiter.

>Judging from his instant response, my guess is that he got an
>earful from a lot of people besides me and is probably rather
>embarrassed about being taken in by CSICOPian Fraknoi. As I said
>before, Perlman is usually a very good science writer and seems
>fair and level-headed.

However, I suspect he is just going to let things stand as they are and not issue any further retractions. I doubt Perlman belongs to CSICOP, but he did write a puff-piece on them a few years ago on their holy crusade against "pseudoscience":

<http://tinyurl.com/c7f5a>

>On the other hand, his evil science
>writer twin at the Chronicle, Keay Davidson, can be a really
>ravid UFO debunker.

For an example of Davidson's debunking handiwork, see:

<http://tinyurl.com/bm7bu>

This was about N.M. governor Bill Richardson saying back in 2003 that the truth still hadn't come out about Roswell. The three "experts" Davidson quoted to ridicule Richardson were Andrew Fraknoi yet again, Dave Thomas, and, of course, Phillip Klass. All are CSICOP fellows, which makes me think Davidson almost certainly belongs to CSICOP if these are the only critics he can find to quote.

Fraknoi's claim that Venus and Mars explain this latest UFO sighting is a classic example of CSICOPIAN pseudoscience in action yet again. I'm against true pseudoscience as much as the next educated person, but using pseudoscience to supposedly battle pseudoscience is truly ironic.

David Rudiak

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Re: UpDates List Politics - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 12:32:02 -0500
Subject: Re: UpDates List Politics - Rimmer

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 14:45:09 -0300
>Subject: Re: UpDates List Politics [was: Zamora's Eyeglasses]

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 00:38:10 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 27 Oct 2005 14:09:21 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Zamora's Eyeglasses

><snip>

>>>>And there can be no explanation convincing enough for an
>>>>eager believer.

>>>John, you've got to be kidding. What explanation[s]? So far
>>>there are none.

>>Are you saying no UFO case has ever been explained. There are
>>people who seem to think that - 'eager believers' - but I
>>hadn't previously put you amongst them!

>Once again we are back into debating mode. I believe the point I
>was making was about the Zamora case, not all of them. After all
>that's the subject heading of this thread. I would not classify
>myself as an eager believer, so for a change, you are right.

I wonder why you are so opposed to the idea of debating? I
thought this was one of the main functions of this List.

>>>>It's getting harder and harder to take you or your position
>>>>seriously. You bring nothing to the table unless you
>>>>consider negative, unsupported rhetoric as evidence. Since
>>>>you don't seem to want to either supply any evidence to the
>>>>contrary, just disdain and derision, why you are even on the
>>>>List? Rich, as bad as his attempts are to explain this case
>>>>with thinly disguised cosmetic, oft times silly,
>>>>applications, does offer up a position. On the other hand
>>>>you offer nothing, not even an opinion.

>>I suggest you go back in the archives and read my previous
>>posts. On second thoughts, no, there are just too many of them,
>>and packed full of opinions (and sometimes even facts).

>I have read your stuff, but you have a penchant for debunking
>cases that many of us don't take seriously to begin with. There
>is much to read and so little time. I applaud you for offering up
>facts, however.

How interesting. I wonder what the cases are that "many of us
don't take seriously"? I think the case I have discussed most on
this List, and the one I have spent most time in learning about,
is Trindade. Is this one of the ones you mean?

>>>You seem satisfied with just assigning degenerative motive
>>>to anyone not readily supportive of ridiculous conjecture or
>>>theories.

>>>Debate seems a useless tool when trying to get at the truth
>>>of this phenomenon. Obviously the best debater would win,
>>>but that's not the point. Winning an argument is a poor
>>>substitute for proof if the facts suffer in the process.
>>>Debate is the purview of courts and legislatures who often
>>>get it wrong.

I still cannot understand what you mean by this. Do you deny that debate is a very valuable tool for arriving at the truth? The best debater can only win if they also have the facts and evidence behind them. I do not see that there is any contradiction between winning the argument and presenting the facts. I don't agree that debate is the sole prerogative of courts and legislatures. In fact I think that the times when they get it wrong are mostly the times when true debate is curtailed.

>>>The "eager believer" comment is an attempt to win points by
>>>derision and thereby hopefully weaken a case and enhance
>>>your own position, not through the presentation of facts but
>>>by ridiculing of the presenter of the facts. It's an old
>>>ploy but it simply amounts to tripe.

No, the 'eager believer' comment was a response to a silly comment intended to denigrate those of us who actually want to dig a little deeper than facile assumptions - and I'm sure that includes you.

>>Everything you have said above applies, one hundred times
>>over, to Alfred Lehmborg, whose only function on this List
>>seems to be to make pointless, sarcastic comments to anyone
>>who attempt to take a moderate, sceptical approach to the UFO
>>problem. Perhaps if you were to take a similar admonitory
>>attitude to him - which nobody on this List appears to be
>>willing to do - I might be prepared to take your comments
>>above more seriously.

>Al is a big boy. He can look after himself. While not speaking
>for him, I suspect he is the product of 30 years of repressed
>military dogma [You know, yes sir, no sir, pulling on his
>forelock, following orders] and he's now a pendulum which has
>swung back to other way and he's busting loose. I know Al
>personally. He's a talented artist and a really nice person.
>He's protecting his turf and usually mine, by association. But
>Al can speak for himself, and he probably has/will.

I suppose I can understand that, having spent more than thirty years as a public service librarian - it's just the same: yes sir, nor sir, anything you say sir - you do sometimes long to be just not nice any more! However I thought this list was intended for discussion and, yes, debate, on a wide range of UFO-related issues, and not as a cathartic way of releasing thirty years-worth of frustration.

>>What contribution has Lehmborg ever made to ufology? Does he
>>publish one of the world's oldest continuously published UFO-
>> related magazines? Has he written a serious book on UFO
>>abductions? Has he actually investigated a UFO case, either
>>first hand or through studying the literature? What does he
>>'bring to the table' other than 'negative, unsupported
>>rhetoric'? Has he ever tried to do anything other than
>>'attempt to win points through derision'?

>>Lehmborg has been ridiculing presenters of facts on this List
>>for years, not through winning the debate, but simply because
>>no-one appears to be willing to challenge his... I would say
>>rhetoric, but that is too flattering of his crude, though
>>elaborately worded ramblings.

>Hey, stay focused. You and me. I was referring to your
>dismissive statement, "And there can be no explanation
>convincing enough for an eager believer.", which in the context
>of the thread was concerning the Zamora incident. I realize your
>comment was to Al's comment but since I invested some time
>arguing the merits of the Zamora case, I jumped in as an
>"injured party".

I didn't take the context as being explicitly about the Zamora case, one on which I have no explanation to offer and do find genuinely puzzling. I think Lehmergh was making a more general proclamation which I felt had to be challenged.

>>If you are prepared to challenge that, I might be prepared to >>'debate' with you further, but I don't suppose you'd be to >>bothered if I didn't, which may well be your loss.

>
>Lately I've noted your attempts to be more reasonable in your >arguments and questions-the latter not as loaded with sarcasm. I >don't expect you to blindly see my side, or acquiesce to my >paradigm, that would be foolish and and in the broader sense >across the field of the phenomenon, dangerous. I don't think >anyone wants that, at least I don't.

I regard sarcasm as a tool, to be used when required, but not otherwise.

>But again with the debating. I spent 34 years listening to >debate in a legislature modeled after the British Parliament. >Debate is for politicians seeking re-election. They call it free >debate but often the best debater wins [and more importantly, >the party with the most seats] but the truth suffers.

No, I'm sorry, but again I cannot agree. Debate is essential for the free flow of ideas, for uncovering facts and for presenting challenging concepts. Just because politicians use it (with varying degrees of honesty) is no reason to condemn it.

>Debating dictates that both sides take opposite sides of the >question, one side of which is wrong. I just wonder why you >always pick the wrong side?

Dunno, just one of those crazy things!

--
John Rimmer

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Walien Invasion MoD Probes UFO Sightings

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 22:20:50 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 12:55:17 -0500
Subject: Walien Invasion MoD Probes UFO Sightings

Source: Wales On Sunday

<http://tinyurl.com/dqxll>

Oct 30 2005

Walien Invasion: MoD Probes UFO Sightings
Matt Withers
Wales on Sunday

Wales is being invaded by little green men, with the Ministry of Defence probing a new UFO sighting every six weeks. MoD records handed to Wales on Sunday show 28 official reports of UFO sightings over the past three years. They include objects with legs spinning over the Valleys, a flying disc over Newport and a large black object hovering above Rhyl. The MoD says there are probably "rational explanations" for the sightings, but it would be a waste of money to examine further. But alien experts say many of the sightings cannot be explained so easily and need examining.

The figures, released under the Freedom of Information Act, show seven sightings in 2002, eight in 2003, four in 2004 and nine so far this year. All but one were spotted in the south of the country - a large black object sighted over Rhyl in March 2004.

Julie Monk, director of air staff at the MoD, said they examined UFO reports only to check if foreign aircraft had entered UK airspace. She said: "Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the UK from an external source, and to date no UFO report has revealed such evidence. we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. "We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MoD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. "It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so."

But Cardiff-based UFO boffin Chris Fowler said there were facilities available to probe the sightings. He said: "Some of them I think straightaway sound like it's misidentification of planes, but some of them sound quite interesting. "Some of them, possibly most of them, could be explained away. "The people who pilots report sightings to are called UK Airprox, who are staffed by a mixture of civil and military experts in their fields, so they actually have got the facilities to look into these things. "There are credible sightings. And either these are ours, which mean we've got technology far more powerful than the ones we know about, or they're somebody else's. I don't know more than that."

Earlier this year it emerged a spate of UFO sightings in Wales prompted a secret Ministry of Defence investigation. The clamour around the possibility of aliens visiting Pembrokeshire forced Government officials to look into the situation in the late 1970s. matt.withers.nul

Sightings include...

November 11, 2002: Two objects of different colour were spotted moving up and down above Cardiff docks. January 15, 2003: A large round disc "slightly smaller than the moon" was seen over Cowbridge in the Vale of Glamorgan. It was creamy white, before changing to green. July 12, 2003: Two round black objects with legs were sighted spinning over the Rhondda Valley. February 18, 2002: A "large black object" was seen in the sky above Rhyl at 4pm. January 31, 2005: An orange ball of light with "spiderish legs" spotted over Port Talbot.

[End Quote]

Note: Rhyl is on N Wales coast, the other locations are in area of S Wales' old mining valleys.

Cheers
Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: Gill Sighting - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 17:20:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 12:58:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Gill Sighting - Sandow

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2005 00:15:29 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2005 10:35:24 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Gill Sighting

>>Yes, John, your whole line of argumentation is pretty feeble
>>stuff.

>I doubt that a Church of England clergyman would be overly
>familiar with a fairly specialised piece of maritime jargon,
>used almost entirely in the Royal Navy. I see no reason why
>Gill should be assumed to have any detailed knowledge of
>submarines, naval supply ships, etc.

Did John Rimmer really write this? Makes me sad. It's such rigid thinking, and completely misunderstands what we humans actually are like. Would I assume a Church of England clergyman would know maritime jargon? No, of course not. But does that mean that I should now assume he wouldn't know this terminology? No way. There's no telling what might interest any person, clergyman or not. John, if I remember correctly, is or was a librarian. I don't know if his work brought him into contact with the public, but if a Church of England clergyman appeared at the library and asked for books on naval matters, would John have said, "Oh, no, you couldn't possibly be interested in that"?

Just to show how silly this kind of thinking can be, here are some examples from my own life. Should I assume that Dave, the contractor who built my country house, wouldn't know naval terminology because his profession for 30 years has been building houses in the Hudson Valley, 50 miles north of New York City? That would be a dreadful mistake. Dave owns a boat, and for years spent half his life sailing in the Caribbean.

Should anyone assume that, because I've been in the classical music business for 30 years, I know the Bruckner Symphonies? (This sort of thinking is often used in the positive as well as the negative - because someone lives in contemporary America, they must know UFO terminology.) No. I've never liked Bruckner, and I've never been a classical music critic on a daily newspaper, where you have to go to concerts nearly every night, and have little choice about what you hear. So for 30 years I've avoided Bruckner, and can't tell his symphonies apart. (God, don't tell this to the orchestras that hire me as a consultant!)

And because I've been in the classical music business all that time, should John Rimmer or anyone else assume I don't know anything about hip-hop? That would be wrong. I used to be a pop music critic; I was the first to write about the once-famous Los Angeles gangsta rap group N.W.A.; I was, for better or worse, the acknowledged hip-hop expert among Los Angeles rock critics in the late '80s, and also in the Time, Inc. magazine company in the early '90s.

Now turn that one around. Just because I was the acknowledged hiphop expert in these two places, should we assume I actually know much about hiphop? I'm laughing now. California rock critics knew nothing about it, for whatever reason. It was easy to pass for an authority. The Time, Inc. magazine company - or at least the top editors who used to call on me for advice - couldn't tell one black pop musician from another. It was easy to pass for an authority there, as well.

Since my wife moved to Roswell when she was in high school, has visited there constantly since because her parents still live there, and wrote a piece for the Wall Street Journal about the sudden UFO craze in her home town - because of all this, should we assume she knows all about the ins and outs of the Roswell UFO case? Sorry. She doesn't. It didn't interest her; the piece was more about how it felt to live in a town that had never been famous for anything before, and suddenly find it talked about in all the media.

One last example. My wife and I have a house in Warwick, in the southern part of New York state. Before we moved there, I'd rented houses in two different towns in southern New York. I'd driven extensively around the region. You could easily assume, then, that I would have heard of Warwick, a town that turns out to be fairly well known, for all kinds of reasons. It pulled itself out of a long decline without attracting chain stores or building malls; it's still quite rural, even though it's close to New York City; it's regularly cited in the regional newspaper as a perfect little gem. (That last thing sets residents' teeth on edge, including ours.) It's the home town of the man who won the Grammy award for polka music almost every year for the last two decades. (I'm not making that up.) It's very close to Pine Bush, where I'd driven several times to look for UFOs.

But no. I'd never heard of it. If my wife hadn't seen the property we bought listed on the Internet, we'd never have gone there.

The moral? Don't make assumptions about people. Find out what they're actually about.

Greg Sandow

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Re: New FUFOR Monograph On Ramey - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 15:26:11 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 13:00:49 -0500
Subject: Re: New FUFOR Monograph On Ramey - Hatch

>From: Jim Houran <gemamant.nul>
>To: ufoupDates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 15:53:20 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: New FUFOR Monograph On Ramey

>A Search For Meaning In The Ramey Document From The Roswell UFO
>Case by James Houran, Ph.D. (2005, Fund for UFO Research,
>www.fufor.com)

>I'm pleased to announce that the FUFOR recently published the
>results of a new and unprecedented study of the Ramey document
>by outside and impartial experts in digital imaging, which I
>facilitated with the Fund's assistance. This project, which I
>purposely kept silent from other investigators, has been about
>two years in duration. I urge anyone interested in the Ramey
>document controversy, as well as the broader Roswell case to
>obtain a copy of this 67-page monograph.

Hello Jim:

I clicked on the FUFOR link above and got their main entry page.
There is no obvious link to the monograph.

Do you have a URL that will take us directly to that?

Hopefully there will be a summary of the findings shorter than
67 pages. Either way, how do we obtain the monograph?

Thanks

- Larry

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UFO Wave Continues Over Oruro Bolivia

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 19:20:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 13:04:59 -0500
Subject: UFO Wave Continues Over Oruro Bolivia

INEXPLICATA
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
October 30, 2005
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Source: La Patria
Date: October 30, 2005

BOLIVIA: UFO WAVE CONTINUES OVER ORURO

"Oruro is undergoing an unidentified flying object (UFO) flap", said UFO specialist Alvaro Munguia Becker after witnessing and evaluating the recordings and photographs provided by journalists and citizens alike, taken since October 8. The ufologist reached our capital city yesterday in order to evaluate and study this phenomenon. Journalists and citizens who took photos visited the Federacion de Empresarios Privados de Oruro (FEPO - Private Business Federation) where they met with the expert to glean his knowledge.

Munguia expressed admiration over the quality of the images and for those who took them.

"This causes the images to be more credible. I say more credible because tricks and montages abound, and this results in the belittling of any UFO investigation. However, what I was able to see were varied images that have similarity [to each other]," he said.

The ufologist did not venture if whether these were beings from other worlds or alien vessels or from other dimensions. However, similar images have been analyzed in Spain, the UK and the USA.

"They fully match, and in closing we can say that the images taken by a varied group of individuals must be digitally analyzed in order to determine the number of pixels, color, heat and everything that these images might represent, eliminating all atmospheric or meteorological phenomena, ballistic missiles or advanced technology aircraft," he added.

"This can be analyzed, but what strikes one most is the phenomenon's continuity in Oruro. I understand that this situation commenced on October 8 and we are now on the 28th and 29th of October. This makes it approximately 20 days that the sightings have occurred, confirmed by citizens and journalists. The phenomenon continues, and this gives us the guidelines to say that a UFO flap is taking place over Oruro," he explained.

Source:

<http://tinyurl.com/9rsa7>
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Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 00:42:13 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 13:08:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights - Rudiak

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 08:57:50 -0800
>Subject: Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 14:48:16 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Spellbound By Sky Lights

>>Regarding the story "Spellbound by Sky Lights" in Friday's
>>Chronicle by science editor David Perlman. It is literally
>>impossible, as Perlman and astronomy professor Andrew Fraknoi
>>claim, for Venus and Mars to be close together in the eastern
>>sky and thus explain the multiple lights seen by many moving
>>together and which Chronicle photographer Lance Iversen also
>>photographed around midnight on Wednesday night. At sunset, Mars
>>is currently rising in the east while Venus is setting in the
>>west. They are on opposite sides of the sky. Venus sets at
>>around 7:40 p.m. and is completely invisible at midnight.
>>Further Mars is almost directly overhead at midnight, not near
>>the horizon where Iversen photographed his lights. Stars and
>>planets do not move relative to one another, as Iversen's
>>photographs clearly show these lights as doing. I don't know
>>what the lights were, but I do know Perlman and Fraknoi should
>>do some simple fact checking before proposing absurdities like
>>an invisible planet and then trying to portray this as a
>>scientific explanation. Maybe they both need to take remedial
>>astronomy courses.

>David, List, EBK,

>Yes, for once David and I agree. I was an eye witness to these
>amazing lights along with my daughter, her boy friend, and Jim
>Martin, publisher of Flatland magazine. We were all staying at
>my daughter's home in Potter Valley CA which is about 130 miles,
>as the crow flies, from San Francisco. It was about 10:35 and
>Jim and I had just gone to bed after an evening of good
>conversation and competitive eight-ball. I hadn't even closed my
>eyes when my daughter came running into my room and told me to
>come outside to see the strange lights they saw while having a
>late night smoke (tobacco). We all went outside and viewed this
>strange phenomenon. There were three lights about the size of a
>quarter at arm's length, quite large. They seemed to be moving
>in unison around a central point, and there was a blue beam
>coming from them like they were from a spotlight from a used car
>lot but were twenty miles from the nearest car lot. I can't
>explain what I saw but it certainly wasn't Mars or Venus.

>These lights seemed to be moving to the south and since it was
>about midnight when they were seen in SF then it appears they
>were moving at a slow rate of speed.

Thanks to Ed for reporting the sighting. I live in the area, but
wasn't outside and didn't see anything. Damn!

I've checked a number of websites for California and Nevada
newspapers, but haven't found any other stories except for those
in the S.F. Chronicle. Anybody know of any more?

David Rudiak

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Re: Scientists Find Pyramids In Europe - Koch

From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 10:21:57 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 13:09:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists Find Pyramids In Europe - Koch

>From: Greg Booone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2005 13:36:22 EDT
>Subject: Scientists Find Pyramids In Europe

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>Source: One News - TV New Zealand

><http://tvnz.co.nz/view/page/411366/622605>

>Oct 27, 2005

>Archaeologists Find European Pyramid

Hi Greg, Hi List,

I found a small video clip about that on:

<http://www.infocast.dk/jp/jp.php?id=1172>

All the best,

Joachim

<http://www.kochkyborg.de>

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Re: Gill Sightings - Borraz

From: Manuel Borraz <maboay.nul>
Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 10:57:29 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Oct 2005 13:14:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Gill Sightings - Borraz

Let's examine some other details of the Boianai sightings of Jun. 26, 1959, and following days.

To my knowledge, there are three sketch maps made at the time (Gill's report, Jul. 14, 1959).

Two of them show the positions of UFOs "at 8.28 p.m. and 9.15 p.m." on Jun. 26. The second one shows details of only four of the five UFOs observed on this occasion.

The third sketch map shows the approx. positions of the 8 UFOs observed at 11.00 p.m., on Jun. 28.

If we compare these sketches to the appropriate astronomical charts showing only the brightest stars and planets we must conclude that:

- It is possible to establish more or less evident correspondences between supposed UFOs and celestial bodies.

- But the more important thing is that the positions of the two main UFOs match quite well the positions of the two brightest (by far) heavenly bodies that could be observed, that is, Venus and Jupiter.

Quite a "coincidence", isn't it?

On the first sketch map, we find the "mother ship" in the NWW, just where Venus was located. On the other hand, the "overhead UFO" appears to be towards the SEE or SE on the first two sketches (Jun. 26) and the SWW on the third one (Jun. 28), matching reasonably well the positions of Jupiter, whose angular elevation was high indeed (around 80=BA on Jun. 26, and 60=BA - that's also "overhead" for most observers- on Jun. 28).

So the story repeats again with Jupiter. The "overhead UFO" could be directly identified as Jupiter if it were not for being described on Jun. 26 as a sort of disk having 5 panels of bright "windows" on near edge and a total apparent size of 1 inch across (at arm's length)...

Concerning the estimates of size, we must consider the following. Remember that these estimates have been one of the "hard" arguments against an astronomical background for the sightings.

We are said that, in the seventies, Father Gill estimated the object with waving occupants to have the width of five moons lined up end-to-end. This amounts to approx. 1 inch at arm's length. But in 1959 Gill's notes, this UFO with the "men" onboard was "full hand-span at arm's length (8 inches) when U.F.O's at closest", while the "overhead UFO" cited above had an apparent size of 1 inch across and the smaller objects had 1/2 inches across.

There is still a third estimation of angular size. The next day to the sighting, Gill worked out the dimensions of the big UFO assuming the figures on it were our size. In daylight, he got four men to stand away until they reached about the size that

the "men" in the UFO appeared to be. Finally, he concluded that the object was about 450 feet away (when closer) and some 35 feet across.

Though not stated by Gill, this implies an angular size of $4.45=BA$, that is, almost 9 moon's widths or 1.75 inches at arm's length. Note the differing values. All in all, I see no reason to be confident of Gill's estimates of angular size.

Another interesting detail is that all the objects (even the smaller "disks") had four legs, just as the "mother ship". This has a curious effect on the interpretation of the sightings. I think that it prevents to hold hybrid explanations as the possibility of some of the UFOs being misidentified celestial bodies. Either we had a happy family of four-legged flying disks and saucers, "mother ship" and "father ship" (overhead) included, that haunted Boianai from Friday to Monday or the events were related in some way to astronomical bodies, and those "legs" had to do with the diverging rays seen in stars as imperfect images formed by the eye, as it has already been suggested.

That's all for the moment, but there are many other details of the events that should be discussed.

Manuel Borraz

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Crop Circles Spellbind

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Subject: Crop Circles Spellbind

Source: The Times Argus - Rutland, Vermont, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/b6tx3>

October 31, 2005

Crop Circles Spellbind, Thrill Weekend Conference-Goers

By Robin Palmer
The Times Argus

PLAINFIELD =97 Organizers of a weekend-long conference at Goddard College weren't pointing directly to extraterrestrials as the makers of crop circles, but they were calling some of them geometric phenomena that couldn't have been created by humans.

About 120 people from around the country and Canada gathered at the rural Plainfield school Friday through Sunday for the fourth U.S. East Coast Crop Circle Conference organized by Starksboro couple Glenn and Cameron Broughton.

Crop circles are patterns in farmers' fields, where crops have been laid flat, often overnight. Most believe them to be hoaxes, but the way speakers told it, some are too geometrically precise and the crops too intact to have been done by humans or farm machinery.

"There are unexplainable crop circles, numerous unexplainable crop circles that couldn't have been made by man," Cameron Broughton said. She also described scientific anomalies said to occur within crop circles, including electromagnetic field changes and molecular changes to the crop itself.

The idea for a U.S. conference on the topic that is little-discussed here began after Glenn Broughton, originally of England where crop circles of beautiful circular designs are more prevalent, was asked to speak at Vermont libraries on the subject. The couple also takes people on crop circle tours during the summer in England.

A visiting friend asked the couple if she could give a Vermont talk on the subject and the Broughtons, knowing there was interest at least at libraries in the state, organized the first conference with a single speaker four years ago at Champlain College, said Cameron Broughton.

The following year it grew to three speakers and a day-long lecture at University of Vermont. And the last two years, the event has been held at progressively minded Goddard.

Last year, there were five speakers, and this year there were nine, plus yoga, a choir, dancers and more spread out over three days.

Among the speakers was Jeffrey Wilson, who Saturday gave the crowd gathered rather fittingly in a former barn at the school a rare glimpse at U.S. crop circles, often overlooked due to

interest in more compact England where about 100 crop circles appear each summer in three southern counties.

"It's an area that a lot of us don't know very much about at all," Cameron Broughton said introducing Wilson's talk on U.S. sightings.

Wilson of Ohio is director of the Independent Crop Circle Researchers' Association, an organization that records and investigates crop circles in the United States and Canada. His research has found more than 500 reports of crop circles in the United States from 1880 through 2004. Most (343) have been in the last couple of decades, from 1990 to 2004, and 21 crop circles have been spotted so far this year.

Wilson said many more crop circles occur than are reported because while some are quick to report "bright lights" the night before strange patterns appear in fields, many farmers are hesitant to attract the media and spectators.

The first U.S. crop circle was reported in 1847 by Henry Schoolcraft, who was employed by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and was told of "the magic circle in the prairies" by an American Indian.

What made it magic was what the American Indian had experienced once he stepped inside. On Saturday, speakers described blinding headaches, blocked ears and irritability while inside the circles, which according to Wilson have high radiation levels in the days after they first occur.

U.S. crop circles have been reported in 49 states, but have been concentrated in the first the Great Lakes area, then Iowa and Missouri along the Mississippi River, and thirdly in California and the West Coast. Ohio and Iowa have had the most crop circles, and July is the most common month they are found, Wilson said.

Wilson knew of two Vermont crop circles since 1880, but could readily name only one =97 it was in Bridport in Addison County in July 1993 and was a single circle with a ring around it.

The crop circles occur in everything from intricate patterns, or large geometric pictograms, to simple circles and what Wilson called "randomly down formations." These are when crops are lain down in random patterns, such as a simple jagged square. In the United States, wheat is the crop in which they are most often found. Grass and corn follow.

"You can name the medium and we've seen it here in the United States," said Wilson, noting the list includes ice.

U.S. crop circles are typically found near power lines with transformers, water sources, in the lowest point of a field and often near American Indian or other archeological sites. His research has also shown when mapped, they occur annually in lines even if many miles and many states apart, he said.

Wilson's talk veered into biblical, philosophical and mythological references. He showed mathematicians work to replicate the patterns and even had turned them to musical notes that were played. He called them a convergence of art, music, science and geometry.

"These are new ways of knowing," he said, calling the patterns "incredible works of geometry and mathematics that are providing us a new source of knowledge."

It was that new knowledge that most intrigued conference participant Brady Katzman-Rooks of Waterbury. Katzman-Rooks said she traveled to Hawaii for a conference involving dolphins and extraterrestrials and heard about Vermont's crop circle conference there.

The Vermont conference could have accepted 180 people but at 120 had attracted 40 more than last year, noted Cameron Broughton, calling the turnout a success.

"The people who are here are very intelligent people. They're grounded," Cameron Broughton said. "They're people who are interest in the phenomena and they're interesting in expanding

their knowledge on our own reality, which can be limited at times."

Katzman-Rooks called attending the Hawaii conference and this a "coming out of the closet" of sorts for her.

"I'm trying to make sense of my own experiences in connection to this," Katzman-Rooks said, but wouldn't say what her experiences had been.

She was also looking to meet similar-minded people, which she had found in Mary Stringos of East Montpelier.

"It's very exciting that there are so many people who came to meet people of similar spiritual pursuits," said Stringos, an energy healer by trade.

Stringos said she had attended out curiosity following a trip to England this summer and Saturday had learned more about crop circles than she ever thought possible.

Her theory was that crop circles were a gentle reminder from extraterrestrials that they existed.

"Maybe we have extraterrestrial friends," Stringos said. "Someday they'll show up, but this is our precursor."

"There are others out there, and they have been making these contacts," Katzman-Rooks agreed.

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Re: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther? - Watson

From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
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Subject: Re: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther? - Watson

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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>Date: Sat, 29 Oct 2005 13:39:00 EDT
>Subject: Which UFO Movie Would You Druther?

>I'm sitting here at my desk looking at the ever growing row of
>DVDs and noticed the the only UFO based movies so far collected
>are:

>The Day The Earth Stood Still by Robert Wise, Roswell by Paul
>Davids and Close Encounters Of The Third Kind by Spielberg.

<snip>

Greg:

It's worth getting Spielberg's E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial (1982)
as it is a kind of sequel to CE3K.

It tackles the issue of how we would deal with E.T. visitors and
comes down harshly on scientists and the authorities. Like The
Day the Earth Stood Still, E.T. has been interpreted as a Jesus-
like figure who is resurrected and returns to 'heaven'.

Although it does not feature UFOs, Kubrick's 2001: A Space
Odyssey is an equally profound and pretentious cinematic
appraisal of what would happen if we had contact with aliens.
This again has many religious overtones and has had a great
influence on science fiction films ever since.

So far this List has mentioned the 'big' UFO movies but as
Kottmeyer has pointed out it is the small B-movies that often
feature elements that have unwittingly infiltrated abduction and
UFO stories.

Nigel Watson

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One More Experience

From: Pavel Chichikov <fishhook.nul>
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This is distinctly third-hand but reasonably reliable.

A friend of mine who recently passed away (God bless her soul), told me, seven years ago, about her brother's experience. He's a well-known computer scientist and one of the founding minds of the Internet (I've checked his bona fides and they are genuine).

When he was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force decades ago, he had occasion to have one of those 'alien in a tank' moments, in which, on a military base in the southwest, he briefly saw what looked like an alien body floating in some sort of preservative fluid.

I have no reason to doubt the veracity of my friend. This is what her brother told her, and she said she had perfect confidence in his sincerity.

Pavel

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