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Terry Hansen's The Missing Times

From: Don Ecker <decker0726.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 09:35:20 -0400
Subject: Terry Hansen's The Missing Times

In the very first - brand new broadcast of Dark Matters Radio The Missing Times author, Mr. Terry Hansen was interviewed in a fascinating 1 hour interview where we discussed the main-stream media's treatment of the UFO topic.

Have you ever wondered why the "fringe element" always seems to garner the headlines while legitimate inquiry is left in the dust? In today's "war on terrorism" with charges that much of American media does not report the straight facts, how does the UFO topic fare when the media shines the spotlight on it?

As I've stated in the pages of UFO Magazine, there are currently two books that should be in the library of every serious UFO researcher... Dolan's UFOs and the National Security State, and Terry Hansen's The Missing Times.

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Best,

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Martin Caidin [was: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos]

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 Jun 2006 14:20:28 -0300
>Subject: Re: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jun 2006 17:35:14 +0100
>>Subject: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos

>>Readers of the Druffel, Kelson & Wood JSE paper may have noted
>>that Heflin's rediscovery of the photos in 1993 was brought to
>>the attention of Bob Wood soon after by "the author Martin
>>Caiden". It isn't clear yet what the full chain of events is
>>connecting Heflin, Caiden and Wood at this time, but I thought
>>Listeners who (like me) hadn't heard of Caiden might be interested
>>to know something of his background, which is quite remarkable
>>really.

>>The following piece appeared in a message board discussion of
>>Indiana Jones novels, of which Caiden apparently wrote two.

>>He also wrote one "faction" novel with a UFO theme (in 1974, I
>>discovered via Google) which might be relevant.

>>(Note: the apparent mis-spelling of "Caidin" below is
>>commonplace on the web).

>>Source:

>><http://raven.theraider.net/archive/index.php/t-6312.html>

>I grew up reading Martin Caidin's books. He was a pilot's pilot
>and loved flying. I met him finally at the Oshkosh Experimental
>Aircraft Association' Fly-In in either 1986 or 1987. Sadly we
>had to drive in after waiting 4 days for the ceiling to lift
>over eastern Canada.

>Martin was signing books but had flown into Oshkosh in his own
>restored German Junkers Ju.52 which he named "Iron Annie". Once
>he got talking airplanes you couldn't stop him. Not that I
>wanted to. I thanked him for being one of those who got me off
>my ass and into flight training.

>Caidin had the run of NASA. He was like the Tom Clancy of his
>day but was a long time pilot to boot. His book Marooned was
>responsible for the US and the Soviets getting together and
>standardising air-hose fittings and lockout-chamber hatches
>etc., just in case such a thing should happen.

Don

Sounds like the type of rare character it's a privelege to have
shared the planet with. Are you also familiar with his UFO-themed
book (Mendelov Conspiracy) supposedly based largely on fact? I
can't find out anything about it except that it was written in
1974.

I've been informed off-list by David Chace that Caidin had a UFO

sighting himself, and that this was discussed in a documentary that aired in the '90s. Does this ring any bells?

Meanwhile I've asked Bob Wood if he can tell us how Caidin came to be an intermediary between Heflin and himself. I'll let you know.

(BTW my own youthful love of the sky was nurtured by what I thought was a magical book by Guy Murchie called The World Aloft. I still have it and dip into it. Fortunately for aviation safety statistics, it didn't lead me to become a pilot!)

Martin

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>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Jun 2006 15:35:01 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 29 Jun 2006 10:16:57 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jun 2006 13:06:42 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>><snip>

>>>One nice feature about ray tracing is that it permits one to do
>>>any number of "what-if?" scenarios very easily. E.g., if I want
>>>to see what surrounding features are reflected where in the
>>>object, I can eliminate them one by one and watch how the
>>>reflections change on the various object surfaces in the
>>>different photos.

>>>Photo 2 I find most interesting in this regard. If it's a near
>>>model, then it turns out the underside is reflecting the bushes
>>>next to the van by the side of the road. If it's a distant
>>>object, then it is reflecting the field that the object is
>>>flying over. Right now I would lean to the former. The
>>>underside looks like it is reflecting the darker nearby brush,
>>>rather than the lighter distant field, but there are
>>>uncertainties in the lightness of these features.

>>Hard to gauge how much of the density could be shadowing on a
>>poorly reflective undersurface, and how much could be an image
>>of the ground in an efficiently reflecting mirror surface. If it
>>were a toy train wheel, for example, I would expect that the
>>normally hidden inner surface (which this is, ex hypothesi)
>>would not be polished to a speculum. This would be uneconomical.
>>I'd expect to see a relatively dull metal surface textured with
>>concentric lathe machining marks. Maybe they do polish them,
>>though.

>Went down to the basement and pulled out my old Lionel train.
>The large drive wheels on the engine, to my surprise, are smooth
>on the "bottom", but none of the wheel is specular smooth. The
>"top" and "bottom" are painted with flat black paint, and the
>"top" was cast with a lot of grooved wheel spoke detail. Of
>course Heflin could always smooth things out, say spray paint a
>train wheel with shiny paint, etc., etc.

True, but I don't see any paint job being an efficient enough
mirror that variations in reflected brightness from different
ground areas would dominate over shadowing. The difference in
illumination between top and bottom surfaces due to sky
brightness is huge and the range of variation in ground
brightness comparatively very small. I think you'd need to be
comparing two equally efficient specular surfaces to be able to
discriminate nearby bushes from distant scrub on the basis of

reflected intensity. The shadowed underside of a large distant flying object could have any arbitrary albedo.

On the other hand you could argue that it's too dark for any dark shadowed surface viewed near grazing incidence at significant distance. It does look dark, but this is uncertain because in #1 there are pixels of the same density in the shadowed edge of the van roof and in a phone pole several hundred feet away. The underside of UFO #2 is on average less dense than either of these near and far regions of image #1 and contains no single pixel as dark as the darkest pixels they contain. There are no distant dark ground features for comparison in #2 itself, but the underside of the UFO is on average lighter than the van roof and contains no pixel as dark as the darkest pixels in the top edge of the window.

This is all unsatisfactory. Some detailed densitometry of the originals would be nice. Maybe we'll get that in JSE II?

<snip>

>>>We would also still have to account for the "smoke trail" seen >>>in enhancements of the photo 3 object. Heflin would have to >>>conceal something like a smoking cigarette stub on the back of a >>>hoax model to maybe recreate this feature plus a suggestion of >>>rising smoke in photo 2, then mention nothing about it later, >>>such as dropping hints like, "I am quite sure I saw smoke coming >>>off the object when I shot photos 2 & 3.

>>I agree with your subtext, which is that this is pretty >>implausible. It would be easier to think that the "trail" was >>made with oily smudges on the window glass, or even that it was >>a fortuitous emulsion blemish of some kind. The latter may seem >>incredible, but is not ruled out. There is nothing in the JSE >>paper that describes any close examination of the print >>emulsion.

>Smudges on the glass is not likely, as they would show up in >both photos. Also, there is a question of focus, since the >distance is only 2 feet from the camera.

They wouldn't show on both photos if they were made in between. I'm not saying they were accidental marks. As for being possibly out of focus at only 2 ft this softening would if anything enhance the impression of cloudiness.

>Fortuitous emulsion blemishes also seem extremely unlikely, both >from a photographic standpoint and also the amazing coincidence >with Heflin's backstory of what happened.

I agree but this sort of thing should be a basic part of any analysis report.

>If the smoke is there and this is a hoax, then I think the most >likely explanation is Heflin deliberately put it there. But how?

Maybe on the window.

>Like many details in a hoax scenario, how it was carried off is >not obvious. Part of cigarette would be difficult to conceal and >also throw the balance off.

No source of smoke hidden on the object would be consistent with the wind direction, which was from right to left as we look.

<snip>

>>Incidentally, I'm told that certain model locomotives with drive >>wheels of the type resembling (generally) Heflin's object were >>sold with a system for blowing "smoke rings" from the funnel >>(stack) using chemical pellets, the implication being that this >>may have given a hoaxer the idea of a connection between an >>airshow smoke ring and a train wheel 'UFO'. Are there any >>railway modellers out there who can comment on this? I recall >>Hornby OO locomotives from the late 1960s that seeped wisps of >>white smoke, but I don't recall "smoke rings" as such.

>My Lionel train was one of those "smokers." I think it used >little camphor pellets that were heated up, then a small bellows >pushed the "smoke" out. I don't remember it blowing "smoke >rings" either. Saying that Heflin got the idea of his hoax from

>a smoker model train seems like another one of those skeptical
>stretches of imagination.

I tend to agree this is not a strong argument.

>Also what air show was Heflin's smoke ring supposed to come
>from? I used to attend a fair number of air shows back in those
>days, complete with bombing, and don't remember a single smoke
>ring. Somehow Heflin supposedly not only films such an air show
>smoke ring, but then manages to integrate it perfectly into a
>UFO photo hoax, including matching up a power line wire and some
>orange tree branches near his UFO photo hoax location to the
>photo of his air show smoke ring presumably taken somewhere
>else.

One small coincidence (which you may well think belongs in the
same category as the last paragraph) is the presently-mysterious
involvement of Martin Caidin in the recovery of the original
Polaroids. Caidin was, among other things, apparently a
well-known airshow stunt-pilot.

Martin Shough

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>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Jun 2006 13:37:23 -0300
>Subject: Re: Conspiracy Theorists Unmoved By UFO Denial

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<snip>

>Need I repeat that the Condign approach to plasmas as explaining
>UFOs was ridiculous and had long since been scientifically
>destroyed by Jim McDonald and even the Condon Report?

Hi Stan

Just to be pedantic about it, McDonald and Altschuler were talking mainly about ball lightning, corona discharge etc. The main Condign proposal is for what seems to be a completely novel type of plasma phenomenon (this is of course the same as saying that there is no known example of such a plasma in science). The notion is that it is seeded in the lower atmosphere by meteors that near-ablate at low level and dump their energy into a type of spectacular and long-duration "dusty plasma" with high mobility and all sorts of detailed structure. I'm not aware that this idea has been received favourably anywhere!

Martin Shough

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Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 10:00:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo - Shell

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 Jun 2006 13:33:47 -0300
>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

>>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jun 2006 11:30:03 -0500 (CDT)
>>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

>>>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jun 2006 14:56:00 -0400
>>>Subject: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

>>>Source: UFO Digest.Com - Hamilkton, Ontario, Canada

>>><http://www.ufodigest.com/beeston.html>

>>>27 June 2006

>>>[Images at site]

>>>Another UFO Caught Accidentally by Digital Camera

>>>Date: May 1, 2006
>>>Location: Beeston, Nottingham, England.
>>>Witness Account: Adrian P.

>>>Received an email from Adrian P. on June 26, 2006. He was
>>>>walking his dog along with his girl friend in Beeston, which is
>>>South-East of Nottingham, England.

>>>They had decided to take her new digital camera and try it out.
>>>The actual photo was taken on Monday May 1, 2006.

>>>The photo is quite striking. The object to the right of the
>>>church spire is very prominent and one wonders how the object
>>>was not seen when first shot. One possible explanation is that
>>>the craft was moving so quickly the human eye could not perceive
>>>it. Another more easily acceptable reason is that the particular
>>>view finder on the camera simple didn't show the entire panormal
>>>of the scene. That is it only showed the center object in the
>>>view finder.

>>Hate to say it, but to me it looks like a bird. Probably not a
>pelican, but some kind of flying fowl. Why it wasn't seen when
>the photo was taken is best explained by the fact that we tend
>to ignore ordinary things, like birds, most of the time. Only
>later, when the photo is viewed, and there's an unexpected shape
>on it, do we take notice. There are probably a lot of birds in
>this area, by the river.

>>Birds move pretty fast, and tend to blur with these digital
>cameras, which have remarkably slow shutter speeds. This shape
>is relatively consistent with that of other photos of birds
>taken by digital cameras. Head, tail, body, wings/wing shadows.

>Come on Tim,

>If you are going to come up with an explanation, let's have
>something a little less silly.

Oh, I never explained anything. What do you take me for, some kind of skeptibunking, pelicanistic 'explainer'? Not me. And to prove it, I've carefully re-analysed the photo in excruciating detail and amazingly found two more UFOs, very similar in size and color, actually landed on the ground nearby!

<http://img515.imageshack.us/img515/3654/ufos9fb.jpg>

Well, you could have knocked me over with a feather (so to speak).

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Jun 2006 13:37:23 -0300
>Subject: Re: Conspiracy Theorists Unmoved By UFO Denial

>>Source: The Scotsman - Edinburgh, Scotland

>><http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=3D947932006>

>>Thursday, 29th June 2006

>>Conspiracy Theorists Unmoved By UFO Denial
>>By Sven Nordenstam

>>SHEFFIELD (Reuters) - Last month, the Ministry of Defence made
>>public a top secret report on UFOs, concluding that three
>>decades of sightings had failed to produce evidence of visiting
>>extraterrestrials.

>>Case closed for alien aficionados? Not so.

>><snip>

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>Condign Report was classified SECRET. It was not classified
>TOP SECRET or TS codeword. The FBI once stated that the military
>considers the subject TS. Wilbert Smith noted that UFOs are the
>most classified subject in the US even more so than the H-bomb.

>USAF General Carroll Bolender noted that "reports which could
>effect national security are not part of the Blue Book System".
>The 156 NSA UFO documents finally released in about 1997 were
>TOP SECRET UMBRA and were about 95% whited out. The CIA UFO
>documents(Not all released) located by the NSA were very heavily
>blacked out. Some of the released pages had 8 words that could
>be released. One said "deny in toto" so no words were released.

>Artifacts have indeed been recovered - Roswell - and kept
>classified. The notion, that materials which could conceivably
>lead to new and exciting military technology would be released
>for all (including enemies) to handle and study, is absurd on
>its face, Clarke notwithstanding. Publicly examined, indeed.

>It is clear that military pilots in the USA were ordered to
>shoot down UFOs if they didn't land when instructed to do so. It
>seems reasonable that the same orders were given in the UK. If
>planes managed to shoot down UFOs, or if UFOs managed to shoot
>down or "disintegrate" UK planes, that information would be TOP
>SECRET code word.

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>scientifically destroyed by Jim McDonald and even the Condon
>Report?

The article is another of those blanket damnations for anyone
involved in the study of the phenomenon. These short-on-detail
and long-on-inaccuracy pieces have to have at least one
politically correct term or phrase in the article somewhere to

justify printing it. This one managed to work in conspiracy theorists and green men and the slightly newer term alien aficionados. He not only slams us but SETI as well.

Clarke actually posted this to another List himself to make sure it got out-there.

In the very second sentence of this article its writer, Sven Nordenstam, shows his ignorance of the fact that this was the third-if memory serves-incarnation of a study that wasn't done by the MoD/RAF that was then later admitted to. Since Clarke uncovered two of them you would think he would have alerted Sven Nordenstam to this fact and the distinct possibility that perhaps there is another and thereby avoiding the embarrassing use of the title Conspiracy Theorists Unmoved By UFO Denial.

Nordenstam wrote:

"Instead of alien spacecraft, man-made vehicles and natural phenomena, some of them little known, were behind the UFO sighting, according to the report that runs to almost 500 pages."

This suggests that he did not read the entire report - just the summary. He must have missed the part warning pilots about possible dangers - or ignored it.

There was in fact no denial, of the UFO phenomenon, just a theory put forward by the writer of the "randomly generated named" Condign Report with little or no backing by science and no hands-on investigation of any of it.

Nature magazine carried a quote from Martin Fullekrug of the University of Bath, UK, who researches these electrical events.

What about the mind-mangling electric fields? At 20 kilometers altitude, F=FCllekrug thinks it highly doubtful that these transient plasmas could have much effect. "On the ground, the similar phenomenon of 'ball lightning' has been described, but is little understood. Whatever these are made of, such earthly plasmas are likely to have such a weak electromagnetic field that they are pretty unlikely to register on scientific equipment, let alone the human brain," says F=FCllekrug.

Where's that little nugget in Nordenstam's article. It's not there because he didn't do enough research to find out about it. David Clarke knows about it but he didn't mention it to Nordenstam.

Clarke, who teaches Journalism at Sheffield Hallam University, and who promotes himself as a fellow researcher of this phenomenon leaves no stone unturned in his attempts to embarrass the rest of us, denigrate hundreds of thousands of witnesses while linking this phenomenon with some silly side of his folklore hobby.

I have no doubt that the Condign Report was allowed to be continued as a screen for some longer study done by the MoD. Why wouldn't they be interested in some phenomenon that has been reported by the RAF, airline pilots and the citizens of the UK and that they can't get a handle on. I think they would be stupid not to. Who knows what could be learned as a result? But I guess that makes me a Conspiracy Theorist. So be it.

As for the Condign Report, in light of recent complaints that the MOD is refusing to release certain documents in violation of Parliamentary regulations re FOIA, how come this Secret report snuck through? because it was low-level and nonsense and not worth protecting. Everything in there could be found by Googling it up on the internet with much of it discussed and discarded by more experienced researchers and scientists over the last 40 years or so.

Whether by accident or design, the really important thing here is that David Clarke managed to get his name into the paper once more and stick it to Nick Pope at the same time. But is that more important than learning more about a phenomenon that has injured and killed people?

Don Ledger

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Re: ET Civilizations & World Peace Conference -

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 16:55:43 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 11:23:25 -0400
Subject: Re: ET Civilizations & World Peace Conference -

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 Jun 2006 06:41:36 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: ET Civilizations & World Peace Conference

<snip>

>I still see exopolitics as wishful thinking at best, and
>possibly valid only with ET's who are more approachable, more
>respectful of humans really, than the grays who predominate.
>That is, if those other types of ET even exist.

Hey, guys, what the heck happened to the branch of 'exopolitics'
which was to focus on government covering up? The concern that
Steven Bassett used to figuratively hammer his lectern about as
being so urgently needed? Hmm?

To me, that is several orders of magnitude more important than
all this talk about "space brothers". To my mind, talking about
'space brothers' should be something exopolitics practitioners
might chat about over their coffee and danish, before getting
back to the important task at hand.

One could be forgiven for thinking this intense discussion of
the 'space brothers' thing is a deliberate attempt to derail the
push to get government to cough up the information it owes the
owners of that information - the taxpayers!

And while we're at it, where is the CUFOS analysis of their
in-home repeat abductee monitoring? Or where is all the raw data
so that web visitors can do their own analysis? Or that group of
New York city doctors and other professionals who were going to
do great things with an independent look at abductions? And
shouldn't we be seeing some high resolution Mars photos from
that orbiter taking some months to use atmospheric braking to
get into a circular orbit? (Didn't we see one lo-res sample
already?)

Why does it seem like every promising UFO-related initiative
invariably gets stuck in deep mud and goes silent, while debate
over 'space brothers' drones onward?

Eleanor White

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Re: Check Your Site Statistics For Hong Kong

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 17:12:43 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 11:24:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Check Your Site Statistics For Hong Kong

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 01:28:01 -0700
>Subject: Check Your Site Statistics For Hong Kong Hot-Linkers

<snip>

>Anybody with a UFO related website should check their
>access_log files for hits from this outfit in Hong Kong:

><http://www2.discuss.com.hk/viewthread.php?tid=1787616&page=1&extra=page=1>

>They took the liberty of hot-linking not one, but 17 (seventeen)
>of my map images, with no credits, no links back to my site, and
>leaving me to pay for the bandwidth

Larry -

Why don't you add some Chinese printing saying the images are
copyrighted, and giving your site link too? That way, you might
get some traffic to your site and not just your images (and a
bit of credit too.)

You can, as I'm sure you know, use a graphics editor to add
some extra pixels to each image so the original portion of the
images isn't disturbed.

Eleanor White

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Re: Conspiracy Theorists Unmoved By UFO Denial -

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 17:18:56 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 11:26:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Conspiracy Theorists Unmoved By UFO Denial -

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 08:57:04 EDT
>Subject: Re: Conspiracy Theorists Unmoved By UFO Denial

<snip>

>I have several friends who work at major museums who have told
>me of immense files of forgotten, unattended to, and
>unclassified artifacts. Not enough manpower to go through them
>all and many discoveries going back hundreds of years still
>unattended and needing re-examination.

Ever thought of trying to get your friends to let you, or
someone with more time on their hands whom you trust, permission
to go through them looking for potential UFO artifacts? The
criterion I have in mind is not natural, and not manufacturable
by humans.

A new type of "UFO research", maybe?

Eleanor White

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Re: Are We Missing Something? - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 14:27:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 11:27:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Are We Missing Something? - Rudiak

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Jun 2006 20:50:24 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Are We Missing Something?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jun 2006 07:39:06 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Are We Missing Something?

>Only a few days ago a physics and space scientist friend and
>colleague from York University, Stoyan Sargoytchev, presented me
>with a personalized autographed copy of his new book, 'Basic
>Structures of Matter Supergravitation Unified Theory'. This long
>awaited 500 page plus theoretical book is his life's work and
>confirms and explains among many other things, the incredible
>findings by researchers such as Wilbert B. Smith and his close
>associates at the NRC labs in Ottawa in the 1950s through the
>direct knowledge gained from "The Boys Topside". Stoyan's book,
>recently reviewed in the Canadian Association of Physicists
>(CAP) Journal, 'Physics in Canada' has already aroused much
>interest and debate among physicists here that I predict it will
>create a revolution in physics surpassing what Albert Einstein
>achieved when he published five major papers during his "miracle
>year" in 1905 which changed the way we understand the universe.

>Stoyan's findings also promise us many exciting possibilities,
>including interstellar space travel through the control of
>gravitation and inertia of material objects and the tapping of
>non-EM energy from the not so empty "vacuum" of space. With
>Stoyan's book we can now finally understand the science of our
>ET visitors/neighbours and soon replicate the technology behind
>UFOs.

Nick, is this self-published? I've tried Amazon and Barnes and Noble, neither of which carry Sargoytchev's book. Do you know how I might get a copy?

David Rudiak

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Coast To Coast With George Knapp

From: Don Ecker <decker0726.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 14:55:47 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 12:23:24 -0400
Subject: Coast To Coast With George Knapp

On Sunday, July 2nd, Mr. George Knapp of KLAS TV, Channel 8, Las Vegas will be hosting Coast To Coast. George called up myself, Vicki, and Bill Birnes and we will be appearing talking about UFO research as it is currently being practiced. We will be taking a look at a number of stories and cases currently being discussed. Hope you get a chance to tune in.

Best,

Don Ecker
<http://www.darkmattersradio.com>
<http://www.ufomag.com>

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Re: SETI & CSICOP - Davenport

From: Peter B. Davenport <director.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 15:00:36 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 12:53:31 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI & CSICOP - Davenport

>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 Jun 2006 22:08:05 EDT
>Subject: Re: SETI & CSICOP

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jun 2006 10:05:48 -0300
>>Subject: Re: SETI & CSICOP

>>>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jun 2006 11:42:10 -0500 (CDT)
>>>Subject: Re: SETI & CSICOP

>>>>From: Greg Taylor <greg.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jun 2006 14:51:23 +1000
>>>>Subject: SETI & CSICOP

>>>>Thought I would forward on my most recent column for our free
>>>>online magazine Sub Rosa

>>>><http://subrosa.dailygrail.com>

>>>><snip>

>>>>In his view, SETI is popular
>>>>because of its quasi-religious features; perhaps there are
>>>>benevolent 'beings' out there, more advanced than us, who have
>>>>>wondrous things to show us - it's interesting to note the lack of
>>>>concern in SETI circles about the dangers posed by contacting an
>>>>alien civilisation.

>>>>Just a quick two cents about this notion. If you ignore the UFO
>>>>and channeling evidence, and go along with the "Fermi Paradox"
>>>>assumption that we have not had contact with ET civilizations,
>>>>perhaps the most compelling reason why that's happened is that
>>>>all the civilizations that managed to survive were smart enough
>>>>to _shut up_ and not make their presence known until they knew
>>>>what, if anything, was out there.

>>>>If Nature as we know it extends past our planetary boundaries,
>>>>who knows what kind of vicious and nasty predatory species are
>>>>out there, equally stealthy, waiting for a telltale radio signal
>>>>like a bobber on the end of a fishing line?

>>Enrico Fermi did not say nobody was visiting.

>>After a discussion at lunch in which it was agreed that it
>>wouldn't take too many million years for the whole galaxy to be
>>colonized, he asked the sensible question "So where is
>>everybody?".

>>Obviously there are many possible answers.

>>Fermi was well know for asking questions as an important part of
>>teaching.

>>One answer is that they are all over the place and the
>>government knows they are, and doesn't want to let anybody know
>>because it would mean a loss of power and others might find out
>>about their technology.

>>Another answer is that they have bases on asteroids or the back
>>side of the moon or on other satellites.

>>Another is they are quarantining us to make sure we don't escape
>>to attack out there; or There are rules about colonizing planets
>>on which there is already a civilization, primitive though it
>>may be, etc., etc., etc.

>It might be interesting to discover that many have debated and
>speculated upon life elsewhere.

>A real great read for all those interested is available in
>paperback. In 1998, I could only find this book in just a few
>public libraries.

>The Extraterrestrial Life Debate, 1750-1900
>by Michael J. Crowe

Another possibility is that 'they' are already here, and that
they have succeeded in insinuating themselves into our cultures
and institutions. For what purpose they might do this one can
only guess at, but I think it would be incautious of us to
assume that their actions necessarily are intended to benefit
mankind.

The relationship between their presence here, and affairs on our
planet, could be a parasitic or commensal one. If the creatures
have succeeded in influencing our government(s), I conclude that
their objectives are by no means benevolent toward us humans.
When I consider what the U. S. government is doing to, not for,
the American People, I don't think it is unreasonable to
consider whether its actions are designed to lead to our
detriment. The fact that the creatures appear bent on remaining
discrete seems to me to support the notion that they may acting
in a fashion that is not to our benefit.

Peter
NUFORC

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Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 19:50:42 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 13:09:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo - Ledger

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 15:53:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

>Don Why is this so silly? My own first impression was the
>same: "Looks like a bird." I don't have any proof that it's a
>bird, but it could easily be.

>In the Heflin case the object 'looks like' a wheel or
>whatever, but that isn't good enough. There it's worth
>expending some energy to check it because of the amount of
>information - multiple photographs, eyewitness report,
>circumstantial evidence etc. But even in that case it isn't
>"silly" to say that it looks like a wheel, and could be. It is
>a conjecture.

>In this case we only have a single isolated photo and no
>eyewitness report. It looks like a possible bird. It could be
>a bird. Given the limited informatio that's a reasonable
>conjecture IMO. Can you falsify it?

Martin,

I was being rushed by a wife to attend to a chore and forgot to
add in my last email two things.

First if that was a bird it would have to be a huge bird at
considerable distance. But I don't think at such a long range as
to be out of focus but still very large this bird would exist in
that area. If it was a bird at close range than we would know
that because ssurely it would be in focus enough to descern
wings and a shape.

Don

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Alan Greenfield?

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 20:02:06 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 14:16:57 -0400
Subject: Alan Greenfield?

Does anyone here know how to contact Alan Greenfield? He used to be a fairly prominent UFO researcher.

Any info would be appreciated.

Thanks

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Re: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos - Weigle

From: John Weigle <jweigle.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 00:39:48 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 14:18:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos - Weigle

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Jun 2006 17:35:14 +0100
>Subject: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos

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>connecting Heflin, Caiden and Wood at this time, but I thought
>listeners who (like me) hadn't heard of Caiden might be interested
>to know something of his background, which is quite remarkable
>really.

><snip>

And don't forget his book that is of particular interest to
readers of this list, "Ghosts of the Air," which appears to
still be available from Galde Press:

<http://www.galdepress.com/books/paranormal/ghostsoftheair.html>

where the book is described this way: "Imagine witnessing
unexplicable events while piloting a plane thousands of feet in
the air. These are real accounts from pilots who have
experienced strange phenomena. Landing at an airfield that
wasn't there; planes guided by dead pilots; Bermuda Triangle
accounts; sightings of aircraft from the past; airfields haunted
by airmen killed in action; ghost warning prevents plane crash;
more."

There's a review here:

<http://eclecticviewpoint.com/evcaidin.html>

(Note the spelling of Caidin, which matches what's on the cover
of the book).

John Weigle
Editor, The Outer Edge, VCPS Newsletter, Federation Reporter
President, East Ventura Optimist Club

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an In 'Aliens' Story Says It's All Rubbish

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 14:26:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 14:26:40 -0400
Subject: Man In 'Aliens' Story Says It's All Rubbish

Source: Grantham Today - Lincolnshire, UK

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/us5c>

30 June 2006

Man In 'Aliens' Story Says It's All Rubbish

A man who featured in a book about a supposed alien invasion of Grantham says he doesn't believe a word of the story.

Author Anthony Mallin's book Asylum tells of a mass alien abduction in Grantham in 1965, but Mick Cresswell, who lives in Barkston, says it's all rubbish.

Mick appears in the book as Colin Watson, the sidekick of Mallin's alter-ego Clive Powers. He and Mr Mallin were childhood friends and best men at each other's weddings, but later lost contact.

Mick said: "It's one of those strange things =96 I don't know if it's tongue-in-cheek or what. It's got to be the most grammatically incorrect book I've ever read in my life.

"I went to see him at his book signing. He was highly embarrassed and couldn't wait to get rid of me. I wished him well and said I hope the book sells well =96 I suspect it won't."

In the book Mallin describes seeing a blinding light in Green Lane, which was then on the edge of Grantham.

But Mick says the light was not caused by any kind of spacecraft.

He said: "It was much darker in those days, and we thought anything that flashed was a UFO. There were lights but we were aware that it was the lights of RAF Cranwell."

According to the book everybody who was abducted had their memory erased and the Journal has been complicit in a cover-up operation.

Mick said: "Maybe he's telling the truth, but its not the truth I can remember. It's either completely true and it's me in the wrong, or he's 100 per cent barking."

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Re: Martin Caidin - McCarty

From: Julia McCarty <ybr2.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Jul 2006 10:21:38 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 14:57:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Martin Caidin - McCarty

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 16:34:09 +0100
>Subject: Martin Caidin [was: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos]

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 29 Jun 2006 14:20:28 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos

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>>>to know something of his background, which is quite remarkable
>>>really.

<snip>

>>>He also wrote one "faction" novel with a UFO theme (in 1974, I
>>>discovered via Google) which might be relevant.

>Don

<snip>

>Sounds like the type of rare character it's a privelege to have
>shared the planet with. Are you also familar with his UFO-themed
>book (Mendelov Conspiracy) supposedly based largely on fact? I
>can't find out anything about it except that it was written in
>1974.

Martin,

There are currently 30 listed for sale on abebooks.com of The
Mendelov Conspiracy, by Martin Caidin, beginning at \$1.00.

Julia

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Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 12:23:11 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 15:24:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo - Ledger

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 12:38:19 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

<snip>

>Oh, I never explained anything. What do you take me for, some
>kind of skeptibunking, pelicanistic 'explainer'? Not me. And
>to prove it, I've carefully re-analysed the photo in
>excruciating detail and amazingly found two more UFOs, very
>similar in size and color, actually landed_on_the_ground
>nearby_!

><http://img515.imageshack.us/img515/3654/ufos9fb.jpg>

>Well, you could have knocked me over with a feather (so to speak).

Tim,

You make a pretty good case for the bird on the left as match to
the one in the sky. They look squat while "nesting" on the
ground but would that hold true in the air? They look like
geese.

Don

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Re: Martin Caidin - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 12:28:12 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 15:26:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Martin Caidin - Ledger

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 16:34:09 +0100
>Subject: Martin Caidin [was: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos]

>Don
>Sounds like the type of rare character it's a privelege to
>have shared the planet with. Are you also familiar with his
>UFO-themed book (Mendelov Conspiracy) supposedly based largely
>on fact? I can't find out anything about it except that it was
>written in 1974.

>I've been informed off-list by David Chace that Caidin had a
>UFO sighting himself, and that this was discussed in a
>documentary that aired in the '90s. Does this ring any bells?
>Meanwhile I've asked Bob Wood if he can tell us how Caidin
>came to be an intermediary between Heflin and himself. I'll
>let you know.

>(BTW my own youthful love of the sky was nurtured by what I
>thought was a magical book by Guy Murchie called The World
>Aloft. I still have it and dip into it. Fortunately for
>aviation safety statistics, it didn't lead me to become a
>pilot!)

Martin,

I have two copies of Guy Murchie's World Aloft somewhere in a
box. I've never read the Mendelov Conspiracy however.

Interesting the Heflin, Caidin connection.

I've heard about Caidin's possible UFO sighting. I'd like to
know more about that.

Don

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Revisiting Old UFO Cases So What?

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Jul 2006 12:51:38 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 15:28:59 -0400
Subject: Revisiting Old UFO Cases So What?

If I hear another person complain about the amount of time spent on revisiting old UFO cases I'll scream.

So what?

These cases are the foundation of this field of research. One must focus on them as one would do in any field of research or science because it's what the history, technology, philosophy stand on.

It would be like trying to talk about baseball and not mention or remark about Babe Ruth. Or talk about television without discussing Milton Berle or Soupy Sales.

It would be a disservice not to make sure the foundations of UFO reports and stories weren't presented and reviewed.

It's like sifting in archaeology. Sometimes you need to sift the same pile of sediment with different sized mesh screens to filter out the goodies.

Roswell, Betty & Barney Hill, Kecksburg, all of these events are as important today as they were when they first made the light of day. We need to look at the past to see what advances and what foul ups occurred so to better handle situations today and in the future. The early ground zero research and researchers were there getting their hands dirty at some of the most remarkable events in mankind's recent history. Without powerful computer laptops and mega pixilated whooziwatsis, just keen eyes, intellect slide rules, and lots of footwork. The skills more researchers need.

From testimony and data we learn that crashes and abductions still occur. Abductions more so than ever to the point it's common place to hear the same stories over and over. Crashes aren't what they were. So the past crashes and reported crashes need to constantly be examined as forensic techniques and other technologies have improved in the fields of metalurgy and the other material sciences. It's like a murder mystery. No one knows whodunnit but we all know someone did it. Cold case detectives go back over their data again and again with new techniques. Many cold cases have been now solved with DNA testing available now but not then. Even cases a century old and more are being solved where DNA residue is recoverable.

So when people lament about spending too much time on old UFO cases I'll ignore them. Facts are facts and clues are clues no matter how old.

Separating the chaff from the wheat is what's most important here.

Best,

Greg

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Re: ET Civilizations & World Peace Conference

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Jul 2006 10:17:36 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 15:30:52 -0400
Subject: Re: ET Civilizations & World Peace Conference

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 16:55:43 -0400
>Subject: Re: ET Civilizations & World Peace Conference

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 29 Jun 2006 06:41:36 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: ET Civilizations & World Peace Conference

<snip>

>>I still see exopolitics as wishful thinking at best, and
>>possibly valid only with ET's who are more approachable, more
>>respectful of humans really, than the grays who predominate.
>>That is, if those other types of ET even exist.

>Hey, guys, what the heck happened to the branch of 'exopolitics'
>which was to focus on government covering up? The concern that
>Steven Bassett used to figuratively hammer his lectern about as
>being so urgently needed? Hmm?

<snip>

>Why does it seem like every promising UFO-related initiative
>invariably gets stuck in deep mud and goes silent, while debate
>over 'space brothers' drones onward?

>Eleanor White

Thanks Eleanor! You bring up an excellent point. In fact, I've had several folks comment to me off-List about how all calls for action fall flat on-List. From what goes on-List, one could conclude that we're a bunch of academics, or academic wanna-be's bound by our degree fields or interests, to endless quibbles of, in-truth, trivia.

And maybe we are. No one here seems to have the drive or resources necessary to wage a decisive world war on ignorance. Nor would most of us want to. We do our best by pointing out the errors, or even outright lies, of our respective elected or bureaucratic officials. And generally come off as, at most, well-meaning but a little too eccentric.

Even so, we're in good company. Ufology isn't yet a legitimized scientific pursuit. But so what? Most great "scientific breakthroughs" have come from outside a chosen field and by those in the "unwashed masses" category, like us. And without the serious recognition and funding, what other course is there? Maybe that lack is actually an advantage, since we don't have any bosses or mission statements to please.

But I still have questions. And like you, I'm concerned that certain areas may be a waste of time and effort, like current exopolitics. But here, I still profess my ignorance.

What do you think?

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Re: Allen Greenfield? - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Jul 2006 13:32:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 15:33:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Allen Greenfield? - Clark

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 20:02:06 -0700
>Subject: Alan Greenfield?

Terry,

>Does anyone here know how to contact Alan Greenfield? He used
>to be a fairly prominent UFO researcher.

>Any info would be appreciated.

I used to know him many years ago. He's about my age, and we got interested in UFOs and active in what passed for ufology among adolescent males in the early 1960s. I met him once - in Chicago at Fate's UFO conference in 1977 - but have had little or no subsequent contact.

Jim Moseley mentions him on rare occasion in the pages of his Saucer Smear.

Greenfield's principal interest for many years has been ritual magick, not the UFO phenomenon.

One correction, however: That's Allen, not Alan, Greenfield.

Jerry Clark

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Re: UFO Caught On Camera In Banbury - Golubik

From: Viktor Glubik <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Jul 2006 14:06:54 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 15:36:36 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Caught On Camera In Banbury - Golubik

>Source: The Banbury Guardian - Oxfordshire, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/ozgc3>

>29 June 2006

>UFO Caught On Camera

>A pleasant evening barbecue turned into a sci-fi drama when a
>teenager spotted a UFO and captured it on film.

>For 19-year-old Jamie Crawford it was a dream come true when he
>was able to reach for his camcorder and record his sighting.

>An expert has confirmed the images are genuine.

<snip>

Have there been any follow-up investigations? Will the video be available for viewing? Unfortunately, as reported, it does not appear to have displayed any unusual maneuvering capability.

Perhaps size comparisons from one frame to the next can help establish it's true direction of motion. I'm hopeful that this was under consideration.

Perhaps, another witness saw the same object from another direction at around the same time. From that we can help establish some notions of it's distance from the camera... it's size... it's velocity.

With a few more pieces of information, we could document much more about it's behavior as comparably countered with conventional aircraft design and function.

I hope video evidence isn't replacing the needed field investigation requirements? The kind necessary in establishing better UFO evidence. The kind that might elevate such sightings into higher categories in the pro evidence pool. The simple addition of many small cases can harbor significant statistical evidence favorable to the unusual claims being sought or desired. But, you have to include all of it... both the good and the bad.

It's unfortunate that the broader press can't help us establish a proper foothold nor help us frame the real debate - keeping us focused and on our toes could be a good thing. Perhaps if you ask too many good questions, you might sound too pessimistic rather than simply supportive of the larger collection of evidence so desperately sought.

After all, a good investigator should be explaining away most of his/her cases. Unfortunately, this might have too great of a negative impact on the investigator's future cooperative support. So, let's be more selective . . . right? But, is that really a good way to go about it? When all those little cases

could mean so much more if handled and perceived differently.

Viktor

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Re: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Jul 2006 15:21:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 15:38:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos - Shell

>From: John Weigle <jweigle.nul>
>Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 00:39:48 -0700
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos

>And don't forget his book that is of particular interest to
>readers of this list, "Ghosts of the Air," which appears to
>still be available from Galde Press:

><http://www.galdepress.com/books/paranormal/ghostsoftheair.html>

>
>where the book is described this way: "Imagine witnessing
>unexplicable events while piloting a plane thousands of feet in
>the air. These are real accounts from pilots who have
>experienced strange phenomena. Landing at an airfield that
>wasn't there; planes guided by dead pilots; Bermuda Triangle
>accounts; sightings of aircraft from the past; airfields haunted
>by airmen killed in action; ghost warning prevents plane crash;
>more."

Don't forget to check the used listings on Amazon.com when
looking for books. I just bought a copy for \$1.87.

Bob Shell

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Re: Are We Missing Something? - Briggs

From: Michael Briggs <mbriggs.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Jul 2006 11:05:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 15:52:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Are We Missing Something? - Briggs

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 14:27:43 -0700
>Subject: Re:

David Rudiak was asking about the Sargoytchev book. Click on the link and you'll find plenty of info about it.

<http://www.trafford.com/06-0142>

Best wishes,

Michael Briggs

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Jul 2006 15:42:55 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 15:54:46 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Gates

>From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 28 Jun 2006 10:37:53 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jun 2006 01:01:29 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

><snip>

>>Better yet, besides model trains, friends of friends, who knew
>>somebody that lived in Orange County in 1965 are absolutly sure
>>that another Heflin hobby was welding, so naturally what was in
>>the picture was a pie pan that had been reshaped and re welded
>>by Heflin... :)

>>Naturally, keeping in skeptibunker fashion, the above would be
>>seized upon as a total and complete explanation, case
>>closed...never mind any problems.

<snip>

>Has anybody actually gone to the location of the sighting and
>tried to hoax the same UFO using theories proposed in this
>thread? Would it, in fact, be possible at all?

>A scientific approach would be to observe, theorize and test
>that theory/theories under the same or similar conditions of the
>event. I am not aware of it being done in this case.

>If it has been done, what were the results? Any discussion as as
>to whether the photos are genuine or not, IMHO, should be based
>on those results.

Hi Kelley, listers,

I suspect that was done years ago, by my understanding the NICAP
and other investigators spent considerable time on site going
through this etc etc. As I understand it now the entire area is
commercial developed, office buildings and what not. I also
understand that the road Heflin was on, Myford, has changed with
the commercial and residential development in the area. Bottom
line no way to go out to that area today, get an accurate
reproduction using todays equipment etc etc.

As we follow the debate over Heflin photos keep in mind where
the discussion went. First we had people telling us it was
absolute a model and that it was absolutly confirmed in a UK TV
show back in the 60s, not to mention a reviewer of the film who
indicated it was a model. Richard Hall happens to have a VHS of
it, and tells us quite a different story on the model theory.

So now, we are to the model train wheels and naturally some guy
supposedly verified and not to mention anonymous posters
telling us that it was the truth never to be doubted. Well, once
we dig into the train wheel theories, there are issues with that

and the measurements and information presented by the train wheel theorists.

Supposedly the train wheel theory was absolutely verified to be true, case solved based upon dim memories and recollections of what somebody else showed the guy 30 years previous.

Once the complete story of the anonymous poster came out we find that his memory was "dim" and it wasn't actually him but he was remembering a friend of his who worked in the telephone office who allegedly showed him photos that he recalls 30 years later looked similar to Heflin. This friend worked at the phone company not the Highway department that Heflin worked at. There are problems with this entire account. We have an admitted "dim" memory, we have a third party involved, we don't know what the hoaxed photo actually looked like, we don't know the name of the third party that worked at the phone company, we don't know if he actually shot the photos himself, or they came from yet and again another person or individual at the phone company etc etc. We don't know if anybody in the entire story actually knew Heflin and even if they did actually had contact with him in August of 1965. We don't even know for sure that any of these alleged events actually happened around the time of Heflin.

So perhaps once the train wheel theories comes and goes, we will then move on to pie pans, hats thrown in the air, models towed by Helicoptors and so forth.

I believe the bottom line to the Heflin photos is this:

1) All the people making measurements and conducting analysis of the photos are not working with original. You can tell stories, spin theories, throw out models, train wheels, hats and pie pans, and all of that, but the bottom line is that all the analysis and measurements likely will change once that happens.

2) It is very likely that these same people may not, or never get access to the originals or even "good" by today's standards, high resolution scans of the originals, perhaps until the next JSE article appears if then. I recall hearing that the authors are going to deal with the issues raised, such as models and train wheels.

3) In essence we are theorizing and speculating on information and analysis that will likely change down the road, with the release of the next JSE article.

4) The theorists will likely move on to the next thing on the list, whether that be hats, pie pans or something else and we will go through the same thing all over again.

5) The people that are convinced that somehow, some way Heflin hoaxed the photos _will_ always be convinced of that no matter what. Meaning just like when the model theory went down the drain, people moved on to the train wheel theory, when that goes down the drain they will move on to pie pans, and hats or whatever the darling explanation is of the moment. Naturally all measurements and analysis will then demonstrate that it was a hat, pie pan or something else. If that becomes lame they will claim that they really know that Heflin Hoaxed the photos, they just can't prove it yet, but they will some day with newer technology blah blah blah. Or we will hear how they no longer have the time to conduct the analysis required, but they just know it was a hoax.

Cheers,

Robert

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Source Space.Com - New York, NY, USA

http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/060630_desert_varnish.html

30 June 2006

New Way Suggested To Search For Life On Mars
By Robert Roy Britt
Senior Science Writer

A shiny coating found on rocks in many of Earth's deserts suggest a new way to search for signs of life on Mars, scientists said today.

The coating, known as desert varnish, binds traces of DNA, amino acids and other organic compounds to desert rocks over the eons.

Desert varnish has been found in the Atacama desert in Chile, the Mojave desert in California and Canyonlands National Park in Utah. Prehistoric people carved the varnish away, revealing lighter-colored rock underneath to create petroglyphs.

The logic is simple: Samples of Martian desert varnish could perhaps show whether there has been life on Mars at any time during its 4.5-billion-year history.

"These lustrous chroniclers of the local surroundings can provide a window back in time," said study leader Randall Perry from the Department of Earth Science and Engineering at Imperial College London. "Martian desert varnish would contain a fascinating chronology of the Martian setting,"

The idea is published in the July edition of the journal *Geology*.

Scientists do not know if there is or ever was life on Mars. The planet was wetter and warmer at times during its past, and in theory life could have thrived. Biology might exist on Mars today, perhaps in or near underground pools of water. Scientists say if there is life, it would be microbial and therefore challenging to find with the relatively crude instruments that can be loaded on a robotic spacecraft.

But cursory searches at the surface have not revealed any convincing signs of life, past or present.

The source of the varnish, which looks like it has been painted onto the rocks, has intrigued scientists since Charles Darwin's time. It was thought the dark color was caused by the mineral manganese oxide, and that any traces of life found within the varnish came from biological processes caused by microbes in this mineral.

New investigations with electron microscopes and other techniques finds instead that the varnish is mostly silica, which has mixed with other minerals to form a glaze that traps

organic traces from the surroundings.

Perry and his colleagues suggest that future sample return missions to Mars consider searching for rocks with desert varnish.

"If silica exists in varnish-like coatings in Martian deserts or caves, then it may entomb ancient microbes or chemical signatures of previous life there, too," Perry said.

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Planetarium Shows Focus On UFO Research

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Source: The Roswell Daily Record - New Mexico, USA

<http://www.roswell-record.com/archives/063006/news05.html>

June 30 2006

Planetarium Shows Focus On UFO Research

A.J. Dickman
Record Staff Writer

The Goddard Planetarium at the Roswell Museum and Art Center will be offering a look into the past and the future of UFO research with free showings of "E.T.s: Where are they?"

The show consists of two parts. The first part, which is narrated by Mesa Middle School principal Loren Bentley, takes a look at the history of UFOs and extraterrestrials through the interpretation of artwork dating as far back as 10,000 years before the common era, or the birth of Christ.

The slide presentation featured cave drawings from thousands of years ago which depict human-like creatures wearing head gear that resembles an astronaut's helmet and glyphs that resemble modern aviation technology such as helicopters and more futuristic spacecraft.

Paintings and tapestries from the 1500s also contain images that resemble UFOs, hovering in the skies that make up the background in the most of the works.

The second part of the show is about the search for E.T.s, using high-powered telescopes to look at the stars and large satellite dishes to listen for signals from far away. The documentary takes a look at various programs created to find life on other planets, such as the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

Planetarium director Marge Bentley said the show is designed to educate the viewer about UFOs and what we already know, then let them take it from there.

"The show provides information and interpretations," said Bentley. "You can form your own opinion from there."

The show offered alternate interpretations of what some drawings and carvings could actually be.

One family from Washington, who recently purchased a winter home in Truth or Consequences, came to the show for the UFO information as well as the art. "Me and my wife are both painters and we have really enjoyed the art in Roswell," said Dennis Castro. "The UFO phenomenon is very intriguing and we look forward to the rest of the festival."

The Goddard Planetarium shows will run throughout the festival. Start times are 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Friday through Sunday. There will also be a 9 p.m. showing on Friday and Sunday and three showings on Monday at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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Re: Allen Greenfield? - Haith

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Date: Sat, 1 Jul 2006 23:09:51 +0100
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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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There's an interview with Greenfield linking the occult and UFOs
here:

<http://www.mysterious-america.net/allengreenfieldi.html>

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Re: Metallic Object Near Aircraft Over Mexico 2006

From: **Bob Geiger** <rbgeiger.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 18:12:31 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jul 2006 10:28:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Metallic Object Near Aircraft Over Mexico 2006

On Jun 29, 2006, at 8:16 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>Source: Devesh Kumar's Rip-Off Site [As in tit-for-tat]

>Ripped image at:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/listers/ixtapa.html>

>Photograph Of Metallic Object Near Airplane Over Mexico 2006

>Date
>May, 29, 2006

>Location
>Ixtapa, Mexico

<snip>

I was hoping that someone would comment on this. Aside from the muddled report, the photo is intriguing. I'm wondering if the case is for real.

It's the first time I'm hearing or seeing anything about it.

Anyone?

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ET Phone Cape Town On World UFO Day

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 02 Jul 2006 10:33:14 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jul 2006 10:33:14 -0400
Subject: ET Phone Cape Town On World UFO Day

Source: allAfrica.Com - Washington, DC, USA

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200607010169.html>

July 1, 2006

South Africa: ET, Phone Cape Town On World UFO Day
Tamar Kahn
Cape Town

Seen something strange hovering in the night sky, or whizzing over them yonder hills?

Well, you could do worse than take your tale to a special gathering in the Mother City this weekend, where enthusiasts of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) will be celebrating World UFO Day on Sunday with their annual conference.

"A lot of people don't feel they can talk about their experiences, because the subject is so strange," says conference organiser Christo Louw, who has himself seen one or two peculiar things in the night skies.

Louw spotted a "bright green shooting star-like light over Tygerberg Hill" from the fourth-floor windows of his Bellville flat one evening, and on a separate occasion saw "a few craft" near Clifton beach.

"I've seen some unexplained lights, but nothing major like being invited on board a UFO and being taken for a trip to the moon or Mars, which would have been nice," he says.

"The most likely explanation for UFOs is that they are extra-terrestrial, or time travellers," he says, adding that authorities have suppressed a host of advanced technologies learnt from extra-terrestrial sources, including ways to solve Cape Town's electricity crisis. Governments and the military worldwide have conspired to keep information about UFOs secret, he says.

Louw, a 31-year-old IT studies dropout who makes his living from house-sitting and doing odd jobs for friends, says he has organised the UFO conference to help the public learn more about UFOs, share their ideas and experiences, and change negative attitudes towards the subject.

"People who have seen UFOs are often dismissed as attention-seekers," he says.

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 17:30:09 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jul 2006 10:36:43 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shell

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 17:57:29 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>>Also what air show was Heflin's smoke ring supposed to come
>>from? I used to attend a fair number of air shows back in those
>>days, complete with bombing, and don't remember a single smoke
>>ring. Somehow Heflin supposedly not only films such an air show
>>smoke ring, but then manages to integrate it perfectly into a
>>UFO photo hoax, including matching up a power line wire and some
>>orange tree branches near his UFO photo hoax location to the
>>photo of his air show smoke ring presumably taken somewhere
>>else.

>One small coincidence (which you may well think belongs in the
>same category as the last paragraph) is the presently-mysterious
>involvement of Martin Caidin in the recovery of the original
>Polaroids. Caidin was, among other things, apparently a
>well-known airshow stunt-pilot.

I happened to be in the neighborhood today, so here are a couple
of contemporary images of Myford Road, Santa Ana.

<http://img139.imageshack.us/img139/3580/road3ne.jpg>

<http://img301.imageshack.us/img301/1653/wind7kr.jpg>

It's now in an industrial park and no longer open ranch land.
The road has been widened in the intervening years, so I wasn't
sure I was in the absolute same spot where Heflin took the
photos in 1965.

I think this might be pretty close, though, judging by the
straightness of the road, the distance to the cross-street and
the distance to the 5 Freeway.

Just for grins. No saucer, darn it!

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Jul 2006 22:16:19 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jul 2006 10:44:59 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Maccabee

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 1 Jul 2006 15:42:55 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jun 2006 10:37:53 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>>Has anybody actually gone to the location of the sighting and
>>tried to hoax the same UFO using theories proposed in this
>>thread? Would it, in fact, be possible at all?

>>A scientific approach would be to observe, theorize and test
>>that theory/theories under the same or similar conditions of the
>>event. I am not aware of it being done in this case.

>>If it has been done, what were the results? Any discussion as as
>>to whether the photos are genuine or not, IMHO, should be based
>>on those results.

>I suspect that was done years ago, by my understanding the NICAP >
>and other investigators spent considerable time on site going
>through this etc etc. As I understand it now the entire area is
>commercial developed, office buildings and what not. I also
>understand that the road Heflin was on, Myford, has changed with
>the commercial and residential development in the area. Bottom
>line no way to go out to that area today, get an accurate
>reproduction using todays equipment etc etc.

>As we follow the debate over Heflin photos keep in mind where
>the discussion went. First we had people telling us it was
>absolute a model and that it was absolutly confirmed in a UK TV
>show back in the 60s, not to mention a reviewer of the film who
>indicated it was a model. Richard Hall happens to have a VHS of
>it, and tells us quite a different story on the model theory.

>So now, we are to the model train wheels and naturally some guy
>supposedly verified and not to mention anonymous posters
>telling us that it was the truth never to be doubted. Well, once
>we dig into the train wheel theories, there are issues with that
>and the measurements and information presented by the train
>wheel theorists.

>Supposedly the train wheel theory was absolutly verified to be
>>true, case solved based upon dim memories and recollections of
>what somebody else showed the guy 30 years previous.

>Once the complete story of the anonymous poster came out we
>find that his memory was "dim" and it wasn't actually him but he
>was remembering a friend of his who worked in the telephone
>office who allegedly showed him photos that he recalls 30 years
>later looked similar to Heflin. This friend worked at the phone
>company not the Highway department that Heflin worked at. There
>are problems with this entire account. We have an admitted "dim"
>memory, we have a third party involved, we don't know what the

>hoaxed photo actually looked like, we don't know the name of the
>third party that worked at the phone company, we don't know if
>he actually shot the photos himself, or they came from yet and
>again another person or individual at the phone company etc etc.
>We don't know if anybody in the entire story actually knew
>Heflin and even if they did actually had contact with him in
>August of 1965. We don't even know for sure that any of these
>alleged events actually happened around the time of Heflin.

>So perhaps once the train wheel theories comes and goes, we will
>then move on to pie pans, hats thrown in the air, models towed
>by Helicopters and so forth.

>I believe the bottom line to the Heflin photos is this:

>1) All the people making measurements and conducting analysis of
>the photos are not working with original. You can tell stories, >
>spin theories, throw out models, train wheels, hats and pie
>pans, and all of that, but the bottom line is that all the
>analysis and measurements likely will change once that happens.

>2) It is very likely that these same people may not, or never
>get access to the originals or even "good" by today's standards,
>high resolution scans of the originals, perhaps until the next
>JSE article appears if then. I recall hearing that the authors
>are going to deal with the issues raised, such as models and
>train wheels.

>3) In essence we are theorizing and speculating on information
>and analysis that will likely change down the road, with the
>release of the next JSE article.

>4) The theorists will likely move on to the next thing on the
>list, whether that be hats, pie pans or something else and we
>will go through the same thing all over again.

>5) The people that are convinced that somehow, some way Heflin
>hoaxed the photos _will_ always be convinced of that no matter
>what. Meaning just like when the model theory went down the
>drain, people moved on to the train wheel theory, when that goes
>down the drain they will move on to pie pans, and hats or
>whatever the darling explanation is of the moment. Naturally
>all measurements and analysis will then demonstrate that it was
>a hat, pie pan or something else. If that becomes lame they
>will claim that they really know that Heflin Hoaxed the photos,
>they just can't prove it yet, but they will some day with newer
>technology blah blah blah. Or we will hear how they no longer
>have the time to conduct the analysis required, but they just
>know it was a hoax.

This discussion of the Heflin case is essentially a course in
"advanced ufology 4" in which all the possible, though
improbable, hoax scenarios are being discussed as if any one of
them might be provable when the available "hard data" (photos)
probably do not contain evidence that would prove a hoax.

Convincing evidence of a string might be considered such
evidence, but convincing must mean not just a seeming string
indication at the level of photo noise, which could be a random
association of film grains that the observer "turns into" a
string.

When one potential explanation is shot down another pops up,
with the skeptics complaining that the reason there is no
explanation is that there is not enough information or there is
"insufficient information" to prove one way or the other.

Failure to prove a hoax, in a case like this where it is either
a hoax or the real thing is always grounds for argument that
there is insufficient information.

When asked what more information might be needed to prove a hoax
a skeptic might say, "well, if the photo were focused better we
could see the string and the only reason we can't see it is
because the hoaxer was clever."

I pointed out in an earlier post that the case likely will not
be made on the physical evidence alone.

Of equal or more importance is the circumstantial evidence. The
photo(s) is(are) an aid to the witness' recollection, and

generally not much more. A photo a UFO does not make.

So, while grinding away at the hard evidence to try to prove there is evidence of a hoax - can't prove it was real since we don't know a priori what "real UFOs" look like or can do - also consider the testimonial evidence, history, etc. the "story" in which the photo(s) is(are) embedded.

In court a case generally is not made on the 'hard evidence' because an expert can always be found to dispute the hard evidence. Instead, the case is made on the circumstantial evidence.

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Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Jul 2006 10:26:42 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jul 2006 10:48:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo - Shough

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 19:50:42 -0300
>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 15:53:54 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

>>Don Why is this so silly? My own first impression was the
>>same: "Looks like a bird." I don't have any proof that it's a
>>bird, but it could easily be.

>>In the Heflin case the object 'looks like' a wheel or
>>whatever, but that isn't good enough. There it's worth
>>expending some energy to check it because of the amount of
>>information - multiple photographs, eyewitness report,
>>circumstantial evidence etc. But even in that case it isn't
>>"silly" to say that it looks like a wheel, and could be. It is
>>a conjecture.

>>In this case we only have a single isolated photo and no
>>eyewitness report. It looks like a possible bird. It could be
>>a bird. Given the limited informatio that's a reasonable
>>conjecture IMO. Can you falsify it?

>Martin,

>I was being rushed by a wife to attend to a chore and forgot to
>add in my last email two things.

>First if that was a bird it would have to be a huge bird at
>considerable distance. But I don't think at such a long range as
>to be out of focus but still very large this bird would exist in
>that area. If it was a bird at close range than we would know
>that because ssurely it would be in focus enough to discern
>>wings and a shape.

Hi Don

I still agree with Tim that it looks like a bird, possibly a
small black and white duck like those on the nearby riverbank
or some other wildfowl with which a river area like this will be
teeming.

I think you can discern shape, and the shape is that of a bird
caught with wings swept up and back. You obviously won't see a
bird with extended wings unless it has its wings extended, and
this happens only once every flap cycle.

I don't think it seems very large and far away. It seems quite
nearby, moving at quite a high angular rate (ducks can easily
fly at 30 mph) and possibly some of the blur is motion blur
worsening the generally very poor resolution of the JPEG which
makes it hard to assess the camera focus at any range.

Remember that we only get to see the photos of birds in funny
positions that make them look like UFOs. The other ones ("oh

look, I snapped a bird") don't get sent to the papers.

Martin

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Jul 2006 11:12:02 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jul 2006 10:54:02 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 08:29:25 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jun 2006 17:07:52 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Jun 2006 12:22:58 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>If I didn't make that offer as clear as I could have then I
>apologise. I recalled being very open about sharing one.

Viktor

If you accepted that what you recalled was in error, then this would go some way to excusing your attempt to humiliate myself and David on-List by implying that we had both spurned or ignored offers of free cameras. What you need to acknowledge is this: All you did was to mention to me (05 June) your thought about giving David your second camera, which was perfectly natural inasmuch as David had been posting (30 May and 02 June) about digital experiments to determine the resolution of the Polaroid system with various thread thicknesses etc and you had argued strongly back to David that this was a waste of time when what was needed was "an actual experiment with that [Polaroid] camera" (02 June).

Now I can understand that you, being a busy man, might forget that you did not actually get around to making the intended offer; I could even understand why, when stung by a criticism, you might cast up the imagined spurning of this imagined offer. But now, given the leisure to repent this hasty accusation, what do you do? Well we're back to square one with a repeated insinuation aimed at damaging me:

>You and
>Martin were working together and I was new on the list. If you
>still want one let me know? I was surprised not to have gotten a
>response from him... that's all? That he never would have
>brought that up with you in all that time.

You don't know when to stay down Viktor. You only demean yourself and the List by persisting in this. But since you do persist I'll not put up with it.

1) You were not "new on the List" on 05 June 2006, the date of your claimed "offer". Discounting your seventeen List posts on Heflin prior to that date, I'm sure we were all familiar with your name on UpDates headers long before this thread. You had posted a number of times previously, in fact several times in response to posts of mine.

2) I've told you already that David and I were in absolutely no way "working together". We have never exchanged any personal thoughts or materials in any way. Anything he may have had to say to me is public on the List. Are you now accusing me of lying?

3) No of course not. But maybe the impression you wish to convey is that you came belatedly into the middle of an ongoing thread on the Heflin case where David and I were already engaged in debate? Is this closer to what you meant? It might explain how you thought we were "working together". But wrong again. Here is the list of the first sixteen contributors to the discussion beginning with Tim's original post on 22 May:

Shell, Allan, Golubik, Hall, Maccabee, Golubik, Shough, Shell, Gates, Ballester-Olmos, Shough, Golubik, Golubik, Shough, (and eventually ...) Rudiak

Having then joined you and these eight others in discussion, David posted seven times to the List prior to the date of your short email to me containing the famous remark (note, remark, not interrogative) "I'll probably have an extra camera. I won two on ebay. Perhaps David might like one." These posts were to Shough, Shough, Druffel, Ledger, Balaskas, Shell and Golubik. Oh but look, twice as many replies to me (2) as to Viktor (1)! See, we were in cahoots! But not so fast. The second of those replies with Shough in the header was actually mostly a response to your own embedded comments, Viktor, not mine, and whereas David addresses you directly in the first person therein I am relegated to the third person :-)

Well then, perhaps you were shy of emailing David yourself? Maybe you were too busy? As you said, "I work long hours, I can't send emails to everyone." Or maybe you felt that you and I had become so close via private email, compared to yourself and David, that it seemed proper to route any offer through me, never mind that you didn't in fact ask me to do or say anything.

But no, Viktor, none of this washes either. During the same period cited above you had sent me precisely one earlier personal email of precisely four lines length, apropos nothing of any interest to anyone (you'd had trouble getting messages posted). You had however cc'd me impersonally on 4 other emails you sent to 7 other addressees including Stan Friedman, Tim Shell, Ann Druffel, VJ Ballester-Olmos, Bob Wood, Bruce Maccabee, oh and - twice - David Rudiak.

Not only was it untrue that you had "already offered [a camera] to both David and Martin early on"; not only can you not muster the dignity to admit a misjudgement; even now you persist in trying to set me up to take blame for no other reason than that you have tripped over your own bad memory in the process of trying to deliberately humiliate us both on List.

>I think it best that we don't side-tracked any further and move
>on to better things. It all sounds good to me. Best to wait and
>compare notes too.

What you mean is that you think it best to try for the last word, hoping to leave the whiff of a half-withdrawn libel hanging in the air, having apologised out of one corner of your mouth to David whilst smearing me out of the other. This is at best graceless and at worse disgusting.

>I work long hours and have to measure my time accordingly and
>carefully.

Please try using your time to carefully measure your words in future.

Martin Shough

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Subject: Re: Martin Caidin - Shough

>From: Julia McCarty <ybr2.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 1 Jul 2006 10:21:38 -0400
>Subject: Re: Martin Caidin

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 16:34:09 +0100
>>Subject: Martin Caidin [was: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos]

><snip>

>>Sounds like the type of rare character it's a privelege to have
>>shared the planet with. Are you also familiar with his UFO-themed
>>book (Mendelov Conspiracy) supposedly based largely on fact? I
>>can't find out anything about it except that it was written in
>>1974.

>Martin,

>There are currently 30 listed for sale on abebooks.com of The
>Mendelov Conspiracy, by Martin Caidin, beginning at \$1.00.

Hi Julia,

Unfortunately Abebooks charge between about 10 to 15 times that
sum just for shipping to the UK so I'm looking at Amazon, but
thank you for the tip.

Martin

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>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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>>Date: Wed, 28 Jun 2006 17:35:14 +0100
>>Subject: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos

>>Readers of the Druffel, Kelson & Wood JSE paper may have noted
>>that Heflin's rediscovery of the photos in 1993 was brought to
>>the attention of Bob Wood soon after by "the author Martin
>>Caiden". It isn't clear yet what the full chain of events is
>>connecting Heflin, Caiden and Wood at this time, but I thought
>>listeners who (like me) hadn't heard of Caiden might be interested
>>to know something of his background, which is quite remarkable
>>really.

>><snip>

>And don't forget his book that is of particular interest to
>readers of this list, "Ghosts of the Air," which appears to
>still be available from Galde Press:

><http://www.galdepress.com/books/paranormal/ghostsoftheair.html>

>where the book is described this way: "Imagine witnessing
>unexplicable events while piloting a plane thousands of feet in
>the air. These are real accounts from pilots who have
>experienced strange phenomena. Landing at an airfield that
>wasn't there; planes guided by dead pilots; Bermuda Triangle
>accounts; sightings of aircraft from the past; airfields haunted
>by airmen killed in action; ghost warning prevents plane crash;
>more."

>There's a review here:

><http://eclecticviewpoint.com/evcaidin.html>

Thanks, John, I'll be looking for that one too. (BTW this link
is evidently the original source of the bio I posted.)

Martin

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Now we know the truth. The aliens were planning to stock up on Gateway computers, but they set the time dial wrong and were puzzled when they could not find the Gateway outlet store. While they were fiddling with their controls to set them to return home, Mr. Heflin just happened to come driving along.

Works for me.

Bob Shell

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From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sun, 02 Jul 2006 16:21:08 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jul 2006 07:10:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Metallic Object Near Aircraft Over Mexico 2006

>From: Bob Geiger <rbgeiger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 18:12:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: Metallic Object Near Aircraft Over Mexico 2006

>On Jun 29, 2006, at 8:16 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>>Source: Devesh Kumar's Rip-Off Site [As in tit-for-tat]

>>Ripped image at:

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/listers/ixtapa.html>

>>Photograph Of Metallic Object Near Airplane Over Mexico 2006

>>Date
>>May, 29, 2006

>>Location
>>Ixtapa, Mexico

><snip>

>I was hoping that someone would comment on this. Aside from the
>muddled report, the photo is intriguing. I'm wondering if the
>case is for real.

>It's the first time I'm hearing or seeing anything about it.

>Anyone?

That's supposed to be a real UFO? Give me a break! Better yet,
give me a couple of witnesses swearing statements that they saw
this thing in flight doing anything remotely UFO like. Then I
might waste 30 seconds taking a closer look at this... obvious
non-UFO until proven otherwise.

- Dick

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Freeman

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Jul 2006 12:26:26 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jul 2006 07:13:39 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Freeman

>From: Martin Shough <parcellullar.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Jun 2006 17:00:43 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>Viktor Golubik is reportedly undertaking tests with a similar
>camera. Last I heard he was intending to reconstruct the precise
>sightlines using a similar Ford Econoline van. This should tell
>us a lot of useful things. But just hanging up models and
>photographing them will not necessarily tell us anything useful.

Hello Martin, and thanks for the enlightening response. Good
luck to Viktor in his endeavor, and I hope we learn something
useful from it. I assume he will try to reproduce samples
of_all_ the Heflin photos using some of the theories as proposed
in this somewhat exhaustive thread?

>In 1967 (I think) JPL image expert Robert Nathan sat in the same
>Econoline van at the same spot with the same camera and made
>some tests, but apparently he did not feel the need to attempt a
>simulation. He did discover, though, that Heflin would not have
>seen a distant object like the object in photo #1 in the
>camera's pop-up viewfinder - it would have been obscured by the
>van roof. If it were a small model near the window, of course,
>he would have seen it in the viewfinder. According to Hartmann,
>Nathan challenged Heflin, who replied that he had "shot from the
>hip", presumably in haste, and didn't use the viewfinder on that
>shot. This is the sort of test of internal consistency that can
>be done by reconstruction and is potentially more powerful than
>just simulating images.

It seems to me that Nathan's tests were somewhat limited in
scope, and a full range of tests would have been more
preferable. But through the limited tests he did perform, he did
come to a conclusion about the camera's viewfinder regarding
photo #1 and that in itself was useful. Makes you wonder what we
could have learned with a more extensive experiment.

<snip>

>If the result didn't look much like the Heflin photos this alone
>would not prove that they are genuine. If it did look very like
>the Heflin photos, this alone would not prove they are fakes.
>There are several subtle interrelating issues of geometry,
>psychology and testimony that need to be balanced to arrive at a
>judgement. Simulation is just one tool in the kit.

You are quite correct, Martin. But wouldn't you agree that if a
highway traffic engineer could have hoaxed all of the photos,
some of our best scientists could at least do the same thing, or
come as close to it as possible by using the theories as
proposed in this thread? Could the photos by these scientists
still undergo the same tests as the original Heflin photos and
produce the same results? Was the 1968 Hartmann photo analyzed
as much as the original Heflin photos?

Then, of course, there is photo #4 and the plate 46 photo of the alleged tree and wire in the fourth photo. Has anyone tried to reproduce that? (As shown in the photo section of the Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects by Edward U. Condon)

Again, all_of _the_photos.

Perhaps it is telling that the really genuine/good cases have to go through this gauntlet of intense scrutiny, theorizing and ridicule just to end up still as controversial and unexplained as ever. Kind of like the blind man leading the blind, IMO. In the end, only Heflin knows the truth.

Kelly

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Re: Metallic Object Near Aircraft Over Mexico 2006

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Jul 2006 18:08:24 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jul 2006 07:15:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Metallic Object Near Aircraft Over Mexico 2006

>From: Bob Geiger <rbgeiger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 18:12:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: Metallic Object Near Aircraft Over Mexico 2006

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/listers/ixtapa.html>

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>I was hoping that someone would comment on this. Aside from the
>muddled report, the photo is intriguing. I'm wondering if the
>case is for real.

>It's the first time I'm hearing or seeing anything about it.

>Anyone?

I looked long and hard at it Bob. Couldn't make anything out of it though. It obviously isn't a natural object. The camera appears to show clouds over sea, which may be consistent with a shot facing S or SW from the stated position near the Mexican coast west of Acapulco. My only question concerns the altitude: I'm not an experienced flier, but I'd have thought that those scattered altocumulus-like clouds far below and the arc of the horizon indicate an altitude much higher than the strangely precise "7378 feet" stated. Something isn't right there.

Martin Shough

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Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 02 Jul 2006 15:13:16 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jul 2006 07:18:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo - Ledger

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 2 Jul 2006 10:26:42 +0100
>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 19:50:42 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 15:53:54 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

>>>Don Why is this so silly? My own first impression was the
>>>same: "Looks like a bird." I don't have any proof that it's a
>>>bird, but it could easily be.

>>>In the Heflin case the object 'looks like' a wheel or
>>>whatever, but that isn't good enough. There it's worth
>>>expending some energy to check it because of the amount of
>>>information - multiple photographs, eyewitness report,
>>>circumstantial evidence etc. But even in that case it isn't
>>>"silly" to say that it looks like a wheel, and could be. It is
>>>a conjecture.

>>>In this case we only have a single isolated photo and no
>>>eyewitness report. It looks like a possible bird. It could be
>>>a bird. Given the limited informatio that's a reasonable
>>>conjecture IMO. Can you falsify it?

>>Martin,

>>I was being rushed by a wife to attend to a chore and forgot to
>>add in my last email two things.

>>First if that was a bird it would have to be a huge bird at
>>considerable distance. But I don't think at such a long range as
>>to be out of focus but still very large this bird would exist in
>>that area. If it was a bird at close range than we would know
>>that because ssurely it would be in focus enough to discern
>>>wings and a shape.

>>I still agree with Tim that it looks like a bird, possibly a
>>small black and white duck like those on the nearby riverbank or
>>some other wildfowl with which a river area like this will be
>>teeming.

>>I think you can discern shape, and the shape is that of a bird
>>caught with wings swept up and back. You obviously won't see a
>>bird with extended wings unless it has its wings extended, and
>>this happens only once every flap cycle.

Not on ducks you won't. Ducks don't flap and then pull their
wings back, they glide with wings fully extended. Once they land
and their keels are in the water they will fold thm.

>>I don't think it seems very large and far away. It seems quite

>nearby, moving at quite a high angular rate (ducks can easily
>fly at 30 mph) and possibly some of the blur is motion blur
>worsening the generally very poor resolution of the JPEG which
>makes it hard to assess the camera focus at any range.

Hard to tell about distance, but up close they aren't going to pixelize to the extent this did. Also the shutter ould have trapped the "duck's" wings in the image. They don't flap that fast and 30 mph is nothing where speed is concerned.

>Remember that we only get to see the photos of birds in funny positions that make them look like UFOs. The other ones ("oh look, I snapped a bird") don't get sent to the papers.

Or it was something anomalous. But as photos go, this isn't anything to get excited about. The Ixtapa, Mexico photo deserves some time. Errol posted it.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/listers/ixtapa.html>

There's a lot there including clouds which appear to be further away than the UFO but that are in focus while the nearer UFO isn't. How about a few rounds on this one...and it's current.

Don

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Golubik

From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Jul 2006 14:48:31 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jul 2006 07:25:19 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Golubik

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 2 Jul 2006 11:12:02 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 08:29:25 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 23 Jun 2006 17:07:52 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Wed, 21 Jun 2006 12:22:58 EDT
>>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>If I didn't make that offer as clear as I could have then I
>>apologise. I recalled being very open about sharing one.

>Viktor

>If you accepted that what you recalled was in error, then this
>would go some way to excusing your attempt to humiliate myself
>and David on-List by implying that we had both spurned or
>ignored offers of free cameras. What you need to acknowledge is
>this: All you did was to mention to me (05 June) your thought
>about giving David your second camera, which was perfectly
>natural inasmuch as David had been posting (30 May and 02 June)
>about digital experiments to determine the resolution of the
>Polaroid system with various thread thicknesses etc and you had
>argued strongly back to David that this was a waste of time when
>what was needed was "an actual experiment with that [Polaroid]
>camera" (02 June).

>Now I can understand that you, being a busy man, might forget
>that you did not actually get around to making the intended
>offer; I could even understand why, when stung by a criticism,
>you might cast up the imagined spurning of this imagined offer.
>But now, given the leisure to repent this hasty accusation, what
>do you do? Well we're back to square one with a repeated
>insinuation aimed at damaging me:

>>You and
>>Martin were working together and I was new on the list. If you
>>still want one let me know? I was surprised not to have gotten a
>>response from him... that's all? That he never would have
>>brought that up with you in all that time.

>You don't know when to stay down Viktor. You only demean
>yourself and the List by persisting in this. But since you do
>persist I'll not put up with it.

I had sent this e-mail to the list much earlier but EBK hadn't
posted it until several days later. This explains the repeated
statement and confusion. I accept that you and David are not

working together... but I also accept that that was my my honest impression.

In one of my earlier posts I mentioned the futility of the Condign report in a humorous way. I also complimented the ongoing involvement of others. In your heated response you never mentioned the totality of my post and gave the false impression that this was all that I had said... this is my early introduction to your posting methods...

>1) You were not "new on the List" on 05 June 2006, the date of >your claimed "offer". Discounting your seventeen List posts on >Heflin prior to that date, I'm sure we were all familiar with >your name on UpDates headers long before this thread. You had >posted a number of times previously, in fact several times in >response to posts of mine.

>2) I've told you already that David and I were in absolutely no >way "working together". We have never exchanged any personal >thoughts or materials in any way. Anything he may have had to >say to me is public on the List. Are you now accusing me of >lying?

Of course not... calm down Martin. It's amazing how much you are reading into things... relax.

My first post was May 16... and, once again, you make it sound like I had been posting for much longer... giving over a false impression... I had posted a few times in the distant past but nothing extensive.

I was new comparatively speaking to the dynamics of posting. I was new to the listing process regardless of how many posts I had made. You're making this sound irrelevant and twisting it... that is what concerns/ed me...

There was a lot of e-mailing going all over the place... it's natural to make mistakes in such an environment.

>3) No of course not. But maybe the impression you wish to convey >is that you came belatedly into the middle of an ongoing thread >on the Heflin case where David and I were already engaged in >debate? Is this closer to what you meant? It might explain how >you thought we were "working together". But wrong again. Here is >the list of the first sixteen contributors to the discussion >beginning with Tim's original post on 22 May:

Yes, I wasn't belatedly involved... but, you are creating several scenarios. The content of the exchanges hints at the level of involvement not to mention the abilities of both of you to talk on this subject together.

I responded to Tim's post complimenting his approach. I believe Tim's original post began the debate? The sequence doesn't convey the content of the exchange.

>Shell, Allan, Golubik, Hall, Maccabee, Golubik, Shough, Shell, >Gates, Ballester-Olmos, Shough, Golubik, Golubik, Shough, (and >eventually ...) Rudiak

>Having then joined you and these eight others in discussion, >David posted seven times to the List prior to the date of your >short email to me containing the famous remark (note, remark, >_not_ interrogative) "I'll probably have an extra camera. I won >two on ebay. Perhaps David might like one." These posts were to >Shough, Shough, Druffel, Ledger, Balaskas, Shell and Golubik. Oh >but look, twice as many replies to me (2) as to Viktor (1)! See, >we were in cahoots! But not so fast. The second of those replies >with Shough in the header was actually mostly a response to your >own embedded comments, Viktor, not mine, and whereas David >addresses you directly in the first person therein I am >relegated to the third person :-)

>Well then, perhaps you were shy of emailing David yourself? >Maybe you were too busy? As you said, "I work long hours, I >can't send emails to everyone." Or maybe you felt that you and I >had become so close via private email, compared to yourself and >David, that it seemed proper to route any offer through me, >never mind that you didn't in fact ask me to do or say anything.

I don't know the particulars... all I know is my suggested offer

was genuinely expressed and as anyone who has worked with me knows... very generous with my time and help. David had already posted on the subject as you say and his name was included in a list being contacted off site. Some of my posts hadn't gone through at the time they were supposed too (my own fault). Just as this one you responded to hadn't. I sent this in originally June 25/26...

>But no, Viktor, none of this washes either. During the same
>period cited above you had sent me precisely one earlier
>personal email of precisely four lines length, apropos nothing
>of any interest to anyone (you'd had trouble getting messages
>posted). You had however cc'd me impersonally on 4 other emails
>you sent to 7 other addressees including Stan Friedman, Tim
>Shell, Ann Druffel, VJ Ballester-Olmos, Bob Wood, Bruce
>Maccabee, oh and - twice - David Rudiak.

Yes, I was having trouble posting and the timing of my e-mails was affected. I had sent e-mails to others because I thought that my posts weren't getting through. Once I got my post formats corrected, I stopped making impersonal e-mails of my pending posts. I was new to this process... Sometimes the full content of my e-mails aren't posted either... so, now when I see my own posts, I've learned that I have to read them as well. This adds to the confusion... of knowing when what is being said... but at the same time I can understand why it's is necessary to limit some content.

>Not only was it untrue that you had "already offered [a camera]
>to both David and Martin early on"; not only can you not muster
>the dignity to admit a misjudgement; even now you persist in
>trying to set me up to take blame for no other reason than that
>you have tripped over your own bad memory in the process of
>trying to deliberately humiliate us both on List.

I'm apologizing nothing more. I acknowledge that I can't keep track of every posting. All I know was that my reaction was to offer something that could be of use... when it became available. Since I hadn't heard back from you on that, I just assumed you weren't interested with that aspect of the e-mail... where I suggested that an extra camera was becoming available for use, etc. I think that other people may have reacted differently. I certainly emotionally overstated things later. I simply forgot the exact manner in which I had made that e-mailed offer. That wasn't deliberate just a mistake! The camera is still available to you guys if you want it... or, maybe someone else would like to have it?

>>I think it best that we don't sidetracked any further and move
>>on to better things. It all sounds good to me. Best to wait and
>>compare notes too.

>What you mean is that you think it best to try for the last
>word, hoping to leave the whiff of a half-withdrawn libel
>hanging in the air, having apologised out of one corner of your
>mouth to David whilst smearing me out of the other. This is at
>best graceless and at worse disgusting.

There is a lot we can go over on both sides of this issue. This is not libel but misunderstanding... nothing more. Once again you are generating inflammatory words in order to generate a false overlay...

>>I work long hours and have to measure my time accordingly and
>>carefully.

>Please try using your time to carefully measure your words in
>future.

Yes, I will be much more careful about drawing assumptions and will only help others when asked to. I now know I can't keep track of everything. I don't have time to. I'm simply going to post with less. I got too involved with this back-n-forth aspect that I no longer feel it necessary to concern myself with... to that level of detail... overly concerned about the last word... that I might be misunderstood, etc.

Viktor Golubik

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From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
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HOUSE CONDEMNS DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED INFO

The House of Representatives last week condemned the unauthorized disclosure of classified information concerning a government program to track terrorist financing that was reported in the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times and other news outlets on June 23.

The June 29 resolution, approved 227-183, included a veiled rebuke to the press, stating that the House "expects the cooperation of all news media organizations in protecting the lives of Americans ... by not disclosing classified intelligence programs such as the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program."

The House debate on the resolution was none too edifying.

Rep. Barney Frank pointed out that the resolution contained a number of factual errors, including its assertion that "In 1998, disclosure of classified information regarding efforts to monitor the communication of Osama bin Laden eliminated a valuable source of intelligence information on al Qaeda's activities."

Rep. Frank showed that this allegation, referring to a supposed leak that was published in the Washington Times, has been conclusively refuted. But to no avail. Under the uncompromising rules adopted by the Republican leadership, no amendments were permitted. As a result, it was not possible to correct errors in the House resolution or to clarify matters of principle.

Nevertheless, there is a broad consensus on the outer limits of the debate.

On the one hand, all parties (other than a few provocateurs on the political right) agree that freedom of the press means that the press must be free to publish more than just what government officials authorize them to publish. On the other hand, there is universal agreement even among the media that certain types of information should not be published in the interests of national security.

What remains in dispute is whether information on programs such

as warrantless domestic surveillance or terrorist finance tracking falls in the proscribed category.

The transcript of the floor debate on House Resolution 895, "Supporting Intelligence and Law Enforcement Programs to Track Terrorists and Terrorist Finances," may be found here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/h062906.html

The campaign to criminalize publication of classified information was reviewed by Scott Sherman in "Chilling the Press," The Nation, July 17:

<http://www.thenation.com/doc/20060717/sherman>

A ringing defense of the disclosure of the terrorist finance tracking program was offered in a June 28 editorial in the Minneapolis-St. Paul Star-Tribune that was syndicated by the Scripps Howard News Service. See "Secret U.S. program deserves scrutiny":

<http://www.startribune.com/561/story/519381.html>

GAO EXAMINES DOD, DOE CLASSIFICATION PRACTICES

One reason why classification is an unreliable guide as to what should or should not be published by the press is that classification policy is implemented erratically by the government.

In a new report for Congress, the Government Accountability Office found numerous problems in classification activity at the Department of Defense.

"Our review of a ... sample of 111 classified DOD documents from five OSD offices shows that, within these offices, DOD personnel are not uniformly following established procedures for classifying information, to include correctly marking classified information," the GAO report said.

"In our review of the OSD documents, we questioned DOD officials' classification decisions for 29 documents--that is, 26 percent of the sample."

"The majority of our questions centered around two problems: the inconsistent treatment of similar information within the same document, and whether all of the information marked as classified met established criteria for classification."

See "Managing Sensitive Information: DOD Can More Effectively Reduce the Risk of Classification Errors," June 30, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/gao/gao-06-706.pdf>

A companion report review classification activity at the Department of Energy.

See "Managing Sensitive Information: Actions Needed to Ensure Recent Changes in DOE Oversight Do Not Weaken an Effective Classification System," June 30, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/gao/gao-06-785.pdf>

STANLEY MARKOWITZ, CIA OFFICIAL

Stanley Moskowitz, a Central Intelligence Agency official who recently played a leading role in winning declassification of intelligence records on Nazi war criminals, died last week.

"Stan Moskowitz deserves a lot of credit for the Nazi records release, which he managed to accomplish despite a lot of opposition from a directorate which shall not be named," one former CIA employee told Secrecy News.

"His position was that, not only were the records 50 years old, but most of the people mentioned in them were Nazis for god's sake. What and why should we still be protecting?"

"Stan Moskowitz pursued this like he did every other assignment

in his lifetime of service to America, to preserve and protect our freedom while honoring the democratic traditions of a government which we can trust and be proud of," wrote B, another admirer.

"He conducted his lifetime of service within the constraints of the ethical and moral principles which set us apart from those who wish us harm."

See "Stanley M. Moskowitz, 68; Twice CIA Liaison to Congress," Washington Post, July 1:

<http://tinyurl.com/q6x72>

SELECTED CRS REPORTS

The global war on terror has cost the U.S. \$437 billion since September 11, the Congressional Research Service estimated last month, including \$319 billion for the war in Iraq. (The Pentagon claims the latter figure should be \$210 billion.)

The CRS cost estimate has been widely reported, but the underlying report has not been widely available to the public. Now it is:

"The Cost of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Other Global War on Terror Operations Since 9/11," updated June 14, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL33110.pdf>

Some other notable CRS reports obtained by Secrecy News include the following.

"Military Operations: Precedents for Funding Contingency Operations in Regular or in Supplemental Appropriations Bills," June 13, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RS22455.pdf>

"Defense Procurement: Full Funding Policy -- Background, Issues, and Options for Congress," updated June 20, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/weapons/RL31404.pdf>

"U.S. Democracy Promotion Policy in the Middle East: The Islamist Dilemma," June 15, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mideast/RL33486.pdf>

"Freedom of Speech and Press: Exceptions to the First Amendment," updated June 2, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/95-815.pdf>

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Re: Conspiracy Theorists Unmoved By UFO Denial -

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 02 Jul 2006 17:55:16 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jul 2006 07:34:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Conspiracy Theorists Unmoved By UFO Denial -

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 15:17:57 -0300
>Subject: Re: Conspiracy Theorists Unmoved By UFO Denial

I have been assured that in two instances below I was in error.

See in text.

>In the very second sentence of this article its writer, Sven
>Nordenstam, shows his ignorance of the fact that this was the
>third-if memory serves-incarnation of a study that wasn't done
>by the MoD/RAF that was then later admitted to. Since Clarke
>uncovered two of them you would think he would have alerted Sven
>Nordenstam to this fact and the distinct possibility that
>perhaps there is another and thereby avoiding the embarrassing
>use of the title Conspiracy Theorists Unmoved By UFO Denial.

Clarke did in fact advise Nordenstam of the above, however
Nordenstam chose not to include this information in his article.

Nordenstam wrote:

"Nature magazine carried a quote from Martin Fullekrug of the
University of Bath, UK, who researches these electrical
events.

>What about the mind-mangling electric fields? At 20 kilometers
>altitude, Fullekrug thinks it highly doubtful that these
>transient plasmas could have much effect. "On the ground, the
>similar phenomenon of 'ball lightning' has been described,
>but is little understood. Whatever these are made of, such
>earthly plasmas are likely to have such a weak electromagnetic
>field that they are pretty unlikely to register on scientific
>equipment, let alone the human brain," says F=FCllekrug.
>Where's that little nugget in Nordenstam's article. It's not
>there because he didn't do enough research to find out about
>it. David Clarke knows about it but he didn't mention it to
>Nordenstam."

Again Nordenstam chose to ignore the above though Clarke
provided this information.

<snip

The rest stands.

=46rom the fat guy sitting in the corner wearing sunglasses.

Don Ledger

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Got Alien Fibers Under Your Skin? - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jul 2006 07:40:56 -0400
Subject: Got Alien Fibers Under Your Skin? - Gammon

So how would you react if you had the following symptoms?:

- Chronic Fatigue
- 'Brain Fog'
- Nonstop Sensations of insects 'crawling', 'biting', or 'stinging'
- Dark 'sand' granules falling out of skin lesions
- Mysterious White, Green, Blue and Red Fibers growing within skin wounds. (Should also mention the fibers also glow under ultraviolet light and preliminary results indicate they are cellulose!)

Then you just might have the disease known as "Morgellons".

What is it? What causes it? Is it a pathogen?

Nobody knows.

There is indication that it is infectious, however.

Morgellon's Disease:

<http://www.morgellons.com/index.html>

- Jason Gammon

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Re: Allen Greenfield? - Weigle

From: John Weigle <jweigle.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jul 2006 07:43:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Allen Greenfield? - Weigle

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
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>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 20:02:06 -0700
>Subject: Alan Greenfield?

>Does anyone here know how to contact Alan Greenfield? He used to
>be a fairly prominent UFO researcher.

>Any info would be appreciated.

>Thanks

>Here are a couple of Web sites that might help:

He has a Web site at:

<http://www.mindspring.com/%7Ehellfire/bishop/>

His page on the Manutius Press web site, which is republishing
some of his earlier books:

<http://www.manutiuspress.com/AHG.htm>

John Weigle
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UFOs & ET Life Under The Spotlight

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UFOs And Extra-Terrestrial Life Under The Spotlight
By Benita van Eyssen

Cape Town - Unidentified flying objects, alien visitations and a mysterious landing in South Africa's Kalahari Desert.

Theories and conspiracies related to alien life and the recent speculation that a UFO fell into the sea off the country's Eastern Cape coast.

These issues were on the table for the country's second annual UFO conference at the University of Cape Town on Sunday under the title 'Unbind your Mind.'

The local gathering was publicised as one of several worldwide to mark 'World UFO Day' on the anniversary of the 1947 Roswell indictment, a well documented case among UFO enthusiasts who claim knowledge of alien contact with earth near the New Mexico town of Roswell in the United States.

The conference was the brainchild of local 'ufologist' Cristo Louw, who until a much publicized recent event, had made more headlines in cyberspace than on earth.

For some time now Louw has been hosting a website where he presents himself as the head of the 'private and public' South African UFO Resource (SAFOUR) organisation.

His website gives details and explanations of reported sightings and links to international agencies and individuals convinced of the interest and contact between extra-terrestrial beings and earthlings.

In a report published Saturday, a Johannesburg-based newspaper revealed a bit more about the self-professed UFO expert.

Louw was a 31-year-old information technology student dropout who earned his keep doing odd jobs for friends, including house-sitting, the Weekender said.

'People who have seen UFOs are often dismissed as attention-seekers,' he was quoted as saying while also telling the newspaper about his own experiences of seeing 'some unexplained lights, but nothing major like being invited to board a UFO and being taken for a trip to the moon or Mars.'

Louw got his fair share of attention at the end of May when several people reported seeing an unusual sight in the Indian Ocean waters near the town of Port Shepstone in the country's Eastern Cape Province.

Media reports began referring to the unidentified object that appeared to come from the sky a 'UFO' after sea rescue authorities failed to locate the stricken light aircraft they initially believed it to be.

Louw was called upon by local media to give an opinion and stated among others that many places around South Africa had a history of UFO sightings.

'From our database of sightings, it is clear that the Eastern Cape is a hotbed for sightings,' he was quoted as saying while also expressing the view that the time was 'ripe' for South Africans to be educated about his area of expertise.

He promised to make available a list of UFO sightings in the southern African nation at the weekend gathering and gave details of what he described as South Africa's own Roswell incident.

On May 7, 1989, Louw told the Saturday Star newspaper, the South African Airforce shot down a UFO travelling at a speed of around 5,746 nautical miles in the skies over the Kalahari Desert near the country's border with Botswana.

When intelligence officers arrived at the site where the object had crashed, they found a large craft that emitted a strong magnetic and radio field in a 12 metre deep crater with a diameter of 150 metres, the newspaper reported, quoting him.

Two 'humanoid entities' were found inside the UFO - or what non-ufologists would call a 'flying saucer,' according to Louw.

'They apparently had greyish-blue skins and no body or facial hair,' he told the newspaper adding: 'Their heads were much larger than a human's, their necks exceptionally thin and their hands had only three digits, which were webbed.'

Like most accounts of alien visitations - including the fictional account of ET in the Hollywood film - the Kalahari incident ends with controversy and a cover up.

Louw is not the first South African to profess his belief in alien life forms, according to the Saturday Star.

In 1956 local meteorologist Elizabeth Klarer claimed to have captured a series of photographs of an alien ship in the country's Drakensberg mountains near the mountain kingdom of Lesotho.

She went further to claim she had an alien lover, had travelled to his planet and had a child with him but was forced to return to earth because of a 'gravity problem' on his planet, the newspaper said.

Details of her experiences were published in 1980 in her book Beyond the light Barrier that became a favoured read among UFO enthusiasts worldwide. Outside of UFO enthusiast circles however, Klarer has long been dismissed as 'a pioneer in the 'thrown hubcap' school of UFO photography'

c. 2006 dpa - Deutsche Presse-Agentur

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Speakers' Presentations

J. Brian Boldman -96 Angel Hair: Evidence for UFO Technology

Angel hair, a fine web-like physical trace residue associated with UFO sightings has been reported for centuries. Multiple witnesses separated both geographically and temporally report exactly the same specific details, including highly unusual physical properties of the substance. The angel hair data shows consistent patterns and correlations to the UFO data. The most logical conclusion is that angel hair is physical evidence for UFOs, and deserves serious scientific study.

Carl Feindt - Physical Influences of a UFO on Water

UFOs have demonstrated physical effects on bodies of water. This paper proposes a possible explanation for the observed interaction between unidentified flying objects and water. Wrested from seemingly divergent eyewitness accounts, it posits that the reaction of the water around an emerging craft implies the existence of a displacement field, one that exhibits electromagnetic tendencies. What at first seems like a series of unrelated accounts is shown to illustrate consistent behavior when the distance between the object and the body of water is considered.

John Greenewald -96 UFOs and the Small Screen: A Producer's Tale

Nearly ten years ago, John entered the vast, and always exciting, UFO Community. As a result, his research into government cover-ups resulted in the establishment of the "The Black Vault" -96 a website doggedly devoted to exposing the U.S.

Government's involvement into these fascinating conspiracies. However, two years ago his world changed. He made the decision to not only continue his research into the U.S. Government =96 but to bring his information, documents, contacts, and creative ideas to the small screen. This paper is a journey through the entered rank of a researcher, to becoming a television producer and writer on multiple UFO, and even non-UFO programs. The view from the other side taught him a lot about the UFO Community =96 along with its good and bad.

Linda Moulton Howe =96 UFO Crash Retrievals =96 U.S. Government Policy of Denial in the Interests of National Security

Linda Moulton Howe is an Emmy Award-winning TV producer and investigative reporter. She is also Reporter and Editor of the science, environment and Real X-files news website, Earthfiles.com. Many of her Earthfiles reports are also broadcast on Premiere Radio Networks and Dreamland Online. Because of her investigations into alleged UFO crash retrievals and related phenomena, Linda was approached in the mid-1990s by former New Mexico State Representative, Andrew Kissner. He wanted Linda to know about his own official and off-the-record research concerning the 1947 Roswell and other alleged UFO crash retrieval incidents in New Mexico. Rep. Kissner had assembled many old newspaper articles and leaked government information from unofficial military and intelligence testimonies.

Rep. Kissner asserted there had been an American government policy to shoot down unidentified aerial discs in the late 1940s to early 1950s, until the discs retaliated. That retaliation included the deaths of many pilots and forced a change in American military aggression toward the advanced technology. Former State Rep. Kissner's military and intelligence sources contend that the Truman Administration ordered a strict policy of denial in the interests of national security about all matters related to the disc technology and extraterrestrial biological entities, a policy in force to this day.

Linda will present firsthand testimonies, documents and other information about the American military attacks on the disc technology, disc retaliation and phenomena linked to the non-human intelligence controlling the discs.

David B. Marler =96 Triangular UFOs: A Detailed Analysis of the Historical Record

Since the early to mid-1980s, there have been an ever-increasing number of UFO reports involving triangular-shaped objects. To many, this seemed like a new development in the field of UFOlogy. Indeed, the majority of UFO sightings that have been documented over the last 50+ years involved a multitude of shapes, sizes, and colors. In comparison to other UFO shapes reported, triangular objects were a relative minority. Marler was amazed to find numerous cases worldwide spanning the last 60+ years that involved triangular-shaped UFOs. He felt it was important to share this material, since many people were dismissing this particular subset of UFO reports as secret military aircraft. These same individuals are erroneously implying that these craft are something relatively new in our skies. He has established that reports of these objects are nothing new and that similar objects have been reported worldwide at least as far back as 1936. Also, that these UFOs have consistently displayed similar physical attributes and flight dynamics that strongly argues against the notion that these are "new" military aircraft.

Ted Phillips =96 The Physical Evidence for Unidentified Flying Objects

This paper presents the results of a thirty-eight year study of UFO landing reports involving the generation of physical evidence during the landing event. Statistically solid data involving definite patterns gleaned from the 3,000+ cases will be presented. A close look at the most significant, well-documented, high strangeness events will include witness testimony, photographs, on-site investigation and laboratory analysis of the resulting traces and residue found at the

landing site. A report on an area currently under investigation activity has taken place over the past eight years is included. These sightings include close visual, photographic, video and physical evidence cases. Also included, is a detailed report on a project initiated 36 years ago by Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Ted Phillips which involves an ancient structure deep in a cavern in the High Tatra Mountains in Slovakia/Ukraine.

Ronald S. Regehr =96 The Iranian UFO Encounter

The paper involves the account of a major 1976 UFO incident in Iran involving several unknowns, attempted intercept by two Imperial Iranian Air Force F-4 aircraft, and large numbers of civilian witnesses. It includes an analysis of the technical parameters of the UFO's disabling mechanism that was used against the F-4s. The author presents U.S. Government documents corroborating the event and data showing that a U.S. DSP Satellite detected UFOs in this case, and the author's mathematical proof that the DSP was capable of detecting the objects.

Steve Reichmuth - The MUFON 'UFO' Weather Maps =96 A Year of Evidence in Review

By plotting visually UFO sightings on a month-by-month basis across North and Central America, we present a 'Big Picture' briefing. A dramatic visual progression based UFO sighting reports from the MUFON Case Management System (CMS) and Peter Davenport NUFORC data bases between June 2005 and Jun6 2006. This experiment reveals some fascinating insights into both social behavior as well as the UFO phenomenon itself. Evidence of what I term 'Mini-Flaps' =96 intense localized UFO activity appearing and disappearing within a small window of time =96 irregardless of population density factors. Also to be discussed are IFOs and their witness reports which are also plotted on these monthly maps. These IFO witness reports of confirmed objects serve as an invaluable baseline comparison for UFO reports. To what degree can UFO sightings plotted on the 'big picture' map relate to the abduction phenomenon? Many possible abduction reports suggest a very covert, consistent, well disciplined alien agenda. Does UFO sightings plotted over a wide geographical area reveal any pattern which might support such an alien agenda? As liaison between Northern California and the both superb Peter Davenport NUFORC, and the MUFON CMS databases, we present geographical UFO activity in North/Central America =96 to unify effort, inspire, motivate, and hopefully gain insight into the greatest mystery of our modern times.

Kenneth W. Storch =96 911 UFO

The crux of this UFO problem has embroiled law enforcement in an unwanted liaison. The very nature of strange objects in the sky and on the ground causes cops to get the call and get involved. It is one of the aspects of the mystery that should show skeptics and the community as a whole that there is truly something to this problem. Storch would be the first one to denounce this problem as an illusion, or a hoax, if the law enforcement community was not involved. Cops worldwide from hundreds of jurisdictions have responded to calls for help or cops themselves have been an eyewitness to an event. It continues to happen, almost on a daily basis, and for the cop that is unlucky enough to get the call or have the experience=85.well it is not a career enhancing situation. Law enforcement, unlike certain other aspects of government, cannot ignore or pretend it does not exist when the community calls for help. They are obligated to at least investigate and help in finding answers. It is these investigations over the past century, that have led Storch to believe that we are being subjected to alien visitations.

Marshall Vian Summers =96 The Alien Agenda and the Ethics of Contact

Despite over 50 years of heroic research and the extensive evidence that it has produced to show that we are being visited, we still know little or nothing about the nature, intentions and overall purpose of the visitors' agenda, how it may be affecting

current world affairs and what it may portend for our future. It is time now to finally come to terms with what it means. As the native peoples of this one world, we have a right and a responsibility to know the nature and purpose of all who come here. Using our innate God-given ability to discern the truth and our own worldly wisdom, we must set the boundaries, consciously and collectively, for when and how Contact should occur for the benefit of humanity. Our future freedom and sovereignty in this world may well be at stake.

Ruben J. Uriarte =96 Border Crossings of the Third Kind

It will be approximately 15 years since Mexico had its major UFO sightings during the solar eclipse of July 11, 1991. Since then there has been a continual explosion of UFO activity. Mexican culture and social attitudes have been influenced by the UFO phenomena on both sides of the U.S. and Mexico' border. Continual UFO footage , new government openness and cooperation with Mexican UFO scientific groups, increased reports of crop circles, chupacabras, and other strange events have become a part of every day reality for most of Mexico's population. The recent creation of OMIFO, "Organizacion Mexicana de Investigadores del Fenomeno Ovni," a national coalition of Mexican UFO research organizations and further information regarding the Coyame UFO crash of 1974 in Chihuahua Mexico (sometimes referred to as Mexico's Roswell) will be presented. There has been a huge interest by the Hispanic Community in the U.S. as is evident in the media such as "Los Desvelados" the Spanish-speaking paranormal radio show by Victor Camacho and Jaime Maussan's lecture tours to the large Hispanic population centers in the United States.

Ryan S. Wood =96 Big Proof: Examination of UFO Crashes Retrieval Cases

The idea that major governments have covered up the true nature of the UFO phenomena for more than a half a century through unprecedented secrecy, deception and intimidation strikes many reasonable citizens as preposterous. Yet, a new book by Mr. Wood Majic Eyes Only: Earth's Encounters With Extraterrestrial Technology provides a wealth of crashed UFO evidence, including declassified and leaked government documents and credible eyewitness testimony, which supports the uncomfortable truth of this "preposterous" notion. MAGIC EYES ONLY IS a landmark synthesis and review of every credible UFO crash retrieval event uncovered worldwide to date. Assembling data from his own research and numerous other investigators, including crash retrieval pioneer Leonard Stringfield, the author presents 74 UFO crashes from 1897 to the present, supported by compelling evidence in the form of official documents, eyewitnesses and in some cases physical evidence. The cases vary in quality, depth, and sophistication but the audience will come away with new insight, novel information, and a clear perspective that there are many other UFO crashes before and after Roswell that are in many ways stronger cases than the famous Roswell events. The talk provides a framework for crash incident authenticity, illustrated with specific examples and directly related documents such as the Special Operations Manual titled: "Extraterrestrial Entities and Technology, Recovery and Disposal. However, any listener who starts from a neutral position will find, by the end of Mr. Wood's talk and book, that there is sufficient evidence to conclude that: 1) UFOs have crashed on Earth, 2) governments have recovered and exploited these alien technology gifts and 3) most disturbing to a democratic free society, the "alien secret" is more important than constitutional or individual rights.

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>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>This discussion of the Heflin case is essentially a course in
>"advanced ufology 4" in which all the possible, though
>improbable, hoax scenarios are being discussed as if any one of
>them might be provable when the available "hard data" (photos)
>probably do not contain evidence that would prove a hoax.

If you don't think of a hoax scenario you cannot then show that
the photos do not contain evidence that would prove it, leaving
open the possibility that they do.

>Convincing evidence of a string might be considered such
>evidence, but convincing must mean not just a seeming string
>indication at the level of photo noise, which could be a random
>association of film grains that the observer "turns into" a
>string.

I agree. Also digitisation introduces artefacts.

>When one potential explanation is shot down another pops up,
>with the skeptics complaining that the reason there is no
>explanation is that there is not enough information or there is
>"insufficient information" to prove one way or the other.

Yes, but in practice there is no other way of investigating than
to address each theory as it comes up. The only way to short
circuit the process is to think of as many as possible and try
them out. Then when Mr Cynic says "what about explanation x?",
Mr Sceptic can reply, "We already ruled out that one, here're
the data."

>Failure to prove a hoax, in a case like this where it is either
>a hoax or the real thing is always grounds for argument that
>there is insufficient information.

True, but failure to disprove a hoax will also be grounds for that.

>When asked what more information might be needed to prove a hoax
>a skeptic might say, "well, if the photo were focused better we
>could see the string and the only reason w can't see it is
>because the hoaxer was clever."

>I pointed out in an earlier post that the case likely will not
>be made on the physical evidence alone.

I don't think you're alone in that opinion. I certainly agree
with you. Failing to find unambiguous physical evidence of hoax
will never be a proof that the photos are genuine. But the
circumstantial evidence counts for nothing unless we do fail to
find unambiguous physical evidence of a hoax. At the point where
we have failed (and that point can only be defined by practical
consensus) then any future case rests largely on circumstantial
evidence.

But remember that in a case like this there is photographic

circumstantial evidence as well as testimonial. This is latent information contained in the set of photos such as relative positions, angles, sequences etc that can be used to argue consistency or inconsistency with certain interpretations of the testimony, or can be used (like the stereo coincidence) to prop up a circumstantial case for hoax even if the exact mechanism cannot be detected or proven.

The point is there isn't a clear line between physical and circumstantial evidence in a case like this corresponding to "photo analysis" and "other analysis". Both have to be rigorously thought out and they are interwoven.

>Of equal or more importance is the circumstantial evidence. The
>photo(s) is(are) an aid to the witness' recollection, and
>generally not much more. A photo a UFO does not make.

The photos are only an aid to the witness's recollection on the assumption that the photographer's story is the recollection of a genuine witness. But in a situation where that is uncertain they are valuable as a check on the internal consistency of the photographer's story, and of its consistency with other circumstantial evidence.

>So, while grinding away at the hard evidence to try to prove
>there is evidence of a hoax - can't prove it was real since we
>don't know a priori what "real UFOs" look like or can do - also
>consider the testimonial evidence, history, etc. the "story" in
>which the photo(s) is(are) embedded.

>In court a case generally is not made on the 'hard evidence'
>because an expert can always be found to dispute the hard
>evidence. Instead, the case is made on the circumstantial
>evidence.

Yes, but if counsel's arguments from circumstantial evidence had the status of logical proofs there would be no need for due process. In law we have judges and juries to settle arguments based on competing interpretations of circumstantial evidence. Outside the court judges cannot instruct juries, and no cynic will ever accept that a case for extraordinary phenomena can be made on circumstantial evidence unless they first accept that all avenues of analysis of the hard evidence have been exhausted. This may not be sufficient even then, but it is at least necessary.

Of course if we are not concerned with convincing cynics then we are free to adopt our own standards and elect our own "judges". My own standard (FWIW) is based on the philosophy of "as if". I would not accept the Heflin photos as genuine unless I was confident of defending that position comfortably against all comers. But in the absence of convincing evidence for a hoax I would defend against all comers the position that it may be reasonable to act as if they are genuine for certain purposes.

Martin Shough

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>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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>>Viktor Golubik is reportedly undertaking tests with a similar
>>camera. Last I heard he was intending to reconstruct the precise
>>sightlines using a similar Ford Econoline van. This should tell
>>us a lot of useful things. But just hanging up models and
>>photographing them will not necessarily tell us anything useful.

>Hello Martin, and thanks for the enlightening response. Good
>luck to Viktor in his endeavor, and I hope we learn something
>useful from it. I assume he will try to reproduce samples
>of_all_ the Heflin photos using some of the theories as proposed
>in this somewhat exhaustive thread?

I don't think you should necessarily assume this is Viktor's
method. I believe he has in mind a much more systematic and
"exhaustive" analysis of the whole physical, optical and
photochemical set up. But it isn't for me to answer you.

>>In 1967 (I think) JPL image expert Robert Nathan sat in the same
>>Econoline van at the same spot with the same camera and made
>>some tests, but apparently he did not feel the need to attempt a
>>simulation. He did discover, though, that Heflin would not have
>>seen a distant object like the object in photo #1 in the
>>camera's pop-up viewfinder - it would have been obscured by the
>>van roof. If it were a small model near the window, of course,
>>he would have seen it in the viewfinder. According to Hartmann,
>>Nathan challenged Heflin, who replied that he had "shot from the
>>hip", presumably in haste, and didn't use the viewfinder on that
>>shot. This is the sort of test of internal consistency that can
>>be done by reconstruction and is potentially more powerful than
>>just simulating images.

>It seems to me that Nathan's tests were somewhat limited in
>scope, and a full range of tests would have been more
>preferable. But through the limited tests he did perform, he did
>come to a conclusion about the camera's viewfinder regarding
>photo #1 and that in itself was useful. Makes you wonder what we
>could have learned with a more extensive experiment.

The problem is we don't really know the extent of Nathan's work
except from second hand partial accounts by third parties. There
appears to be no published account of either of his
investigations (1965 and a second image analysis in 1977). The
fact that Nathan discovered the potential inconsistency
mentioned (only potential because Heflin did have an answer for
it) is an indication of his objectivity. By all accounts he was
convinced by the photos as of the above dates; but I have it on
reliable authority - privately - that in recent years he may

have repudiated his old opinion. This remains to be confirmed but would be interesting if true.

><snip>

>>If the result didn't look much like the Heflin photos this alone >>would not prove that they are genuine. If it did look very like >>the Heflin photos, this alone would not prove they are fakes. >>There are several subtle interrelating issues of geometry, >>psychology and testimony that need to be balanced to arrive at a >>judgement. Simulation is just one tool in the kit.

>You are quite correct, Martin. But wouldn't you agree that if a >highway traffic engineer could have hoaxed all of the photos, >some of our best scientists could at least do the same thing, or >come as close to it as possible by using the theories as >proposed in this thread?

This is rather the point, Kelly. No doubt they could. Would this prove that Heflin faked his photos? I think it unlikely (but see below). Would it prove that Heflin could have faked them? This is much more likely. But we already know this. Unless definite physical evidence of hoax is found in Heflin's pictures themselves (i.e. a string etc) a simulation won't prove they are not real.

Having said this I think David's idea of mapping reflections by ray tracing, combined with a photo reconstruction using a reflective model (maybe a train wheel), could add up to a very strong case. This is possible latent information in the photos that I hadn't thought of.

>Could the photos by these scientists >still undergo the same tests as the original Heflin photos and >produce the same results?

>Was the 1968 Hartmann photo analyzed >as much as the original Heflin photos?

No. I don't believe it has been analysed at all. I have tried (like others, possibly) to infer something useful from scans of the half-tone reproduction in the Condon Report, which is the only publicly available source, but without much success. I have suggested on-List, and off, that researchers living in the US and having access to the APS library in Philadelphia might be able to get the original print from the Condon Archive but I don't think anyone has done this. In any case it would mostly be of interest in terms of how Hartmann approached the case, rather than having direct bearing on the case itself.

Incidentally, for the benefit of anyone who does, the photo is stated to have been "copied from a Polaroid" so this doesn't exclude the possibility that what we see is a Polaroid copy of a retouched original.

>Then, of course, there is photo #4 and the plate 46 photo of the >alleged tree and wire in the fourth photo. Has anyone tried to >reproduce that? (As shown in the photo section of the Scientific >Study of Unidentified Flying Objects by Edward U. Condon)

When Hartmann went to the site in 1968 it was already impossible to locate "the tree" as all the trees had been trimmed back. Therefore simulating the precise twig pattern of photo #4 would be a meaningless exercise. If you mean "has anyone tried to simulate the smoke ring?" - physically or in some other way - I'm sure the answer is "No". What would be the point? In the absence of evidence (internal to the photograph) that what looks like smoke is anything other than smoke, a smoke ring is a smoke ring.

>Again, all_of _the_photos.

>Perhaps it is telling that the really genuine/good cases have to >go through this gauntlet of intense scrutiny, theorizing and >ridicule just to end up still as controversial and unexplained >as ever.

This seems confused, but if I understand you right, you seem to be saying that you know the Heflin case to be a "really genuine/good" case (which in the context of these photos can only mean a case which is proof of a "real flying saucer") and

you regret the critical scrutiny which makes it appear "controversial and unexplained". This sounds like a logically topsy-turvey "believer's" argument against objective sceptical analysis, but seems inconsistent with your desire for experimental reconstructions, so perhaps I misinterpret you.

>Kind of like the blind man leading the blind, IMO. In
>the end, only Heflin knows the truth.

As Heflin is no longer alive the situation is rather worse than that. But I think your assessment is a counsel of despair. If we are realistic we never did expect "the truth" so we have lost only what we never could have had; but we can still hope to improve our judgment and be able to state the alternatives with a better idea of likelihoods and confidence-levels by a mixture of reason and experiment.

Martin Shough

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Secrecy News -- 07/03/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 10:48:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2006 06:56:48 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/03/06

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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Three years into the war in Iraq, the U.S. Army has nearly completed a thorough revision and update of its official doctrine on counterinsurgency.

"It has been 20 years since the U.S. Army published a manual devoted to counterinsurgency operations, and 25 since the Marine Corps published its last such manual. With our Soldiers and Marines fighting insurgents in both Afghanistan and Iraq, it is thus essential that we give them a manual that provides principles and guidelines for counterinsurgency operations (COIN)."

The new doctrine begins with a thoughtful presentation of the nature of insurgency and counterinsurgency, their evolution and their characteristic strategies, and proceeds to consider the design of counterinsurgency operations.

"Traditionally, armies have had to unlearn much of their doctrine and (re)learn the principles of COIN while waging COIN campaigns."

Counterinsurgency "presents a complex and often unfamiliar set of missions and considerations for a military commander."

Among the "paradoxes of counterinsurgency" are the fact that "the more you protect your force, the less secure you are"; "the more force [is] used, the less effective it is"; and "sometimes doing nothing is the best reaction."

The new counterinsurgency doctrine has not been publicly released, but a copy of the final coordination draft was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Counterinsurgency," U.S. Army Field Manual 3-24 (Final Draft), June 2006 (241 pages, 2.4 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-24fd.pdf>

MORE CRS REPORTS

Some notable new reports of the Congressional Research Service

not readily available to the public include the following.

"Nonproliferation and Threat Reduction Assistance: U.S. Programs in the Former Soviet Union," updated June 26, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL31957.pdf>

"Syria: U.S. Relations and Bilateral Issues," June 22, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL33487.pdf>

"Pakistan-U.S. Relations," June 21, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33498.pdf>

"Iraq: Recent Developments in Reconstruction Assistance," updated June 15, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL31833.pdf>

"U.S. Policy Regarding the International Criminal Court," updated June 14, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL31495.pdf>

"U.S. Space Programs: Civilian, Military, and Commercial," updated June 13, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/space/IB92011.pdf>

"Homeland Security: Defending U.S. Airspace," updated June 6, 2006:

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The WHY? Files Additions & Updates

From: **Geoff Richardson** <geoff.nul>
Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 16:30:50 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2006 06:59:39 -0400
Subject: The WHY? Files Additions & Updates

The interest in "Foo Fighters" never seems to diminish despite the fact that it is now 60 years since the end of WW2. See:

Foo Fighters (and other strange objects in Wartime Skies)

http://www.thewhyfiles.net/foo_fighters.html

There have probably been more reported sightings of "Black Triangles" than any other shape of UFO but would we expect to see one on the ground at a U.K. air base? Recently we received an aerial photo of Warton Air Base. Incredibly there seems to be a "Black Triangle" on the ground! See:

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/triangle6.html>

Joe Mcgonagle kindly provided a sighting report made by a qualified pilot. The sighting report and Joe's investigation and conclusions are available at:

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/pilotsightings5.html>

The WHY? Files are constantly being updated. Over the last six months or so there have been many additions. To keep up to date with these additions, see:

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

Geoff Richardson
www.thewhyfiles.net

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 13:23:14 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2006 07:07:17 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Maccabee

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 13:00:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 1 Jul 2006 22:16:19 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>This discussion of the Heflin case is essentially a course in
>>"advanced ufology 4" in which all the possible, though
>>improbable, hoax scenarios are being discussed as if any one of
>>them might be provable when the available "hard data" (photos)
>>probably do not contain evidence that would prove a hoax.

>If you don't think of a hoax scenario you cannot then show that
>the photos do not contain evidence that would prove it, leaving
>open the possibility that they do.

Certainly. All reasonable hoax scenarios should be studied. Even
the "unreasonable" ones can be reviewed. Of course, "reasonable"
can be in the mind of the reasoner... and if the reasoner is
overly skeptic (Klassic "dyed in the wool skeptic") then
"reasonable" to the skeptic can be what is completely
unreasonable to the more neutral person.

In Klass' book UFOs, The Public Deceived (1983; aptley named
because he deceived the public), Klass argued that one
particular section of the New Zealand UFO film (sighting Dec 31,
1978) was film of the rotating red beacon on top of the plane as
reflected from one of the right wing propellers.

Based on the way Klass wrote about this film and associated
sighting, the average reader would think his explanation was
"reasonable." Only to one with some knowledge of optics and
cameras, etc., would the explanation perhaps seem questionable.

Only to one who knows optics and has studied this film would
realize that the explanation is completely unreasonable. Here is
a case of "turn about is fair play:" Klass proposed an
explanation for the "hard evidence" contained in the
photographic(film) images and the explanation then has to be
studied and ultimately is shown to be "debunked."

Thus, Klass was trying to "debunk" (explain) the sighting with
his explanation and instead what happened was that his
explanation was "debunked" by the photo data. (This is all
explained in Prosaic Explanations, the Failure of UFO Skepticism
at my web site.) There is some significance here that goes
beyond just proving that his explanation was "bunk." He has
appealed to that explanation after all others considered (many)
were rejected for various reasons that he, evidently, accepted
as valid. Hence this film/ sighting remains unexplained.

Nevertheless, Klass won the "propaganda war" because his book
with its garbage explanation was widely circulated and
"believed" by the skeptics. My counter explanation, although
expressed in detail many times to PJK _before_ he wrote his

book, didn't make it off the cutting room floor. Klass wrote nothing about data that refuted his explanation. Not surprising.

<snip>

>>In court a case generally is not made on the 'hard evidence'
>>because an expert can always be found to dispute the hard
>>evidence. Instead, the case is made on the circumstantial
>>evidence.

>Yes, but if counsel's arguments from circumstantial evidence had
>the status of logical proofs there would be no need for due
>process. In law we have judges and juries to settle arguments
>based on competing interpretations of circumstantial evidence.
>Outside the court judges cannot instruct juries, and no cynic
>will ever accept that a case for extraordinary phenomena can be
>made on circumstantial evidence unless they first accept that
>all avenues of analysis of the hard evidence have been
>exhausted. This may not be sufficient even then, but it is at
>least necessary.

>Of course if we are not concerned with convincing cynics then we
>are free to adopt our own standards and elect our own "judges".
>My own standard (FWIW) is based on the philosophy of "as if". I
>would not accept the Heflin photos as genuine unless I was
>confident of defending that position comfortably against all
>comers. But in the absence of convincing evidence for a hoax I
>would defend against all comers the position that it may be
>reasonable to act as if they are genuine for certain purposes.

I suppose one bottom line, if not the bottom line for any particular sighting, is this: what are you going to do once you decide a case is unexplained? The rigid skeptic may put it aside and simply wait, assuming that eventually an explanation will come along. This skeptic is comfortable assuming that it will be explained. Said skeptic is not likely to pay much more attention to the field of UFO research. Of more value to the subject is the skeptic who accepts a case is unexplained and may even seem unexplainable and then uses this knowledge to go on to find out if other cases are also unexplained or even seemingly unexplainable.

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Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 20:13:12 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2006 07:08:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo - Shough

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 02 Jul 2006 15:13:16 -0300
>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 2 Jul 2006 10:26:42 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 19:50:42 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

<snip>

>>>First if that was a bird it would have to be a huge bird at
>>>considerable distance. But I don't think at such a long range as
>>>to be out of focus but still very large this bird would exist in
>>>that area. If it was a bird at close range than we would know
>>>that because ssurely it would be in focus enough to discern
>>>>wings and a shape.

>>I still agree with Tim that it looks like a bird, possibly a
>>small black and white duck like those on the nearby riverbank or
>>some other wildfowl with which a river area like this will be
>>teeming.

>>I think you can discern shape, and the shape is that of a bird
>>caught with wings swept up and back. You obviously won't see a
>>bird with extended wings unless it has its wings extended, and
>>this happens only once every flap cycle.

>Not on ducks you won't. Ducks don't flap and then pull their
>>wings back, they glide with wings fully extended. Once they land
>and their keels are in the water they will fold thm.

True. Possibly not a duck then but a bird that does fly in the
manner suggested by the photo, either caught in a streamlined
darting motion with wings pinned back or caught with its wings
at the end point of the flap cycle - upbeat or downbeat. The
symmetry suggests a ventral or dorsal view.

>>I don't think it seems very large and far away. It seems quite
>>nearby, moving at quite a high angular rate (ducks can easily
>>fly at 30 mph) and possibly some of the blur is motion blur
>>worsening the generally very poor resolution of the JPEG which
>>makes it hard to assess the camera focus at any range.

>Hard to tell about distance, but up close they aren't going to
>pixelize to the extent this did.

Range is irrelevant to the pixel resolution. You've got a
constant number of pixels per unit solid angle of the FOV for a
given zoom. An image half a degree across (say) will be N pixels
across whether it's a bird at ten yards or a 747 at a thousand
yards.

>Also the shutter ould have
>trapped the "duck's" wings in the image. They don't flap that
>fast and 30 mph is nothing where speed is concerned.

Don't get fixated on the duck. Some birds flap pretty fast. But I agree the camera would almost stop a typical wing. To take a spread of small to middling fowl, gulls, ducks, pigeons, gulls and the like you get rates in the range 2 - 4 cycles per second.

<http://elibrary.unm.edu/sora/Auk/v064n04/p0619-p0620.pdf>

Assuming that a wing typically moves through less an arc of less than 180 degs, say 120 degs, this gives an average angular rate in the order of 1000 deg/sec for a 4Hz cycle or a travel of about 4 degrees during a 1/250 sec exposure. The peak rate through the fastest part of the arc will be higher, but still a wing in motion will only be somewhat blurred and softened, still identifiable. But if the wings are swept back close to the body or just finishing either an upbeat or a downbeat they might not be easy to discern. Birds in flight are only cruciform in plan during part of the wingbeat cycle.

As for motion blur due to bulk motion: Yes 30 mph or 44 ft/sec is slowish to a pilot, but possibly significant in this case. At 528 inches/sec a 10" long bird will travel over 20% of its own length or about 2" during the course of a 1/250 sec exposure. There's plenty of opportunity for motion blur.

>>Remember that we only get to see the photos of birds in funny
>positions that make them look like UFOs. The other ones ("oh
>look, I snapped a bird") don't get sent to the papers.

>Or it was something anomalous. But as photos go, this isn't
>anything to get excited about. The Ixtapa, Mexico photo deserves
>some time. Errol posted it.

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/listers/ixtapa.html>

>There's a lot there including clouds which appear to be further
>away than the UFO but that are in focus while the nearer UFO
>isn't. How about a few rounds on this one...and it's current.

It's a weird one. I can't think of anything it resembles. It doesn't look like any part of an aircraft I know of, such as an engine or something seen through a cabin window. But it could be some special pod or drogue hanging outside of a special research aircraft I suppose, or it could be some kid's plastic model photographed against a wall poster. Who can really say? It doesn't look like an optical or digital montage but I suppose it could be. We need witnesses and lots more information. There is the question of the altitude, which I mentioned in another post - 7879 feet or whatever it was. Implausibly precise. Do you agree with my inexperienced impression from the look of the clouds etc that the plane seems to be at quite a height?

Martin

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Re: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos - Stevens

From: **Wendelle Stevens** <S18195A.nul>
Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 17:49:23 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2006 07:15:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos - Stevens

I took the first Meier Photos to Robert Nathan, head of Imaging Sciences at JPL at Pasadena, to see what he could tell me about them and how I might best proceed to investigate them.

He studied them and said they "look too good to be true... but here", and he opened the top left drawer in his desk and took out the then missing Heflin Photographs from near Santa Ana, and said, "I can tell you that these are real".

I was amazed to see them when everybody else thought they had been "lost" in government custody.

Nathan's Chief photo lab man was Bob Wood. Whether we are talking about the same Bob Wood, I do not know, but perhaps Wood was the man that Martin Caidin gave the photos to, and he certainly would have sent them right upstairs to Robert Nathan, his boss at that time, where I saw them.

Lee Elders was with me at that time.

Wendelle Stevens

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Re: Got Alien Fibers Under Your Skin? - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Mon, 03 Jul 2006 19:31:23 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2006 07:17:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Got Alien Fibers Under Your Skin? - White

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 00:41:53 EDT
>Subject: Got Alien Fibers Under Your Skin?

>So how would you react if you had the following symptoms?:

It Caused one of our members, who was experiencing Morgellons on top of organized stalking and electronic harassment, to commit suicide recently.

He got some relief from having those sticky-tape lint removers handy.

Eleanor White

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Re: Coast To Coast With George Knapp - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 22:14:37 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2006 07:21:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Coast To Coast With George Knapp - Boone

>From: Don Ecker <decker0726.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 14:55:47 -0700
>Subject: Coast To Coast With George Knapp

>On Sunday, July 2nd, Mr. George Knapp of KLAS TV, Channel 8, Las
>Vegas will be hosting Coast To Coast. George called up myself,
>Vicki, and Bill Birnes and we will be appearing talking about
>UFO research as it is currently being practiced. We will be
>taking a look at a number of stories and cases currently being
>discussed. Hope you get a chance to tune in.

Thanks for the heads up on that one, Don Ecker!

That was one of the best progams I've heard in years. All the experts there at one shot taking care of business.

If anyone reading this List with questions about ufology you need to go to

www.coasttocoastam.com

and get your membership and get that podcast! It is a must have if there ever was one.

On a personal note that particular broadcast was comforting during a time of loss. Don, I asked you a few years to help with a police problem and you came through with star spangled cool. Again another tragedy took place but this person was there with me when an abduction scenario took place. This person is no longer with us and that loss hit me hard. It was very comforting to hear yourself, the Mrs, George Knapp and Bill Birnes forging ahead, regardless.

There's a point in this field of research when reality hits hard enough to make you realize what we're really up against. Sure there are things I know I've not disclosed. I'm sure many of you have your secrets too. One of these days soon the real cat is gonna get out of the bag and we're all going to have to re-think our priorities.

Bottom line is that Coast to Coast program laid things on the line and if you ain't got the stomach for what the truth is you'd better toughen up.

Best,

Greg

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Sawers

From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Tue, 4 Jul 2006 15:39:12 +1000
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2006 07:24:39 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Sawers

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 17:30:09 -0700
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>I happened to be in the neighborhood today, so here are a couple
>of contemporary images of Myford Road, Santa Ana.

><http://img139.imageshack.us/img139/3580/road3ne.jpg>

><http://img301.imageshack.us/img301/1653/wind7kr.jpg>

>It's now in an industrial park and no longer open ranch land.
>The road has been widened in the intervening years, so I wasn't
>sure I was in the absolute same spot where Heflin took the
>photos in 1965.

>I think this might be pretty close, though, judging by the
>straightness of the road, the distance to the cross-street and
>the distance to the 5 Freeway.

>Just for grins. No saucer, darn it!

Hi all

Whats the little object in the left side of the windscreen??

<http://img139.imageshack.us/img139/3580/road3ne.jpg>

William

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Re: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 4 Jul 2006 13:05:42 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2006 09:56:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos - Shough

>From: Wendelle Stevens <S18195A.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 17:49:23 EDT
>Subject: Re: Rediscovery Of Heflin Photos

>I took the first Meier Photos to Robert Nathan, head of
>Imaging Sciences at JPL at Pasadena, to see what he could tell
>me about them and how I might best proceed to investigate them.

>He studied them and said they "look too good to be true... but
>here", and he opened the top left drawer in his desk and took
>out the then missing Heflin Photographs from near Santa Ana, and
>said, "I can tell you that these are real".

>I was amazed to see them when everybody else thought they had
>been "lost" in government custody.

>Nathan's Chief photo lab man was Bob Wood. Whether we are
>talking about the same Bob Wood, I do not know, but perhaps Wood
>was the man that Martin Caidin gave the photos to, and he
>certainly would have sent them right upstairs to Robert Nathan,
>his boss at that time, where I saw them.

Hi Wendelle

You mention the first Meier photos so this would have been no later than, when, about 1987 or 88? According to Druffel, Wood and Kelson (JSE 2000) Bob Wood heard about the recovered photos via Caidin only in 1993. So on the face of it your suggested chain of events doesn't seem to fit.

I asked Bob Wood to clarify the involvement of Caidin. Caidin did not apparently possess the photos at any stage and so did not actually give them to Wood. Bob said:

"My recollection (which is now getting dimmer) was that in 1992 or 1993 I was talking to him (Martin Caidin) on another matter, prompted by a story from my friend Bill Douglas (now deceased), and the subject of Rex Heflin came up. I think it was he who said that he lived in Northern California, and I asked him what town and he told me. So, I pick up the phone, called information, and was talking to Rex a few minutes later. I don't remember any further conversation with Caidin. That's my recollection. I don't have the original JSE paper in front of me, and forget how Caidin's name came up there. I have no notes that would help me at this level of detail. Hope this helps."

According to the JSE authors it was Druffel who then contacted Heflin and gained access to the photos.

Given that Nathan is known to have carried out analyses of copies in 1965 and again in 1977, do you have any strong reason to think that that the photos you saw in Nathan's possession were not copies?

Martin Shough

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UFOs In SA Aren't As Rare As You Think

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2006 10:02:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2006 10:02:41 -0400
Subject: UFOs In SA Aren't As Rare As You Think

Source: iol.co.za - Cape Town, South Africa

<http://tinyurl.com/haclld>

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UFOs In SA Aren't As Rare As You Think

By Anel Powell

Thanks to Hollywood and the X-Files, most people know something about unidentified flying objects.

But few people would know how, or where, to report a sighting.

Cristo Louw, a "ufologist" from Bellville, discussed this and other issues about extra-terrestrials at a UFO conference, held at the University of Cape Town on Saturday.

About 50 people who claim to have had close encounters with aliens and mysterious objects attended the Unbind Your Mind conference, held to mark World UFO Day, celebrated internationally on Sunday.

"The most interesting discussion was about 'star kids' or children who are born wise beyond their years," said Louw.

He said star kids were "highly evolved" beings who knew they had come to Earth from somewhere else and often have the solutions to global problems.

Louw said other topics discussed included the history of UFO sightings in South Africa and the proposed Open Contact law that would permit people to make contact with extra-terrestrials.

Louw also told the group about a letter written to President Thabo Mbeki asking him about his knowledge of UFO sightings.

Despite having made more than 20 calls, he continued to await a response from the president, Louw said.

But an amused Louw said Mbeki's office did say that the department of environment and tourism would handle UFO-related queries.

Louw, who has been interested in all things celestial since he was a child, is one of the few South Africans who can legitimately claim to be a UFO "expert".

He is the country's only dedicated UFO researcher and heads the South African UFO Resource (Saufor) organisation.

Louw's fascination with UFOs has been "a growing passion" since he fell in love with the study of astronomy as a child.

But it was only when Louw began to research UFOs that he realised that South African sightings of aliens and other objects were not that uncommon.

"Many people had seen something, but said that they did not know whom to tell."

Louw decided to remedy this by founding a number of research groups.

"My job is to make the information available."

Louw has spent the past three years compiling a database of local UFO sightings.

"There have been waves of sightings through the decades. There are sightings literally everywhere."

The Eastern Cape has been identified as a UFO hot spot, "although we are not sure why".

In May this year, several people reported seeing an unidentified object land in - or plunge into - the Indian Ocean near Port Shepstone.

Although Louw said witness accounts of the "emergency landing" suggested that the object was probably a meteorite rather than an alien craft, there had been other "highly credible" sightings around the country.

In 1989, the SA Air Force allegedly shot down a UFO near Botswana's border.

Although the object had left a deep crater of more than 12 metres surrounded by a powerful magnetic field, authorities covered up the incident, Louw said.

While more South Africans are coming forward to share information about their alien sightings, Louw said, there continued to be much scepticism about whether there was life "out there".

But Louw's response to these naysayers is always the same.

"Be sceptical, but not irrationally so."

- This article was originally published on page 3 of Cape Times on July 04, 2006

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 4 Jul 2006 13:58:01 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2006 10:05:09 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 13:23:14 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 13:00:50 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 1 Jul 2006 22:16:19 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

><snip>

>>>In court a case generally is not made on the 'hard evidence'
>>>because an expert can always be found to dispute the hard
>>>evidence. Instead, the case is made on the circumstantial
>>>evidence.

>>Yes, but if counsel's arguments from circumstantial evidence had
>>the status of logical proofs there would be no need for due
>>process. In law we have judges and juries to settle arguments
>>based on competing interpretations of circumstantial evidence.
>>Outside the court judges cannot instruct juries, and no cynic
>>will ever accept that a case for extraordinary phenomena can be
>>made on circumstantial evidence unless they first accept that
>>all avenues of analysis of the hard evidence have been
>>exhausted. This may not be sufficient even then, but it is at
>>least necessary.

>>Of course if we are not concerned with convincing cynics then we
>>are free to adopt our own standards and elect our own "judges".
>>My own standard (FWIW) is based on the philosophy of "as if". I
>>would not accept the Heflin photos as genuine unless I was
>>confident of defending that position comfortably against all
>>comers. But in the absence of convincing evidence for a hoax I
>>would defend against all comers the position that it may be
>>reasonable to act as if they are genuine for certain purposes.

>I suppose one bottom line, if not the bottom line for any
>particular sighting, is this: what are you going to do once you
>decide a case is unexplained? The rigid skeptic may put it
>aside and simply wait, assuming that eventually an explanation
>will come along. This skeptic is comfortable assuming that it
>will be explained. Said skeptic is not likely to pay much more
>attention to the field of UFO research. Of more value to the
>subject is the skeptic who accepts a case is unexplained and may
>even seem unexplainable and then uses this knowledge to go on to
>find out if other cases are also unexplained or even seemingly
>unexplainable.

Yes, exactly. By "reasonable to act as if they are genuine for
certain purposes" I really mean that we have to, as a matter of
practicality, find a stance that allows us to proceed rather
than just shrug.

In the absence of certainty that means giving oneself permission to assume the possibility of genuineness for the sake of argument. This is what the cynic will not do, under the illusion that a habit of denying novelty is the same as being rigorous when it is in fact just the obverse of a gullible habit of belief in novelty.

The genuine (idealised) scientific sceptic doesn't only doubt every new idea(s) he pursues and perfects new ideas to doubt! That's the bit of the method often left out by the "debunker".

Advances are never made by conservatives.

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Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2006 12:14:54 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 07:17:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo - Ledger

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 20:13:12 +0100
>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 02 Jul 2006 15:13:16 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 2 Jul 2006 10:26:42 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

>>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Fri, 30 Jun 2006 19:50:42 -0300
>>>>Subject: Re: Nottinghamshire UK UFO Photo

><snip>

>>>>First if that was a bird it would have to be a huge bird
>>>>at considerable distance. But I don't think at such a
>>>>long range as to be out of focus but still very large
>>>>this bird would exist in that area. If it was a bird at
>>>>close range than we would know that because ssurely it
>>>>would be in focus enough to descern wings and a shape.

>>>>I still agree with Tim that it looks like a bird, possibly
>>>>a small black and white duck like those on the nearby
>>>>riverbank or some other wildfowl with which a river area
>>>>like this will be teeming.

>>>>I think you can discern shape, and the shape is that of a
>>>>bird caught with wings swept up and back. You obviously
>>>>won't see a bird with extended wings unless it has its
>>>>>wings extended, and this happens only once every flap
>>>>cycle.

>>>>Not on ducks you won't. Ducks don't flap and then pull their
>>>>>wings back, they glide with wings fully extended. Once they
>>>>land and their keels are in the water they will fold thm.

>>>>True. Possibly not a duck then but a bird that does fly in the
>>>>manner suggested by the photo, either caught in a streamlined
>>>>darting motion with wings pinned back or caught with its
>>>>>wings at the end point of the flap cycle - upbeat or downbeat.
>>>>The symmetry suggests a ventral or dorsal view.

>>>>A pidgeon or a crow would be a more likely candidate. They tend
>>>>to flap vigorously then will fold their wings or will glide with
>>>>>wings extended.

>>>>I don't think it seems very large and far away. It seems
>>>>quite nearby, moving at quite a high angular rate (ducks
>>>>can easily fly at 30 mph) and possibly some of the blur is
>>>>motion blur worsening the generally very poor resolution
>>>>of the JPEG which makes it hard to assess the camera focus

>>>at any range.

>>Hard to tell about distance, but up close they aren't going
>>to pixelize to the extent this did.

>Range is irrelevant to the pixel resolution. You've got a
>constant number of pixels per unit solid angle of the FOV for
>a given zoom. An image half a degree across (say) will be N
>pixels across whether it's a bird at ten yards or a 747 at a
>thousand yards.

The photo suggests a shot was taken of the church, or spire and
that the "bird" was caught in the shot. It appears to be long
range. But you don't usually zoom in to get a landscape type
shot. If optical zoom then less likelihood of pixelization.
Digital zoom of course is more likely to degrade the shot. This
photo [just my opinion mind you] looks to be of an object a long
way off and the examination of the photo due to blowing up has
exposed this object a long way off which in turn tends to
pixelize it.

>>Also the shutter could have trapped the "duck's" wings in the
>>image. They don't flap that fast and 30 mph is nothing where
>>speed is concerned.

>Don't get fixated on the duck. Some birds flap pretty fast.
>But I agree the camera would almost stop a typical wing. To
>take a spread of small to middling fowl, gulls, ducks,
>pigeons, gulls and the like you get rates in the range 2 - 4
>cycles per second.

Well, I didn't bring up ducks. There are other waterfowl or such
resting, standing sitting in the grass in the picture. Some one
else mentioned ducks.

><http://elibrary.unm.edu/sora/Auk/v064n04/p0619-p0620.pdf>

Very interesting. I wonder where people get the patience to
conduct these studies. Amy Herbert has been on this list for some
time and she has many photos on her site that show birds in flight.

>Assuming that a wing typically moves through less an arc of
>less than 180 degs, say 120 degs, this gives an average
>angular rate in the order of 1000 deg/sec for a 4Hz cycle or a
>travel of about 4 degrees during a 1/250 sec exposure. The
>peak rate through the fastest part of the arc will be higher,
>but still a wing in motion will only be somewhat blurred and
>softened, still identifiable. But if the wings are swept back
>close to the body or just finishing either an upbeat or a
>downbeat they might not be easy to discern. Birds in flight
>are only cruciform in plan during part of the wingbeat cycle.
>As for motion blur due to bulk motion: Yes 30 mph or 44 ft/sec
>is slowish to a pilot, but possibly significant in this case.
>At 528 inches/sec a 10" long bird will travel over 20% of its
>own length or about 2" during the course of a 1/250 sec
>exposure. There's plenty of opportunity for motion blur.

>>>Remember that we only get to see the photos of birds in funny
>>positions that make them look like UFOs. The other ones ("oh
>>look, I snapped a bird") don't get sent to the papers.

>>Or it was something anomalous. But as photos go, this isn't
>>anything to get excited about. The Ixtapa, Mexico photo
>>deserves some time. Errol posted it.

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/listers/ixtapa.html>

>>There's a lot there including clouds which appear to be
>>further away than the UFO but that are in focus while the
>>nearer UFO isn't. How about a few rounds on this one...and
>>it's current.

>It's a weird one. I can't think of anything it resembles.

I've responded to this and an earlier submission by yourself
under it's proper heading.

>It
>doesn't look like any part of an aircraft I know of, such as
>an engine or something seen through a cabin window. But it
>could be some special pod or drogue hanging outside of a
>special research aircraft I suppose, or it could be some kid's

>plastic model photographed against a wall poster. Who can
>really say? It doesn't look like an optical or digital montage
>but I suppose it could be. We need witnesses and lots more
>information. There is the question of the altitude, which I
>mentioned in another post - 7879 feet or whatever it was.
>Implausibly precise. Do you agree with my inexperienced
>impression from the look of the clouds etc that the plane
>seems to be at quite a height?

See post under Itapa subject matter.

Don

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Freeman

From: Freeman <KellyKhfflsciufu.nul>
Date: Tue, 4 Jul 2006 11:46:44 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 07:19:08 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Freeman

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 15:06:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>This seems confused, but if I understand you right, you seem to
>be saying that you know the Heflin case to be a "really
>genuine/good case (which in the context of these photos can
>only mean a case which is proof of a "real flying saucer") and
>you regret the critical scrutiny which makes it appear
>"controversial and unexplained". This sounds like a logically
>topsy-turvey "believers" argument against objective sceptical
>analysis, but seems inconsistent with your desire for
>experimental reconstructions, so perhaps I misinterpret you.

Yes, you have misinterpreted me. First, I_ don't_ know that the Heflin case is a genuine/good case, it just appears that way. Lack of real evidence either way towards a hoax or a real event would, IMO, tip the scales in favor of the latter. As has been said in an earlier post, the witness testimony, character, sincerity and other factors have to be taken into account. But the truth requires that the hoax scenario also be considered. Make sense?

Also, I am not a "UFO believer". I have seen at least three UFOs and I know they are real. The term "UFO believer" has a more religious connotation than anything and I find that quite insulting, to say the least. "UFO believer" and "kidnapped by space aliens" are the two most disrespectful terms used by the skeptics, ignorant journalists and others who_ don't_ know. But I'm sure you didn't mean it that way, did you Martin? Because my knowledge indicates to me that UFOs are, in fact, real I have to assume that there is a strong possibility the Heflin photos are genuine/good based on current information.

As far as the photos, I think I share the view with others on this list that a photo alone is not going to be a persuasive factor in determining whether or not an alleged UFO is real or not. What I do find interesting is when the know-it-all skeptics declare a good UFO photo a fake, a hoax or offer some other convenient "explanation" against all the facts to the contrary, and then it is seized upon by some mainstream academic publication as the "truth".

I'm still waiting for that UFO to crash in my backyard and collect some_ real_ evidence before the rapid response team gets there. :)

Peace and one big UFO beam of light,

Kelly

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The UFO Skeptics

From: Don Ecker <decker0726.nul>
Date: Tue, 4 Jul 2006 11:39:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 07:28:25 -0400
Subject: The UFO Skeptics

What discussion of UFO matters would be complete without mentioning the skeptics when talking about the UFO subject?

The skeptical names associated with UFO cases is long and perhaps 'inglorious' when we are looking for genuine debate. A case in point;

In January of 1995, while hosting my old program, UFOs Tonite!, I had Philip Klass in a second appearance. Klass had begun the show with a noticeable 'chip' on his shoulder and during one of Klass's diatribes, I interrupted him to 'correct' his facts and he threatened to hang up! A 'klass' act.

Later we were kicking around the Washington DC over-flights of July 1952 and Klass claimed that since it took the Air Force over an hour to fly in jet fighter aircraft, the government was not really concerned or worried about these UFOs. (Not to mention the fact that these unknown craft were not only sighted by both military and civilian pilots but also by ground observers and multiple radar sets around the city.

I had researched this and found out from Al Chop that the runways in DC were being re-surfaced and the jets had to fly in from Delaware. Klass lost it and began shouting "bullshit" over the air. When I admonished Klass for showing such disrespect he became embarrassed (if that were possible) and hung-up mid-show.

This encore presentation of Dark Matters is a program I and Dwight Schultz did with Dr. Michael Shermer, editor and publisher of SKEPTIC Magazine. This was one of Shermer's first public appearances as a skeptic in a national venue. Prior to going on the air he asked Dwight and I to "take it easy" on him since he really didn't know that much about UFOs!

In hindsight I should have asked him why agreed to do the show. However, you get a first-hand look at the debunking mind in this encore presentation!

Regards and Happy Fourth of July!

Don Ecker

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Re: New Way Suggested To Search For Life On Mars -

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
Date: Tue, 4 Jul 2006 12:12:06 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 07:32:25 -0400
Subject: Re: New Way Suggested To Search For Life On Mars -

>Source Space.Com - New York, NY, USA

>http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/060630_desert_varnish.html

>30 June 2006

>New Way Suggested To Search For Life On Mars
>By Robert Roy Britt
>Senior Science Writer

>A shiny coating found on rocks in many of Earth's deserts
>suggest a new way to search for signs of life on Mars,
>scientists said today.

<snip>

Good article. Desert varnish had already possibly been seen on Mars by the Viking and Pathfinder landers:

<http://tinyurl.com/ptf9r>

Similar coatings were also seen and analyzed more recently by the Spirit rover, early in the mission. In that case, on the volcanic rock Mazatzal, they seemed to be associated with past liquid water:

<http://news-info.wustl.edu/tips/page/normal/5514.html>

The Meridiani Journal
a chronicle of planetary exploration
<http://www.themeridianijournal.blogspot.com>

Canadian Crop Circle Research Network
<http://www.cccrn.ca>

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Re: The WHY? Files Additions & Updates - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2006 16:44:16 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 07:34:04 -0400
Subject: Re: The WHY? Files Additions & Updates - White

>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 16:30:50 +0100
>Subject: The WHY? Files Additions & Updates

<snip>

>There have probably been more reported sightings of "Black
>Triangles" than any other shape of UFO but would we expect to
>see one on the ground at a U.K. air base? Recently we received
>an aerial photo of Warton Air Base. Incredibly there seems to be
>a "Black Triangle" on the ground! See:

><http://www.thewhyfiles.net/triangle6.html>

From here, the actual triangle image is very small, on my 800
pixel wide screen, and seems to have a small bit of light
coloured "notch" pointing towards the top right. That makes it
look to me more like some sort of aircraft with wide chord swept
wings.

Eleanor White

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Alien By A Lightpole

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 4 Jul 2006 19:22:00 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 07:36:30 -0400
Subject: Alien By A Lightpole

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=kdWrCTMu01M&search=ufo>

I'm sure you all have debated this video of what appears to be an alien standing beside a lightpole who attempts to grab a young man who is playing soccer with a friend.

The incident is captured by cell phone.

It's also recorded in Spanish but a good soul was kind enough to translate the good parts in text below.

The one thing that gets me is the light pole in question casts a shadow to the right of the screen. It's clearly visible. Yet the creature standing directly beside the lightpole does not cast a shadow. Sure it could have been a guy in a suit and makeup but had that been the case he'd have cast a shadow.

If it's CG where the creature is added to the video then it's great CG to capture the blurriness and graniness of the cell phone video.

Best,

Greg

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2006 23:53:07 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 07:39:54 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shell

>From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 4 Jul 2006 15:39:12 +1000
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 17:30:09 -0700
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>I happened to be in the neighborhood today, so here are a couple
>>of contemporary images of Myford Road, Santa Ana.

>><http://img139.imageshack.us/img139/3580/road3ne.jpg>

>><http://img301.imageshack.us/img301/1653/wind7kr.jpg>

>>It's now in an industrial park and no longer open ranch land.
>>The road has been widened in the intervening years, so I wasn't
>>sure I was in the absolute same spot where Heflin took the
>>photos in 1965.

>>I think this might be pretty close, though, judging by the
>>straightness of the road, the distance to the cross-street and
>>the distance to the 5 Freeway.

>>Just for grins. No saucer, darn it!

>Whats the little object in the left side of the windscreen??

><http://img139.imageshack.us/img139/3580/road3ne.jpg>

In response to a request to provide positive proof that it was
just some bird droppings, I went out and took a scraping from my
windshield and placed it in a sterile, security sealed
container.

Lucky for me, as I was preparing to have it shipped to a local
expert for chemical analysis, two tall, pale men wearing new
suits, that looked like something the Rat Pack would wear,
showed up at my door, took away my sample, and told me that I
never saw anything and that I should keep quiet about my little
journey to Santa Ana. They showed me some I.D., and said they'd
return it as soon as they were done with it, or in 30 years,
whichever came first. What surprised me was how much Air Force
Intelligence I.D. cards look like Blockbuster Video rental
cards!

Then they drove off in this absolutely cherry 1961 Lincoln with
vanity license plates that read: "PHOND HM." So I'll have my
positive proof pretty soon, you hopeless gulliblebelievers!

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Re: Metallic Object Near Aircraft Over Mexico 2006

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 00:07:44 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 07:41:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Metallic Object Near Aircraft Over Mexico 2006

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 02 Jul 2006 16:21:08 +0000
>Subject: Re: Metallic Object Near Aircraft Over Mexico 2006

>>From: Bob Geiger <rbgeiger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 01 Jul 2006 18:12:31 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Metallic Object Near Aircraft Over Mexico 2006

>>On Jun 29, 2006, at 8:16 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>>>Source: Devesh Kumar's Rip-Off Site [As in tit-for-tat]
>>>Ripped image at:
>>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/listers/ixtapa.html>

>>>Photograph Of Metallic Object Near Airplane Over Mexico 2006
>>>Date
>>>May, 29, 2006
>>>Location
>>>Ixtapa, Mexico

>><snip>

>>I was hoping that someone would comment on this. Aside from the
>>muddled report, the photo is intriguing. I'm wondering if the
>>case is for real.

>>It's the first time I'm hearing or seeing anything about it.

>>Anyone?

>That's supposed to be a real UFO? Give me a break! Better yet,
>give me a couple of witnesses swearing statements that they saw
>this thing in flight doing anything remotely UFO like. Then I
>might waste 30 seconds taking a closer look at this... obvious
>non-UFO until proven otherwise.

There are several things I'd like to see related to the photo.
For one, I'd like to see any indication that there was an actual
window between this "unidentified flying bedpan" and the
photographer. Scratches, etc. So seeing some of the airplane
window frame would be nice. Witnesses would help, of course.

Then I'd like my usual list of things - multiple photos (3-D!)
and witnesses, video, radar track, expert eyewitnesses, piece of
the thing, whole working alien ship, independent scientific
verification, government acknowledgement, independent experts
verifying the government isn't lying, Mike Shermer saying it's
real, dead alien on display, live alien on display, etc. Simply
enough evidence to prove its existence equivalent to that which
would prove the existence of Hoover Dam. Is that too much to
ask?

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Secrecy News -- 07/05/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Jul 2006 11:59:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 19:09:40 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/05/06

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LAW AND THE MILITARY

With its decision last week to strike down the Bush Administration's unilateral creation of military tribunals for trying detainees, the Supreme Court highlighted and reinforced the rule of law in the conduct of military operations.

Several recent publications provide rich background on military law.

The 2006 edition of the "Operational Law Handbook" published by the Army Judge Advocate General is "a 'how to' guide for Judge Advocates practicing operational law. It provides references and describes tactics and techniques for the practice of operational law."

The Handbook covers the gamut of issues that arise in the field, from the Law of War to intelligence-related law to detainee operations.

See "Operational Law Handbook (2006)," Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School (598 pages, 3.7 MB):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/law2006.pdf>

U.S. military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq and the "war on terrorism" have raised a variety of novel legal issues, according to a 2004 study performed for the Army on "legal lessons learned."

"Whether determining the applicability of the law of armed conflict to non-state terrorist actors, applying traditional and new fiscal authorities to a military occupation, or assisting in the development of rules of engagement (ROE) for an enemy that blended into civilian populations, JAs [judge advocates] and paralegals wrestled with cutting-edge legal issues during OEF [Operation Enduring Freedom] and OIF [Operation Iraqi Freedom]."

See "Legal Lessons Learned From Afghanistan and Iraq: Volume 1, Major Combat Operations," Center for Law and Military Operations, 1 August 2004 (454 pages, 7.1 MB PDF):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/clamo-v1.pdf>

Volume 2 of that study has recently been made public.

See "Legal Lessons Learned From Afghanistan and Iraq: Volume 2, Full Spectrum Operations," Center for Law and Military Operations, September 2005 (368 pages, 3.3 MB PDF):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/clamo-v2.pdf>

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http://www.aallnet.org/press/ftdo_claire_germain_061906.asp

U.S. MARINE CORPS ON COUNTERINSURGENCY

The Marine Corps has recently published a series of documents on counterinsurgency:

"Small-Unit Leaders' Guide to Counterinsurgency," June 2006 (4.7 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usmc/coin.pdf>

"Countering Irregular Threats: A Comprehensive Approach," 14 June 2006 (3.2 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usmc/irreg.pdf>

"Tentative Manual for Countering Irregular Threats: An Updated Approach to Counterinsurgency Operations," 7 June 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usmc/manual.pdf>

CONTROLLING STRESS IN COMBAT, AND MORE

Military doctrine on the control of the stress in combat is presented in a new Army field manual.

"In our own Soldiers and in the enemy combatants, control of stress is often the decisive difference between victory and defeat across the operational continuum. Battles and wars are won more by controlling the will to fight than by killing all of the enemy combatants. Uncontrolled combat stress causes erratic or harmful behaviors, impairs mission performance, and may result in disaster...."

See "Combat and Operational Stress Control," U.S. Army Field Manual 4-02.51, July 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm4-02-51.pdf>

A recent Congressional Research Servicereport "presents difficult-to-find statistics regarding U.S. military casualties in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF, Afghanistan), including those concerning medical evacuations, amputations, and the demographics of casualties."

"Some of these statistics are publically available at the Department of Defense's (DOD's) website, while others have been obtained through contact with experts at DOD."

See "United States Military Casualty Statistics: Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom," June 8, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RS22452.pdf>

"Medical Program Support for Detainee Operations" is the subject of Department of Defense Instruction 2310.08E, issued June 6, 2006:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/i2310_08.pdf

FOIA AT FORTY

The fortieth anniversary of the Freedom of Information Act,

signed into law by President Johnson on July 4, 1966, was marked with the release of several interesting and informative publications.

The colorful and contentious history behind the adoption of the Act was described by Tom Blanton of the National Security Archive based on documents obtained from the Johnson Library. See "Freedom of Information at 40":

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB194/index.htm>

The legislative history of the Freedom of Information Act is newly available from the National Security Archive here:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/foialeghistory/legistfoia.htm>

The FOIA improvement plans that were recently developed by executive branch agencies were critically assessed by OpenTheGovernment.org in a new report. See "FOIA's 40th Anniversary: Agencies Respond to the President's Call for Improved Disclosure of Information":

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

"The federal government continues to fall further behind in getting information to people seeking public records under the Freedom of Information Act," according to a study by the Coalition of Journalists for Open Government:

<http://www.cjog.net/documents/.pdf>

"By far the heaviest use of the Freedom of Information Act comes from the nation's businesses, seeking government records on contracts or for a host of other commercial uses," another Coalition report found:

<http://www.cjog.net/documents/Who Uses FOIA2.pdf>

Sixty-eight countries now have freedom of information statutes, according to an updated survey by David Banisar published by freedominfo.org. See "Freedom of Information Around the World 2006":

<http://www.freedominfo.org/countries/index.htm>

I chatted with reporter Julie Corwin of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty about "40 Years Of The Freedom Of Information Act" here:

<http://tinyurl.com/h8uqo>

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Re: Alien By A Lightpole - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Jul 2006 13:47:26 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 19:11:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien By A Lightpole - Boone

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 4 Jul 2006 19:22:00 EDT
>Subject: Alien By A Lightpole

><http://youtube.com/watch?v=kdWrCTMu01M&search=ufo>

>I'm sure you all have debated this video of what appears to be
>an alien standing beside a lightpole who attempts to grab a
>young man who is playing soccer with a friend.

>The incident is captured by cell phone.

>It's also recorded in Spanish but a good soul was kind enough >to
>translate the good parts in text below.

>The one thing that gets me is the light pole in question casts a
>shadow to the right of the screen. It's clearly visible. Yet the
>creature standing directly beside the lightpole does not cast a
>shadow. Sure it could have been a guy in a suit and makeup >but
>had that been the case he'd have cast a shadow.

>If it's CG where the creature is added to the video then it's
>great CG to capture the blurriness and graniness of the cell
>phone video.

Oops! My bad! I took a look at the video on my better monitor
and yes indeed the 'alien' being does cast a shadow.

Hey, at least I'm big enough to admit I can make a goof and not
get all bent out of shape.

Best,

Greg

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 12:26:15 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 19:15:33 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

>From: Kelly Freeman <KellyKhfflsciufu.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 4 Jul 2006 11:46:44 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 15:06:54 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>Also, I am not a "UFO believer". I have seen at least three UFOs
>and I know they are real. The term "UFO believer" has a more
>religious connotation than anything and I find that quite
>insulting, to say the least. "UFO believer" and "kidnapped by
>space aliens" are the two most disrespectful terms used by the
>skeptics, ignorant journalists and others who_don't_ know. But
>I'm sure you didn't mean it that way, did you Martin? Because my
>knowledge indicates to me that UFOs are, in fact, real I have to
>assume that there is a strong possibility the Heflin photos are
>genuine/good based on current information.

In the literal sense of the term, any reasonable person is a
"UFO believer", i.e., of course there have been objects in the
sky that could not be identified. The "believer" term is silly
in this context, akin to a "strange noise believer". On the
other hand, in the more common lay interpretation, a UFO
believer not only accepts the reality of the unidentified
objects themselves, but further holds that they are controlled
(indeed, even occupied) by intelligent non-human entities. The
statement "I have seen at least three UFOs and I know they are
real" is not particularly controversial in the former (literal)
sense, but it obviously takes on a much more provocative
character in the latter sense. For the many people who have not
experienced what you have, such a statement, if it can be
accepted at all, must be taken as a matter of "faith", and in
this sense the religious connotations of "UFO believer", although
irritating, are not entirely misplaced.

However, I stray from the thread topic. Since childhood, I have
been impressed with the Heflin photos, on the rather
unscientific grounds that they look real. I'll bet that most
researchers here have immediately (and correctly) spotted hoaxes
based on nothing more than the intuition that something "doesn't
look right", even if it ultimately required enormous effort and
ingenuity to prove it conclusively. In my opinion, the Heflin
photos easily pass this "smell" test. If they are hoaxes, they
are nonetheless remarkable.

Mike

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The Search For Life In The Universe

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 19:29:05 -0400
Subject: The Search For Life In The Universe

Source: The United States House Of Representatives
Washington, DC, USA

<http://www.house.gov/science/space/jul12/tyson.htm>

11 July 2001

The Search For Life In The Universe

An overview of the scientific and cultural implications of
finding life in the cosmos

Neil deGrasse Tyson
Department of Astrophysics & Hayden Planetarium
American Museum of Natural History

For the House Committee on Science, Sub-committee on Space and
Aeronautics.

To be summarized at 10:00AM, 12 July 2001

Rayburn House Office Building, Suite2318, Washington DC

The discovery of what is now more than seventy planets around
stars other than the Sun continues to stimulate tremendous
public and media interest. In this case, attention was driven
not so much by the discovery of the extra-solar planets
themselves, but by the prospect of them hosting intelligent
life.

Nearly every space movie to come from Hollywood includes some
encounter between humans and alien life forms. Most recently we
have the high-budget Mars-based films Mission to Mars, and The
Red Planet. The astrophysics appears to be the ladder to what
people really care about: whether or not we are alone in the
universe. I have empirical evidence to support this contention.
If the person on next to me on a long airplane flight ever finds
out that I am an astrophysicist, nine times out of ten they ask,
with wide eyes, about life in the universe. And only later do
they ask me about the big bang and black holes. I know of no
other discipline that triggers such a consistent and reliable
reaction in public sentiment. This phenomenon is not limited to
Americans. The time-honored question: "What is our place in the
universe" might just be genetically encoded in our species. All
known cultures across all of time have attempted to answer that
question. Today we ask the same question, but with fewer words:
"Are we alone?"

Ordinarily, there is no riskier step that a scientist (or
anyone) can take than to make sweeping generalizations from just
one example. At the moment, life on Earth is the only known life
in the universe, but there are compelling arguments to suggest
we are not alone. Indeed, most astrophysicists accept a high
probability of there being life elsewhere in the universe, if
not on other planets or on moons within our own solar system.

The numbers are, well, astronomical: If the count of planets in our solar system is not unusual, then there are more planets in the universe than the sum of all sounds and words ever uttered by every human who has ever lived. To declare that Earth must be the only planet in the universe with life would be inexcusably egocentric of us.

Many generations of thinkers, both religious and scientific, have been led astray by anthropocentric assumptions, while others were simply led astray by ignorance. In the absence of dogma and data, history tells us that it's prudent to be guided by the notion that we are not special, which is generally known as the Copernican principle, named for the Polish astronomer Nicholas Copernicus who, in the mid 1500s, put the Sun back in the middle of our solar system where it belongs. In spite of a third century B.C. account of a sun-centered universe proposed by the Greek philosopher Aristarchus, the Earth-centered universe was by far the most popular view for most of the last 2000 years. Codified by the teachings of Aristotle and Ptolemy, and by the preachings of the Roman Catholic Church, people generally accepted Earth as the center of all motion. It was self-evident: the universe not only looked that way, but God surely made it so. The sixteenth century Italian monk Giordano Bruno suggested publicly that the universe was filled with planets that harbor life. For these thoughts he was burned at the stake. Fortunately, today we live in somewhat more tolerant times.

While there is no guarantee that the Copernican principle will guide us correctly for all scientific discoveries to come, it has humbled our egos with the realization that not only is Earth not in the center of the solar system, but the solar system is not in the center of the Milky Way galaxy, and the Milky Way galaxy is not in the center of the universe. And in case you are one of those people who thinks that the edge may be a special place, then we are not at the edge of anything either.

A wise contemporary posture would be to assume that life on Earth is not immune to the Copernican principle. If so, then how can the appearance or the chemistry of life on Earth provide clues to what life might be like elsewhere in the universe?

I do not know whether biologists walk around every day awestruck by the diversity of life. I certainly do. On this single planet called Earth, there co-exist (among countless other life forms), algae, beetles, sponges, jellyfish, snakes, condors, and giant sequoias. Imagine these seven living organisms lined up next to each other in size-place. If you didn't know better, you would be hard-pressed to believe that they all came from the same universe, much less the same planet. Try describing a snake to somebody who has never seen one: "You gotta believe me. There is this animal on Earth that 1) can stalk its prey with infrared detectors, 2) swallows whole live animals up to five times bigger than its head, 3) has no arms or legs or any other appendage, yet 4) can slide along level ground at a speed of two feet per second!"

Given the diversity of life on Earth, one might expect a diversity of life exhibited among Hollywood aliens. But I am consistently amazed by the film industry's lack of creativity. With a few notable exceptions such as life forms in *The Blob* (1958) and in *2001: A Space Odyssey* (1968), Hollywood aliens look remarkably humanoid. No matter how ugly (or cute) they are, nearly all of them have two eyes, a nose, a mouth, two ears, a head, a neck, shoulders, arms, hands, fingers, a torso, two legs, two feet -- and they can walk. From an anatomical view, these creatures are practically indistinguishable from humans, yet they are supposed to have come from another planet. If anything is certain, it is that life elsewhere in the universe, intelligent or otherwise, will look at least as exotic as some of Earth's own life forms.

The chemical composition of Earth-based life is primarily derived from a select few ingredients. The elements hydrogen, oxygen, and carbon account for over 95% of the atoms in the human body and in all known life. Of the three, the chemical structure of the carbon atom allows it to bond readily and strongly with itself and with many other elements in many different ways, which is how we came to become carbon-based life, and which is why the study molecules that contain carbon is generally known as "organic" chemistry. The study of life

elsewhere in the universe is known as exobiology, which is one of the few disciplines that attempts to function with the complete absence of first-hand data.

Is life chemically special? The Copernican principle suggests that it probably isn't. Aliens need not look like us to resemble us in more fundamental ways. Consider that the four most common elements in the universe are hydrogen, helium, carbon, and oxygen. Helium is inert. So the three most abundant, chemically active ingredients in the cosmos are also the top three ingredients in life on Earth. For this reason, you can bet that if life is found on another planet, it will be made of a similar mix of elements. Conversely, if life on Earth were composed primarily of, for example, molybdenum, bismuth, and plutonium, then we would have excellent reason to suspect that we were something special in the universe.

Appealing once again to the Copernican principle, we can assume that the size of an alien organism is not likely to be ridiculously large compared with life as we know it. There are cogent structural reasons why you would not expect to find a life the size of the Empire State Building strutting around a planet. But if we ignore these engineering limitations of biological matter we approach another, more fundamental limit. If we assume that an alien has control of its own appendages, or more generally, if we assume the organism functions coherently as a system, then its size would ultimately be constrained by its ability to send signals within itself at the speed of light -- the fastest allowable speed in the universe. For an admittedly extreme example, if an organism were as big as the entire solar system (about 10 light-hours across), and if it wanted to scratch its head, then this simple act would take no less than 10 hours to accomplish. Sub-slothlike behavior such as this would be evolutionarily self-limiting because the time since the beginning of the universe may be insufficient for the creature to have evolved from smaller forms of life over many generations.

How about intelligence? Since there is still debate on how to define it and measure it in people, I wonder what the question even means when applied to extraterrestrials. Hollywood has tried, but I give them mixed reviews. I know of some aliens that should have been embarrassed at their stupidity. During a four-hour car trip from Boston to New York City, while I was surfing the FM dial, I came upon a radio play in progress that, as best as I could determine, was about evil aliens that were terrorizing Earthlings. Apparently, they needed hydrogen atoms to survive so they kept swooping down to Earth to suck up its oceans and extract the hydrogen from all the H₂O molecules. Now those were some dumb aliens. They must not have been looking at other planets en route to Earth because Jupiter, for example, contains over two-hundred times the entire mass of Earth in pure hydrogen. I guess nobody ever told them that over ninety percent of all atoms in the universe are hydrogen.

And how about all those aliens that manage to traverse thousands of light years through interstellar space, yet bungle their arrival by crash-landing on Earth?

Then there were the aliens in the 1977 film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, who, in advance of their arrival, beamed to Earth a mysterious sequence of repeated digits that were eventually decoded to be the latitude and longitude of their upcoming landing site. But Earth longitude has a completely arbitrary starting point -- the prime meridian -- which passes through Greenwich, England by international agreement. And both longitude and latitude are measured in peculiar unnatural units we call degrees, 360 of which are in a circle. Armed with this much knowledge of human culture, it seems to me that the aliens could have just learned English and beamed the message, "We're going to land a little bit to the side of Devil's Tower National Monument in Wyoming. And since we're coming in a flying saucer we need the runway lights."

The award for dumbest creature of all time must go to the alien from the original 1983 film *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*. *V-ger*, as it called itself (pronounced vee-ger) was an ancient mechanical space probe that was on a mission to explore and discover and report back its findings. The probe was "rescued" from the depths of space by a civilization of mechanical aliens and reconfigured so that it could actually accomplish this

mission for the entire universe. Eventually, the probe did acquire all knowledge and, in so doing, achieved consciousness. The Star Trek crew come upon this now-sprawling monstrous collection of cosmic information at a time when the alien was searching for its original creator and the meaning of life. The stenciled letters on the side of the original probe revealed the characters V and ger. Shortly thereafter, Captain Kirk discovers that the probe was Voyager 6, which had been launched by humans on Earth in the late twentieth century. Apparently, the oya that fits between the V and the ger had been badly tarnished and was unreadable. Okay. But I have always wondered how V-ger could have acquired all knowledge of the universe and achieve consciousness yet not know that its real name was Voyager.

Regardless of how Hollywood aliens are portrayed, or how good or bad the films are, we must not stand in denial of the public's interest in the subject. Let us assume, for the sake of argument, that humans are the only species in the history of life on Earth to evolve high-level intelligence. (I mean no disrespect to other big-brained mammals. While most of them cannot do astrophysics, my conclusions are not substantially altered if you wish to include them.) If life on Earth offers any measure of life elsewhere in the universe, then intelligence must be rare. By some estimates, there have been more than ten billion species in the history of life on Earth. It follows that among all extraterrestrial life forms we might expect no better than about one in ten billion to be as intelligent as we are, not to mention the odds against the intelligent life having an advanced technology and a desire to communicate through the vast distances of interstellar space.

On the chance that such a civilization exists, radio waves would be the communication band of choice because of their ability to traverse the galaxy unimpeded by interstellar gas and dust clouds. But humans on Earth have only understood the electromagnetic spectrum for less than a century. More depressingly put, for most of human history, had aliens tried to send radio signals to earthlings we would have been incapable of receiving them. For all we know, the aliens have already done this and unwittingly concluded that there was no intelligent life on Earth. They would now be looking elsewhere. A more humbling possibility would be if aliens had become aware of the technologically proficient species that now inhabits Earth, yet they had drawn the same conclusion.

Our life-on-Earth bias, intelligent or otherwise requires us to hold the existence of liquid water as a prerequisite to life elsewhere. A planet's orbit should not be too close to its host star, otherwise the temperature would be too high and the planet's water content would vaporize. The orbit should not be too far away either, or else the temperature would be too low and the planet's water content would freeze. In other words, conditions on the planet must allow the temperature to stay within the 180 degree (Fahrenheit) range of liquid water. As in the three-bowls-of-food scene in the fairy tale Goldilocks and the Three Bears, the temperature has to be just right. When I was interviewed about this subject recently on a syndicated radio talk show, the host commented, "Clearly, what you should be looking for is a planet made of porridge!"

While distance from the host planet is an important factor for the existence of life as we know it, other factors matter too, such as a planet's ability to trap stellar radiation. Venus is a textbook example of this "greenhouse" phenomenon. Visible sunlight that manages to pass through its thick atmosphere of carbon dioxide gets absorbed by Venus's surface and then re-radiated in the infrared part of the spectrum. The infrared, in turn, gets trapped by the atmosphere. The unpleasant consequence is an air temperature that hovers at about 900 degrees Fahrenheit, which is much hotter than we would expect knowing Venus's distance to the Sun. At this temperature, lead would swiftly become molten and a 16" pepperoni pizza will cook in nine seconds.

The discovery of simple, unintelligent life forms elsewhere in the universe (or evidence that they once existed) would be far more likely and, for me, only slightly less exciting than the discovery of intelligent life. Two excellent nearby places to look are the dried riverbeds of Mars, where there may be fossil evidence of life from when waters once flowed, and the subsurface oceans that are theorized to exist under the frozen

ice layers of Jupiter=92s moon Europa. Once again, the promise of liquid water defines our targets of search.

Other commonly invoked prerequisites for the evolution of life in the universe involve a planet in a stable, nearly circular orbit around a single star. With binary and multiple star systems, which comprise about half of all "stars" in the galaxy, planet orbits tend to be strongly elongated and chaotic, which induces extreme temperature swings that would undermine the evolution of stable life forms. We also require that there be sufficient time for evolution to run its course. High-mass stars are so short-lived (a few million years) that life on an Earth-like planet in orbit around them would never have a chance to evolve.

The set of conditions to support life as we know it are loosely quantified though what is known as the Drake equation, named for the American astronomer Frank Drake (now at the University of California at Santa Cruz). The Drake equation is more accurately viewed as a fertile idea rather than as a rigorous statement of how the physical universe works. It separates the overall probability of finding life in the galaxy into a set of simpler probabilities that correspond to our preconceived notions of the cosmic conditions that are suitable for life. In the end, after you argue with your colleagues about the value of each probability term in the equation, you are left with an estimate for the total number of intelligent, technologically proficient civilizations in the galaxy. Depending on your bias-level, and your knowledge of biology, chemistry, celestial mechanics, and astrophysics, you may use it to estimate from at least one (we humans) up to millions of civilizations in the Milky Way.

If we consider the possibility that we may rank as primitive among the universe=92s technologically competent life forms -- however rare they may be -- then the best we can do is keep alert for signals sent by others because it is far more expensive to send rather than receive them. Presumably, an advanced civilization would have easy-access to an abundant source of energy such as its host star. These are the civilizations that would be more likely to send rather than receive. The search for extraterrestrial intelligence (affectionately known by its acronym "SETI") has taken many forms. The most advanced efforts today uses a cleverly designed electronic detector that monitors, in its latest version, billions of radio channels in search of a signal that might rise above the cosmic noise. The "SETI At Home" screen saver analyzes real data (downloaded from the internet) for an intelligent signal that rises above the din of cosmic noise. This software has been downloaded by more than 3-million PCs users around the world, which actively taps an astonishing level computing power from your plugged-in PC that would otherwise be doing nothing while you went to the bathroom. Indeed, "SETI At Home" is, by far, the largest computational project in the history of the world. I note that these projects in particular received their start-up funds from The Planetary Society, a 100,000-member organization that, among other objectives, promotes the search for life in the universe. Public support for this enterprise is real and it is deep.

The discovery of extraterrestrial intelligence, if and when it happens, will impart a change in human self-perception that may be impossible to anticipate. If we don=92t soon find life elsewhere, what will matter most is that we had not stopped looking. Our species demands that we keep looking. Deep in our soul of curiosity we are intellectual nomads=97in search of other places, in search of other life forms because we derive almost as much fulfillment from the search as we do from the discovery.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Faccenda

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Subject: [Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Faccenda](#)

>From: [Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>](mailto:mtarbell.nul)
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: [Wed, 05 Jul 2006 12:26:15 -0600](#)
>Subject: [Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos](#)

>From: [Kelly Freeman <KellyKhfflsciufu.nul>](mailto:KellyKhfflsciufu.nul)
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: [Tue, 4 Jul 2006 11:46:44 EDT](#)
>Subject: [Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos](#)

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These photos are in no doubt unique, however flat-top UFOs have been cited in other reports, the Idaho 1947 Snake River Canyon for instance. So while the photos are unique, these type of craft appear to have been seen on other occasions.

One aspect that puzzles me and perhaps it has already been examined and dealt with, is where is the UFO's shadow?

There appears to be a shadow cast by the telegraph poles.

Would it be possible to triangulate where the shadow of the UFO should be?

Regards,

Joe Faccenda

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Man's Plea As Family Is Startled By A 'UFO'

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Man's Plea As Family Is Startled By A 'UFO'

IS anybody out there? That's the question posed by Rotherham UFO sceptic Malcolm Rotchell after seeing a strange object during Sunday's awesome thunderstorm.

The 54-year-old Rotherham resident is a total non-believer when it comes to ghosts, aliens and things that go bump in the night.

But the bright orange ball that "whooshed" over his home in Spring Croft, Kimberworth Park, left him speechless.

He witnessed the strange event along with his wife and son... and is now appealing for others to call in if they saw the same thing.

The weird "fireball" shot over his home at about 10.15pm, just after a local powercut caused by the terrific storm on Sunday evening.

"I was in the shower when my son saw it out of the window. My wife also saw it out of the bedroom window," said Malcolm, who works for the NHS in Sheffield.

"It was an orange light with an aura to it, maybe 1,000ft up, but I couldn't really tell the size.

"My son thought it was a firework as it whooshed over our house, making that type of noise.

"But as I watched it, waiting for the explosion, nothing happened and it continued travelling in a north-easterly direction.

"Suddenly, it changed direction and flew off pretty quickly to the east towards the Swinton area. It seemed to plummet to earth and I became alarmed.

"I was waiting for an explosion or a muffled bang or something, but there was nothing. It looked like it was crashing so I expected something.

"I have no idea what it was and hope others can call in if they saw anything. Maybe it was an effect of the thunderstorm."

Light balls caused by static in the air have been known to form during electrical storms. If anyone saw the light, email steve.hewitt.nul or call The Star's Rotherham newsroom on 01709 363488.

steve.hewitt.nul

[Thanks to Greg Boone or the lead]

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shell

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>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 12:26:15 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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>are nonetheless remarkable.

From the first time I can remember seeing the Heflin photos,
which I believe was around 1970 in John Godwin's book "This
Baffling World," and for much of my life thereafter, they've
always impressed me as looking "real." To my eye, which is
untrained in any kind of photo analysis, the shadows and
perspectives all seem to line up the way they're supposed to.

Over the years, however, I've become a lot less sure of my gut
feelings about such things. I've seen a lot of magicians who do
an excellent job of fooling me. I've seen many photos that have
the same kind of real look to them but turned out to be less
than genuine. For instance, I remember the first time I saw the
Billy Meier photos in 1985, before all the hoopla and nonsense
started. I stared at those photos in that big, glossy book for
a long time, because they absolutely looked real. And that
Mexico City saucer video. Boy, that was a good one!

The end result has been the development of my list of things it
will take to get me to accept (not "believe") that a particular
photo or video represents something controlled by an
intelligence not originally from this relative point in space
and time. As the years have gone by, and people have gotten
better at fooling me, that list has gotten longer.

Unless some new analysis of the Heflin photos turns up something
previously undetected, I'd prefer them to remain in the "I don't
know" pile. And if I'm lucky, maybe I'll live long enough to
see some grey or green critter park one on a runway at LAX for
everybody to see. Then I'll know.

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

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Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jul 2006 11:06:58 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

>From: Freeman <KellyKhfflsciufu.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 4 Jul 2006 11:46:44 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 15:06:54 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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>>>Perhaps it is telling that the really genuine/good cases have to
>>>go through this gauntlet of intense scrutiny, theorizing and
>>>ridicule just to end up still as controversial and unexplained
>>>as ever.

>>This seems confused, but if I understand you right, you seem to
>>be saying that you know the Heflin case to be a "really
>>genuine/good case (which in the context of these photos can
>>only mean a case which is proof of a "real flying saucer") and
>>you regret the critical scrutiny which makes it appear
>>"controversial and unexplained". This sounds like a logically
>>topsy-turvey "believers" argument against objective sceptical
>>analysis, but seems inconsistent with your desire for
>>experimental reconstructions, so perhaps I misinterpret you.

>Yes, you have misinterpreted me. First, I_ don't_ know that the
>Heflin case is a genuine/good case, it just appears that way.

OK, Kelly. I didn't understand that what you meant to convey by
the phrase "_really_ genuine" was "apparently or possibly
genuine".

>Lack of real evidence either way towards a hoax or a real event
>would, IMO, tip the scales in favor of the latter.

So, all things being equal you have a presumption in favour of
acceptance in this case. Fair enough (but see below).

>As has been
>said in an earlier post, the witness testimony, character,
>sincerity and other factors have to be taken into account.

Yes, but the unstated conclusion here is that the balance of
circumstantial, testimonial and psychological factors is
positive, or at least neutral. This is arguable, but not
necessarily clear cut. Maybe this is a good opportunity to make
some of the issues explicit (with commentary in parentheses):

In 1965 Heflin's associates and employers and the NICAP people
all gave strong support to Heflin's credibility. There was
general agreement that Heflin was honest and of excellent
character.

Sgt. Dolyak, the Marine G2 investigator, said Heflin appeared
"well adjusted . . . quiet, cooperative and logical at all
times". On the other hand Sgt. Dolyak added a "however" to his
generally favourable opinion. He said Heflin did "avoid"

answering two questions: 1) Why he hadn't reported it earlier, and 2) the name of the store where he had the Polaroids copied. There may be reasonable explanations, nevertheless Heflin did not apparently offer any and Dolyak interpreted his reticence as evasive.

(As for Heflin not reporting straight away this could be because he thought it was a secret air force experiment. Heflin may not have known the name of the store because according to the NICAP chronology it seems to have been friends of Heflin, rather than Heflin himself, who took the prints for copying. Dolyak may not have asked for these answers as clearly or as insistently as he thought he did.)

Even sceptic Dr. Stephen Black professed to find Heflin sincere in interview. However Black still felt that the case was a hoax, perhaps an unconscious self-delusion on the part of Heflin.

(It may signify something about Heflin's plausibility that Black, a psychiatrist, felt the need for this complicated and unusual theory.)

Capt Reichmuth, AFSC, SSD, also gave qualified support to Heflin. Reichmuth opined that Heflin "did not appear to be trying to perpetrate a hoax". Capt. Reichmuth interviewed Heflin for 3 1/2 hours, concluding that his account was substantially consistent, but he pointed out twice in his report that "details had changed" since the Marine interview by Sgt Dolyak.

(However he thought this could be because his own interview was more thorough and searching than Dolyak's.)

Dolyak recorded that Heflin was distracted by the sound of a vehicle approaching from behind and missed the disappearance of the UFO. Heflin never mentioned this to anyone else and later denied that there had been another vehicle. According to Hartmann, a NICAP investigator concluded that Heflin had lied about the vehicle. Hartmann himself gave Heflin the opportunity to confide that he had "manufactured" this incident to cover-up the issue of the then-undisclosed 4th smoke-ring photo, but Heflin denied any fabrication and denied any memory of an approaching vehicle.

(Conceivably the original memo was a misunderstanding by Dolyak. For example, Heflin elsewhere reported that he heard Marine helicopters from El Toro in the air behind him during the sighting. Perhaps this was the sound he mentioned to Dolyak, who thought he meant a vehicle on the road?)

According to Robert Nathan's on-the-spot re-enactment it would have been impossible to see the object in #1 through the camera's pop-up viewfinder because it would be obscured by the van roof. This would not be the case if it was a model hanging in front of the windscreen.

(Confronted, Heflin responded that he didn't use the viewfinder but "shot from the hip". This could be a quick-thinking improvisation but, especially if not interpreted literally [the camera does appear to be closer to eye-level] could also be consistent with other statements by Heflin implying that he reacted instinctively and took the first shot very fast.)

There is an apparent inconsistency in Heflin's accounts of the number of "NORAD" visitors. In 1965 Capt. Reichmuth's report and a NICAP report, both within days of the event, specified a single visitor. At the Jan 1968 joint investigators meeting attended by Hartmann, McDonald, Nathan, and NICAP members Heflin stated that there had been two men. Asked to account for this Heflin "immediately replied" that there had been two men but that one had come forward and done most of the talking.

(It was clearly Reichmuth's impression that there had only been one man present at any time and he believed his interview had been thorough. The NICAP report was signed by Heflin. It's a matter of opinion whether this discrepancy could be explained by a misunderstanding, or whether Heflin's explanation is a plausible lie.)

According to Hartmann, McDonald also detected an inconsistency in descriptions of the "NORAD" visitors' ID cards, which Heflin said were like El Toro Marine Corps ID cards and had no photos.

McDonald determined that all El Toro ID cards did in fact have photos.

(This seems more like a minor misunderstanding than a substantial discrepancy.)

Heflin not only held back photo #4 of the smoke ring for over six weeks but did not mention to Dolyak, to Reichmuth or to NICAP that there had even been a smoke ring. The first mention of the existence of the ring and a 4th photo occurs in a NICAP report of an interview around Sept 20, where it's noted that Heflin asked them to keep it under wraps for the time being because of the recent phone calls (one from a man claiming to be a NORAD colonel) advising him to keep silent.

(However Heflin apparently did show the original 4th polaroid to a witness at the phone company as early as the afternoon of Aug 3. Hartmann interviewed this witness by phone, who confirmed having been taken aside and shown the photo which Heflin had left in the truck because he said people had seen "enough for one day".)

Dolyak noted that Heflin was "a model and electric train enthusiast" of ability "over and above the average model builder" and had model planes and cars on display in his living room. The model train hobby was shown on film by Stephen Black in 1968. According to Dick Hall, NICAP investigators "practically lived with Heflin and no evidence of a model building hobby was found". The contradiction here appears to have nothing to do with Heflin but does point up the fact that the model train issue was not to the fore in the early days and mention of it appears to be confined to the then-confidential Marine report. This is relevant to the status of the claim reported to the Santa Ana Register in late Aug or early Sept 1965 (and again in 1997) by Ed Riddle that Heflin had photographed a toy train wheel.

(However there is no good evidence that the fakes seen by Riddle were actually made by Heflin.)

Well these are at least some of the circumstantial evidence issues we need to weigh up.

>But the truth requires that the hoax scenario also be considered.
>Make sense?

Certainly.

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>and I know they are real. The term "UFO believer" has a more
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>space aliens" are the two most disrespectful terms used by the
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I meant it exactly the way it is written - the snipped paragraph referred to (reinstated above for clarity) "sounds like" exactly the type of illogical argument-from-belief that we are all too familiar with. I'm very glad that your intended meaning was otherwise and was made within a tacit context that wasn't clear to me - the three experiences you now tell us about. But this was - and still is - a private matter for you. The explicit context of your "really genuine" remark, and of my response, was the Heflin case.

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>knowledge indicates to me that UFOs are, in fact, real I have to
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>As far as the photos, I think I share the view with others on
>this list that a photo alone is not going to be a persuasive
>factor in determining whether or not an alleged UFO is real or
>not. What I do find interesting is when the know-it-all skeptics
>declare a good UFO photo a fake, a hoax or offer some other
>convenient "explanation" against all the facts to the contrary,
>and then it is seized upon by some mainstream academic
>publication as the "truth".

The thing about the mainstream people who are so readily

influenced by facile explanations is that they have a presumption _against_ acceptance. I suggest that we need to educate them out of the habit of presumption - for or against - by our good example. My own position, as I said elsewhere, is that if there is no photographic evidence of hoax, and if circumstantial evidence does stack up in Heflin's favour, then it may be reasonable to give ourselves permission to proceed _as_if_ the photos are genuine for further research purposes.

>I'm still waiting for that UFO to crash in my backyard and
>collect some_ real_ evidence before the rapid response team gets
>there. :)

Good luck!

>Peace and one big UFO beam of light,

Thanks Kelly. I hope those beams are always harmless ! ;-)

Martin Shough

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Jul 3, 2006

Saucers Made No Ordinary Fireworks

By Phil Stanford

Today is Independence Day =96 which, of course, is all the excuse I need to write another searching column about the great UFO flyover of July 4, 1947.

Was it for real =96 or was it a mass hallucination? I certainly couldn't tell you.

What I do know, however, because I read about it in the newspapers, is that 59 years ago today, scores of Portlanders, including pilots, police officers, and just plain civilians like you and me, saw =96 or at least thought they saw =96 flying saucers above the Rose City.

According to no less a source than The Oregonian, the first flying saucers, or whatever they were, were sighted directly over Oaks Amusement Park.

Immediately, the police bureau put out an "all cars" alert, which was answered by three patrolmen who said they saw them, too.

One of them, Earl Patterson, identified as an "air corps veteran," said they were traveling fast, "wobbling and weaving," and in his opinion they were not airplanes.

The other two, Walter Lissy and Robert Ellis, both civilian pilots themselves, said what they saw were discs, making sudden changes in direction and traveling at a "terrific speed."

Capt. K.A. Prehn, along with two of his men at Harbor Patrol headquarters on Irving, reported seeing several "discs" pass overhead at a height of 10,000 feet.

They were unsure whether there were three or six of them because of confusing flashes from the objects, which "seemed to oscillate, weave and turn until =85 sometimes only a crescent was visible."

"Captain Prehn described the sight as a 'wobbling hubcap'." A regular plane was in the sky at the time," the news account continued, "but these were not planes, they agreed."

Meanwhile, over at state police headquarters on Southeast

McLoughlin, Sgt. Claude Cross reported seeing two objects that looked from a distance like "toy balloons, almost pure white, traveling sideways, with no flashing lights."

But lest you be tempted to take the easy way out =96 which is, of course, that these mysterious objects were actually top-secret CIA weather balloons =96 there"s the report from a United Airlines plane en route from Boise to Portland that night.

Or as the headline at the top of the first page of the July 5 Oregonian unmincingly put it:

"Air Liner Crew Confirms Flying Discs Over State"

Shortly after takeoff from Boise, World War II veteran Captain E.J. Smith, plus his co-pilot and a stewardess, spotted nine of them. Upon landing, Smith described them as "bigger than aircraft =85 very thin, very flat on the bottom and =85 rough or irregular on the top."

The discs, which were flying at about the same altitude as the plane, followed them for 15 minutes before suddenly vanishing.

"No object I know of could disappear so quickly," observed Smith.

The Oregonian"s headlines the next day read:

"Flying Saucers Everywhere; New Tales Convert Skeptics"

They just don"t write headlines like that over there anymore.

But then, to be fair, we haven"t had a decent UFO flyby in a long time, either.

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'UFO' Sighting Caught On Video

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Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jul 2006 11:25:13 -0400
Subject: 'UFO' Sighting Caught On Video

Source: Selby Today - Yorkshire, UK

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/pna2>

06 July 2006

[Frame-Grab at site]

'UFO' Sighting Caught On Video

Yet another UFO sighting has been captured on camera in the skies above Selby district.

As revealed in the Selby Times earlier this year, mysterious alien aircraft reports prompted a Selby UFO-spotter to appeal for help analysing the images.

Abbots Road resident Tony Topping has charted a huge rise in X-Files activity in recent years.

It was when the 35-year-old was looking back through camera footage of unexplained lights in the sky over his home in 1999, he noticed similarities in light patterns to a well documented sighting in Belgium.

Tony is now appealing for image analysis experts to come forward to help him with his discovery, while also looking to establish a local paranormal research group.

In the meantime, another strange light in the sky was spotted by Tony on June 23, fuelling claims Selby is something of a UFO hotspot.

He said: "At about 10.15pm, I was cycling down the canal and stopped to take a rest. I was on the stretch of track from the Burn canal bridge, towards the small hump-back bridge at Brayton.

"Oddly enough, the night before while cycling on the canal a very bright ball of light shot through the clouds at low height over an area being developed between the chemical factory and the rail bridge over the canal. I was a bit miffed having missed it off camera. However, on June 23 the object silently came through the clouds at a few hundred feet and moved from right to left glowing brightly. Luckily, I managed to film it.

"I plan in the months ahead to give a presentation evening in the town. If any older readers can help with rumours of sightings in the 1950's onwards, I would be grateful. As ever, e-mail me at tonyopsufo.nul with reports."

The Selby Times revealed last year how the area recorded an unprecedented 33 cases of X-Files phenomena in 2004 to shoot the district to third spot in the British UFO Hunters activity top ten.

Selby resident Jody Holden also featured in the paper earlier

this year after taking a photo of an image showing what she believed to be an alien spacecraft looking down on Brayton Barff.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 17:13:30 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jul 2006 12:25:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

>From: Joe Faccenda uforth.nul
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 5 Jul 2006 20:13:17 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

><snip>

>These photos are in no doubt unique, however flat-top UFOs have
>been cited in other reports, the Idaho 1947 Snake River Canyon
>for instance. So while the photos are unique, these type of
>craft appear to have been seen on other occasions.

>One aspect that puzzles me and perhaps it has already been
>examined and dealt with, is where is the UFO's shadow?

>There appears to be a shadow cast by the telegraph poles.

>Would it be possible to triangulate where the shadow of the UFO
>should be?

Only if we knew how far away the object was - for which purpose
a shadow would help! But you're right, there doesn't appear to
be a discernable shadow. I think this is a negative point, but
not necessarily a fatal one.

In each case the shadow of an object as big as Heflin said
(about 30 ft) would fall about 700 ft away (+/- depending on the
precise angular scale) in areas of scrub or rough ground where
we see some density variations due to uneven ground and/or
vegetation. I've looked hard and can't see anything definite,
but it's possible it's just lost in the ground texture,
especially in #2 and #3.

Photo #1 seems more promising, but at that sort of distance
(around the same as the 3rd phone pole, whose shadow is only
very faintly discernable) it would not necessarily be easy to
pick out in the patchy scrub. The Air Force photo lab theory is
more sensitive to the shadow test, since a 1 ft - 3 ft thrown
model would be only about 25-70 ft away and should cast a shadow
on the road. At the other end of the scale, a 1" model too close
to the windscreen would cast a shadow on the glass as David has
pointed out.

Martin Shough

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Secrecy News -- 07/06/06

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Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 12:11:38 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jul 2006 12:50:39 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/06/06

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CRS ON PROTECTING NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION

"It's not a crime to publish classified information," explained Washington Post reporter Dana Priest in an electric moment on last Sunday's NBC Meet the Press, even though "[commentator William] Bennett keeps telling people that it is."

Mr. Bennett, who was sitting right next to Ms. Priest, had declared last April that reporters like Ms. Priest who publish classified information "against the wishes of the President" should be "arrested."

"I don't think what they did was worthy of an award," Mr. Bennett had said, referring to the Pulitzer Prize-winning reporting by Ms. Priest and two New York Times reporters -- "I think what they did is worthy of jail." (Editor and Publisher, 04/18/06).

But Mr. Bennett was wrong and Ms. Priest was correct: There is no comprehensive statute that outlaws the publication of classified information.

(As Ms. Priest went on to explain, there are several narrow categories of classified information, such as communications intelligence, covert agent identities, and a few others that are protected by statute.)

A new report from the Congressional Research Service describes the legal framework governing the disclosure and publication of classified national security information.

"This report provides background with respect to previous legislative efforts to criminalize the unauthorized disclosure of classified information; describes the current state of the laws that potentially apply, including criminal and civil penalties that can be imposed on violators; and some of the disciplinary actions and administrative procedures available to the agencies of federal government that have been addressed by federal courts."

"Finally, the report considers the possible First Amendment implications of applying the Espionage Act to prosecute newspapers for publishing classified national defense information."

The Congressional Research Service does not make its products directly available to the public. But a copy of the new CRS report was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Protection of National Security Information," June 30, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RL33502.pdf>

ENGINEERING BIO-TERROR AGENTS

A private researcher investigating the history of the U.S. biological weapons program at the National Archives recently came up empty.

"She asked for the files for Fort Detrick from 1946 to 1956, and was brought 16 cartons," recounted Milton Leitenberg of the University of Maryland. "However, every single file in every one of the 16 cartons had been removed, and replaced with a page dated post-2002, saying that the item had been withdrawn."

The Fort Detrick records were removed from public access "after the Bush administration ordered agencies to withhold anything that might aid terrorists," reported Scott Shane, then of the Baltimore Sun, in an August 1, 2004 Sun story on Fort Detrick's Special Operations Division.

Meanwhile, the record of a congressional hearing that was held last year on biological terrorism has just been published.

See "Engineering Bio-Terror Agents: Lessons from the Offensive U.S. and Soviet Biological Weapons Programs," House Committee on Homeland Security, July 13, 2005:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2005_hr/bioterror.html

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UK Man's UFO Turns Out To Be Flare

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 06:28:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 06:28:35 -0400
Subject: UK Man's UFO Turns Out To Be Flare

Source: Barnsley Today - Lancashire, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/omxrx>

06 July 2006

UFO Scare

False alarm! UFO buffs can put down the binoculars and close the X-Files... for the time being.

Yesterday (Wednesday) The Star reported how reader Malcolm Rotchell and his bewildered family spotted a strange light shoot across the Rotherham skyline shortly after the electrical storm in the area on Sunday evening.

The bright orange ball "whooshed" over their home in Spring Croft, Kimberworth Park, then plummeted to earth after flying towards the direction of Swinton.

Malcolm thought the phenomenon could have been ball lightning, a firework or even aliens.

But Rotherham Council worker David Barker said: " I live in Kimberworth Park and saw the alleged UFO. It was definitely a flare! It was the type the army fire into the sky to illuminate the ground. It wasn't that high up either.

"I don't really see how anyone could mistake it for anything else. It went up like a flare, drifted slowly down like a flare then died out like a flare. It certainly wasn't ball lightning.

"To be fair, flares have been mistaken for UFOs in the past. There was a big flap in Arizona in the 90s where a whole city witnessed 'UFOs' landing on a mountain, only to be told a couple of days later it was army manoeuvres."

Paul Williams, of Greasbrough, also saw the light. He said:
"When I saw it, I didn't think anything else but that it was a distress flare.

"It went up quite quickly then seemed to drift for ages. It was orange, like the witness said, and went in the direction that he saw it. It corresponds with the time as well. It was definitely a flare."

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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C-SETI & UFOs

From: Don Ecker <decker0726.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 12:48:48 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 06:33:25 -0400
Subject: C-SETI & UFOs

C-SETI and Steve Greer. What more needs to be said? Back in the May/June issue of UFO Magazine, 1995 Vol. 10 issue 3, the theme of the issue was UFO Cults.

UFO took a look at the likes of folks like Billy Meier, Claude Vorilhon/Raelians, Ruth Norman, Sean David Morton, George King, George Green, et al. Well you should get the idea.

In that issue we also mentioned Dr. Steve Greer and C-Seti in a rather innocuous manner but brother did they get upset. Almost immediately the then executive director Shari Adamiak began passing on slanderous statements (made by Bill Cooper after my exposes on him) about Vicki and I on various computer networks.

The C-SETI West Coast Director Dr. Joe Burks sent us an 11 page letter which we ran portions of in the next issue. In the letter Burks invited us to have a "debate" with him on the Compuserve Computer Service. Well, I had a radio show so told him why not come on and we will debate? We invited Shari Adamiak on (who adamantly refused) but Burks accepted.

Dr. Burks was all up for a debate until it actually started, then proceeded to complain that he was being "picked on" and usually when doing a radio show, he was simply allowed to talk and talk and present his points! (Well, what in hell about the debate?)

This Sept. 1995 encore presentation with Dwight Schultz, myself, Vicki and Dr. Joe Burks is a classic! Please drop over to Dark Matters Radio and check it out.

Regards,

Don Ecker
<http://www.darkmattersradio.com>

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Re: Metallic Object Near Aircraft Over Mexico 2006

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 21:08:03 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 06:37:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Metallic Object Near Aircraft Over Mexico 2006

Dear discerning Listers,

Ray Stanford asks me to post the following on his behalf:

I have possibly identified the reportedly "metallic" (How about stainless steel?) object allegedly photographed from an airliner near Ixtapa, Mexico, as presented on Devesh Kumar's Rip-Off Site. I'm surprised no one on-List has mentioned the following possible identity:

Perhaps the photo was done to try and embarrass 'UFO believers' because of what the alleged UFO seems to be (photographed aboard an aircraft using a flash to give bright reflections), namely, a stainless steel airliner toilet (seat down), with the view surrounding it (including the seemingly and crudely electronically air-brushed 'distant UFO' and the part of the horizon, per se, that seems likewise unnatural) having been easily added using Photoshop, or similar software.

I'll admit the last time I saw a seat that, at least to my memory, looked like that - but I saw it better focused :) - was in November 2004, flying back from Germany. Having flown rather frequently before that, however, the 'UFO' surely looked familiar from the moment I saw the photo.

Interestingly, if that's what the photo features, the airline toilet would have been photographed pretty near the level of a guy's crotch (depending on one's height' of course), when he is standing there to urinate. Is some joker saying, "Piss on UFOs and their believers!"?

The photographer? A Punican Pelican?

Out of the alleged UFOs in photos (the good, the bad, the ugly) this is one we just may be able to flush, both literally and figuratively.

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UFOs & Digital Imaging [was: The Truth About the

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 06 Jul 2006 16:15:22 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 06:50:43 -0400
Subject: UFOs & Digital Imaging [was: The Truth About the

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 23:22:56 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 05 Jul 2006 12:26:15 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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>>From the first time I can remember seeing the Heflin photos,
>>which I believe was around 1970 in John Godwin's book "This
>>Baffling World," and for much of my life thereafter, they've
>>always impressed me as looking "real." To my eye, which is
>>untrained in any kind of photo analysis, the shadows and
>>perspectives all seem to line up the way they're supposed to.

>Over the years, however, I've become a lot less sure of my gut
>feelings about such things. I've seen a lot of magicians who do
>an excellent job of fooling me. I've seen many photos that have
>the same kind of real look to them but turned out to be less
>than genuine. For instance, I remember the first time I saw the
>Billy Meier photos in 1985, before all the hoopla and nonsense
>started. I stared at those photos in that big, glossy book for a
>long time, because they absolutely looked real. And that Mexico
>City saucer video. Boy, that was a good one!

That is one of the tragic features of the essentially total
overthrow of analog imaging (e.g., photographic film) in favor
of digital imaging.

When you go to a movie theater and see what can be software-
generated in digital format, it immediately brings into
suspicion any UFO (or other controversy-related) digital
image/video, no matter how "real" it looks.

With the limited resources/talent available for thorough
investigation of such material, it may well be that the most
practical approach is to reject all digital imagery out of
hand, even if some babies go out with the bathwater.

Mike

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Britain To Extradite Gary McKinnon To U.S.

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 06:56:21 -0400
Subject: Britain To Extradite Gary McKinnon To U.S.

Source: Reuters -

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Thu Jul 6, 2006

Britain Agrees To Extradite Hacker Suspect To U.S.

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain on Thursday approved the extradition a computer expert accused by the United States of perpetrating the world's "biggest military hack of all time."

Gary McKinnon was arrested in June last year following charges by U.S. prosecutors that he illegally accessed 97 U.S. government computers -- including Pentagon, army, navy and NASA systems -- causing \$700,000 worth of damage.

Interior Minister John Reid has signed an order for his extradition, his ministry said.

McKinnon, who could face up to 70 years in jail and fines of up to \$1.75 million, said he was planning to appeal against the decision, telling BBC News 24: "I am very worried and feeling very let down by my own Government."

The ministry said McKinnon now has 14 days to appeal.

McKinnon, whose hacking name was "Solo," has admitted gaining access to U.S. government computers but denies causing any damage.

He had tried to fight extradition, saying he was "already hung and quartered over there" and would not receive a fair trial.

Prosecutors said McKinnon hacked into sensitive networks over a one-year period from February 2002, crippling U.S. defense systems in the wake of the September 11 attacks.

At the time of the indictment, Paul McNulty, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, said: "Mr McKinnon is charged with the biggest military computer hack of all time."

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 17:01:29 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 07:13:02 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Rudiak

>From: Joe Faccenda uforth.nul
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 5 Jul 2006 20:13:17 EDT
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>should be?

The shadow of the pole directly in front of Heflin's van indicates that it was about 12:30 p.m. PDT. At that time, the sun was high in the sky (about 73 deg. altitude), and to his right and in back of him by about 28 deg.

I am currently developing a ray-tracing model of the Heflin scene. An object in the distance would cast a shadow on the ground a little left of the object and near the horizon. Also, because the photos are taken so low down, it will appear like a thin line.

Heflin's photo 1 UFO would cast a shadow out in the vegetation left of the road. If it's there, it would be masked by all the various shadows in the vegetation.

Heflin's photos 2 & 3 UFO would cast a shadow out in the field where there is no cover crop. Obviously a clear-cut shadow would prove the the photos genuine. However, if it's there, I haven't been able to find it.

Absence of a shadow could be for any number of reasons. It could be the film doesn't have the resolution or the roughness of the terrain conceals it or it can't be seen on photos presently available or the contrast is too low or there never was a distant object and the whole thing is a hoax. Unfortunately, we are again perhaps left with an ambiguous result.

David Rudiak

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Faccenda

From: Joe Faccenda <uforth.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 21:33:18 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 07:19:14 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Faccenda

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 17:13:30 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Joe Faccenda uforth.nul
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>not necessarily a fatal one.

Interesting Martin, thank you.

Is there no way to approximate how far the object was?

I am not a scientist or a mathematician so can only approach this in the most simplistic terms, and no doubt it has been scrutinised by experts, however just looking at the photographs one or two points.

It would appear that that the van/truck was parked near a telegraph pole, going by the shadow you can see in photo 2.

I presume it is a shadow of a telegraph pole because it extends onto the road, also you can see a telegraph pole behind the van in the mirror.

So say the van was 15 ft from the pole.

Going by the photo the object appears to be closer to the van than the next telegraph pole in photo 2 as it appears to be more in focus.

What I do not know is how far the poles are spaced, but say every 100 ft.

If even a middle distance was assumed 50ft plus the 15ft it makes the object 65 ft away.

The object appears to be directly over the white line in the road again I do not know the road width.

But given the pole distance and road width is there no way to approximate how far the object was?

As to the height of the object the van's windscreen must surely help in an approximation, if that is you had an identical van.

Ahh, I think I will just leave this to the experts!

All the best,

Joe

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Re: NZ Video [was: The Truth About the Heflin]

From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 16:14:14 +1000
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 08:00:32 -0400
Subject: Re: NZ Video [was: The Truth About the Heflin]

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 13:23:14 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 13:00:50 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 1 Jul 2006 22:16:19 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>This discussion of the Heflin case is essentially a course in
>>>"advanced ufology 4" in which all the possible, though
>>>improbable, hoax scenarios are being discussed as if any one of
>>>them might be provable when the available "hard data" (photos)
>>>probably do not contain evidence that would prove a hoax.

>>If you don't think of a hoax scenario you cannot then show that
>>the photos do not contain evidence that would prove it, leaving
>>open the possibility that they do.

>Certainly. All reasonable hoax scenarios should be studied. Even
>the "unreasonable" ones can be reviewed. Of course, "reasonable"
>can be in the mind of the reasoner... and if the reasoner is
>overly skeptic (Klassic "dyed in the wool skeptic") then
>"reasonable" to the skeptic can be what is completely
>unreasonable to the more neutral person.

>In Klass' book UFOs, The Public Deceived (1983; aptley named
>because he deceived the public), Klass argued that one
>particular section of the New Zealand UFO film (sighting Dec 31,
>1978) was film of the rotating red beacon on top of the plane as
>reflected from one of the right wing propellers.

>Based on the way Klass wrote about this film and associated
>sighting, the average reader would think his explanation was
>"reasonable." Only to one with some knowledge of optics and
>cameras, etc., would the explanation perhaps seem questionable.

>Only to one who knows optics and has studied this film would
>realize that the explanation is completely unreasonable. Here is
>a case of "turn about is fair play:" Klass proposed an
>explanation for the "hard evidence" contained in the
>photographic(film) images and the explanation then has to be
>studied and ultimately is shown to be "debunked."

>Thus, Klass was trying to "debunk" (explain) the sighting with
>his explanation and instead what happened was that his
>explanation was "debunked" by the photo data. (This is all
>explained in Prosaic Explanations, the Failure of UFO Skepticism
>at my web site.) There is some significance here that goes
>beyond just proving that his explanation was "bunk." He has
>appealed to that explanation after all others considered (many)
>were rejected for various reasons that he, evidently, accepted
>as valid. Hence this film/ sighting remains unexplained.

>Nevertheless, Klass won the "propaganda war" because his book
>with its garbage explanation was widely circulated and
>"believed" by the skeptics. My counter explanation, although
>expressed in detail many times to PJK _before_ he wrote his
>book, didn't make it off the cutting room floor. Klass wrote
>nothing about data that refuted his explanation. Not surprising.

><snip>

>>>In court a case generally is not made on the 'hard evidence'
>>>because an expert can always be found to dispute the hard
>>>evidence. Instead, the case is made on the circumstantial
>>>evidence.

>>Yes, but if counsel's arguments from circumstantial evidence had
>>the status of logical proofs there would be no need for due
>>process. In law we have judges and juries to settle arguments
>>based on competing interpretations of circumstantial evidence.
>>Outside the court judges cannot instruct juries, and no cynic
>>will ever accept that a case for extraordinary phenomena can be
>>made on circumstantial evidence unless they first accept that
>>all avenues of analysis of the hard evidence have been
>>exhausted. This may not be sufficient even then, but it is at
>>least necessary.

>>Of course if we are not concerned with convincing cynics then we
>>are free to adopt our own standards and elect our own "judges".
>>My own standard (FWIW) is based on the philosophy of "as if". I
>>would not accept the Heflin photos as genuine unless I was
>>confident of defending that position comfortably against all
>>comers. But in the absence of convincing evidence for a hoax I
>>would defend against all comers the position that it may be
>>reasonable to act _as_if_ they are genuine for certain purposes.

>I suppose one bottom line, if not the bottom line for any
>particular sighting, is this: what are you going to do once you
>decide a case is unexplained? The rigid skeptic may put it
>aside and simply wait, assuming that eventually an explanation
>will come along. This skeptic is comfortable assuming that it
>will be explained. Said skeptic is not likely to pay much more
>attention to the field of UFO research. Of more value to the
>subject is the skeptic who accepts a case is unexplained and may
>even seem unexplainable and then uses this knowledge to go on to
>find out if other cases are also unexplained or even seemingly
>unexplainable.

I was in New Zealand at the time of the '78 Kaikoura sightings
and recall the mainstream press being excited for about
three/four days. It started with a _Full_Front_ page spread with
photograph, then finished with the "squid boat" story on the
fourth day. It was a shame we never heard much more about it
until the documentary. It was considered to be the best
documented/radar visual sighting ever and it was disappointing
to see it die a death like that.

William

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Re: C-SETI & UFOs - Kaeser

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>Subject: C-SETI & UFOs

>C-SETI and Steve Greer. What more needs to be said? Back in the
>May/June issue of UFO Magazine, 1995 Vol. 10 issue 3, the theme
>of the issue was UFO Cults.

>UFO took a look at the likes of folks like Billy Meier, Claude
>Vorilhon/Raelians, Ruth Norman, Sean David Morton, George King,
>George Green, et al. Well you should get the idea.

>In that issue we also mentioned Dr. Steve Greer and C-Seti in a
>rather innocuous manner but brother did they get upset. Almost
>immediately the then executive director Shari Adamiak began
>passing on slanderous statements (made by Bill Cooper after my
>exposes on him) about Vicki and I on various computer networks.

CSETI may have been formed with good intentions, but it seemed
to become a personality driven group. Some of the Members of the
original Board are good investigators, but I believe they may
have impacted their own reputation by their involvement.

Steve

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UFO Caught On Video In Banbury UK

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29 June 2006

UFO Caught On Camera

A pleasant evening barbecue turned into a sci-fi drama when a teenager spotted a UFO and captured it on film.

For 19-year-old Jamie Crawford it was a dream come true when he was able to reach for his camcorder and record his sighting.

An expert has confirmed the images are genuine.

"I've always wanted to see a UFO and to catch one on tape is a real bonus," said Mr Crawford of Marjoram Walk, Banbury. "I was very excited and shaking like mad while I filmed.

"We were just serving food in our back garden and I saw something peculiar out the corner of my eye. I got the camcorder and as soon as I zoomed in I thought 'I've caught a UFO'."

Mr Crawford said to the naked eye the object was about the size of a thumb nail and glinted in the sun. It was visible for about seven minutes and seemed to float slowly upwards at an angle before disappearing.

From his Hanwell Fields home the object was southeast, the same direction of the now disused RAF Upper Heyford airbase. The incident took place at about 7pm on Thursday June 8.

Mr Crawford said: "One of my friends was a bit sarcastic at first when I pointed it out in the sky, but then he admitted it was a bit weird.

"I've always believed in aliens and this has confirmed my theories. I'm not sure what they'd be doing here, maybe monitoring how we live, but I'm going to keep checking the skies."

Mr Crawford's video footage was converted to stills by a technician at Oxford and Cherwell Valley College's Banbury campus media department.

Kevin Robinson, programme manager for media and performing arts, witnessed the transfer and said the images on the camera looked genuine and reflected real structure, not digital distortion or ghosting.

Suggestions in the editing suite included a Harrier jump-jet, Chinook helicopter and squashed fly, though Mr Robinson's personal preference was a Stealth bomber.

"At that distance and zoom if it was heading towards the camera

before banking and heading away it might give the false impression that it was hardly moving," he said.

"It seems an awful long way for aliens to come just to watch someone's barbeque, but whatever it was it was definitely there."

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Reporting On UFOs

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Reporting On UFOs

By Tim Swartz
FATE Magazine

On November 26, 2002, North American Aerospace Defense Command began receiving reports of a contrail of unknown origin in the air over the Turks and Caicos Islands in the Caribbean. Fighter jets were scrambled from several bases to intercept the unknown that was heading northwest toward the U.S., but reportedly, nothing was spotted. Commercial airline pilots later reported the contrail over Florida and later over Indiana.

This fascinating report received scant attention in the U.S. press, which is unusual considering the zeal for "national security" that has been rampant since 9/11. The thought is disturbing that an unknown aircraft could fly with impunity over the United States and receive only a few paragraphs in local papers. What could possibly explain this odd lack of curiosity by the national media?

Actually, the failure of the press to respond to this story is no surprise considering that the mainstream press has developed the attitude that UFO reports are strictly for the tabloids. This position has become so pervasive that when some editors and journalists have attempted serious, well researched UFO investigations, they have found themselves isolated by their peers.

The popular misconception is that UFOs are seen only by the uneducated, the mentally ill, or hoaxers seeking personal gain. Because of this, many think that any reporter interested in handling such a story must also be so inclined. Heaven help a journalist who has had a personal UFO experience and attempts to report on it. He may face severe questions concerning his credibility.

There had been some hope within the UFO community that the subject of UFOs would be given fair treatment when ABC ran the special Peter Jennings Reporting: UFOs=97Seeing Is Believing on February 24, 2005. However, the program had little to do with objectively reporting on the UFO phenomenon and instead dealt more with debunking the extraterrestrial hypothesis, treating the subject as if this was the only explanation for UFOs. For those who have been active over the years in UFO research, the

ABC show was just more of the same when it comes to the media's mindset toward the phenomena.

According to the current attitude with the news media, there has never been anything mysterious about UFO sightings; they can all be easily explained away with glib, uninformed blanket statements. However, this has not always been the case. In the late 1940s the mainstream press regularly covered UFO reports. At that time UFOs were a relatively unknown phenomenon and had not been tainted by the "lunatic fringe" that would surface in the 1950s and '60s. By then, most media outlets had become discouraged by the lack of progress in explaining UFOs and little, if any, verifiable evidence.

By the time the 1970s had rolled around, UFO stories were permanently consigned to the back pages next to the horoscope column. Except for local, small-town papers, the news media rarely reports UFO sightings. When they do, the subject is presented as a "feature story," not to be taken seriously. In large metropolitan newspapers, the occasional UFO report that does get printed is usually restricted to the paper's entertainment section.

A Few Brave Souls

Some journalists have taken on the challenge of serious UFO investigations. Unfortunately, many have suffered setbacks in their careers as a result of their research. Others have been ignored or permanently ostracized. One such journalist, who was not afraid of the stigma of reporting on UFOs, was White House correspondent Sarah McClendon, who covered the White House beat for over 50 years. As an independent freelance reporter, McClendon provided a strong and assertive role model for journalists by asking controversial and provocative questions.

In 1998, McClendon reported in her newspaper column, newsletter, and radio commentary about the call from ufologists and enthusiasts for government disclosure on UFOs and the establishment of a global scientific conference on the subject. McClendon said, "The lid on UFOs is gradually coming off. There is a national drive to get one million signatures on a petition calling for an open Congressional hearing for government employee witnesses."

A March 30, 1998, press release from McClendon stated that, "Unidentified Flying Objects, a term given for many years to unexplained sightings of craft in the skies over every state in the Union, are actual visitors from other worlds, believe a community of scientists and technicians employed by government.

"The real danger to the U.S. and perhaps this whole planet is the government has placed such a heavy blanket of secrecy upon this issue. So much secrecy, those in government who have knowledge showing UFOs are identifiable feel the subject cannot be discussed by those in the know without serious repercussions. Others are afraid their friends and co-workers will think they are crazy if they even so much as insinuate that UFOs are identifiable as manned craft from outside the earth. This particularly applies to newspaper editors and publishers, reporters and analysts. Thus the U.S. is denying itself the chance to learn more about UFOs or to encourage research despite the fact the United States stands to gain from such discussions."

Other reporters have put their reputations on the line by trying to report on UFOs, only to find their efforts unexpectedly thwarted.

In a recent article entitled More Proof Of Media UFO Coverup, reporter Greg Boone recounted his UFO experience while employed at the Poughkeepsie Journal newspaper in New York state. On August 25 1985, Boone, along with ten other newsmen, received word from a photographer that a huge, boomerang-shaped UFO was slowly flying over the area.

The photographer stated that the craft was headed south and it might be visible from the third-floor office windows. The ten journalists rushed to the windows and watched in amazement as a dark shape with amber and red lights and about 100 feet above the ground slowly approached their building.

"This thing got huge and believe it or not flew right over top of us by about 40 feet," Boone recalled. "It had to be 200 feet wide and was jet black."

Boone and his colleagues were certain that they had the story of the century.

"We had access to AP, Gannett, etc., and USA Today, which we mainly put out. Nope. Word came down from on high that not one word was to be mentioned. Solid object, hovered, maneuvered, seen by tens of thousands, pictures taken, and no mention anywhere.

The next day, some 'menacing' chaps showed up in our editorial office. I got in trouble for staring back just as menacingly. That night at the local watering hole where I would sit and do sketches after work another big menacing fellow waltzes in with a stack of papers and pictures eight inches high. Slams them on the bar and bellows a threat: 'So! Somebody in here wanted to talk about UFOs?'

He made a big mistake. My high school and college chums were at the bar that night and were just as big and menacing. He was ceremoniously ushered out of the bar by about 3,000 pounds of very angry citizens."

Press Blackouts

Even though it has been denied, there is no doubt that the military and other government agencies have been responsible at times for press blackouts concerning UFO sightings. Government orders to silence the press about UFOs are not, however, contained strictly within the United States. In 1996, a top-level BBC executive let slip that there is a D-Notice (black-out) on media reporting of black triangle UFOs. The executive, who has kept his identity hidden, is the former producer of a popular BBC science program. He told one investigator that the black triangle UFO has been "heavily D-Noticed" by the British government. Consequently the BBC will not be reporting on the strange UFO, no matter how many witness reports they receive.

According to the former producer, the government has quietly informed the BBC that the craft is part of a new secret military project and is protected under the secrecy laws.

In the United States the press has become 'self-policing' when it comes to serious, investigative reports on the UFO phenomenon. Rarely will the larger media outlets in the major markets allow anything but the silliest UFO stories to reach the public. On the rare occasion that a legitimate UFO-related story does make the headlines, more often than not, the reporter will add personal opinions to the piece in an attempt to save face and invoke the "giggle factor."

It's All Just One Big Joke

A good example of this was science writer Lee Dye's July 1, 1998, column on the ABC News website. Dye's column dealt with the Laurance Rockefeller-funded 50-page report that called for reexamination of UFO evidence. The report, issued by an international panel of nine scientists, focused on physical phenomena such as photographs, radar readings, and biological effects of UFO incidents and was highly supported by astrophysicist Peter Sturrock of Stanford University.

Dye writes that, "No matter how carefully such a report is worded, it can't help but lend credibility to those who claim we've been visited by ETs. That isn't the point of the report, of course, but by calling for better scientific scrutiny of such claims, Sturrock and the other scientists have exposed themselves to the 'giggle syndrome'. The next time he attends a scientific symposium; he can expect a few snickers when he walks in the room.

In interviews with reporters after the study was released, Sturrock said life probably abounds throughout the universe, but 'most physicists believe it is quite impossible to travel from one star to another.' Most physicists? What about him? All he's willing to say is let's take another look at the evidence. OK, but no giggling."

Clearly, Dye has interjected his own personal opinions on the subject rather than reporting on the story objectively. This is the real underlying problem when it comes to impartial reporting on UFOs. Many journalists feel that the subject is just "too weird" to warrant real investigation. Instead, most take the low road of journalism and turn their stories into humorous pieces that ridicule everyone involved, no matter how impressive their credentials.

Taking Responsibility

Tom Burch, in his article *Opinions Disguised As News*, writes, "The UFO phenomenon is newsworthy and deserves professional news coverage. There are many more angles to the UFO subject than the news media seems to recognize. This in itself is weighty evidence to suggest that the news media is fundamentally ignorant of the facts relating to the UFO issue. For example, the media fails to sense that there is more substance to the UFO controversy than just the question of whether or not extraterrestrials are visiting our Earth. While the answer to this question has a most profound significance to us all if the answer is 'yes,' it is not the only question being asked by UFO investigators."

Burch goes on to write that the very persistence of the UFO controversy is newsworthy in itself.

"The UFO debate merits news coverage because both sides of the UFO dispute are articulated by highly credentialed spokespersons from science, industry, and academia. Each side in the dispute has something to say. Each side has inherent strengths and weaknesses in its argument. Both the proponents and opponents in the UFO controversy deserve equal time in a public forum, and the American people deserve access to it. The public does have a right to know."

To be fair, the study of UFO reports is fraught with problems for the media. In order to present a story fairly and accurately, a journalist must have concrete, verifiable evidence. As any responsible UFO researcher will tell you, solid evidence for the physical reality of UFOs has been hard to come by. Despite the thousands, maybe millions, of UFO sightings over the decades, the evidence that has been uncovered so far has been mostly anecdotal. Even when solid evidence has been brought forward, such as the mysterious metal parts said to be from a crashed flying saucer and sent to radio talk show host Art Bell, there are still many unanswered questions that would prevent most journalists from taking on such a controversial story.

Perhaps the time will come when a courageous newspaper editor or national television news director will decide to take the time and effort to conduct a real, objective investigative report on UFOs. Until then, the press will continue to avoid their responsibility by bombarding the public with soft, silly stories about little green men from outer space and the interesting people who always seem to encounter them.

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[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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'47 & Beyond The Coming Of Saucers Down Under

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1947 And Beyond - The Coming Of The Saucers Down Under

"Flying saucers" entered the mainstream in 1947. Initially perceived as an American passing fad newspapers in Australia picked up on the controversy. It wasn't long before locals were reporting their own "saucer" sightings. There were many reports before 1947 but it was this wide public manifestation and reporting that ushered in the "flying saucer" era which in turn would be recognised and defined as the UFO phenomenon. My web site www.theozfiles.com documents some of the Australian pre 1947 sightings along with a few 1947 reports.

An example of the Australian reporting of the period can be seen in the front page of the Sydney afternoon newspaper, The Sun, of July 8 1947 - "39 States See 'saucers', Mystery Deepens, Fantastic Theories, 6 Claim They Saw "Saucers" Over Sydney, "Illusions," Claims Psychologist."

If you wish to see this front page story go to my web log page:

<http://theozfiles.blogspot.com>

Other Sydney newspaper coverage at the time included the following headlines: "First 'Saucer' Found Was A Balloon" (a reference to the Roswell story - The Sun, July 9), "More 'flying Saucers' Reported In U.S." (Daily Mirror July 7), "Two 'Flying Saucers' Seen To Land In U.S., Searchers Fail To Find Any Traces, Phenomena Seen By Sydney People." (Daily Mirror, July 8), (and in a measure of how quickly the treatment changed) "Saucers Beginning To Make For Shelves, Back-To-EARTH Flight Route, Festival For the Screwballs." (Daily Mirror, July 9) Inside the Mirror reported "Flying Saucer" Grounded On Ranch Handed Over to U.S. Army Details Of Disc Kept Secret. Sky Gazers Got It In The Neck (this story announced "Sydney people have given up gazing into the heavens after "flying saucers") , The Sydney Daily Telegraph newspaper reported a similar evolution in reporting: "Flying Saucers" Reported In American Skies (July 7), "American Planes Patrol For "Flying Saucers" (July 8), "It Was Only A Storm In A Saucer U.S.A. Now Laughs At Disc "Flights Of Fancy" (July 9), "Flying Saucers" Queer Tales Told By "Observers" (July 9). Sydney's "newspaper of record" - the Sydney Morning Herald chimed in with stories like "Students At Sydney University See "Flying Saucers"; Professor F..S. Cotton's Theory" (July 8) and "Sydney People Still Say They're Seeing "Flying Saucers" (July 9).

It was a pretty tough gauntlet that any "saucer" spotter would have to run. The media treatment ensured that the UFO phenomenon's manifestations would remain largely marginalised and somewhat hidden. For Australia at least it would take a rash of sightings in 1950 to give a more substantial public launch for the UFO mystery down under. These included the sightings of Fred Bepps in Geelong Victoria during June 1950 and Alex Holland near Avoca Victoria in July 1950.

It is ironic that the reporting of a less compelling sighting in New South Wales in April 1950 on the front page of the "Sunday Sun" of April 23 (They Call These Flying Saucers Strange sight scares women) may have registered prominently in the

consciousness of the "father of Australian ufology" Edgar Jarrold. Inside the same issue Jarrold was "profiled" in the Sun's "People: Human Stories" but not for any UFO or flying saucer angle. That would come with his own sighting in the following year (1951), which led to him to form his Sydney based UFO group - the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau - in July 1952. The Sun's 1950 "profile" described Jarrold as "a man with a secret" - "a book with such a weird plot that it frightens him whenever he thinks about it", a mystery novel called "Death's Darkness". Interviewed at the plaster factory where he worked Jarrold lamented the lot of a struggling writer. He indicated, "I received no encouragement from my parents, who simply bought me expensive accountancy courses which I never finished." The piece is accompanied with a photo of the 31 year old Edgar Ruce Jarrold. A better copy of the photo of Jarrold used in the article was kindly provided to me by his son Karl. The same column reported that E. Stanley Brookes of the Melbourne Society of Psychic and Occult Scientific Research had psychic circle "insights" into the nature of "flying saucers" - "radar-controlled war weapons... being experimented with by at least two nations". Stanley Brookes, indicated he was also known as "the Graveyard Man" and "the only Australian Red Indian Chief". I think I get his "grave" drift... lets put it down to the era and a bit of eccentricity.

Jarrold's past was rather colourful and interesting. Indeed during World War Two he languished for some time in an internment camp on the Isle of Man for expressing anti-British opinions and becoming a security concern. His internment was probably over extended because of the complication of his use of a false name - Roy Peter Simpson. He was eventually released returning to Australia in August 1943. An extensive security file exists and is accessible via the National Archives of Australia (File Series A367 Item C70388) Keith Basterfield of the Australian Disclosure project kindly provided me with a copy of the file in 2004.

Despite the delayed and tentative beginnings the UFO controversy in Australia is an extraordinary manifestation of a global phenomenon with many rich and potent expressions with numerous breakthrough cases and developments emerging from down under. Some of these can be found on my web site (at the link given above) and in my books "The OZ Files - the Australian UFO Story" (1996) and "Hair of the Alien" (2005) (the latter focuses on the alien DNA paradigm strikingly revealed in the DNA study of the biological evidence involved in the Peter Khoury abduction milieu - a case study from Sydney Australia).

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UFOs In La Joya Spain

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Spain: La Joya - A UFO Enclave - Several Residents Discuss Their Experiences

ANTEQUERA - Ufologists study the proliferation of sightings in southern Torcal; theories aimed at explaining sightings in the region range from aircraft and weather balloons to aliens and temporal doorways.

"I was returning from seeing my girlfriend and decided to step aside from the road and take a shortcut through the fields. That's when it showed up. It was like a car with four powerful headlights, but it flew only a few meters over the ground." This is the eyewitness account given by Juan Arrabal, an electrician from the region of La Joya, Antequera, and is at least one of a dozen gathered by this newspaper in a rural district located on the slopes of Torcal. There, ufologists are looking into the recent proliferation of so-called UFO sightings in the area. His friend Antonio Vazquez ratifies the story. "I was with him. It's true, it was like the front part of a car, and I can tell you that a vehicle cannot transit through that area," he says. "It traveled at some 30 or 40 meters over the ground."

Pedro Martin Gomez's experience begins on Cerro de las Caba=Flas, near Acebuche, and also in La Joya. This resident of La Joya saw two lights that remained motionless for at least two hours. It happened one summer night while he walked. Something similar happened to Jose Maria Martin, another resident -- this construction worker, married with children, was able to see a ceaseless coming and going of lights, criss-crossing their paths for hours, while hunting ferrets.

Luis Mariano Fernandez has researched phenomena in La Joya for many years. "I was traveling through the vicinity of Los Navazos around 3 a.m. when three lights forming a triangle suddenly appeared. We didn't see a structure, nor any iron or metalwork, and they moved slowly," he adds. "It was a UFO, for sure," remark witnesses.

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UFOs Over Mt. Uritorco Argentina

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ARGENTINA: UFOs over Mt. Uritorco

An interesting image taken by Ana Wolfenson and David Magram from Capilla del Monte, Argentina, showing an object resembling a "tube of light" as described by the witnesses themselves.

"This was something that took place some 5 years ago, I remember it well...we took the photo from the backyard with a little plastic camera, one of those Creative for PC ones. We were taking some cloud photos, as we are tireless sky watchers. When we downloaded the images to the computer, we saw that tube of light with the shape of an M or a W. I think that there are many things around us and interacting with us at all times, even when we can't see it..."

Ana is the mother of young David, 19, and both have engaged in fine research activity through their website, in the majestic Argentinean summit can be seen (through a webcam) where other interesting images of chance UFOs have been picked up.

Mount Uritorco is acknowledged as a site of unexplained phenomena ranging from lights seen at its summit to possible UFO landings, as well as metaphysical theories involving dimensional doorways and hidden underground cities, with a similarity to the stories woven around Cerro Tepozteco in Mexico.

[Images at Frank Warren's Blog:

<http://tinyurl.com/jass4>

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The Roswell Festival of Stars

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catja90024.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 09:02:21 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 13:58:25 -0400
Subject: The Roswell Festival of Stars

To the Lister who wanted news from Roswell:

We didn't make into Roswell until Monday afternoon, July 3rd. Took a dip in the Sally Port spa and pool, and then headed over to the International UFO Museum. All the lectures were over. Don Schmitt and Tom Carey had just left for an interview when we arrived. But, Derrel Sims - that old alien hunter - was still around. Derrel and I are old acquaintances; so we sat down in the library lounge for an update/chat. We spent at least an hour, as Derrel dazzled the people sitting around the library listening in on our sharing. Apparently, Derrel had found "another eye-witness" last year and told Carey/Schmitt team about this guy. Is this the subject of Carey/Schmitt's new book?

I swear, as tourism is to Egypt, 'eye-witnesses' are to Roswell. A resource.

Well, folks, I am here to tell you I found - unintentionally - yet another 'eye witness'. Like I said; they are everywhere in Roswell. Dime a dozen! And guess where? Sitting in the car next to ours out at the old base watching the fireworks.

More on this guy's story in my book! Everybody has a book on Roswell. Well, now, I've got a book.

BTW: Roswell does know how to party. Not only were there official fireworks, but the entire surrounding horizon had private fireworks in the air. If the mothership would have wanted to land, "caution" would have been the watch word.

Your temporary, on site, Roswell correspondent,

KK

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Re: UFO Caught On Video In Banbury UK - Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catja90024.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 08:38:26 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 14:00:44 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Caught On Video In Banbury UK - Kasten

UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>wrote:

>Source: The Banbury Guardian - Oxfordshire, UK

><http://tinyurl.co.uk/u91z>

>29 June 2006

>UFO Caught On Camera

Of course, everybody went on line to see when the ISS was passing overhead. Viewing it, is almost at naked-eye level. Everybody with a computer can go on line to NASA.com and look at the schedule for ISS pass over.

KK

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UFO Mystery Sightings Were Balloons

From: **Geoff Richardson** <geoff.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 16:57:37 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 14:04:36 -0400
Subject: UFO Mystery Sightings Were Balloons

Source:

http://www.shropshirestar.com/show_article.php?aID=3D46543

Jul 03, 2006

UFO Mystery Sightings Were Balloons

The mystery lights in the sky

Telford was gripped by UFO fever at the weekend when people spotted dozens of weird lights floating through the night sky. But the display was in fact produced by balloons designed to hoax the public.

The sightings were made just before midnight on Saturday in the south Telford area.

Reader Natalie Ashman, who e-mailed us photographs of the vision, said she saw a cluster of about 20 red lights passing over the town.

But the lights were almost certainly caused by special balloons which cost =A310 for a packet of six. Ray Prince, director of manufacturers UFO Balloons, which sells up to 80 each week, said a regular customer had informed him that about 200 balloons had been launched in south Telford.

The above events occurred on 1st July, 2006 which was, of course, Euro Pride Day!

These pesky pink balloons have caused trouble before of course!

See:

http://www.thewhyfiles.net/v_shape2.htm#satcom

Geoff Richardson
www.thewhyfiles.net

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Re: Reason's Reasoning - Reason

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 17:09:11 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 14:07:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Reason's Reasoning - Reason

>From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 11 Jun 2006 23:10:29 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Reason's Reasoning

>If you have a spare year or two, you could write a book about
>how different fields could approach alien encounters - where
>their area of expertise provides insight, and where their area
>of expertise falls short.

>Maybe the concept of the book could be that you've been asked to
>assemble a blue ribbon panel to examine the alien matter. Each
>chapter would be a person (an invented person) from a different
>profession; you'd explain what their strengths would reveal
>about aliens. And to make the book more than just a fanciful
>"what if", you could cite where other members of their
>profession fell short (i.e. Clancy and McNally for example), and
>explain *why*. Ultimately you'd prove that in order to
>understand aliens, we need many different perspectives working
>on different aspects. Which may be obvious, but, it's an obvious
>point worth making, IMO.

Thank you for the nice thought, but I'm afraid I could never write such a book, for two reasons. One is that I simply don't know enough about Ufology - I don't have the kind of in-depth knowledge of cases, or patterns of cases, which would be necessary.

The other reason is that, while I could go some way toward delineating the strengths and weakness of my own field, I certainly would not be in a position to do this for any other field. If one wants the results of a blue-ribbon panel, then I think one actually has to assemble a blue-ribbon panel.

There is one lesson which I think the UFO phenomenon, and in particular the abduction phenomenon, can teach us - it underlines the extent to which modern Western culture has a problem dealing with the notion of the subjective. This is every bit as true of psychology as it is of, say, physics. Over the years we have built up a kind of rationalist theology which is based more on the hierarchical structure of academia itself than on anything found in nature. So it is implicitly assumed that all new phenomena will slot neatly into this hierarchy which has physics at its foundation, and everything else supervening on top of it.

There are at least two things which I am quite sure will never slot into this physicalist hierarchy: One is the existence of human consciousness, and the other is the human capacity to know with certainty that we are conscious. This is in essence the mystery of the subjective. What this tells us about UFOs I really don't know - but I do suspect this ultimate mystery may be the key to a great many other mysteries.

Cathy

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Re: Reason's Reasoning - Reason

From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 16:50:11 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 15:57:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Reason's Reasoning - Reason

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jun 2006 11:18:57 +0100
>Subject: Re: Reason's Reasoning

Hello Martin,

Ok, I've tried to cut this down to a minimum, as you suggested a couple of weeks ago.

<snip>

>The picture you appear (to me) to have in your mind is of a sort
>of pinball machine where the phase point representing progress
>is a blind ball bounced randomly from test to test as from pin
>to pin, each move disconnected from the relationships of past
>tests (the body of knowledge) and from the objective of future
>testing, but when it happens by chance to roll over the location
>of a hidden pin then that pin pops up. As the density of the
>pins increases so the constraints on the random walk of the ball
>get tighter and it follows more closely the underlying pattern.
>This is a literally aimless process but does by chance get
>somewhere.

No, this is certainly not the picture I had in mind! This is far too mechanistic and formal. I believe, on the contrary, that the process of describing what happens when science is done is impossible to formalize.

>My pinball machine would be similar but less mechanistic in that
>it contains a smart cursor instead of an inert one. The ball in
>my machine is capable of learning. It does not start out smart,
>but it has a lot of internal degrees of freedom. It has an
>internal register or history of moves, and it is capable of
>predictive responses to the evolving pattern of pins. In short
>by trying out theory-like strategies it acquires some active
>control over the game, develops a degree of self-organisation,
>actively seeks out new pins to facilitate new connections,
>drives down the randomness in the process, and so gets somewhere
>>faster.

I certainly wasn't envisaging a random or directionless process. Rather I don't believe directionality is a characteristic only of scientific theories. Science is about provability, not truth. Mathematics has direction, but it isn't science. Philosophy, theology and maybe even some pseudoscience may have direction. They may point to the truth, but their truths are not provable. Scientific theories are scientific because they can be tested, not because they have direction.

>And I wonder if this gets us to the real root of your distrust
>of theorism? Is it perhaps only partly your radical positivism,
>more largely a (related) radical reductionism and
>epiphenomenalism? You see 'higher-level' functions as being
>explained away by their description at smaller spacetime scales,
>and your instinct is to try to represent the scientific process
>as driven by deterministic interactions among particles of fact?
>I mention this because I don't share this view, and if basic
>metaphysical differences are at least partly the issue then

>there is probably little chance of resolution.

I don't regard myself as a radical reductionist (but it's hard to say more without having some idea what sort of reductionism we're talking about, because there are several different kinds and any one of them could be termed "radical" from one perspective or another). I certainly don't endorse epiphenomalism!

I do distrust the notion of emergent properties, which I don't think makes logical sense. In that sense I guess you could call me a radical reductionist. But I don't regard the scientific process as a mechanistic one (Brownian or otherwise). I don't believe it can be formalized at all. This is not at all the same as saying it lacks direction or is completely random. It just means there is no criterion, other than the criterion of being testable, which differentiates scientific ideas from unscientific ones.

Cathy

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 15:58:49 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

>From: Joe Faccenda <uforth.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 21:33:18 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 17:13:30 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Joe Faccenda uforth.nul
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 5 Jul 2006 20:13:17 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>Only if we knew how far away the object was - for which purpose
>>a shadow would help! But you're right, there doesn't appear to
>>be a discernable shadow. I think this is a negative point, but
>>not necessarily a fatal one.

>Interesting Martin, thank you.

>Is there no way to approximate how far the object was?

Hi Joe,

This is obviously the \$64k question, but unfortunately the answer is effectively "No".

>I am not a scientist or a mathematician so can only approach
>this in the most simplistic termes, and no doubt it has been
>scrutinised by experts, however just looking at the photographs
>one or two points.

>It would appear that that the van/truck was parked near a
>telegraph pole, going by the shadow you can see in photo 2.

>I presume it is a shadow of a telegraph pole because it extends
>onto the road,also you can see a telegraph pole behind the van
>in the mirror.

What you see is mainly the shadow of the cross member on the top of the pole with a little of the pole shadow descending from it towards the right.

>So say the van was 15 ft from the pole.

>Going by the photo the object appears to be closer to the van
>than the next telegraph pole in photo 2 as it appears to be more
>in focus.

What images are you using? Are you looking at photographic copy prints, digital scans or half-tone repros? Unless you are looking at the originals or good early-generation copy prints under high magnification, I think this is a subjective judgment and probably arguable.

The true relative focus is impossible to estimate from the full-frame JSE scans, for example, where the outline aliasing of the

pole (the one you mention) due to the scan raster accounts for at least two pixels (one either side) in an image that is never more than 5 pixels wide from sky tone to sky tone. Crudely speaking, the blurring of the edge of the pole in the original Polaroid would have to exceed ~ 20% of the pole's width before it would even begin to be recorded in principle on this scan.

Then look at the bottom edge of the UFO which is tilted at a larger angle with respect to the scan raster, and so is less susceptible to aliasing. The digital resolution of this edge will detect a smaller degree of photographic blur on the print than will the digital edge of the pole. In fact the depth of aliasing on this edge looks much the same, about a pixel. So we don't even get down near to the level of real optical focus in these scans. Any difference in the true sharpness of the UFO and the pole (there is the issue of possible motion blurring to consider) will be much smaller than the digital resolution of either.

Absent the original prints or early-generation copy prints of proven high quality (I certainly have neither) we are reduced to looking at the literature. According to the Santa Ana Register's Chief Photographer (1965) "all parts of the picture [were] in focus, from the windows. . . on down the road to the cars [on the freeway]." This was from copy prints made from the original Polaroids via an internegative. Ralph Rankow, NICAP's professional photo consultant, said (1967) "I made enlargements from copies of the original prints and found them sharp throughout. In fact the power lines which are parallel to the freeway and which were some 1,500 feet from the camera [and more, MS] in the background are finely resolved."

The JSE authors mention that "previous analysis has already shown that the telephone lines (and the UFO) were in sharp focus", but then go on to state: "Author Kelson has independently detected an unusual 'blurring' around the object, particularly in Photo 1, which is not due to ordinary phenomena such as motion or camera focus blur. This problem has impeded efforts to positively confirm size and distance. This blur issue correlates with Robert Nathan's finding, 30 years prior [but it's unsatisfactory that no source is cited] of a 'fuzziness' in the craft image which he could not relate to motion of the camera or of the craft."

So adding this possibly anomalous slight blurring of the object to the unresolved question raised (by Viktor Golubik among others) about possible oscillatory motion blurring, bearing in mind the poor pixel resolution of digital scans, and setting all this in context with expert testimony as to the sharp focus of the farthest background, it seems hard to defend your suggestion that the object looks in sharper focus than the nearest phone pole.

The only source of agreement I can find for you is the original Air Force FTD photo analysis report, which stated that "the terrain background was blurred in all three photographs" based on viewing enlargements of copies. But is this reliable? The same report concludes that the UFO was 1' - 3' across and "in the same plane" [i.e. at the same distance] as the centre white stripe in the road, because "the center white stripe and the object appeared to have the same sharp image". As Rankow pointed out in 1967 this incoherent, inasmuch as "no two points on that white stripe which are equally distant from the camera". In fact far from being normal to the line of sight "the plane" of the white line is within about 10 degrees of being parallel to it! The Project 10073 record card states that "poloroids" (sic) were taken, that they were taken through the open van window (it was closed), and that "photos 1 and 2 showed the object the same distance from the camera lens, and the third slightly farther away" (in fact #1 is the odd one out, with #2 and #3 appearing to show the object significantly further away). Given this sort of reliability I'd rather trust other sources.

>What I do not know it how far the poles are spaced, but say
>every 100 ft.

According to the USMC investigation they were about 300 ft apart.

>If even a middle distance was assumed 50ft plus the 15ft it
>makes the object 65 ft away.
>The object appears to be directly over the white line in the

>road again I do not know the road width.
>But given the pole distance and road width is there no way to
>approximate how far the object was?
>As to the height of the object the vans windscreen must surly
>help in an approximation, if that is you had an identical van.

The various angular sizes and relationships can all be accurately reconstructed much as you suggest (David and Viktor are both engaged on this sort of thing) but there is absolutely no way to directly deduce the physical UFO size from photogrammetry.

Martin Shough

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

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Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 16:02:06 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <<ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 17:13:30 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Joe Faccenda <<mailto:uforth.nul>>uforth.nul
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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>>These photos are in no doubt unique, however flat-top UFOs have
>>been cited in other reports, the Idaho 1947 Snake River Canyon
>>for instance. So while the photos are unique, these type of
>>craft appear to have been seen on other occasions.

>>One aspect that puzzles me and perhaps it has already been
>>examined and dealt with, is where is the UFO's shadow?

>>There appears to be a shadow cast by the telegraph poles.

>>Would it be possible to triangulate where the shadow of the UFO
>>should be?

>Only if we knew how far away the object was - for which purpose
>a shadow would help! But you're right, there doesn't appear to
>be a discernable shadow. I think this is a negative point, but
>not necessarily a fatal one.

>In each case the shadow of an object as big as Heflin said
>(about 30 ft) would fall about 700 ft away (+/- depending on the
>precise angular scale) in areas of scrub or rough ground where
>we see some density variations due to uneven ground and/or
>vegetation. I've looked hard and can't see anything definite,
>but it's possible it's just lost in the ground texture,
>especially in #2 and #3.

>Photo #1 seems more promising, but at that sort of distance
>(around the same as the 3rd phone pole, whose shadow is only
>very faintly discernable) it would not necessarily be easy to
>pick out in the patchy scrub. The Air Force photo lab theory is
>more sensitive to the shadow test, since a 1 ft - 3 ft thrown
>model would be only about 25-70 ft away and should cast a shadow
>on the road. At the other end of the scale, a 1" model too close
>to the windscreen would cast a shadow on the glass as David has
>pointed out.

The lack of an obvious shadow does seem odd at first glance, but
note that the atmosphere is quite hazy, which has the effect of
making shadows less distinct, increasingly so as the distance
between the object and the shadowed surface increases.

I am more troubled by the relative darkness of the shadow on the
object itself (as opposed to the shadow it casts on the ground),
especially in frame #1. It seems excessively dark for a 30 ft
diameter object at the range suggested by comparison to the
telephone poles. I don't know precisely how tall the poles are,
but for hand-waving purposes let's say they're also 30 ft. That

means the object is at least as far away as the third pole visible in frame #1. There is notable brightening and lack of contrast in this pole and other features at this range due to atmospheric scattering. The degree of contrast and darkness on the object itself does not seem consistent with this range. Indeed, on this basis the object seems to be at roughly the range of the _first_ pole, if not closer.

Based on the (presumably) known distances between the poles, it should be possible to derive an estimate for the atmospheric extinction coefficient at the time of the photograph, which would allow an independent calculation of the distance of various objects in the image for a given (or assumed) surface color and reflectivity. Perhaps Druffel et al are already pursuing this.

Mike

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Re: NZ Video - Shell

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Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 12:21:24 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 16:04:15 -0400
Subject: Re: NZ Video - Shell

>From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 16:14:14 +1000
>Subject: Re: NZ Video [was: The Truth About the Heflin Photos]

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 13:23:14 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>>I suppose one bottom line, if not the bottom line for any
>>particular sighting, is this: what are you going to do once you
>>decide a case is unexplained? The rigid skeptic may put it
>>aside and simply wait, assuming that eventually an explanation
>>will come along. This skeptic is comfortable assuming that it
>>will be explained. Said skeptic is not likely to pay much more
>>attention to the field of UFO research. Of more value to the
>>subject is the skeptic who accepts a case is unexplained and may
>>even seem unexplainable and then uses this knowledge to go on to
>>find out if other cases are also unexplained or even seemingly
>>unexplainable.

I guess my position as a "positive" skeptic isn't quite the same as that of a "negative" skeptic, if I can define the difference that way. Once I reach a point where a sighting is unexplained, I tuck it away but I don't assume that there is a mundane explanation for it, or that it will eventually be explained. I let it rest uncomfortably and try to keep an eye out for any additional information that might pop up later. I live with the possibility that there could very well be no understandable explanations to be found.

There used to be a notion in the UFO field that if we gathered up all the available data, then compared shapes and flight characteristics and alien languages, we'd be able to build up a model we could use to devise testable hypotheses. We were able to determine some vague patterns in the data, but were never able to get good, testable hypotheses to work. UFOs come in a ridiculous variety of shapes and sizes, fly all over, and have no immediately apparent motives. Vallee had his notion of an intelligence employing a "teaching curve," but no formal theory to work with. So we're still uncomfortably stuck, and maybe that's where we'll stay.

I have a favorite scenario I like to keep in mind. I imagine a flying saucer landing on the mall in Washington, like in "The Day the Earth Stood Still." Real, live aliens get out, and are friendly and open. We eventually get around to the subject of UFOs, and show them some photos we have questions about. Their response is, "Yeah, we get those flying around in our skies, too, and honestly, we don't know what the heck they are!"

>I was in New Zealand at the time of the '78 Kaikoura sightings
>and recall the mainstream press being excited for about
>three/four days. It started with a Full Front page spread with
>photograph, then finished with the "squid boat" story on the
>fourth day. It was a shame we never heard much more about it

>until the documentary. It was considered to be the best
>documented/radar visual sighting ever and it was disappointing
>to see it die a death like that.

But that's common, since the "news" value of a sighting will naturally peter out after a short while. Unless sightings happen regularly, what is there to be said about them? Somebody sees/films a flying saucer, which vanishes. The witnesses are interviewed. The film is analyzed and found to be inconclusive. What more is there to say? Without additional evidence, there's nothing to keep the investigative engine running.

And at that point, you file it away for another day.

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From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
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** GEN. MCCAFFREY VISITS GUANTANAMO
** INADVERTENT DISCLOSURES OF DOE CLASSIFIED INFO DROP SHARPLY
** DOE RELEASES HISTORICAL RECORDS DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
** OMB ISSUES REPORT ON SECURITY CLEARANCES

GEN. MCCAFFREY VISITS GUANTANAMO

"Arrogance, secrecy, and bad judgment have mired us in a mess in Guantanamo from which we are having great difficulty in extricating ourselves," wrote U.S. Army Gen. (Ret.) Barry R. McCaffrey in a report on his recent trip to the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay.

"The JTF Guantanamo Detention Center is the most professional, firm, humane and carefully supervised confinement operation that I have ever personally observed," he stated.

At the same time, "Much of the international community views the Guantanamo Detention Center as a place of shame and routine violation of human rights. This view is not correct. However, there will be no possibility of correcting that view."

"There is now no possible political support for Guantanamo going forward," Gen. McCaffrey wrote.

"We need a political-military decisive move to break the deadlock" and to permit the closure of the Guantanamo detention facility.

Gen. McCaffrey proposed a combination of steps including transfer of as many detainees as possible to their host countries, criminal trials for some, and efforts to engage foreign and international legal organs to assume jurisdiction.

"We need to rapidly weed out as many detainees as possible and return them to their host nation with an evidence package as complete as we can produce. We can probably dump 2/3 of the detainees in the next 24 months."

"Many we will encounter again armed with an AK47 on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. They will join the 120,000 + fighters we now contend with in those places of combat."

But even if that is so, he wrote, "It may be cheaper and cleaner to kill them in combat then sit on them for the next 15 years."

"We need to be completely transparent with the international

legal and media communities about the operations of our detention procedures wherever they are located," Gen. McCaffrey advised.

A copy of Gen. McCaffrey's June 28, 2006 trip report on his June 18-19 trip to Guantanamo is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/man/eprint/mccaffrey.pdf>

INADVERTENT DISCLOSURES OF DOE CLASSIFIED INFO DROP SHARPLY

Department of Energy classification reviewers at the National Archives examined over 2.5 million pages of previously declassified records earlier this year and found nine (9) pages that they said contained classified information which should not have been publicly disclosed, according to a new report to Congress.

This is a vanishingly small error rate of less than a thousandth of a percent, the smallest ever reported by DOE since it began searching for inadvertently released classified nuclear weapons information in declassified files in 1999.

This might be considered well within the boundaries of what is reasonably achievable under a risk management approach to security policy.

Yet the DOE declassified document review program seems predicated on absolute risk avoidance, in which no release of classified information, no matter how outdated or innocuous it may be, is acceptable. And so the reviewers toil on, and public access to historical records at the National Archives remains disrupted.

See the Twenty-First Report to Congress on Inadvertent Disclosures of Restricted Data, U.S. Department of Energy, May 2006 (released in redacted form July 2006):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/inadvertent21.pdf>

DOE RELEASES HISTORICAL RECORDS DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE

The Department of Energy has released a redacted version of its October 2005 Historical Records Declassification Guide, a document used by classification reviewers to determine which information may be publicly released under the declassification provisions of executive order 12958.

There are 15 categories of DOE national security information that are exempt from automatic declassification, the Guide explains, including information on naval nuclear propulsion, chemical and biological defense, space nuclear reactors, and much more.

The redacted Guide identifies topics within each one of those categories and indicates whether they are classified or unclassified.

Some of the material is of broader interest and significance. Appendix B, for example, provides a summary account of the history of nuclear weapons accidents, and explains that any further information beyond what is presented there must undergo classification review.

See "Historical Records Declassification Guide" (CG-HR-3), Department of Energy, October 2005 (redacted version):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/cg-hr-3/index.html>

OMB ISSUES REPORT ON SECURITY CLEARANCES

"The Administration has taken significant steps to improve the process by which the Federal Government grants individuals access to classified information," the Office of Management and Budget said in a recent report on security clearances.

"The average time it takes today to complete the security clearance process has been reduced by 18 days, or 6 percent."

That is, instead of an FY 2005 average of 297 days to get a security clearance, the average wait in the first quarter of FY 2006 dropped to 279 days.

The proposed goal for December 2006 is 134 days.

See "Report on The Status of Executive Branch Efforts to Improve the Security Clearance Process," Office of Management and Budget, February 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/omb-clearance.pdf>

The OMB report was first reported by Rati Bishnoi in Inside the Pentagon (defense.iwpnewsstand.com) on July 6, 2006.

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From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:11:10 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 16:08:21 -0400
Subject: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited. Says He'll Appeal

<http://www.theinquirer.net/default.aspx?article=32872>

The way things have been going I am afraid for the well being of McKinnon.

Sure he committed a crime but being extradited to the U.S. is like a pending death sentence.

To have his own countrymen sell him out is very disturbing. It's not like he was running amok and stabbing people or running them over with cars.

Heck, there are guys who put up spamming programs and even password hacking stuff that should do more time.

Best,

Greg

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Re: The Roswell Festival of Stars - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:10:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 16:09:57 -0400
Subject: Re: The Roswell Festival of Stars - Lehmborg

>From: Kathy Kasten <catja90024.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 09:02:21 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: The Roswell Festival of Stars

>To the Lister who wanted news from Roswell:

<snip>

>Your temporary, on site, Roswell correspondent,

>KK

A remarkably non-blonde report, ma'am, if I may be so bold...
and I will be bold.

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited. Says He'll

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 15:33:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jul 2006 07:03:26 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited. Says He'll

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:11:10 EDT
>Subject: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited. Says He'll Appeal

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>The way things have been going I am afraid for the well being of
>McKinnon.

>Sure he committed a crime but being extradited to the U.S. is
>like a pending death sentence.

His real crime is unmasking the fatuous and blithering
incompetency of security concerns we've spent a lot of extra
money on here in these United States, lately.

Uh, George?

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:40:29 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jul 2006 07:08:15 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Kimball

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:11:10 EDT
>Subject: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited. Says He'll Appeal

><http://www.theinquirer.net/default.aspx?article=32872>

>The way things have been going I am afraid for the well being of
>McKinnon.

Why? What do you think "they're" going to do to him - bump him off
on the plane ride to the US?

He'll be handed over to American authorities, after his appeals
fail (and fail they will, because he doesn't have a legal leg to
stand on), tried, and, if convicted (which is no certainty),
sentenced. He made his bed - let him lie in it.

>Sure he committed a crime but being extradited to the U.S. is
>like a pending death sentence.

Oh, puh-lease. I know it's de rigueur these days by some people
to assume the United States is just slightly to the right of
Nazi Germany, or the gulag state, but McKinnon doesn't face a
"pending death sentence". He may face a considerable period of
time in jail (perhaps even a very considerable period of time),
but, as the old saying goes, if you can't do the time...

>To have his own countrymen sell him out is very disturbing. It's
>not like he was running amok and stabbing people or running them
>over with cars.

This is one of the most ridiculous things I've heard in quite a
while. His own people didn't sell him out (yeesh). They followed
due process, as required by treaty and British law, and found no
reason not to extradite him (I'm just guessing, Greg, that you
aren't an expert in international law - correct me if I'm
wrong). If the Minister exceeded his authority, or missed
something, it will be reversed on appeal (I've edited one or two
cases here in Canada where a Minister's decision has been
reviewed, and overturned), but, as I said, don't bet on that
happening.

>Heck, there are guys who put up spamming programs and even
>password hacking stuff that should do more time.

That's a matter of opinion, not law, and so is irrelevant. It
also ignores the fact that McKinnon wasn't just sending out
e-mail about how you could get \$14 million in Nigerian oil money
(as bad as those are) - he was hacking into secret military
systems. There are some pretty severe penalties for stuff like
that, for some pretty good reasons.

Oh, but I forget... he was there, a ufological knight errant, to
look for info on the "Cosmic Watergate".

Uh huh.

I must be the only guy associated with ufology who feels like

the whole McKinnon story is just one big waste of time. After all, we only have his word that he was booting about looking for UFO information, and that he "found things". Consider me less than impressed... and not fooled.

And, on the off chance that he WAS stupid enough, or stoned enough, to be hacking into the Pentagon to look for info on UFOs, then he has no-one to blame but himself.

I'll save my sympathy for people who deserve it.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball

www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 15:58:15 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jul 2006 07:22:05 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shell

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 18:00:10 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Joe Faccenda <uforth.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 21:33:18 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>>It would appear that that the van/truck was parked near a
>>telegraph pole, going by the shadow you can see in photo 2.

>>I presume it is a shadow of a telegraph pole because it extends
>>onto the road, also you can see a telegraph pole behind the van
>>in the mirror.

>What you see is mainly the shadow of the cross member on the top
>of the pole with a little of the pole shadow descending from it
>towards the right.

>>So say the van was 15 ft from the pole.

>>Going by the photo the object appears to be closer to the van
>>than the next telegraph pole in photo 2 as it appears to be more
>>in focus.

>What images are you using? Are you looking at photographic copy
>prints, digital scans or half-tone repros? Unless you are
>looking at the originals or good early-generation copy prints
>under high magnification, I think this is a subjective judgment
>and probably arguable.

<snip>

Having been to the actual site, and looking at the photos, my personal feeling is that if the photos weren't faked, the saucer would be approximately 10-12 ft. in diameter, maybe less, and not more than 30-40 yards away. This makes it pretty small, compared to some other estimates. Those little alien dudes would be pretty cramped inside it. I figure that if it was farther away it would also be a lot bigger, but then it would probably be easily seen by the people you see driving by on the 5 Freeway, which is only a few hundred yards away.

But that's just an estimate I have in my own head, from understanding the spatial relationships of the site as I personally experienced it. The whole area seems like a big expanse of land in the Heflin photos, but it actually feels a lot smaller when you're there.

So I could be way off in my estimate and I know it... particularly if it's just a model train wheel or something like it, dangling on a transparent fishing line, as indicated by my 3-D reconstruction. So I don't know.

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 17:52:01 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jul 2006 07:25:55 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:11:10 EDT
>Subject: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited. Says He'll Appeal

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>running them over with cars.

>Heck, there are guys who put up spamming programs and even
>password hacking stuff that should do more time.

I have to agree. The British government should have at least set
terms or some limits.

If an American murderer escapes somehow to Canada the Canadian
government won't extradite him or her unless the death penalty
is taken off the table. Canada abolished the death penalty in
the late 60s.

Years ago I would have said let 'em fry, but there have been
enough people put to death that were found to be innocent later
and in here in Canada lifers have been cleared up here after ten
years or more when serving a life sentence when the real killer
was found or forensics cleared them. I have no doubt the same
holds true in the States.

Anyway, once captured here they are imprisoned and held until
the terms are met which means we have to house and feed the
SOBs. Despite the nonsense you see on Law and Order that's the
way it is.

I imagine much pressure was brought to bear in the UK by the US,
ally or not.

Don

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 22:08:34 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jul 2006 07:27:58 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:11:10 EDT
>Subject: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited. Says He'll Appeal

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>over with cars.

<snip>

Greg, would normally agree with you but have had to re-examine
basics recently and concluded there are only three real crimes:-

Murder (and attempted);
Abuse of any kind (and attempted);
Theft of any kind (and attempted).

And that guilt should be decided by juries (judges being, from
all UK & US evidence, usually corrupt).

Which seems to indicate that McKinnon is being placed in danger
of death - astonishingly, merely by being in the custody of the
USA before any 'verdict' - for some other reason than a non-
existent 'crime'.

What that reason is - I have no firm idea.

Cheers

Ray D

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Heflin Video Interview On-Line

From: **Santiago Yturria Garza** <syturria.nul>
Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 22:23:53 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jul 2006 08:22:18 -0400
Subject: Heflin Video Interview On-Line

It has been a long debate. I think it's time to see and hear Mr. Heflin talking about his UFO photos and experience.

Here is the rare interview:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNBZC1Ccklo>

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Re: NZ Video - Sawers

From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 11:25:48 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jul 2006 08:26:19 -0400
Subject: Re: NZ Video - Sawers

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 12:21:24 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: NZ Video

>>From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 16:14:14 +1000
>>Subject: Re: NZ Video [was: The Truth About the Heflin Photos]

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 13:23:14 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

><snip>

>>I was in New Zealand at the time of the '78 Kaikoura sightings
>>and recall the mainstream press being excited for about
>>three/four days. It started with a full Front page spread with
>>photograph, then finished with the "squid boat" story on the
>>fourth day. It was a shame we never heard much more about it
>>until the documentary. It was considered to be the best
>>documented/radar visual sighting ever and it was disappointing
>>to see it die a death like that.

>But that's common, since the "news" value of a sighting will
>naturally peter out after a short while. Unless sightings happen
>regularly, what is there to be said about them? Somebody
>sees/films a flying saucer, which vanishes. The witnesses are
>interviewed. The film is analyzed and found to be inconclusive.
>What more is there to say? Without additional evidence, there's
>nothing to keep the investigative engine running.
>And at that point, you file it away for another day.

Hi,

I understand a news item will only be newsworthy for a set
amount of time or until it stops selling papers, but I felt
there was enough evidence/information to "keep the investigative
engine running" even in those early days.

I was, stating the obvious I guess by saying the "news" died on
a supposition of "squid boats lights". Case closed - but the lid
was rather tightly screwed down, leaving the general public the
impression it was solved, rather than the more positive "file it
away for another day" which would have been the more impartial
approach.

William

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Faccenda

From: Joe Faccenda <uforth.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 22:00:55 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jul 2006 08:55:05 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Faccenda

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 18:00:10 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>From: Joe Faccenda <uforth.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 21:33:18 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>The JSE authors mention that "previous analysis has already
>shown that the telephone lines (and the UFO) were in sharp
>focus", but then go on to state: "Author Kelson has
>independently detected an unusual 'blurring' around the object,
>particularly in Photo 1, which is not due to ordinary phenomena
>such as motion or camera focus blur. This problem has impeded
>efforts to positively confirm size and distance. This blur issue
>correlates with Robert Nathan's finding, 30 years prior [but
>it's unsatisfactory that no source is cited] of a 'fuzziness' in
>the craft image which he could not relate to motion of the
>camera or of the craft."

>So adding this possibly anomalous slight blurring of the object
>to the unresolved question raised (by Viktor Golubik among
>others) about possible oscillatory motion blurring, bearing in
>mind the poor pixel resolution of digital scans, and setting all
>this in context with expert testimony as to the sharp focus of
>the farthest background, it seems hard to defend your suggestion
>that the object looks in sharper focus than the nearest phone
>pole.

<snip>

If there was a fuzziness around the craft Martin then that's all
the proof I personally need to say that these photos are
genuine. As to why I can say that is because in my own sighting
this fuzzy, smoky, blurring was also evident on the ufo I saw.
Strangely enough I was also in a car and had to bend forward to
see it.

My report can be seen on my website at:

<http://www.uforth.com/personal.htm>

At the time I assumed that this fuzziness had something to do
with a heat haze, but on reading Paul R Hills book it was
explained in more detail and I quote:

'The absorption characteristics of the plasma can also partly
account for the daytime hazy or smoky appearance of the
atmosphere around the UFO.

When the surrounding illumination is brighter than the plasma.

The plasma absorption may be greater than its emission, making
it look darker or hazy"

Also: "If it looks very dark or smoky, the UFO primary radiation
is probably inducing chemical reactions of the atmospheric

impurities."

In effect whatever power source these craft have it seems a by product/effect is this hazy aura around the craft. Whether this is caused by some gravitational field or whatever is debatable.

All I can say that when I examine any ufo photo, this is the first thing I would look for.

Thank you for your reply and superb analysis

Kind regards,

Joe

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Re: NZ Video - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 19:26:06 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Jul 2006 08:42:46 -0400
Subject: Re: NZ Video - Nielsen

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 12:21:24 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: NZ Video

<snip>

>I guess my position as a "positive" skeptic isn't quite the same
>as that of a "negative" skeptic, if I can define the difference
>that way. Once I reach a point where a sighting is unexplained,
>I tuck it away but I don't assume that there is a mundane
>explanation for it, or that it will eventually be explained. I
>let it rest uncomfortably and try to keep an eye out for any
>additional information that might pop up later. I live with the
>possibility that there could very well be no understandable
>explanations to be found.

>There used to be a notion in the UFO field that if we gathered
>up all the available data, then compared shapes and flight
>characteristics and alien languages, we'd be able to build up a
>model we could use to devise testable hypotheses. We were able
>to determine some vague patterns in the data, but were never
>able to get good, testable hypotheses to work. UFOs come in a
>ridiculous variety of shapes and sizes, fly all over, and have
>no immediately apparent motives. Vallee had his notion of an
>intelligence employing a "teaching curve," but no formal theory
>to work with. So we're still uncomfortably stuck, and maybe
>that's where we'll stay.

Thank you Tim for the breath of fresh air! I, for one,
appreciate your candor.

Truth be told, most of the credible Listers here are
"positive" skeptics. Don't they know it! If you swallow all the
hooy, you come off full of it!

I like Dick Hall's desire for more discriminating ufologists.
(Did you see that compliment Dick?) I like Stan Friedman's,
let's call them what they are, MEGA-meta-analyses. Talk about
tenacity! I like Dr. Maccabee and all the other photo-analysts
shedding light on our treatments. I like the original
researchers and the news contributors. And yes, I even
appreciate the "common-taters" like me, who don't have much more
to offer than third-hand opining.

There are really too many positive skeptics to list here.

What I get bored with are folks who seem to swat at gnats
while sucking down their Camels, trying to prove how smart they
are. But they don't really go anywhere or shed new light or even
cheerlead. May they make the Gilbert & Sullivan's Mikado, Grand
High Executioners list!

But, as many sound, self-evident threads go, this comment will
probably end up forgotten, maybe as it should be, like all the
other good sense seen.

You tell me. (Please, tell me!)

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 09:39:06 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Jul 2006 08:44:41 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 11:03:38 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <<ufoupdates.nul>>
>>Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 17:13:30 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Joe Faccenda <mailto:uforth.nul>uforth.nul
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 5 Jul 2006 20:13:17 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>><snip>

>>>One aspect that puzzles me and perhaps it has already been
>>>examined and dealt with, is where is the UFO's shadow?

>>>There appears to be a shadow cast by the telegraph poles.

>>>Would it be possible to triangulate where the shadow of the UFO
>>>should be?

>>Only if we knew how far away the object was - for which purpose
>>a shadow would help! But you're right, there doesn't appear to
>>be a discernable shadow. I think this is a negative point, but
>>not necessarily a fatal one.

>>In each case the shadow of an object as big as Heflin said
>>(about 30 ft) would fall about 700 ft away (+/- depending on the
>>precise angular scale) in areas of scrub or rough ground where
>>we see some density variations due to uneven ground and/or
>>vegetation. I've looked hard and can't see anything definite,
>>but it's possible it's just lost in the ground texture,
>>especially in #2 and #3.

>>Photo #1 seems more promising, but at that sort of distance
>>(around the same as the 3rd phone pole, whose shadow is only
>>very faintly discernable) it would not necessarily be easy to
>>pick out in the patchy scrub. The Air Force photo lab theory is
>>more sensitive to the shadow test, since a 1 ft - 3 ft thrown
>>model would be only about 25-70 ft away and should cast a shadow
>>on the road. At the other end of the scale, a 1" model too close
>>to the windscreen would cast a shadow on the glass as David has
>>pointed out.

>The lack of an obvious shadow does seem odd at first glance, but
>note that the atmosphere is quite hazy, which has the effect of
>making shadows less distinct, increasingly so as the distance
>between the object and the shadowed surface increases.

Hello Mike,

Yes. Visibility at low elevations was estimated visually at less
than 1 mile due to smog haze.

>I am more troubled by the relative darkness of the shadow on the

>object itself (as opposed to the shadow it casts on the ground),
>especially in frame #1. It seems excessively dark for a 30 ft
>diameter object at the range suggested by comparison to the
>telephone poles. I don't know precisely how tall the poles are,
>but for hand-waving purposes let's say they're also 30 ft. That
>means the object is at least as far away as the third pole
>visible in frame #1. There is notable brightening and lack of
>contrast in this pole and other features at this range due to
>atmospheric scattering. The degree of contrast and darkness on
>the object itself does not seem consistent with this range.
>Indeed, on this basis the object seems to be at roughly the
>range of the _first_ pole, if not closer.

This extinction argument is a useful indirect distance cue but not clear cut. As I said to David (June 30) in photo #1 there are pixels of the same density as the darkest area of the UFO, in the shadowed edge of the van roof, and in the first and second phone poles, but not the third. The inter-pole distance (according to the Marine G-2 investigation report) was 300 ft. So the second visible pole is approximately 600 ft from the camera.

The typical colouration of a weathered pole in my experience (not of Californian poles admittedly) is graded from pale grey through shades of creosote to very dark grey/tan usually nearer the base, as suggested in #1, but never deep black. Both the pole ~ 600 ft distant and the UFO each have at least one pixel (possibly two for the pole) of the same density as the darkest areas anywhere on the photo. The darkest pixel in the third pole at 900 ft distance looks to be two steps down the greyscale from this.

So this suggests that if the object surface had areas (in the "black band") intrinsically no darker than the darkest parts of a wooden phone pole this would still allow it to be at about 600 ft from the lens, and so about 25 ft across (consistent with Heflin's report of its apparent size). Obviously we have no data on the reflectivity of UFOs but at least this is not a physically implausible surface darkness. But this is all rough approximation on coarse scans.

>Based on the (presumably) known distances between the poles, it
>should be possible to derive an estimate for the atmospheric
>extinction coefficient at the time of the photograph, which
>would allow an independent calculation of the distance of
>various objects in the image for a given (or assumed) surface
>color and reflectivity. Perhaps Druffel et al are already
>pursuing this.

I agree that detailed photometry of the whole or key areas of the originals is a must and have expressed the same hope. But whether the brief prospectus set out in JSE 1 can be interpreted as saying that JSE 2 would report on such work is arguable. It appears to indicate a focus on other interesting (but obviously related) factors connected with the object image sharpness, so possibly not. It said:

"... enhancements of the object itself are still blurred by possible focus error, lens aberrations, motion, and particle content in the air. Detailed examination of this blur by techniques such as edge analysis could reveal important information about the object such as its distance from the camera, physical size, and relative motion. This analysis would also facilitate image restoration through public domain techniques such as the Maximum Entropy Method (MEM). The MEM would both confirm characterization of the blur distorting the object and could clarify the image to reveal important details of the object. This work is underway and will be reported in a later communication."

If not then maybe one positive outcome of the recent discussions will be to widen the scope of JSE 2.

Martin Shough

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sat, 08 Jul 2006 13:06:13 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Jul 2006 08:57:10 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - McGonagle

Hello Paul, List,

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:40:29 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

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>all, we only have his word that he was booting about looking for

>UFO information, and that he "found things". Consider me less
>than impressed... and not fooled.

I agree with your sentiments, so you aren't entirely alone!

>And, on the off chance that he WAS stupid enough, or stoned
>enough, to be hacking into the Pentagon to look for info on
>UFOs, then he has no-one to blame but himself.

>I'll save my sympathy for people who deserve it.

The only thing that I would add in mitigation of McKinnon is that he did the DoD a favour by exposing the incredibly lax security that was (not) in place. The DoD failed to protect their network, and that fact has been exposed - I do hope that they have now taken steps to prevent such compromises of security and that a court will take that into account, and not send him to Guantanamo Bay indefinitely simply for being stupid (and doped up to the eyeballs).

As for his "Extraterrestrial officers", I would hazard a guess that what he actually read was "Extraterritorial Officers", a term which could have a variety of meanings, notably in terms of law enforcement but that may also apply to military officers carrying out duties outside their home theatre of operations.

Cheers,

Joe

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Re: Heflin Video Interview On-Line - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sat, 08 Jul 2006 13:10:47 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Jul 2006 17:27:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Heflin Video Interview On-Line - Hall

>From: Santiago Yturria Garza <syturria.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 22:23:53 +0000
>Subject: Heflin Video Interview On-Line

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>Heflin talking about his UFO photos and experience.

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Santiago,

That is a very interesting video, Can you tell us who "hybridcyborg" is and when she filmed the interview? I tried to contact her via the web site but am not a registered member and don't care to be. The information on the screen says that it was filmed "14 hours ago(?)" and that it was posted on this web site on July 7 (yesterday).

I did note that she referred to the location as near El Toro Air Force Base, when in fact it was El Toro Marine Air Station," and also that she referred to "Top Secret military officials" which makes no sense; apparently she is not well-informed on military matters. It will be important to know who she is and how she arranged an interview with Rex Heflin, and when.

- Richard Hall

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Lehmberg

From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 08:20:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Jul 2006 18:00:35 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Lehmberg

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:40:29 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:11:10 EDT
>>Subject: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited. Says He'll Appeal

>><http://www.theinquirer.net/default.aspx?article=32872>

>>The way things have been going I am afraid for the well being of
>>McKinnon.

>Why? What do you think "they're" going to do to him - bump him off
>on the plane ride to the US?

Forgetting a moment that "they" assuredly exist, Mr. Kimball -
and our corrupt and neoconservative governmental abomination is
without consistency, legitimacy, mandate, or honor... ..It's
not beyond the pale.

See:

Alien Invasion Never Looked So Good

<http://tinyurl.com/cxxvj>

>He'll be handed over to American authorities, after his appeals
>fail (and fail they will, because he doesn't have a legal leg to
>stand on), tried, and, if convicted (which is no certainty),
>sentenced. He made his bed - let him lie in it.

What portentous, glib, and reactionary crap is this? Though I
can't say I'm remotely surprised. Your true colors show through
once again. Consistency, Mr. Kimball! Consistency!

Conviction is no certainty... but failure of his appeal is
certain? I suspect this is another one of those occasions where
you were only aping balance when you have no real concept of it,
so dotted your dodgy "t" and crossed your insentient "i". That
said, all reactionary autoritarians can take that long walk on a
short pier.

>>Sure he committed a crime but being extradited to the U.S. is
>>like a pending death sentence.

>Oh, puh-lease. I know it's de rigueur these days by some people
>to assume the United States is just slightly to the right of
>Nazi Germany, or the gulag state, but McKinnon doesn't face a
>"pending death sentence".

Yeah, you're right. 50 years of anal rape and daily abuse will
be so much more preferable. And only you would be unmoved and
unworried by the illegitimate psychopaths in control of the most
powerful nation on the planet, Mr. Kimball. Oh, and by the way,
roughly one in every 135 persons in my nation is in prison... I
suspect we abundantly qualify as a "gulag state." Unlike you;

however, I abhor that fact.

>He may face a considerable period of
>time in jail (perhaps even a very considerable period of time),
>but, as the old saying goes, if you can't do the time...

What a pompous, blitheringly insentient, and obtuse thing to say.

>>To have his own countrymen sell him out is very disturbing. It's
>>not like he was running amok and stabbing people or running them
>>over with cars.

>This is one of the most ridiculous things I've heard in quite a
>while.

>His own people didn't sell him out (yeesh).

Yes... yes they did. Because the punishment does not fit the crime. Because the crime was the exposure of a glaringly incompetent system. Because the incompetent system is illegitimate. Because that illegitimacy was instituted as a result of a less than benign hacking of election machinery, in its own right. Palpable irony!

>They followed
>due process, as required by treaty and British law, and found no
>reason not to extradite him (I'm just guessing, Greg, that you
>aren't an expert in international law - correct me if I'm
>wrong).

The punishment does not fit the crime, Mr. Kimball. They are knowingly turning him over to lying and cheating authoritarian psychopaths and thieves! There's the letter of the law and there is the spirit of the law.

>If the Minister exceeded his authority, or missed
>something, it will be reversed on appeal (I've edited one or two
>cases here in Canada where a Minister's decision has been
>reviewed, and overturned), but, as I said, don't bet on that
>happening.

>>Heck, there are guys who put up spamming programs and even
>>password hacking stuff that should do more time.

>That's a matter of opinion, not law, and so is irrelevant.

That 'opinion' encompasses more truth than your dodgy, reactionary, self-serving, indifferently applied, and fickle 'law'.

>It
>also ignores the fact that McKinnon wasn't just sending out
>e-mail about how you could get \$14 million in Nigerian oil money
>(as bad as those are) - he was hacking into secret military
>systems. There are some pretty severe penalties for stuff like
>that, for some pretty good reasons.

Then maybe those institutional boneheads should have used something other than default passwords or had a little more respect for security concerns in their own right, eh Mr. Kimball? Maybe they should share a cell with McKinnon for cluelessly disregarding a security apparatus that, as a career military officer, I know was there. And I hope they bring their "Motion Lotion".

>Oh, but I forget... he was there, a ufological knight errant, to
>look for info on the "Cosmic Watergate".

>Uh huh.

I remind you, Mr. Kimball, that better men and women than you are convinced of that a "Cosmic Watergate", dismissed by you, exists in fact. Your smirks and sneers and snickers can't make your bogus case that he wasn't some kind of "knight errant", Sir, given an evidentiary ufological foundation extant, and the corrupt official denial of same... provoking that self-same probe!

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Consider me less than impressed and not fooled, Sir, by you!

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>enough, to be hacking into the Pentagon to look for info on
>UFOs, then he has no-one to blame but himself.

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Yeah, I suspect that that will only ever be yourself... Kal-el.
Moreover, remove, at once, my hijacked endorsement of you on
your WebLog. Thanks.

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Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 12:04:19 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Jul 2006 18:03:34 -0400
Subject: Re: NZ Video - Maccabee

>From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 16:14:14 +1000
>Subject: Re: NZ Video [was: The Truth About the Heflin Photos]

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 3 Jul 2006 13:23:14 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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>until the documentary. It was considered to be the best
>documented/radar visual sighting ever and it was disappointing
>to see it die a death like that.

Actually it kept popping up for several months, in NZ and in
Australia, probably culminating in the report of the news
conference that was held in New York City in March of 1979 to
report on the results of my investigation.

There were occasional appearances after that as the DSIR
(Department of Scientific and Industrial Research) published a
report (negative) and a year or so later Bill Startup's book (he
was the pilot) and after that the reporter's book (Quentin
Fogarty) were published.

But there is no doubt that the skeptics won the "propaganda
war." There were so many explanations (most of them inane)
published that in the mind of the public it had to have been
explained.

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 08:45:01 -0400
Subject: Re: NZ Video - Maccabee

>From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 11:25:48 +1000
>Subject: Re: NZ Video

>>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 12:21:24 -0500 (CDT)
>>Subject: Re: NZ Video

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>>>to see it die a death like that.

>>But that's common, since the "news" value of a sighting will
>>naturally peter out after a short while. Unless sightings happen
>>regularly, what is there to be said about them? Somebody
>>sees/films a flying saucer, which vanishes. The witnesses are
>>interviewed. The film is analyzed and found to be inconclusive.
>>What more is there to say? Without additional evidence, there's
>>nothing to keep the investigative engine running.
>>And at that point, you file it away for another day.

>I understand a news item will only be newsworthy for a set
>amount of time or until it stops selling papers, but I felt
>there was enough evidence/information to "keep the investigative
>engine running" even in those early days.

>I was, stating the obvious I guess by saying the "news" died on
>a supposition of "squid boats lights". Case closed - but the lid
>was rather tightly screwed down, leaving the general public the
>impression it was solved, rather than the more positive "file it
>away for another day" which would have been the more impartial
>approach.

What you didn't know, because it probably was not reported in
NZ, was that an investigation was begun, funded by the TV
station in Australia, what was then Channel 0 in Melbourne. The
Australian papers reported on the TV channel publicly saying
that they would support an investigation and announce the
results. The Australian tabloid type papers reported on my visit

to Melbourne. I don't think that the NZ newspapers even knew of my visit to NZ (before I went to Melbourne). I don't know whether or not the NZ papers reported on the March press conference in New York City where I announced that that the sightings had not been explained. I presented reasons for rejecting Venus, Jupiter, mating mutton birds (!), unburned meteorites(!), light reflected from cabbages (!!!), drug runners and squid boats.

This case may still be the most documented civilian sighting, combining multiple witnesses with air and ground radar, tape recordings made in real time and color movie film.

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Supernova Leaves Behind Mysterious Object

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 13:44:36 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 08:46:44 -0400
Subject: Supernova Leaves Behind Mysterious Object

Wow! Everyday we learn something new in the realms of science!

The only time we run into danger is when we're absolutely sure we know it all.

Here's a story that is both thrilling and mysterious. The kind of science observation that makes science fun and intriguing.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2006/07/060707160054.htm>

Who knows what else is out there to observe and be spellbound by.

More science!

Best,

Greg

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>From: Santiago Yturria Garza <syturria.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 22:23:53 +0000
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Fascinating - and not a single model train to be seen! BTW does anyone know whose is the male talking head appearing briefly in the middle?

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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 08:51:01 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 15:58:15 -0500 (CDT)
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>>>It would appear that that the van/truck was parked near a
>>>telegraph pole, going by the shadow you can see in photo 2.

>>>I presume it is a shadow of a telegraph pole because it extends
>>>onto the road,also you can see a telegraph pole behind the van
>>>in the mirror.

>>What you see is mainly the shadow of the cross member on the top
>>of the pole with a little of the pole shadow descending from it
>>towards the right.

>>>So say the van was 15 ft from the pole.

>>>Going by the photo the object appears to be closer to the van
>>>than the next telegraph pole in photo 2 as it appears to be more
>>>in focus.

>>What images are you using? Are you looking at photographic copy
>>prints, digital scans or half-tone repros? Unless you are
>>looking at the originals or good early-generation copy prints
>>under high magnification, I think this is a subjective judgment
>>and probably arguable.

><snip>

>Having been to the actual site, and looking at the photos, my
>personal feeling is that if the photos weren't faked, the saucer
>would be approximately 10-12 ft. in diameter, maybe less, and
>not more than 30-40 yards away. This makes it pretty small,
>compared to some other estimates. Those little alien dudes would
>be pretty cramped inside it. I figure that if it was farther
>away it would also be a lot bigger, but then it would probably
>be easily seen by the people you see driving by on the 5
>Freeway, which is only a few hundred yards away.

>But that's just an estimate I have in my own head, from
>understanding the spatial relationships of the site as I
>personally experienced it. The whole area seems like a big
>expanse of land in the Heflin photos, but it actually feels a
>lot smaller when you're there.

>So I could be way off in my estimate and I know it...

>particularly if it's just a model train wheel or something like
>it, dangling on a transparent fishing line, as indicated by my
>3-D reconstruction. So I don't know.

Tim indicated essentially the same points to me off-List, and I replied to them (after an earlier email sereking clarification), three days ago. Since he hasn't acknowledged I feel free to treat this post as an invitation to make explicit to the List the assumptions which (unstated here) he said lie behind his impressions, and re-state my criticisms publicly.

I asked Tim to unpack his reasons for inferring that the object could (he thought) be only the size of a small car, or smaller. "Do you mean," I suggested, "that the likely range is constrained by the fact that surrounding roads are close and nobody else reported seeing it?"

Tim replied, "No, it's not that" (although now, apparently, it is that - see above). But when you are there on site he said, "things are actually a lot closer" than they appear in Heflin's photos. What things specifically? Well, the "cross-street in the distance" specifically, which Tim identified as Michelle Road and estimated as no more than "a football field maybe" away from Heflin's camera position. Therefore "given the position and distance of the saucer, which is less than halfway to the cross-street, it can't be very big" he concluded.

Tim also sent me this link to a map showing Myford Road.

<http://img282.imageshack.us/img282/3140/maplar.jpg>

The map doesn't indicate Michelle Rd. But "a football field" - a bit more than 300 ft - would put Michelle Rd about level with the first telephone pole in Heflin's photo #1. Ah. Well Tim's solution to the problem that no such road appears to exist is to assume that the cars in the distance are on Michell Rd. Unfortunately this would put his assumed camera position out out by a factor five and would contradict every piece of past case investigation.

It's easiest just to paste the response I made to Tim:

"I think one reason why things might seem closer is that they are not the same things! The road in the distance with the cars is explicitly identified in early sources by people who investigated on the spot as the Freeway. It is shown mapped approximately by Hartmann as about 1600 ft from the van. He photographed it exactly as it appears in Heflin's photo #1 and you can see this in the Condon Report along with the map. The Marine Corps investigation includes drawn overlays of the photos with physical measurements made in the van and at the spot identifying the road as the freeway (they show the distance as 3/8 mile). The NICAP people sat around and counted how many cars taking the freeway exit came on south down Myford Rd (not many).

"On your street map there is no freeway exit onto Myford Rd. The junctions appear to have been replanned, as the sliproads shown in the 1968 map do not resemble your street map in any way. Also in 1965-68 Myford Rd carried straight on under the freeway via an underpass and the smoke ring location was about a 1000 yds beyond the freeway. Now Myford Rd doesn't even appear to reach the freeway. I suspect you'll find that Michelle Rd did not exist at that location in 1965."

I pointed out that roughly speaking a 6ft-wide saucer of the approximate angular size shown would be only about 150 ft from the lens, whereas the cars on the highway are more than ten times this distance. A 12 ft saucer could be about 300 ft away. If it was as big as Heflin said it would be very approximately 800 ft away in #1, or around half the distance to the freeway.

"Nah," said Tim. "It couldn't have been that far away," and asked me to check out this

><http://img353.imageshack.us/img353/5760/65065jk.jpg>

which is a superposition of Tim's photo of Myford Rd and Heflin's photo #1. Tim points out "where the saucer is positioned" in relation to the 8-10 ft wide "FMC" sign, estimated at 35-40 yds away at most, and proceeds to infer from this that Heflin's UFO is quite close and quite small.

Again I've pasted my reply:

"Tim, there is no way whatever of inferring anything about the physical distance and size of an unknown object in the sky from this superposition. Your question "See where the saucer is positioned?" is impossible to answer. There is no reliable distance information about the object in the original photo, and superimposing another photo without the object in it changes the amount of information by precisely zero. You can intuit that the UFO "looks like" about the same distance as the sign but this can only be based on visual cues (shadow density of various objects at known distances and guesses about likely haze extinction) that are already in the original photo, not on the superposition. These inferences are not reliable. All we know for sure is the angular size - and we don't necessarily know that for sure!"

If anyone can confirm, or correct, the above inference that the road layout has changed, or can identify Michelle Rd on a modern map in relation to Heflin's camera position and the freeway, I'd be interested to hear.

Martin Shough

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Golubik

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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 08:55:32 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Golubik

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 11:03:38 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <<ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 17:13:30 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>>Photo #1 seems more promising, but at that sort of distance
>>(around the same as the 3rd phone pole, whose shadow is only
>>very faintly discernable) it would not necessarily be easy to
>>pick out in the patchy scrub. The Air Force photo lab theory is
>>more sensitive to the shadow test, since a 1 ft - 3 ft thrown
>>model would be only about 25-70 ft away and should cast a shadow
>>on the road. At the other end of the scale, a 1" model too close
>>to the windscreen would cast a shadow on the glass as David has
>>pointed out.

>The lack of an obvious shadow does seem odd at first glance, but
>note that the atmosphere is quite hazy, which has the effect of
>making shadows less distinct, increasingly so as the distance
>between the object and the shadowed surface increases.

>I am more troubled by the relative darkness of the shadow on the
>object itself (as opposed to the shadow it casts on the ground),
>especially in frame #1. It seems excessively dark for a 30 ft
>diameter object at the range suggested by comparison to the
>telephone poles. I don't know precisely how tall the poles are,
>but for hand-waving purposes let's say they're also 30 ft. That
>means the object is at least as far away as the third pole
>visible in frame #1. There is notable brightening and lack of
>contrast in this pole and other features at this range due to
>atmospheric scattering. The degree of contrast and darkness on
>the object itself does not seem consistent with this range.
>Indeed, on this basis the object seems to be at roughly the
>range of the first pole, if not closer.

>Based on the (presumably) known distances between the poles, it
>should be possible to derive an estimate for the atmospheric
>extinction coefficient at the time of the photograph, which
>would allow an independent calculation of the distance of
>various objects in the image for a given (or assumed) surface
>color and reflectivity. Perhaps Druffel et al are already
>pursuing this.

Very astute observations Mike. One of the aims of replication
will be to address the points you've raised here. Hopefully,
gain some useful insights. If I remember correctly, the
visibility was on the order of 2.5 to 5 miles (Hartmann).

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Re: Reason's Reasoning - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 9 Jul 2006 10:28:14 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 08:56:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Reason's Reasoning - Shough

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 16:50:11 +0100
>Subject: Re: Reason's Reasoning

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jun 2006 11:18:57 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Reason's Reasoning

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>I certainly wasn't envisaging a random or directionless process.
>Rather I don't believe directionality is a characteristic only
>of scientific theories. Science is about provability, not
>truth. Mathematics has direction, but it isn't science.
>Philosophy, theology and maybe even some pseudoscience may have
>direction. They may point to the truth, but their truths are not
>provable. Scientific theories are scientific because they can be
>tested, not because they have direction.

Hi Cathy

But from the same premises, scientific theories are also
scientific theories because they are theories!

Doesn't it come down to this? : The difference is that you are
seeking to isolate a necessary condition of the scientific
method to characterise the scientific process, but agreeing that
it is not a sufficient condition of the scientific process;
whilst I am seeking a description of the scientific process that
is both necessary and sufficient.

These are really different ways of saying the same thing. Theory
testing is necessary but not sufficient for science. It is
invalid to isolate testing exclusively on the basis that it is
merely necessary. Theory construction is also merely necessary,
and also not sufficient.

I've seen the growth of accelerating scientific and
technological economies characterised as a form of play. I like
that paradigm. Theory construction is analogous to a wide range
of human behaviours that we do not normally consider scientific.
Testing is also analogous to a wide range of human behaviours.
Trial and error testing by exploration is infantile tact; trial
and error theory-construction is story-telling about our
explorations. The trick to successfully growing up is getting
both components working together.

Pax?

Martin

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Freeman

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
Date: Sun, 9 Jul 2006 10:29:32 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 08:59:08 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Freeman

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 10:19:25 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>So, all things being equal you have a presumption in favour of
>acceptance in this case. Fair enough (but see below).

I accept the fact that it appears to be a really good case.

<snip>

>Yes, but the unstated conclusion here is that the balance of
>circumstantial, testimonial and psychological factors is
>positive, or at least neutral. This is arguable, but not
>necessarily clear cut. Maybe this is a good opportunity to make
>some of the issues explicit (with commentary in parentheses):

Martin, the balance of factors indicate a positive conclusion.
If it were neutral, there would be more controversy/debate.

<snip>

>(As for Heflin not reporting straight away this could be because
>he thought it was a secret air force experiment. Heflin may not
>have known the name of the store because according to the NICAP
>chronology it seems to have been friends of Heflin, rather than
>Heflin himself, who took the prints for copying. Dolyak may not
>have asked for these answers as clearly or as insistently as he
>thought he did.)

Heflin thought that what he saw was an experimental aircraft
from the El Toro Marine Base. He loaned the photos to some
coworkers who thought it was a UFO. (This according to the
JSE article in Vol. 14, No. 4)

>Even sceptic Dr. Stephen Black professed to find Heflin sincere
>in interview. However, Black still felt that the case was a hoax,
>perhaps an unconscious self-delusion on the part of Heflin.

>(It may signify something about Heflin's plausibility that
>Black, a psychiatrist, felt the need for this complicated and
>unusual theory.)

Black just wanted to ridicule Heflin and make him look like he
was mentally ill. Can't have those pesky UFOs flying around
upsetting the status quo, can we?

<snip>

>(Conceivably, the original memo was a misunderstanding by Dolyak.
>For example, Heflin elsewhere reported that he heard Marine
>helicopters from El Toro in the air behind him during the
>sighting. Perhaps this was the sound he mentioned to Dolyak, who
>thought he meant a vehicle on the road?)

If, in fact, Heflin did hear helicopters, that would indicate to

me the potential for additional witnesses to the sighting, the helicopter pilots/crew. Whenever I hear a helicopter, I can usually look up and see where it is. Can we assume that there is a possibility the pilots/crew saw the same thing as Heflin?

Keeping that in mind, if Dolyak was part of the cover-up at the time, he probably would have wanted to keep that potentially valuable information away from those who didn't need to know. Perhaps it wasn't just a misunderstanding, but intentional to indicate Heflin heard another vehicle instead of the helicopters.

I know it is a big hypothetical leap on my part, but it would make sense.

<snip>

>(However Heflin apparently did show the original 4th polaroid to
>a witness at the phone company as early as the afternoon of Aug
>3. Hartmann interviewed this witness by phone, who confirmed
>having been taken aside and shown the photo which Heflin had
>left in the truck because he said people had seen "enough for
>one day".)

That about right, but there is still the issue of the Fort Belvoir photos.

<snip>

>Well these are at least some of the circumstantial evidence
>issues we need to weigh up.

The radio interference that Heflin experienced, the harassment by military officials/alleged military officials, and the latest photo analysis must also be considered.

Kelly

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Weber

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Date: Sun, 9 Jul 2006 11:15:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 09:01:40 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Weber

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:40:29 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:11:10 EDT
>>Subject: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited. Says He'll Appeal

>><http://www.theinquirer.net/default.aspx?article=32872>

>>The way things have been going I am afraid for the well being of
>>McKinnon.

>Why? What do you think "they're" going to do to him - bump him off
>on the plane ride to the US?

>He'll be handed over to American authorities, after his appeals
>fail (and fail they will, because he doesn't have a legal leg to
>stand on), tried, and, if convicted (which is no certainty),
>sentenced. He made his bed - let him lie in it.

>>Sure he committed a crime but being extradited to the U.S. is
>>like a pending death sentence.

>Oh, puh-lease. I know it's de rigueur these days by some people
>to assume the United States is just slightly to the right of
>Nazi Germany, or the gulag state, but McKinnon doesn't face a
>"pending death sentence". He may face a considerable period of
>time in jail (perhaps even a very considerable period of time),
>but, as the old saying goes, if you can't do the time...

Hi,

A reasonable person might concede that with the infiltration of our governmental policies and regulatory agencies by special interests, the ongoing violations to our personal privacy rights, the fragile bubble that is the US economy, the rise of corporatism and fundamentalist religious extremism, the fact our fearless leader is who he is, the US is changing in significant and uncomfortable ways. None dare call it fascism.

The problem has more to do with the incompetence of our homeland security function that it does terrorism posed by McKinnon, or are you one who truly believes the "Miami Seven" also pose a serious threat to this nation's security? Oh puh-lease. This has more to do with GOP approval ratings bouncing around 30% than it does national security. There's no question McKinnon broke the law in a regrettable and immature act, but I'm uncomfortable making him a scapegoat for vast governmental incompetence, vindictiveness, and our national security shortcomings. The reason it seems unfair is because it is unfair.

Best,

Bill Weber

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Clark

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Date: Sun, 9 Jul 2006 11:06:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 09:04:41 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Clark

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Actually, it's de rigueur these days by the dwindling band of apologists to defend Bush's America in precisely the manner above. The slogan can be summarized in six words:

Not As Bad As Nazi Germany

Oh, puh-lease.

Jerry Clark

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Rimmer

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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 09:08:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Rimmer

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 08:20:56 -0500
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>>on the plane ride to the US?

>Forgetting a moment that "they" assuredly exist, Mr. Kimball -
>and our corrupt and neoconservative governmental abomination is
>without consistency, legitimacy, mandate, or honor... ..It's
>not beyond the pale.

And let's not forget that this is only happening because the
pusillanimous, boot-licking, government of Bush-toady Tony B.
Liar agreed to a one sided extradition treaty which allows
America to more or less drag in anybody off the streets of
Britain that it doesn't like the look of, but doesn't allow us
to extradite a gang of murderous IRA terrorists who've gone to
ground in the US because they control too many votes in
Massachusetts.

You probably won't like this, Mr Lehmborg, but for once I'm
right alongside you!

--
John Rimmer

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Phoenix Lights 2006

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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 09:12:14 -0400
Subject: Phoenix Lights 2006

Greetings UFO Updates List.

Dark Matters Radio has been given the exclusive right to run some new just shot video of a mysterious bank of lights once again filmed over the skies of Phoenix. If you go to Dark Matters, you can watch online or you will be able to download the video for your computer system.

I will be conducting an exclusive interview with the photojournalist that took the footage. I can not say at this point what it is, however there is at present no easy explanation of the video.

Regards,

Don Ecker
<http://www.darkmattersradio.com>

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An Alien Abductee Shares Proof That We are Not Alone

Aware of Their Presence is Craig Jacocks' startling true story of his lifelong abductions by aliens

Cleveland, OH (PRWEB) July 9, 2006 -- Craig Jacocks' Aware of Their Presence is set to be the first major book about alien abduction since Whitley Streiber's best seller Communion. But, Jacocks has something even Streiber did not: proof.

In the book, Jacocks recounts details from the many times he was abducted by aliens, beginning when he was a young child. He details how the encounters grew in intensity and how he began to realize he was dealing with humanoid beings with amazing abilities. Gradually, he began to hear their voices and see them. Recently at work, a scanner reacted to an unknown code inside his body. X-rays revealed two needle-like objects, which he now believes to be tracking devices. These experiences, Jacocks suggests, are not only real, but they should be explored as proof of alien existence, rather than mocked or hidden away in secrecy.

An in-demand speaker on alien abduction, Jacocks has also written articles about his experiences for both UFO Magazine and Mysteries Magazine. Aware of Their Presence has been considered as recommended reading by the highly influential Mutual UFO Network state director, Richard Lee. We can't deny the existence of alien abduction any longer, says Jacocks, and this startling, frank, and brutally honest book can prove it.

Aware of Their Presence is available for sale online at Amazon.com, Borders.com, BookSurge.com, and through additional wholesale and retail channels worldwide.

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Craig Jacocks has been abducted by aliens since he was a child. He's been interviewed on Fox TV about his experiences. Married, he lives in Cleveland Ohio and works in a men's suits retail outlet.

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>ground in the US because they control too many votes in
>Massachusetts.

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>right alongside you!

Cripes, this is a first. John, You're not being fair to Alfred -
this will unsettle him and give him bad dreams.

Further to my comments on SDI on Saturday, here are some current
articles explaining the extradition imbalance between the US and
the UK with particular emphasis on another case running parallel
to McKinnon's, namely the Nat West Three;

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/tyvi>

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/zev6>

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/svim>

As one US analyst remarks in one of the pieces, we did this to
ourselves.

Stuart Miller

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 08:51:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 08:28:57 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Lehmborg

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>Date: Sun, 9 Jul 2006 23:59:25 +0100
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 08:20:56 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>>><http://www.theinquirer.net/default.aspx?article=32872>

>>>>The way things have been going I am afraid for the well being of
>>>>McKinnon.

>>>Why? What do you think "they're" going to do to him - bump him
>>>off on the plane ride to the US?

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Oh my Gawd... (twice actually, the other was on polygraph
efficacy) but... to my arms my brother, and I lift my glass,
Sir, and tender a respectful nod!

They serve frozen treats in Hell this day, verily! <g>

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Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 11:41:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 08:36:09 -0400
Subject: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

Does anyone have any comments about this story or my analysis of the photos shown in this report? Feedback would be appreciated, although I realize the list is discussing several other threads.

<http://www.ufodigest.com/greekufos.html>

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Re: Phoenix Lights 2006 - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 12:07:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 08:37:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights 2006 - Maccabee

>From: Don Ecker <decker0726.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 9 Jul 2006 19:25:48 -0700
>Subject: Phoenix Lights 2006

>Greetings UFO Updates List.

>Dark Matters Radio has been given the exclusive right to run
>some new just shot video of a mysterious bank of lights once
>again filmed over the skies of Phoenix. If you go to Dark
>Matters, you can watch online or you will be able to download
>the video for your computer system.

>I will be conducting an exclusive interview with the
>photojournalist that took the footage. I can not say at this
>point what it is, however there is at present no easy
>explanation of the video.

Multiple witness, multiple camera allowing for triangulation (as
with the March 1997 "Lights" and also several other instances
in 1998) or just a single camera/single witness (no
triangulation and distance unknown)?

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Re: Heflin Video Interview On-Line - Yturria

From: **Santiago Yturria Garza** <syturria.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 16:49:06 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 16:57:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Heflin Video Interview On-Line - Yturria

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
To: <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 19:43:38 +0100
Subject: Re: Heflin Video Interview On-Line

>From: Santiago Yturria Garza <syturria.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 22:23:53 +0000
>Subject: Heflin Video Interview On-Line

>>It has been a long debate. I think it's time to see >>and hear
>>Mr. Heflin talking about his UFO photos and >>experience.

>>Here is the rare interview:

>><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNBZC1Ccklo>

>Fascinating - and not a single model train to be seen! BTW
>does anyone know whose is the male talking head appearing
>briefly in the middle?

He is Dr. Robert Nathan of Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming6.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 13:03:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:00:40 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Fleming

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 9 Jul 2006 11:06:28 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
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>>>Sure he committed a crime but being extradited to the U.S. is
>>>like a pending death sentence.

>>Oh, puh-lease. I know it's de rigueur these days by some
>>people to assume the United States is just slightly to the right
>>of Nazi Germany, or the gulag state, but McKinnon doesn't face a
>>"pending death sentence".

>Actually, it's de rigueur these days by the dwindling band of
>apologists to defend Bush's America in precisely the manner
>above. The slogan can be summarized in six words:

>Not As Bad As Nazi Germany

>Oh, puh-lease.

On the subject of things "not as bad as" other things, it appears to me that McKinnon's transgressions did little material damage to U.S. national security in comparison to the damage done by Bush administration officials Karl Rove and Scooter Libby when they blew the cover of Vallery Plame, a CIA agent working on the supposedly critical issue of Iranian WMD.

The loss of her cover rendered the CIA front company she used worthless and endangered the lives of her overseas contacts.

Plus, Rove and Libby were acting with the malicious intent of destroying the reputation of Plame's husband for the basest of political reasons.

McKinnon's intent, on the other hand, seems to have been the acquisition of information being wrongfully withheld from the public by the U.S. government. If McKinnon deserves to do serious jail time, Libby and his unindicted co-conspirators deserve more.

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 13:09:56 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:03:07 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 09:39:06 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 11:03:38 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <<ufoupdates.nul>
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>>The lack of an obvious shadow does seem odd at first glance, but
>>note that the atmosphere is quite hazy, which has the effect of
>>making shadows less distinct, increasingly so as the distance
>>between the object and the shadowed surface increases.

>Yes. Visibility at low elevations was estimated visually at less
>than 1 mile due to smog haze.

Is there a source for this visibility figure? I received a reply
from Vicktor Golubik sometime after yours, in which he cites
Hartmann with an estimate of 2.5 to 5 mi. visibility (but without
the "low elevations" qualifier). The less than 1 mile estimate
seems a better visual match to the images.

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>>the object itself does not seem consistent with this range.
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>>range of the first pole, if not closer.

>This extinction argument is a useful indirect distance cue but
>not clear cut. As I said to David (June 30) in photo #1 there
>are pixels of the same density as the darkest area of the UFO,
>in the shadowed edge of the van roof, and in the first and
>second phone poles, but not the third. The inter-pole distance
>(according to the Marine G-2 investigation report) was 300 ft. So
>the second visible pole is approximately 600 ft from the camera.

>The typical colouration of a weathered pole in my experience
>(not of Californian poles admittedly) is graded from pale grey
>through shades of creosote to very dark grey/tan usually nearer
>the base, as suggested in #1, but never deep black. Both the
>pole ~ 600 ft distant and the UFO each have at least one pixel
>(possibly two for the pole) of the same density as the darkest

>areas anywhere on the photo. The darkest pixel in the third pole
>at 900 ft distance looks to be two steps down the greyscale from
>this.

Would it perhaps be more representative to consider averaged greyscale values over characteristic "swatches", as opposed to isolated pixel(s) that exceed a some threshold? E.g., averaged over a specified fraction of the pole diameter and centered on the normal to the camera. Noting that I have little or no experience in formal image analysis, perhaps this is more subtle than I realize.

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>I agree that detailed photometry of the whole or key areas of
>the originals is a must and have expressed the same hope. But
>whether the brief prospectus set out in JSE 1 can be interpreted
>as saying that JSE 2 would report on such work is arguable. It
>appears to indicate a focus on other interesting (but obviously
>related) factors connected with the object image sharpness, so
>possibly not.

It would be disappointing if Druffel et al are not considering atmospheric attenuation at a quantitative level. I have convinced myself that there is sufficient information even in the published versions of the images to permit at least a first-order calculation, and indeed I have little excuse not to pursue it myself (aside from work I actually get paid for). I will pass along any defensible results... thanks for your very insightful and informative comments.

Mike

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 14:17:03 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:05:36 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

>From: Vicktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 18:45:17 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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Thanks Vicktor, as time permits I will attempt my own extinction
calculation using the published images. Good luck with your own
investigation.

BTW, 2.5 to 5 miles seems like better visibility than is
indicated in the images, but as noted in the JSE paper, the
photos were somewhat overexposed due to being metered inside the
truck.

Mike

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catja90024.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 13:17:43 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:09:45 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Kasten

>From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 9 Jul 2006 10:29:32 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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>>Well these are at least some of the circumstantial
>>evidence issues we need to weigh up.

>The radio interference that Heflin experienced, the
>harassment by military officials/alleged military
>officials, and the latest photo analysis must also be
>considered.

El Toro is the source of testing of exotic equipment, exotic
technology, etc. I say this based on first-hand
experience/interaction with a piece of equipment from El Toro
and an insider's/trusted friend's explanation of what I
experienced.

It is the reason Rex assumed he was looking at something
terrestrial, but exotic. Most interested parties living in Los
Angeles and the area surrounding El Toro area experience all
kinds of weird technology flying in the skies and operating on
the ground.

I think he should have stayed with his original subconscious
response.

KK

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>>>Photo #1 seems more promising, but at that sort of distance
>>>(around the same as the 3rd phone pole, whose shadow is only
>>>very faintly discernable) it would not necessarily be easy to
>>>pick out in the patchy scrub. The Air Force photo lab theory is
>>>more sensitive to the shadow test, since a 1 ft - 3 ft thrown
>>>model would be only about 25-70 ft away and should cast a shadow
>>>on the road. At the other end of the scale, a 1" model too close
>>>to the windscreen would cast a shadow on the glass as David has
>>>pointed out.

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Yes these values are quoted by Hartmann. There were no visibility reports for the exact area. The CR consulting meteorologist Loren Crow gave a limit of 5 miles estimated from reports at El Toro and Long Beach half an hour earlier. Los Angeles Airport's meteorologist also estimated "from surrounding reports" a limit of 5 miles "reduced by haze and smoke" to 2.5 miles. However the Air Force investigation report states "it was confirmed that the weather was generally sunny, clear overhead, but that a large amount of ground haze existed which obscured vision in a horizontal direction or at angles of elevation below 30 degrees. Visibility in a horizontal direction was estimated to be less than 1 mile."

There is some doubt as to where this estimate comes from. It remains possible that this 1-mile estimate comes from Heflin, but Reichmuth does say "it was confirmed" suggesting an official check. This is referenced to the Marine report, but it appears not to be the source because Dolyak's report gives a limit of 6 miles, not 1 mile (or 2.5 - 5 miles either, come to that) - however this is complicated by the fact (discovered by NICAP and McDonald in the '60s) that the winds-aloft data in the G-2 report were from the wrong balloon release on the wrong day! Whether this casts doubt on the separate surface weather report is debateable. My own judgement from the photos would be that visibility seems to be a lot less than 5 miles at the horizon.

So there is some uncertainty about the actual visibility.

Martin Shough

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Re: Heflin Video Interview On-Line - Hall

From: **Richard Hall** <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 22:11:22 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:13:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Heflin Video Interview On-Line - Hall

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 19:43:38 +0100
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Martin and List,

That is a very good question. I think that it might be Dr. Robert Nathan, but I am not at all sure about that. Further, we see the results of free-form internet postings which have no standards at all about supplying basic information, like who is the interviewer? What are her credentials? When did the interview take place? Who is the person on camera?

I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly express my appreciation for your now demonstrated fair-mindedness and the evidence you have provided that you have done your homework on the case to a degree not demonstrated by most others. (David Rudiak also has impressed me with his thoughtful and balanced comments.) If I stated or implied otherwise previously, it was only because I am skeptical of the skeptics (to borrow an expression from Bruce Maccabee) and will to my dying day insist that anyone who appears on the scene can demonstrate that they know what they are talking about and understand scientific methodology.

Go to it, guys! And if you are able to prove the hoax hypothesis I will be totally astounded, amazed, incredulous, but as long as your methodology is sound and your findings receive positive peer review, I will accept them. But in my heart and mind, and based on my contemporary knowledge of all the facts, all the players, all the supporting evidence, I think we will first find proof that pigs can fly. - Dick

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - McNatt

From: **Rand McNatt** <randmcnatt.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 16:31:29 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:17:08 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - McNatt

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 19:48:08 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>If anyone can confirm, or correct, the above inference that the
>road layout has changed, or can identify Michelle Rd on a modern
>map in relation to Heflin's camera position and the freeway, I'd
>be interested to hear.

You're right, the current Myford Road did not exist in 1965, as
can be seen in aerial photos of the time:

<http://img144.imageshack.us/img144/742/myfordcomp63726hy.jpg>

as well as a 1981 version of a topographic map from USGS:

<http://img144.imageshack.us/img144/5111/irvinetopo19812ng.jpg>

available at MS Terraserver:

<http://tinyurl.com/q79lq>

What is left of the original Myford Road is now called Old
Myford Road, and can be found on Google Maps

<http://tinyurl.com/pk7mf>

or Google Earth; using it, one can locate the original path of
Myford Road:

<http://img216.imageshack.us/img216/6247/myfordroadge4ru.jpg>

Michelle Road did not extend across Myford Road at that time:

<http://img60.imageshack.us/img60/9561/irvine1972close0xp.jpg>

The aerial photos are available from USGS through
Earth Explorer:

<http://edcsns17.cr.usgs.gov/EarthExplorer/>

Regards,

Rand

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Re: Phoenix Lights 2006 - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 19:43:36 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:18:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights 2006 - Balaskas

>From: Don Ecker <decker0726.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 9 Jul 2006 19:25:48 -0700
>Subject: Phoenix Lights 2006

>Dark Matters Radio has been given the exclusive right to run
>some new just shot video of a mysterious bank of lights once
>again filmed over the skies of Phoenix. If you go to Dark
>Matters, you can watch online or you will be able to download
>the video for your computer system.

>I will be conducting an exclusive interview with the
>photojournalist that took the footage. I can not say at this
>point what it is, however there is at present no easy
>explanation of the video.

Hi Don!

A few people passing by my office who heard the bored monotone exclamation "wow-oh-wow-it's-very-interesting-whatever-that-was" as I viewed this UFO video clip a few times wanted to know what it was all about. No one guessed that this calm expression was made by an UFO witness!

Two people who are familiar with aircraft and live near an international airport identified the three lights in the sky as three distinct airplanes. This explanation is an easy and reasonable one to make considering there are flashing lights on the tall structures and/or other aircraft along the horizon just below the suspected massive triangular UFO in this video. Many zigzagging lights low in the sky that sometimes suddenly appear and disappear along with flashing lights on buildings near busy airports are very common sights. Nothing mysterious here.

If there was a massive triangular UFO in the sky over this large midwestern U.S. city on America's 230th birthday, I am very puzzled why no one else reported seeing this UFO, especially when many of the residents of Phoenix would be out looking skyward (including this "photojournalist" witness?) in anxious anticipation of the July 4 fireworks display that began shortly afterwards.

Although the video may not be a fake, it cannot be a depiction of a solid massive rotating triangular UFO with fixed lights at its three corners except for UFO believers like us with a little imagination.

Nick Balaskas

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USOs

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 22:58:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:20:30 -0400
Subject: USOs

Deep Sea Alert: USOs!

US History Channel

July 10, 2006, 8 PM EDT

July 11, 2006, Midnight

Repeats later?

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Hayman

From: **Matthew Hayman** <haymans.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 02:40:15 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:33:50 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Hayman

I can see the McKinnon issue is quite a hot-topic. As well it should. In one respect this fellow is only seeking information and does not pose a threat to any National Security. But Rule # 1 of hackers, "Don't get caught".

Which leaves me to wonder if any other hackers, as he claimed there were many on site, are, or were, divulging similar findings? This fellow should probably be hailed as a martyr for the cause, and public outcry, should come to his defense.

So who has exclusive rights to this kind of information? Obviously not the civilian population. And if it exists - not exclusively in the US - at least the G7. Which leads to what seems the inevitable conclusion.

If the whole trip is, I believe the Government as well as any extraterrestrials would want it ultimately suppressed from common knowledge. As the disruption to general populous would extreme to say the least.

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Re: Aware of Their Presence - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 02:41:42 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:36:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Aware of Their Presence - Goldstein

>Source: PRWEB International, Ferndale, Washington, USA

><http://www.prweb.com/releases/2006/7/prweb408868.htm>

>July 9, 2006

>An Alien Abductee Shares Proof That We are Not Alone

>Aware of Their Presence is Craig Jacocks' startling true story
>of his lifelong abductions by aliens

>Cleveland, OH (PRWEB) July 9, 2006 -- Craig Jacocks' Aware of
>Their Presence is set to be the first major book about alien
>abduction since Whitley Streiber's best seller Communion. But,
>Jacocks has something even Streiber did not: proof.

>In the book, Jacocks recounts details from the many times he was
>abducted by aliens, beginning when he was a young child. He
>details how the encounters grew in intensity and how he began to
>realize he was dealing with humanoid beings with amazing
>abilities. Gradually, he began to hear their voices and see
>them. Recently at work, a scanner reacted to an unknown code
>inside his body. X-rays revealed two needle-like objects, which
>he now believes to be tracking devices. These experiences,
>Jacocks suggests, are not only real, but they should be explored
>as proof of alien existence, rather than mocked or hidden away
>in secrecy.

>An in-demand speaker on alien abduction, Jacocks has also
>written articles about his experiences for both UFO Magazine and
>Mysteries Magazine. Aware of Their Presence has been considered
>as recommended reading by the highly influential Mutual UFO
>Network state director, Richard Lee. We can't deny the existence
>of alien abduction any longer, says Jacocks, and this startling,
>frank, and brutally honest book can prove it.

<snip>

What proof? He has two pins in him that show on xrays. He only has that proof so far. They have not been extracted and proof has not been found that they could only have been constructed and implanted by aliens.

It was the same case for Dr. Leir. He had recovered unusual objects but once they were examined there was no proof that they were made and implanted by aliens nor having any electronic properties. They were just hardened human organic material.

Josh Goldstein

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 07:51:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:44:12 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Lehmborg

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 08:51:19 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 9 Jul 2006 23:59:25 +0100
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 08:20:56 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

<snip>

>>You probably won't like this, Mr Lehmborg, but for once I'm
>>right alongside you!

>Oh my Gawd... (twice actually, the other was on polygraph
>efficacy) but... to my arms my brother, and I lift my glass,
>Sir, and tender a respectful nod!

>They serve frozen treats in Hell this day, verily! <g>

I might add that it may be a measure of totally intolerable
behavior that such divergent persons can be driven into the
tiniest or most ephemeral of lovefests... at all.

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3D Crop Circle

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 13:54:58 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:46:39 -0400
Subject: 3D Crop Circle

Hi All,

A very intriguing 3D Crop Circle has appeared in Oxfordshire.

<http://tinyurl.com/f4onn>

I may get to check this out soon, as I will be hitting the circles in Wiltshire this weekend.

Roy

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UFO Sightings Distribution

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 06:28:49 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:48:31 -0400
Subject: UFO Sightings Distribution

UFO Sightings Distribution

Thanks to the work of folks like Larry Hatch, as well as all those who contributed the reports in the first place, we now have an idea of the worldwide scope of the UFO phenomenon. This isn't just current information either. There is correlated data from thousands of years of record keeping: what humans do best.

I have a question about the frequency of the sightings. I wonder what the distribution of sightings signifies. Is this distribution a result of:

UFO pilot preference?

Reporter credibility?

Reporter courage?

Specific national freedoms of speech?

General education level of specific nations?

Communication and reporting infrastructures within nations?

A combination of some of these?

Or, something else?

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Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 09:33:46 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 18:23:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Balaskas

>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 11:41:58 -0400
>Subject: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

>Does anyone have any comments about this story or my analysis of
>the photos shown in this report? Feedback would be appreciated,
>although I realize the list is discussing several other threads.

><http://www.ufodigest.com/greekufos.html>

<snip>

Hi Dirk!

This is another example of a BLURFO - an apparent UFO captured on film or video that was not noticed by the photographer who took the picture or by any others who were also present.

These brighter but blurred images in the photo are very likely flying bugs just like the ones I captured while taking photos of a sunset at a marshy park on Lake Ontario recently. Notice that they are illuminated by white light (including the "UFO" in front of the featureless mountain range in dark shadow) and not by the reddish glow of the sky. This suggests to me that the flash was triggered when this photo was taken. The nearby four flying bugs would be brighter than the other three which were a little further away from the camera.

If this photo was taken with a typical camera, the apparent size of these suspected UFOs would have been about as large as the full Moon - too large not for everyone to notice! My conclusion is that these UFOs cannot be large objects in the distance but something much smaller and very close to the witness such as flying bugs (or possibly micro-UFOs?).

Nick Balaskas

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 09:40:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 18:26:25 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Clark

>From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 14:49:53 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: **John Rimmer** <jrimmer.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 9 Jul 2006 23:59:25 +0100
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

<snip>

>>And let's not forget that this is only happening because the
>>pusillanimous, boot-licking, government of Bush-toady Tony B. Liar
>>agreed to a one sided extradition treaty which allows America to
>>more or less drag in anybody off the streets of Britain that it
>>doesn't like the look of, but doesn't allow us
>>to extradite a gang of murderous IRA terrorists who've gone to
>>ground in the US because they control too many votes in Massachusetts.

>Further to my comments on SDI on Saturday, here are some
current articles explaining the extradition imbalance between
the US and the UK with particular emphasis on another case
running parallel to McKinnon's, namely the Nat West Three;

><http://tinyurl.co.uk/tyvi>

><http://tinyurl.co.uk/zev6>

><http://tinyurl.co.uk/svim>

>As one US analyst remarks in one of the pieces, we did this to
>ourselves.

It is often said - and demonstrated - that with Bush loyalty
runs only one way. I'd say, "Join the club," but Britain under
Tony Blair, sadly, has been a member long enough to know the
rules.

The only thing that would surprise me about this miserable
regime is if, for once, it did the right thing. I do not
anticipate being surprised anytime between now and January 20,
2009, when this gang leaves office and the nation welcomes a new
President who promises to do all in his or her power to restore
honor and decency to a nation that has practiced precious little
of it over Bush's two terms.

Jerry Clark

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AUFORN Australian UFO Reports 2006

From: Diane Harrison Frola <diane.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 01:38:38 +1000
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 09:56:04 -0400
Subject: AUFORN Australian UFO Reports 2006

Hi Everyone

We at AUFORN have been really busy investigating all kinds of reports from UFO lights in the sky to Alien Encounters and Abductions with missing time.

The reports below have been collated by AUFORN investigators and they've done a fantastic job and there are many many more reports to come. Do we have a UFO flap going on in Australia who knows? but wouldn't it be great to have a few crop circles appear on our wheat belts to top it off.

We hope you enjoy reading these reports and I say thank you to the team, they've done a great job.

And while online checkout next years conference. All speakers have now confirmed and its going to be fantastic!! so book early as not to miss out.

<http://www.aufor.com/sydneyconference2007.html>

>From the Land down under.

AUFORNs National Director,
Diane Harrison/Frola

AUFORNs AUSTRALIAN UFO REPORTS 2006

AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: VIC
1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5372
DATE OF SIGHTING: 17/02/2006
DATE REPORTED: 17/02/2006
TIME OF SIGHTING: 15:57hrs
LOCATION: Malvern
STATE: VIC
NAME: Oliver
NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 1
NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 1

REPORT:

Oliver went outside for a cigarette, then he noticed a very strange light "dancing around" near mount Dandenong. He says it wasn't a plane and wasn't a planet either, and he was wondering whether anyone else had reported it as well.

George AUFORN VIC

AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: VIC
1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5379
DATE OF SIGHTING: 17/02/2006
DATE REPORTED: 17/02/2006
TIME OF SIGHTING: 15:57hrs
LOCATION: Malvern
STATE: VIC
NAME: Oliver

NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 1
NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 1

REPORT:

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George AUFORN VIC

AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: TAS
1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5379
DATE OF SIGHTING: 00/12/2005
DATE REPORTED: 18/02/2006
TIME OF SIGHTING: 09:43hrs
LOCATION: Bendigo, Vic
LOCATION SIGHTING: TAS
STATE: VIC
NAME: Susanna R
NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 2
NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 1

REPORT:

Suzanna was out with her mother, on holidays in Hobart, Tasmania. It was mid December 2005, and one evening, just on dusk, they saw a metallic "thing" over the river which was reflecting the sunlight at a low angle. The object was only about 20 ft above the river surface, and it was an elongated egg shape about 100 meters across. They were so surprised that they stopped the car so they could keep on looking at it.

They saw it for about another 15 seconds, then it suddenly disappeared.

Suzanna's mother is a psychologist, and was very skeptical before this, now she is a bit more open minded.

George AUFORN VIC

AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: VIC
1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5457
DATE OF SIGHTING: 00/00/0000
DATE REPORTED: 29/03/2006
TIME OF SIGHTING: 14:02hrs
LOCATION: Stratford, Gippsland
STATE: VIC
NAME: Lyn
NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 1
NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 1

REPORT:

It was 3.50 am, and the cat woke Lyn up, wanting to go outside. She went outside to look up at the sky, it was a very clear night. She saw a large cluster of "Electric Blue" lights, with a few red ones here and there. The lights were not flashing, and there was no sound. She said there were many hundreds of lights making up the huge cluster.

She went back inside, looked out the window, and saw another one further away over the direction of her car shed.

She could see both at the same time. She rang the RAAF base, which is only about 20 minutes away by car, and they said that someone else had reported the same thing too.

Lynn said that she has always been fairly open minded about these things, and was not frightened or particularly surprised by it.

George AUFORN VIC

AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: VIC
1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5496
DATE OF SIGHTING: 16/04/2006
DATE REPORTED: 18/04/2006
TIME OF SIGHTING: 15:03hrs
LOCATION: Noble Park
STATE: VIC
NAME: Melanie
NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 1

NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 2

REPORT:

On the 16th April, Melanie saw 2 bright orange lights over Noble Park. They were flying one below the other. The lower one flew at a constant speed, while the upper one went faster, then stopped, then went fast, then stopped again, then it disappeared in one second. Then the lower one disappeared.

George AUFORN VIC

AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: NSW

1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5520

DATE OF SIGHTING: 14/05/2006

DATE REPORTED: 14/05/2006

TIME OF SIGHTING: 05:00hrs

LOCATION: Mascot

STATE: NSW

NAME: Martin

NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 1

NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 2

REPORT:

Martin was out on the balcony on the upper level of his Mascot home at 5 am Sunday morning 14th May. He then observed a light in the northern sky. He then noticed another one appear away to the left (NNW) followed by a third to the right (NNE). Martin said they had the appearance of stars but that each was brighter than normal starlight. The next bizarre thing that took place was the apparent motion. The objects were zigzagging at incredible speed. Martin had to call his fianc=E9 out to check that he wasn=92t "seeing things".

As if this wasn=92t enough, there now "appeared from nowhere in the middle of the sky" a light which the caller described as " a quarter the size of the moon. The main bright object was not doing anything at all. The others seemed to move around the larger object as they hung in the sky.

They watched for about half an hour. Martin said that the large object was roughly "half way between a square and a triangle".

There was no sound. The sighting lasted around half an hour but that the objects were gone in seconds when the witnesses, including a third flat-mate, turned their backs for long enough to move inside and then back out onto the balcony. Martin has worked in aviation but has never seen the likes of such things.

Dom AUFORN NSW

AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: ACT

1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5551

DATE OF SIGHTING: 29/05/2006

DATE REPORTED: 29/05/2006

TIME OF SIGHTING: 17:39hrs

LOCATION: ?

STATE: ACT

NAME: Cah1

NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 1

NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 1

REPORT:

Cahl called as part of the Sea Search and rescue teams on duty at the time that the meteorite calls were being aired to radio and TV. He called us as a second measure after ascertaining that reports made to his department whilst he was on shift were not in fact related to air traffic going down over the surrounding area. Once he was sure that no aircraft were unaccounted for, he rang us and urged other callers to ring the 1800 hotline number if they had any other such sightings.

It is our opinion that these were the origins of some of the callins we received over the course of the week of meteorite sightings across the Australian eastern seaboard.

Dom AUFORN NSW

AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: NSW

1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5543

DATE OF SIGHTING: various past four months
DATE REPORTED: 24:05:2006
TIME OF SIGHTING: 11:30 pm -- 3:00 am
LOCATION: Guildford
STATE: NSW
NAME: Marshall
NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 2
NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 0

REPORT:
Mr M is a 68 year old accredited author and a very well respected man in his area of Guildford NSW.

He has been witnessing a strange phenomenon over the Blue Mountains area since the beginning of this year and decided to ring and report it after having coffee with a young man Mr J who had also witnessed the strange event.

Mr M has been witnessing strange flashes in the night sky, which only lasts for a micro second, over the Blue Mountains area most weekends since the beginning of the year. The flash happens generally between the hours of 11.30pm-3.00am and he has seen it 4 times in the past months.

After witnessing this several times, he decided to contact the Department of Meteorology and the Sydney Observatory to see if there was an explanation. Neither party were interested in giving an explanation, however the Dept. of Meteorology seemed to think he was witnessing lightning.

Mr M laughed this explanation off but has no idea what the flash and was hoping that there had been other reports. He explains the flash to be like an electricity transformer exploding but with no noise just the flash. The flash happens so quickly that if you were not looking in the right direction, you would never see it. He also explains that if it were lightning, then the whole sky would light up and this is not the case with what he is seeing. Only an area directly west of Guildford over the mountains lights up!

Kelly AUFORN NSW

AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: NSW
1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5549 & 5558
DATE OF SIGHTING: 28/05/2006
DATE REPORTED: 01/06/2006
TIME OF SIGHTING: 17:45hrs
LOCATION: Hawkesbury area
STATE: NSW
NAME: Debbie
NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 1
NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 1

REPORT:
Whilst waiting to go on air on a community radio station on a Sunday night, Debbie received a call from a listener declaring that they had seen a "ball of fire" falling from the sky whilst driving along Richmond road at about 5:45 pm. She rang the air force base at Richmond. They didn't see it, so when she went to air, Debbie announced the sighting and asked if anyone else had seen it. Someone rang in and said they lived in North Richmond and had seen the exact same thing. No mention of colour or sound was made. The station transmits on 89.9, Hawkesbury,

=46rom all correlations and descriptions, it seems most likely that this was one of the meteorites called in from the local area that week. We have made other callin reports from rural west NSW surrounding balls of fire that have hit the ground.

Dom AUFORN NSW

AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: NSW
1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5552
DATE OF SIGHTING: 18/05/2006
DATE REPORTED: 29/05/2006
TIME OF SIGHTING: 09:49 am
LOCATION: Terrigal
STATE: NSW
NAME: Gary
NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 1

NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 1

REPORT:

On 18/5/06 at 9.49am, Mr P was driving through the Central Coast suburb of Terrigal and saw an object, which at first glance, thought it to be an aircraft as it was leaving a contrail.

After viewing the object for about 5 minutes, Mr P then saw an aircraft come very close to the object which then made him realise that both objects looked quite different to each other and what he first viewed was not an aircraft. He has no idea what is was, but seems to think there are a few strange things happening in the Central Coast area.

Mr P took a photo of the object with his mobile phone and is going to forward it on to AUFORN. He is a private investigator and has seen quite a few strange things in daylight hours while doing investigations and has forwarded a report onto AUFORN earlier this year.

Kelly AUFORN NSW

AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: NSW

1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5557

DATE OF SIGHTING: 00/00/2006

DATE REPORTED: 01/06/2006

TIME OF SIGHTING: 18:30 hrs

LOCATION: West Kempsey

STATE: NSW

NAME: Roger

NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 1

NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 2

REPORT:

According to Roger, an incident occurred around 3 years ago so richly bizarre that even though he had called National security some 22 times in order to report its nature, he is still dumbfounded to find that no one takes him seriously! The caller lives in the Newcastle to Williamstown area, close to the dividing ranges. One night, he observed a craft that he estimates could only have been about 50 metres away, low to the ground. The time of this sighting was around 6:30 pm.

Roger states that the device, whatever it was, "measured about 15 feet long and was kind of football shaped; like a dome from a mosque with what looked like 3 portholes". Hovering just above the trees, the object made no noise and moved rapidly away.

Some months later, living on a property with full 360 degree viewing, an object "lit the room up! Windows were shaking" but that there was no noise to speak of. Many people have confided in Roger of having the same sorts of sightings in the General area, but that none have come forward.

Roger has lived in this area for some 20 years and until 3 years ago, had seen nothing.

Roger=92s homestead lays West of Kempsey.

Dom AUFORN NSW

AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: NSW

1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5561

DATE OF SIGHTING: 30/05/2006

DATE REPORTED: 01/06/2006

TIME OF SIGHTING: 20:35hrs

LOCATION: Narellan

STATE: NSW

NAME: Darren

NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 1

NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 2

REPORT:

Darren, normally an unbeliever in UFO=92s, called to report the classic case of a flying disc. Darren said that two large round silver objects, parted by about 30 feet and flying roughly 800 feet high (the cloud bank was above these objects), "flew straight towards me". He yelled out to his mother who also saw them. As they "silently flashed overhead", the objects veered off at 45 degrees in order to travel straight out to sea. "They

were coming from the Blue Mountains, towards me and then went to the East.

NO sounds at all. Speed of them was incredible. It was at night time, a cloudy night, but I could see them easily against the backdrop of clouds." Telstra 123 put him through to us.

"They took off at an incredible rate."

He went on to say that he could not distinguish any light sources. The objects were in his opinion, "most likely metal, roundish, like an oval but a curved at the end."

Darren has lived at Narellan for 5 years and has never seen anything like this in his life.

Dom AUFORN NSW

AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: NSW

1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5562

DATE OF SIGHTING: 01/06/2006

TIME OF SIGHTING: 09:45 pm

DATE REPORTED: 01/06/2006

LOCATION: Ourimbah

STATE: NSW

NAME: Annette

NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 2

NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 1

REPORT:

Ms P and partner Mr J witnessed and incredible event on the 1st June 2006 at 9.45pm. Ms P was sitting out on her verandah looking over the Ourimbah area, a suburb of the Central Coast, when she noticed what she first thought was a star.

The object seemed to be hovering and was showing colours of red, white and green. The object moved several times which then made Ms P call out to her partner to come onto the verandah and watch this object as well. Both viewed the object for at least 5 minutes and then called the local radio station to report the sighting. As no body really seemed to be interested in what she was saying, she then rang Telstra to get the phone number of their local police station. The lady she was talking to told her that the Police probably wouldn't be interested and gave her the AUFORN 1800 number.

While both were still witnessing the event, Ms P rang the 1800 number hoping to talk to somebody straight away so she could report the event and hopefully get an answer. After leaving her details, she watched the event for at least another 5 minutes. She said the object moved from side to side several times, and a one stage, made a very quick acceleration which then made them both realise it was something out of the ordinary.

Ms P, who is 51 years old and Mr J who is 58 and an industrial chemist, feels that what they witnessed may not have been in our Earth's atmosphere as it did appear to be a fair distance away. Ms P explained that she has witnessed a few strange things in the sky before over the years, but her partner with his scientific background, has always had an explanation for what she had seen. However, this time he couldn't explain the event and it was he who prompted Ms P to call somebody and report the sighting.

Kelly AUFORN NSW

AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: NSW

1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5577

DATE OF SIGHTING: 05/06/06

DATE REPORTED: 07/07/2006

TIME OF SIGHTING: 10:30 pm

LOCATION: Campbelltown

STATE: NSW

NAME: Cheryl

NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 3

NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 2

REPORT:

Cheryl rang saying that together with two other witnesses, she saw us two orange balls in the sky somewhere between 10:30 and

11 at night. Thought they appeared at first to be stars, they started to move up and down and then went straight up and ascended through the atmosphere very quickly! "They were definitely in our atmosphere" she said. Cheryl has seen them a few times now, including an earlier sighting when she saw one the size of a basketball at arms length in the sky, "it was that close". This object, as orange as the others she saw later, hovered at eye level. As she hurried in for binoculars for an even closer look, it vanished into thin air. This time, the sighting was around 3:00 am in the morning, occurring during a trip to the toilet.

Cheryl has lived in the district for around 15 years and has not seen anything like it before these two incidents separated by only a few months. The objects were viewed facing north.

Dom AUFORN NSW

AUFORN HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: WA
1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5585.
Date of sighting: Saturday June 10, 2006.
Date reported: Saturday June 10, 2006.
Witness: Wendy.
Location: Ocean Reef.
State: Western Australia.
Number of witnesses: two witnesses.
Number of objects: one.
Investigator Jeff Fausch.
Classification: NL, Meteorite?

REPORT

On Saturday evening at approximately 20.30hrs Wendy had just got home, as she was getting out of the vehicle she saw a large white object streak across the sky heading in a downward direction. She said it made no noise as it passed over. Because it was heading in a down ward direction she thought it might crash.

She got back into the car, thinking it may have crashed and went to look for it. She drove to Edgewood Lake (I think that is the name of the lake?). She got a surprise to see the surface of the lake on fire and the surrounding trees smoldering. She does not know whether the object that flew over caused the fire or not but found it all a bit strange.

Wendy did say there was an article in the local newspaper (Joondalup Community News paper). The article was about the fire around the lake. The article said it was a peat fire. I assume peat is the turf dug up for fueling fires.

NOTES I have sent an email to the Community newspaper asking for the article as described by Wendy.

I don't know much about peat as a fuel as it is not very common in SA. I can understand the bush burning but I am curious what would cause the surface of the lake to burn. There would have to be some type of accelerant on the surface to cause it to burn.

Wendy did not hear an impact so it properly a coincidence that the object flew over at the same time there was a fire on a lake near by. But it still would be interesting to find out what caused the fire on the lake and surrounding bush.

Jeff AUFORN SA

AUFORN HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: ACT
1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5616
Date of sighting: 28/05/2006
Date reported: 01/07/2006
Witness: Andy
Location: Downer SA
State: ACT
Number of witnesses: 1
Number of objects: approx. 15

Image link: <http://www.auforn.com/ACT2006.html>

Report by Andy:
Sightings on 28th June ,12.55PM, from Downer, Northside, facing north.

All objects travelling away, sequence of shots until all disappear, northbound, clear cold night.

All objects were very a bright red-yellow colour, with a strong glow obvious as power /energy being used to fly. They were initially seen in a line formation, uneven, slanting to the right, then they folded into a group, as if following the same route away from the city, as they crossed over each other, presumably following each-other, there was a bright flash where two appeared to cross over.

I took the photo, but only caught the last bit of it, TOTAL TIME observed about 2 minutes, from first photo to last. Reason I saw them then, was that my dog had asked to go out, I first saw them through trees, then ran inside got my Fuji S5500, 10x optical camera digital, so lots of pixels, ran back out and over 50m to get some clearer shots, all on auto settings, two have some zoom but I backed off in case it didn't catch the detail well eg, I know the normal settings work

There was no sound, there should have been. there appear to be two which have a sort of sphere between the bright parts, and it is possible that they have shape, from the placing of each object, in my opinion. it is possible that they are reflections in the atmosphere from roads and cars, however, this does not relate well to the road routes or traffic at that time of night, nor the clear atmosphere, with no clouds to bounce off, there are stars in the background, appearing as white light in the photos...initially, they were all spread out, and much higher above, but a long way up.

My initial reaction was aircraft, maybe jets, my fear was that they were rockets, but they had colour that i would usually relate to as a cold yellow flame, except it had a strength almost to white light about it. They were different. meteor shower? could not have grouped and disappeared like that, they had angular movement patterns, sharp turns, it is possible that they flew out of the atmosphere that i could see, maybe coming together from distance, very quick, faster than aircraft which would have had sound, even delayed. Anyway, let the photos speak for themselves, any suggestions as to whatever gratefully accepted if plausible.

Thanks for the interest. Andy.

Diane AUFORN QLD

AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: SA
1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5617.
Date of sighting: Saturday July 1, 2006.
Date reported: Sunday July 2, 2006.
Location: Old Reynella.
State: South Australia.
Name: Ray
Investigator: Jeff Fausch (Telephone interview)
Number of witnesses: two witnesses, 1 male + 1 female.
Number of Objects: One object.
Time: 23:30hrs.
Classification: CE1 / CE4?

REPORT

Ray and a female companion were on the way home from a party travelling through Old Reynella, at approximately 23:30hrs. They were travelling on a straight stretch of road heading south when Ray observed a strange object in the sky. It was the size of a half-moon and cigar shaped. It was a silver-grey colour. Ray said the object was at an angle of 45-degrees from the ground in a southerly direction. He said the strange thing about the object was that it looked as if it was damaged, as if it had been hit by missile or something.

He thinks the object was approximately 3 to 5kms away. As Ray was watching the object, within a blink of an eye it was over his vehicle, he could not believe how fast it travelled. He said the object hovered over his vehicle, no more than 5 metres above the roof. His vehicle then lit up with an ultra bright white light that was so powerful that it blinded him and the female companion. He said he could not see past the bonnet of the vehicle. While the bright light covered the vehicle he heard what sounded like a camera flash going off but it was much

louder. He did not hear any other sounds coming from the object.

Ray does not know how long the bright light was over his vehicle, but he thinks it was no more than a minute, but feels for some reason that it could have been longer. He said when he was blinded by the light from the object, he kept on driving; he does not know why he did not pull over. There was no other traffic on the road at that time.

When the bright light dissipated, the object had vanished; he does not what direction it went. The female companion said, "Did you see that, thank-god I thought I was hallucinating". Ray said that they never discussed the incident or even talked to each other on the way home.

The trip home took longer than it should have; this is why he thinks the UFO encounter may have been longer than a minute. He believes there could been missing time involved. He said during the encounter he may have been in an altered state and had a sensation of being displaced and then replaced. He feels that it could have been some type of abduction. He has very little memory of the events that took place that night He said he is starting to get memory flashbacks from what happened but did not want to go into detail.

Ray was asked if the vehicle was effected in anyway, he said that he had just had his vehicle tuned and serviced recently but after the encounter with the object the vehicle was running rough and backfiring. Ray said he has to take the vehicle back to be repaired. He believes that the object affected the mechanics of the vehicle but does not know how.

He was also asked if the encounter with the object affected him physically? He said he had rashes on his fingers that he did not have before the encounter. He believes that the rash may be connected to the encounter.

Ray feels that the encounter with object has changed his life and he does not know why. He feels strange and that he has lost something but does not know what. Ray has not been able to sleep since the encounter. He has not talked to his female friend as yet about the experience.

Ray said he had encountered two other UFOs during his life, one twelve months ago and the other when he was seven years old. During this encounter he had missing time. He said the strange feeling he is experiencing is similar to the way he felt when he way seven years old. Ray did not want to go into detail about theses two UFO experiences.

JEFF AUFORN SA
AUFORN UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP REPORT: NSW
1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN CODE: 5603, 5618, 5623
DATE OF SIGHTING: 27/06/2006
DATE REPORTED: 27/06/2006
TIME OF SIGHTING: 05:45 pm
LOCATION: Newcastle
STATE: NSW
NAME: Deborah
NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 1
NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 2

REPORT: Debbie rang on several occasions to report two sightings she had on successive nights. She stated that what she saw was like a bright white light much more so than any starlight but that it shone a bright gold in the middle. Yet in three to five seconds it had faded and vanished!

Deborah stated that at that time of night, it was adjacent to the Southern Cross constellation in the sky. The whole sighting on each night, at the same time of evening lasted around 6 -- 7 seconds and felt that what she saw was strange enough from that of a satellite to report it to a UFO society.

Dom AUFORN NSW

Warmest Regards

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Strange Days... Indeed #400

From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 10:03:33 -0400
Subject: Strange Days... Indeed #400

Hi, All,

In case you missed #400 of Strange Days... Indeed, it was a good one. You may want to download the .mp3 at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/program/>

or the podcast, via iTunes.

In that program, EBK voiced a common frustration that ufology seemingly spends an inordinate amount of time re-examining classic cases - neither adding new data nor providing a better understanding of existing evidence. I agree.

Worse, skeptical inquiry of the best and most inexplicable cases goes on until the prosaic arguments become ridiculous. The old thread concerning Father Gill's Papua, New Guinea encounter from a year or two ago was a case in point. (And for the record, I prefer the image of Father Gill squinting through the lip of a sombrero with dingleballs over him squinting at Venus through Coke-bottle quadra-focals.)

These threads are often started by fresh voices on the subject, but they rarely contain fresh information or fresh perspectives. There are always a few notable exceptions, however - Nick Redfern being a handy example. Many fellow readers have suggested both privately and Onlist that simple 'fear of the unknown' motivates much of this reexamination...and re-reexamination. I think it's more serious than that.

In a new book, *Conservatives Without Consciences*, John Dean, former Nixon White House Counsel, suggests a relationship between authoritarianism and present day politics. Says one reviewer, "Sparked by Goldwater, Dean continued to research on the subject with various scholars looking into the psychology of authoritarianism and found a wealth of information on the subject. According to his findings, a vast majority of Conservatives are drawn into the Leader/Follower archetype, where the Leaders are considered infallible, and the loyalty of the Followers is completely unshakable." As far as theories about what's going on here in the States, it's as good as any other.

Says Dean, "About 23% of the populace falls into the follower category. These people are impervious to fact, rationality and reality." That 23% never hesitate to shriek epithets at critics, state corrupt policy as though it were common sense, and increasingly (and frighteningly) call for violence against those critics. In so doing, they effectively cow the remaining 77%. Government in this country, in any area you care to mention, has come to a screeching halt (either that, or it's careening off a cliff - I can't tell which).

I see parallels between this and present day Ufology. Highly respected, senior Ufologists turn down interviews because they don't want to be seen as side-show freaks any longer - in much the same way as American citizens acquiesce to our government's latest corrupt policy for fear of being labeled un-American or traitors - or through genuine fear of wiretapping, other

invasions of privacy, and now, overt suggestions of physical violence. Classic UFO cases are reexamined at their detriment without any new facts or evidence being introduced because agnostics fear being branded believers. I suspect new cases aren't properly researched or reported for the same reasons. What seems like idle chatter from this vocal minority is actually very harmful, and effectively slows down Ufology.

Best,

Bill

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50th Anniversary UFO Conference In Oz

From: **Glennys Mackay** <gem60.nul>
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Subject: 50th Anniversary UFO Conference In Oz

Forwarding this on in case it is of interest.

Just email Sheryl for more info or take a look at the website below.

Glennys
Nat. Director
MUFON Australia

Today, 11th July 2006, is the 50th anniversary of the establishment of UFO Research Qld Inc. in Brisbane, Australia, so it is with some significance and pleasure that we post this conference update today.

Join us for this celebratory event...

50th Anniversary UFO Conference
September 30 & October 1, 2006
Brisbane, Australia

Hosted by UFO Research Queensland Inc. 1956 - 2006

Speakers

Timothy Good (UK) -

"Need To Know: UFOs, the Military, and Intelligence"

Timothy will be speaking on the topic of his new book which is an expose of the greatest secret on Earth - the military and intelligence reports that prove UFOs exist. UFOs remain a key military and intelligence problem - one demanding unprecedented secrecy and deception. Access to information is on a strictly "need to know" basis.

In 1980 former CIA director Admiral Hillenkoetter confirmed this, "Behind the scenes high ranking airforce officers are soberly concerned about the UFOs but through official secrecy and ridicule many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense." The same is still true today.

Timothy Good, bestselling author and one of the world's most respected authorities on alien phenomena, has drawn together years of in-depth worldwide research to put forward a case that is impossible to dismiss.

Need To Know is a compelling expose of top-secret documents, interviews with key witnesses and discussions with military and intelligence specialists, pilots, politicians and scientists. It is full of revelations, including the alarmingly high number of aircraft crashes following military attacks on UFOs; the disappearance of hundreds of military and civilian aircraft during UFO encounters and the amazing information provided by a surgeon who operated on an alien captured by the Brazilian Army in 1996.

Complete with a foreword from Bill Gunston OBE, a fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and one of the world's foremost

aviation historians. Need To Know proves that UFOs are a real and current problem facing governments worldwide. The evidence presented is clear, balanced - and irrefutable.

Glenn Steckling (USA) - "The Extraterrestrial Reality
& How Our World Benefits"

The Steckling family brings to this subject over 40 years of information and personal experience pertaining to the existence of UFOs and extraterrestrial visitations. Mr. Steckling's father, the late Fred Steckling, was a close friend and co-worker of George Adamski, considered by some the Pioneer in the UFO field. Due to his association and materials inherited from Adamski, Fred Steckling was privileged to accept invitations to address a panel of 22 scientists at NASA's Goddard Space Center, Col. Freeman and his staff at the Pentagon, including before a Select Committee of Britain's House of Lords.

Fred and Glenn Steckling participated in numerous lecture tours, TV and radio broadcasts worldwide, (including Brisbane) and portions of the research of Fred Steckling's second book published in 1983, We Discovered Alien Bases on the Moon, was updated and expanded by Glenn in 1997. Often replicated but never thoroughly duplicated since, this work helped define lunar anomaly investigation and publications in this field.

Glenn, a professional Pilot/Aviator, supported with extensive archival data and materials collected since 1947, including original NASA photographs and film footage, will focus on revisiting the facts and reminding the public about the "tangible proof" behind one of the greatest subjects of our times.

Rex Gilroy (Aus) - "The Blue Mountains Triangle"

This lecture is based upon Rex & Heather Gilroy's latest UFO book, expected to be published by early 2007, and celebrates Rex Gilroy's 50 years as a Ufologist. The subject concerns the long history of UFO sightings, close encounters, alien abductions and other UFO-related phenomena experienced by many people throughout the Blue Mountains region covered by this "triangle", in which there have been many disappearances of people and aircraft.

This presentation will explore "time-window" experiences by people who have chanced to step in and out of time barriers; the vast underground world created by US and Australian scientists and military, a top secret operation that has gone on since the beginning of the Cold War where a super-advanced space travel technology appears to be of ET origin; the underground world in the Blue Mountains with vast living areas or "towns/cities" linked by road and rail possibly connected with a great space station that voyages around our planet.

John Auchettl (Aus) - "The Ufological Tipping Point"

In the past few years the popular press and some skeptics have trumpeted the demise of Ufology. The critics report, with some glee, that the "Ufological end time" is upon us all and that we should all just pack up and go home. On the surface this may seem to be a valid observation, but how true is it? This lecture will be looking at some general trends within Ufology that describe new conditions, developments and tipping points. It will also briefly describe and examine 4 case studies drawn from recent good Australian cases from the categories of Ground Trace, Audio, Photographic and Video that exhibit compelling results and show what new investigation methods or techniques reveal for us today. It may be 50 years on, however, researchers are still very active and still in the hunt.

Martin Gottschall (Aus) -

"The Contactee Message, A Doorway To Other Worlds"
During the 1950's the public responded strongly to the contactee messages sensing that something really important was taking place. In time the detractors drove this movement underground. While much was said and done to diminish the significance of the contact messages almost no effort was put into understanding them. When understood, contact messages are like "Stargates" giving us direct communication links with other worlds. This presentation will show why this is so and how these links can be operated.

Sheryl Gottschall (Aus) - "The Art Of Contact "

People who report close encounters often find themselves changed in unexpected ways. When their lives are brushed by "other world" experiences this somehow uncorks their creative expression spilling it out onto the canvas of their consciousness via spontaneous writing, poetry, painting, sculpting, design, music, and invention. Why this occurs is a mystery but these effects bring another element into the close encounter arena for consideration and evaluation.

This presentation is an exploration of the human side of close encounters and introduces cases of artistic expression relating to close encounters, connections between paranormal experiences and creativity, consideration of creative expressions as tools of personal and collective transcendence, and how otherworldly encounters invite us to become "agents of the new".

The following speakers are confirmed and details of their presentations will be announced soon.....

Ademar Gevaerd (Brazil) - "Brazilian UFO Research"

International Speaker; With startling revelations in regards to the Varginha Case with entirely updated and fresh material, interviews with the doctors who tried to help the second alien that was taken to the Hospital, and much more. Footage of sightings in South America as well as;

The Brazilian Official Disclosure project and more on the Amazon cases.

Albert Pennisi (Aus) - "The Tully UFO Nests"

Plus... Close Encounter Experiencer Panel

and much more...

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** A NEW IRAQ CULTURE SMART CARD
** DOD ON GENEVA CONVENTIONS, CRS ON MILITARY COMMISSIONS, ETC.
** FOREIGN INFLUENCE AND SECURITY CLEARANCE DETERMINATIONS
** THE CIA'S ANTI-BUSH CABAL

A NEW IRAQ CULTURE SMART CARD

"Don't use your left hand for contact with others," advises the U.S. Marine Corps in a new edition of the Iraq Culture Smart Card which is distributed to military personnel in Iraq. "It is considered unclean."

It seems late in the day for such niceties. Amid the daily brutality of the Iraq war, there is probably little to be gained by courtesy or to be lost by mere rudeness.

But the Marine Corps Intelligence Activity evidently thinks otherwise.

The MCIA has produced an updated Iraq Culture Smart Card, which features rudimentary information on Iraqi customs, religion and language. A copy was obtained by Secrecy News and is available here (in a very large 22 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usmc/iragsmart-0506.pdf>

DOD ON GENEVA CONVENTIONS, CRS ON MILITARY COMMISSIONS, ETC.

In a significant policy reversal, the Department of Defense last week formally directed that the humane treatment requirements of Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions shall henceforth be applied to all prisoners and detainees in DoD custody (as first reported by the Financial Times). See this July 7 memorandum from Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/dod/geneva070606.pdf>

The procedures for trying enemy prisoners and detainees in the war on terror are again a subject of deliberation (and of a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee today) in the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling that the tribunals established by the Bush Administration are unlawful.

A 2005 report of the Congressional Research Service provides some background on the development of this issue. Though now out of date in certain respects, it includes useful tables comparing

the various features and procedural safeguards of general courts-martial with those of military commissions and tribunals.

See "The Department of Defense Rules for Military Commissions: Analysis of Procedural Rules and Comparison with Proposed Legislation and the Uniform Code of Military Justice," updated August 4, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL31600.pdf>

Other notable new CRS reports not readily available in the public domain include the following.

"National Emergency Powers," updated June 20, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/98-505.pdf>

"Nuclear Weapons: Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty," updated June 21, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/IB92099.pdf>

"Combat Aircraft Sales to South Asia: Potential Implications," July 6, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL33515.pdf>

"Restructuring U.S. Foreign Aid: The Role of the Director of Foreign Assistance," June 16, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33491.pdf>

FOREIGN INFLUENCE AND SECURITY CLEARANCE DETERMINATIONS

The House Government Reform Committee will hold a hearing July 13 on the role that considerations of foreign influence play in decisions to grant or deny security clearances for access to classified information.

One of the principal considerations leading to denial of a security clearance is when the applicant has relatives or relationships or other ties abroad in countries of concern, and particularly in the Middle East and the Far East.

This approach, if applied too rigidly, can be counter-productive since the best linguists and the most accomplished area experts will almost invariably have "relationships" of one kind or another with persons in their region of expertise.

But the process for adjudicating disputes over clearances seems distinctly skewed against the applicant.

In a new report, attorney Sheldon Cohen identified a peculiar anomaly in the performance of the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA), which rules on disputed clearance matters for the Defense Department. In the large majority of disputes presented to it, he found, DOHA has consistently ruled against the applicant.

"If Department Counsel appeals a decision granting a clearance, it is virtually assured that the Appeal Board will reverse. Yet, if an applicant appeals a decision involving a foreign connection denying a clearance, the Appeal Board will assuredly affirm the denial," found Cohen, who specializes in security clearance cases.

See "Appeal Board Decisions of the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals: Are They Arbitrary and Capricious?" by Sheldon I. Cohen, July 10, 2006, linked from here:

<http://www.sheldoncohen.com/publications/>

THE CIA'S ANTI-BUSH CABAL

A May 18 letter sent to President Bush by House Intelligence Committee chairman Rep. Pete Hoekstra criticizing Administration policy on intelligence (first reported July 9 by Eric Lichtblau and Scott Shane of the New York Times) has already earned an enduring place in the annals of congressional oversight of

intelligence.

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/hoekstra051806.html

While it has been welcomed by some as a sign of congressional vigor and independence, the letter from Chairman Hoekstra also features a weird admixture of paranoia and pique.

"I have been long concerned that a strong and well-positioned group within the Agency intentionally undermined the Administration and its policies," he wrote.

This conspiracy theory, previously alleged mainly by some conservative bloggers and editorial writers, "is supported by the Ambassador Wilson/Valerie Plame events" - despite the fact that Valerie Plame, whose CIA career was destroyed, would appear to be a victim rather than a perpetrator - "as well as by the string of unauthorized disclosures."

"I have come to the belief that, despite his service to the [Directorate of Operations], Mr. Kappes [the new CIA Deputy Director] may have been part of this group."

Kappes must be viewed with suspicion, Hoekstra explained, since his appointment was not opposed by House Democrats!

"I must take note when my Democratic colleagues - those who so vehemently denounced and publicly attacked the strong choice of Porter Goss as Director - now publicly support Mr. Kappes's return," Chairman Hoekstra observed acutely.

"Further, the details surrounding Mr. Kappes's [2004] departure from the CIA give me great pause. Mr. Kappes was not fired, but, as I understand it, summarily resigned his position shortly after Director Goss responded to his demonstrated contempt for Congress and the Intelligence Committees' oversight responsibilities."

This is an idiosyncratic description of a dispute that arose between senior DO officials and the former congressional staff members who accompanied Director Goss to CIA, which led to the resignations of several officials.

"The fact is, Mr. Kappes and his Deputy, Mr. Sulick, were developing a communications offensive to bypass the Intelligence Committees and the CIA's own Office of Congressional Affairs. One can only speculate on the motives but it clearly indicates a willingness to promote a personal agenda," Rep. Hoekstra wrote.

As David Corn wrote in *The Nation*, "It's hard to know who to root for" in this strange clash of personalities and institutions.

Maybe the answer is that the conflict itself is the good news, since it restores a healthy tension to the oversight process and drives the disclosure of new information into the public domain.

Coincidentally, Michael Sulick, one of the members of the supposed anti-Bush "cabal" at CIA named by Rep. Hoekstra, is the author of a colorful new first-person account of a CIA initiative to establish relations with Lithuania in 1991 when the Soviet Union fell.

See "As the USSR Collapsed: A CIA Officer in Lithuania" by Michael J. Sulick, *Studies in Intelligence*, vol. 50, no. 2, 2006:

<http://tinyurl.com/orprz>

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Cattle Mutilation In La Pampa Argentina June 06

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 15:54:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 10:21:05 -0400
Subject: Cattle Mutilation In La Pampa Argentina June 06

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
July 11, 2006

Argentina: Cattle Mutilation In La Pampa
a report from Raul Oscar Chaves, Ciufoslapampa

In late June 2006 on the edge of Provincial Route No. 7 (km 158) in the jurisdiction of Colonia Ines y Carlota, some 50 km NE of Santa Rosa, La Pampa, 5 bovines were found dead, presenting clear signs of mutilation.

The time of death had been estimated at some 15 days and the carcasses showed signs of missing udders, ears and tongues; incisions in the genital region were also reported.

The animals were predominantly black Aberdeen Angus and Shorton cattle with an approximate weight of 300 kg. The discovery of elements with these characteristics, albeit sporadically, is proof of the phenomenon's continuity. At the same time, the lack of elements of discernment have kept a formal complaint from being brought to the authorities.

The need to "distance oneself" from these animals arises from the possible impact on the cattle rancher's livelihood, since potential livestock buyers are reluctant to make purchases from estates on which mutilation episodes have occurred.

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Special thanks to Raul Oscar Chaves

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Re: 3D Crop Circle - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:56:26 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 10:23:04 -0400
Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle - Boone

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 13:54:58 +0100
>Subject: 3D Crop Circle

>A very intriguing 3D Crop Circle has appeared in Oxfordshire.

><http://tinyurl.com/f4onn>

>I may get to check this out soon, as I will be hitting the
>circles in Wiltshire this weekend.

>Roy

Awesome!

In the 60's and 70's there was a popular toy called Spirograph
that allowed the user to draw intricate geometric designs.

These crop circles remind me of some large scale version of that
popular toy.

What also puzzles me is that no one saw this being made! There's
no way in heck one or two people could have made this and no one
saw them. Even if dozens of people working in the dead of night
did it someone should have seen something or some trace of their
presence.

Methinks there's a satellite in the skies with a bunch of
practical jokers using some sort of beams to create these
patterns perhaps as a mission rite of passage or just some
bizarre hazing routine.

Best,

Greg

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Re: UFO Sightings Distribution - Gelinas

From: **Maynard Gelinas** <maynard.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:43:26 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 10:28:36 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Sightings Distribution - Gelinas

Hello List, new member here,

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 06:28:49 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: UFO Sightings Distribution

>Thanks to the work of folks like Larry Hatch, as well as all
>those who contributed the reports in the first place, we now
>have an idea of the worldwide scope of the UFO phenomenon. This
>isn't just current information either. There is correlated data
>from thousands of years of record keeping: what humans do best.

>I have a question about the frequency of the sightings. I wonder
>what the distribution of sightings signifies. Is this
>distribution a result of:

How strange. I've been wondering about the frequency of reported sightings per locale for a while now too. However, my interest is in seeing if this data is useful for predicting the number of sightings per year, per region. Presumably, with this data, one could statistically estimate how many instruments would need to be pre-positioned (and for how long) in order to record a series of events with the best possible equipment.

Then each recorded event (with the same equipment) could be considered part of a larger experimental run with controls (the equipment). Plus one could work up a budget to guesstimate total cost for the operation.

I could imagine an equipment stack that might contain several HD video cameras recording different EM wavelengths like UV, visible spectrum, infrared, spectrograms... and perhaps GPS/compass/elevation data along with.

The question is: how many of these things and people would need to be pre-positioned in order to get enough data for a valid run? And how much would that cost?

--M

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 18:55:04 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 10:31:57 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Boone

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:40:29 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:11:10 EDT
>>Subject: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited. Says He'll Appeal

>><http://www.theinquirer.net/default.aspx?article=32872>

>>The way things have been going I am afraid for the well being of
>>McKinnon.

>Why? What do you think "they're" going to do to him - bump him >off
>on the plane ride to the US?

>He'll be handed over to American authorities, after his appeals
>fail (and fail they will, because he doesn't have a legal leg to
>stand on), tried, and, if convicted (which is no certainty),
>sentenced. He made his bed - let him lie in it.

>>Sure he committed a crime but being extradited to the U.S. is
>>like a pending death sentence.

>Oh, puh-lease. I know it's de rigueur these days by some people
>to assume the United States is just slightly to the right of
>Nazi Germany, or the gulag state, but McKinnon doesn't face a
>"pending death sentence". He may face a considerable period of
>time in jail (perhaps even a very considerable period of time),
>but, as the old saying goes, if you can't do the time...

<snip>

>Best regards,

>Paul Kimball
>www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

Oh, I forgot you aren't even an American citizen from what I gathered.

You don't have 200+ years worth of constant murder and unlawful incarceration in your family and neighbor's history.

It think there was some genocidal nonsense in Canada but I'll need to check the history books.

I know it occurred here because I'm predominantly Native American.

Nazis? Are you forgetting or did the musk deer steal your history books? Some of the largest if not the largest funding for the Nazis came from American industrialists including the grandfather of our president President and his father.

I remember as a kid having to watch as well up into the 60's

Jewish immigrants having to hide out FROM the Nazis who had been smuggled or brought into the U.S. to help in industry and were afraid the survivors of the concentration camps would recognize them for the fiends they were.

I remember the assassinations of not only the famous civil rights people but of common folk who stood up against oppression.

I remember well up into the 80's and 90's when kids like Michael Stewart and immigrants like Abner Louima were murdered and brutalized by citizens and uniformed officers of the law because of the color of their skin.

I remember murder.

I don't know what goes on up in the Great White North but here in the U.S. you stand a good chance of getting deep sixed for knowing too much, knowing too many, and even remotely looking like you do.

Gee, ain't it strange we're still pondering the unusual demise of microbiologists?

With our history I wouldn't put it past someone trying to bump off McKinnon. Not because of what he did or knows but because of what some sick bastards assume he may know.

Not that he knows some secret UFO mystery but because he may have seen documents regarding some illicit theft or arms deal or even something as simple as who was sleeping with who's wife or husband.

Murder is big business here Mr. Kimball. That's why we have over 2 million people in the prison system and millions more having gone through it.

That's why we have gangs that are four and five generations deep, wear their symbols on their jackets, cars and hideouts but for some reason law enforcement can't find them, yet you let me walk down Vermont Ave in Los Angeles with a cute blonde and more cops will show up than during a Dunkin' Donuts free for all party.

I don't know about you Mr. Kimball. How many friends and relatives and neighbors you've had to bury. How many times you've had to fight not only for your life but for those who weren't strong enough to defend themselves against the monsters that mankind can become.

Ever been in a shootout? Fist fight? Gang war?

Come visit me in Bed Stuy Brooklyn or Compton, Calif or better yet the average company office party and you can tell me about death, violence, crime and what can happen in this country.

People get murdered here. Sometimes for big reasons and sometimes for the most insignificant transgressions. Sometimes they go in a blaze of gunfire and far too often of late mysterious cardiovascular illnesses even though they hadn't the risk factors.

McKinnon safe? Maybe, but history will prove who's right.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Vander

From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 19:15:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 10:34:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Vander

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 09:33:46 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

>>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 11:41:58 -0400
>>Subject: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

>>Does anyone have any comments about this story or my analysis of
>>the photos shown in this report? Feedback would be appreciated,
>>although I realize the list is discussing several other threads.

>><http://www.ufodigest.com/greekufos.html>

><snip>

>Hi Dirk!

>This is another example of a BLURFO - an apparent UFO captured
>on film or video that was not noticed by the photographer who
>took the picture or by any others who were also present.

>These brighter but blurred images in the photo are very likely
>flying bugs just like the ones I captured while taking photos of
>a sunset at a marshy park on Lake Ontario recently. Notice that
>they are illuminated by white light (including the "UFO" in
>front of the featureless mountain range in dark shadow) and not
>by the reddish glow of the sky. This suggests to me that the
>flash was triggered when this photo was taken. The nearby four
>flying bugs would be brighter than the other three which were a
>little further away from the camera.

>If this photo was taken with a typical camera, the apparent size
>of these suspected UFOs would have been about as large as the
>full Moon - too large not for everyone to notice! My conclusion
>is that these UFOs cannot be large objects in the distance but
>something much smaller and very close to the witness such as
>flying bugs (or possibly micro-UFOs?).

Nick Balaskas,

I understand your argument but the closeups of the objects do
not appear to be bugs.

Dirk

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Dr. Willy Smith Passes

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <ufomiami.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 10:15:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 10:38:15 -0400
Subject: Dr. Willy Smith Passes

I have some sad news. Dr Willy Smith died yesterday July 11
after a short illness.

He worked very closed to Dr. Hynek on the UNICAT UFO data base.
I believe he was a good ufologist and honest in all he did and
said.

He was a very good friend of mine.

Rest in peace.

Virgilio S=Elncchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 18:52:02 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 10:58:23 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shell

>From: Rand McNatt <randmcnatt.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 16:31:29 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 19:48:08 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>If anyone can confirm, or correct, the above inference that the
>>road layout has changed, or can identify Michelle Rd on a modern
>>map in relation to Heflin's camera position and the freeway, I'd
>>be interested to hear.

>You're right, the current Myford Road did not exist in 1965, as
>can be seen in aerial photos of the time:

><http://img144.imageshack.us/img144/742/myfordcomp63726hy.jpg>

>as well as a 1981 version of a topographic map from USGS:

><http://img144.imageshack.us/img144/5111/irvinetopol9812nq.jpg>

>available at MS Terraserver:

><http://tinyurl.com/q791q>

>What is left of the original Myford Road is now called Old
>Myford Road, and can be found on Google Maps

><http://tinyurl.com/pk7mf>

>or Google Earth; using it, one can locate the original path of
>Myford Road:

><http://img216.imageshack.us/img216/6247/myfordroadge4ru.jpg>

>Michelle Road did not extend across Myford Road at that time:

><http://img60.imageshack.us/img60/9561/irvine1972close0xp.jpg>

>The aerial photos are available from USGS through
>Earth Explorer:

><http://edcsns17.cr.usgs.gov/EarthExplorer/>

Cool! So they pulled the old name change switcheroo on me. Now I
see where I was. D'oh!

<http://img152.imageshack.us/img152/4853/myford7ee.jpg>

Close, but no cigar. (Things are still a lot closer to each
other than they look in the photos.) Next time I'm down in that
neck of the woods, I'll have to get in the right spot, and have
my model train wheel and fishing line ready.

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Re: UFO Sightings Distribution - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 16:58:26 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 10:59:59 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Sightings Distribution - Nielsen

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 06:28:49 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: UFO Sightings Distribution

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>UFO pilot preference?

>Reporter credibility?

>Reporter courage?

>Specific national freedoms of speech?

>General education level of specific nations?

>Communication and reporting infrastructures within nations?

>A combination of some of these?

>Or, something else?

Unfortunately, in keeping with the prevailing style of human
investigative thought processes, I've thought of even more
possibilities. Would these distributions be the result of:

Differences in traditionally Western thinking processes versus
Eastern thought processes?

Are established cultural or religious traditions interfering
with reporting?

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Golubik

From: **Vicktor Golubik** <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 22:06:14 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 11:01:49 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Golubik

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 14:17:03 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Vicktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 18:45:17 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 11:03:38 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

><snip>

>>>Based on the (presumably) known distances between the poles, it
>>>should be possible to derive an estimate for the atmospheric
>>>extinction coefficient at the time of the photograph, which
>>>would allow an independent calculation of the distance of
>>>various objects in the image for a given (or assumed) surface
>>>color and reflectivity. Perhaps Druffel et al are already
>>>pursuing this.

>>Very astute observations Mike. One of the aims of replication
>>will be to address the points you've raised here. Hopefully,
>>gain some useful insights. If I remember correctly, the
>>visibility was on the order of 2.5 to 5 miles (Hartmann).

>Thanks Vicktor, as time permits I will attempt my own extinction
>calculation using the published images. Good luck with your own
>investigation.

>BTW, 2.5 to 5 miles seems like better visibility than is
>indicated in the images, but as noted in the JSE paper, the
>photos were somewhat overexposed due to being metered inside the
>truck.

Exactly, I agree it looks less but this has to be considered as
an overexposed image, etc... I believe Hartmann asked a
professional to describe average visibility conditions in that
area and at that time period...

I also used to live right down the road in Irvine and very
familiar with LA smog conditions. One mile is certainly not out
of the question.

Making much progress with my study...

Best to you as well,

Viktor

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 07:32:45 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 11:05:41 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 13:09:56 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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<snip>

>>>The lack of an obvious shadow does seem odd at first glance, but
>>>note that the atmosphere is quite hazy, which has the effect of
>>>making shadows less distinct, increasingly so as the distance
>>>between the object and the shadowed surface increases.

>>Yes. Visibility at low elevations was estimated visually at less
>>than 1 mile due to smog haze.

>Is there a source for this visibility figure? I received a reply
>from Vicktor Golubik sometime after yours, in which he cites
>Hartmann with an estimate of 2.5 to 5 mi. visibility (but without
>the "low elevations" qualifier). The less than 1 mile estimate
>seems a better visual match to the images.

Yes Mike, there is. It's the original AF investigation report by
Capt. Reichmuth. I mentioned in another post how this relates
(or doesn't) to the other estimates quoted from Loren Crow and
G. W. Kalstrom (Condon Report) and SSgt Dolyak (Marine G-2
report). There's some confusion here. It could be Heflin's self
report, but Reichmuth does characterise the weather details he
lists as having been "confirmed". I agree with you that on the
face of it 1 mile "looks" the better fit to the photos.

>>>I am more troubled by the relative darkness of the shadow on the
>>>object itself (as opposed to the shadow it casts on the ground),
>>>especially in frame #1. It seems excessively dark for a 30 ft
>>>diameter object at the range suggested by comparison to the
>>>telephone poles. I don't know precisely how tall the poles are,
>>>but for hand-waving purposes let's say they're also 30 ft. That
>>>means the object is at least as far away as the third pole
>>>visible in frame #1. There is notable brightening and lack of
>>>contrast in this pole and other features at this range due to
>>>atmospheric scattering. The degree of contrast and darkness on
>>>the object itself does not seem consistent with this range.
>>>Indeed, on this basis the object seems to be at roughly the
>>>range of the first pole, if not closer.

>>This extinction argument is a useful indirect distance cue but
>>not clear cut. As I said to David (June 30) in photo #1 there
>>are pixels of the same density as the darkest area of the UFO,
>>in the shadowed edge of the van roof, and in the first and
>>second phone poles, but not the third. The inter-pole distance

>>(according to the Marine G-2 investigation report) was 300 ft. So
>>the second visible pole is approximately 600 ft from the camera.

>>The typical colouration of a weathered pole in my experience
>>(not of Californian poles admittedly) is graded from pale grey
>>through shades of creosote to very dark grey/tan usually nearer
>>the base, as suggested in #1, but never deep black. Both the
>>pole ~ 600 ft distant and the UFO each have at least one pixel
>>(possibly two for the pole) of the same density as the darkest
>>areas anywhere on the photo. The darkest pixel in the third pole
>>at 900 ft distance looks to be two steps down the greyscale from
>>this.

>Would it perhaps be more representative to consider averaged
>greyscale values over characteristic "swatches", as opposed to
>isolated pixel(s) that exceed a some threshold? E.g., averaged
>over a specified fraction of the pole diameter and centered on
>the normal to the camera. Noting that I have little or no
>experience in formal image analysis, perhaps this is more subtle
>than I realize.

I don't think so, Mike, not for these purposes. The darkest
isolated pixel value is already an average over an unknown
brightness variation inside it. This same averaged darkness can
be found in pixels of both the phone pole and the UFO. A given
average can of course "represent" an indefinite number of
different spreads, and inside the pixel either UFO or pole could
have intrinsically darker regions that are unresolved. So
further averaging will only serve to average over increasing
uncertainty, further contracting and degrading the already
degraded tonal range and further obscuring objective variations
that may exist in the phone pole brightness or the UFO
brightness.

For the purposes of calculating your extinction coefficient,
taken over the series of poles, then averaged values would be
appropriate. But not for the purposes of my argument here -
which was just to show that the maximum (average) darkness in
any region of the UFO appears comparable to the maximum darkness
in any region of the 2nd pole. Within the crude limits imposed
by pixel resolution, and based solely on the albedo of a non-
specular surface at distance (i.e., the result would not
transfer for a specular train wheel reflecting the van roof or
whatever), this means we do not have to assume (yet) that any
part of the UFO surface needs to have been intrinsically darker
than the darkest part of the pole. This is the sort of fact that
would become relevant to any distance callibration that you make
on the basis of your extinction coefficient.

Martin

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 08:06:48 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 11:07:58 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

>From: Rand McNatt <randmcnatt.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 16:31:29 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 19:48:08 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>If anyone can confirm, or correct, the above inference that the
>>road layout has changed, or can identify Michelle Rd on a modern
>>map in relation to Heflin's camera position and the freeway, I'd
>>be interested to hear.

>You're right, the current Myford Road did not exist in 1965, as
>can be seen in aerial photos of the time:

><http://img144.imageshack.us/img144/742/myfordcomp63726hy.jpg>

>as well as a 1981 version of a topographic map from USGS:

><http://img144.imageshack.us/img144/5111/irvinetopol19812nq.jpg>

<snip>

Thanks, Rand. Good job.

Martin

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Re: Heflin Video Interview On-Line - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 09:46:31 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 11:10:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Heflin Video Interview On-Line - Shough

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 22:11:22 +0000
>Subject: Re: Heflin Video Interview On-Line

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 19:43:38 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Heflin Video Interview On-Line

>>>From: Santiago Yturria Garza <syturria.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 22:23:53 +0000
>>>Subject: Heflin Video Interview On-Line

>>>It has been a long debate. I think it's time to see and hear Mr.
>>>Heflin talking about his UFO photos and experience.

>>>Here is the rare interview:

>>><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNBZC1Ccklo>

>>Fascinating - and not a single model train to be seen! BTW does
>>anyone know whose is the male talking head appearing briefly in
>>the middle?

>Martin and List,

>That is a very good question. I think that it might be Dr.
>Robert Nathan, but I am not at all sure about that. Further, we
>see the results of free-form internet postings which have no
>standards at all about supplying basic information, like who is
>the interviewer? What are her credentials? When did the
>interview take place? Who is the person on camera?

>I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly express
>my appreciation for your now demonstrated fair-mindedness and
>the evidence you have provided that you have done your homework
>on the case to a degree not demonstrated by most others. (David
>Rudiak also has impressed me with his thoughtful and balanced
>comments.) If I stated or implied otherwise previously, it was
>only because I am skeptical of the skeptics (to borrow an
>expression from Bruce Maccabee) and will to my dying day insist
>that anyone who appears on the scene can demonstrate that they
>know what they are talking about and understand scientific
>methodology.

>Go to it, guys! And if you are able to prove the hoax hypothesis
>I will be totally astounded, amazed, incredulous, but as long as
>your methodology is sound and your findings receive positive
>peer review, I will accept them. But in my heart and mind, and
>based on my contemporary knowledge of all the facts, all the
>players, all the supporting evidence, I think we will first find
>proof that pigs can fly.

Hi Dick

Thankyou for your very gracious vote of confidence. Much

appreciated. I think you should be sceptical of me and anyone else, in fact I think we should all be sceptical of ourselves. I agree strongly with Viktor's declared philosophy, that we only get anywhere by each playing both ends against the middle as it were.

Santiago seems to confirm your identification of Robert Nathan from the video clip. Perhaps Santiago can supply more of the information that you ask for above? The date of the interview is obviously later than 1993 because Nathan and Heflin both refer to the recovery of the original polaroids. It would be valuable to know when the clip of Nathan was shot. Is it contemporary with the Heflin interview (whenever that was), or just edited in from some other source? I'm keen to know how recently Nathan was stating his confidence in the Heflin photos, as I have information that he may have changed his mind.

The Nathan clip is not exactly an endorsement - he mentions only that the recovery of the originals "raises questions" - but it isn't critical either. Maybe it was edited, but who know? Maybe Ann Druffel knows?

Martin

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Our Universe In Song According To Eric Idle

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 08:29:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 12:01:36 -0400
Subject: Our Universe In Song According To Eric Idle

Hi Listers.

How about a little Pythonesque humor. This List needs a little comic relief on occasion.

This is fun. Eric Idle style. Sound on.

<http://tinyurl.com/f6vne>

Terry

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Re: Strange Days... Indeed #400 - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 11:17:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 12:16:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed #400 - White

>From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 12:48:31 -0400
>Subject: Strange Days... Indeed #400

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>Classic UFO cases are reexamined at their detriment
>without any new facts or evidence being introduced because
>agnostics fear being branded believers.

Of course, the skeptibunkers are allowed to believe UFOs are whatever they claim. The only beliefs that are verboten are beliefs that UFOs are piloted craft. 100% lopsided, and this should be vigorously pointed out to those who claim having beliefs about UFOs is cause for shame, every time they start laying guilt trips on people with such beliefs.

This is why it is so important to pursue ways to get government - any government - to cough up what their taxpayers own - that is, all they know and have in their possession concerning UFOs. Leave "space brothers" stuff for after disclosure.

Eleanor White

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 16:35:52 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 12:19:39 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Miller

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 18:55:04 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:40:29 EDT
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2006 14:11:10 EDT
>>>Subject: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited. Says He'll Appeal

>>><http://www.theinquirer.net/default.aspx?article=32872>

>>>The way things have been going I am afraid for the well
>>>being of McKinnon.

>>Why? What do you think "they're" going to do to him - bump
>>him >off on the plane ride to the US?

<snip>

>Oh, I forgot you aren't even an American citizen from what I
>gathered.

>You don't have 200+ years worth of constant murder and
>unlawful incarceration in your family and neighbor's history.

>It think there was some genocidal nonsense in Canada but I'll
>need to check the history books.

<snip>

Greg,

Apologies for the big snip. May I congratulate you on a very
eloquent posting.

But, just before we drag Paul Kimball outside and string him up
from the nearest lamppost, may I redress the balance ever so
slightly.

To my knowledge and recollection, this is the first time Paul
has publicly offered an opinion about the McKinnon case. If he
has done so previously, perhaps on his blog, then I have
forgotten about it.

By far the most consistent and dismissive critic of Gary
McKinnon, on this List and his own, has in fact been Joe
McGonagle. It is true that Joe's latest comment on the subject -
see:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/jul/m09-003.shtml>

does show a slight softening in his approach but only
marginally. Among probably other reasons for his attitude

towards Mckinnon, which was dismissive to the point of being nihilistic, was Mckinnon's acknowledgement that while perusing the various files that he was not supposed to be looking at, that he was stoned. Unfortunately with Joe, for private reasons, the moment drugs come into any Ufological equation, reason, logic, and anything resembling common sense go straight out of the window.

It is true though that in Joe's comments on the case, being a UK citizen, there was never any political tone or shade to his remarks while there was with Paul's, which perhaps with hindsight, may have been a mistake.

Mckinnon does seem to have that effect on people and there appears to be no middle ground; you either think he is something along the lines of a Ufological messiah or some worthless twerp who deserves whatever happens to him.

Such has been the immense political pressure here over the last few days regarding the Nat West Three, with even a vote on the matter in the House of Lords last night, that Mr. Blair has been forced to announce, clearly after having first stood up from constantly being bent over and turning round to face his close and intimate friend, that the Three will likely be given bail after they are hauled off a flight to the USA tomorrow, so as to appease UK public opinion. The natives here have become restless and Blair is a weakened premier.

And if its good enough for them, then its got to be good enough for Gary.

Stuart Miller

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Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 11:38:20 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 12:21:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Balaskas

>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 19:15:07 -0400
>Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 09:33:46 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

>>>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 11:41:58 -0400
>>>Subject: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

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>>flying bugs (or possibly micro-UFOs?).

<snip>

>I understand your argument but the closeups of the objects do
>not appear to be bugs.

Neither do the bugs in the sunset photos I took!

Since the photographer, Mimi Trifonova, was amazed to see these
4-7 unexpected and unexplained images or "UFOs" in her photo, we
can safely conclude that they were not large distant objects
since she and her many friends would have surely noticed them.

The angular size of a typical bug at arms length has about the
same angular size as the Moon. Since both bugs and the Moon

would have produced the extended object(s) captured in this photo but no one reported seeing multiple UFOs of comparable angular size to the Moon, these UFOs must have been something much closer and much smaller.

I look forward reading the independent evaluations by the photo analysis experts which you also forwarded this photo to for examination.

If this latest example of UFOs/BLURFOs or "domed flying disks" is typical of the visual evidence we are currently being deluged with, where have all the real flying saucers from the 1940s, 50s and 60s gone? Is the flying saucer era over, possibly replaced by bug/bird-like micro-UFOs? Maybe we are fooling ourselves when we accept that the UFOs of the present are a continuation of the flying saucer phenomenon of the past.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Our Universe In Song According To Eric Idle -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 11:36:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 12:56:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Our Universe In Song According To Eric Idle -

>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 08:29:23 -0500
>Subject: Our Universe In Song According To Eric Idle

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Wow! When I wasn't laughing? I was crying.

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Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 14:04:22 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 15:14:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Ledger

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 09:33:46 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
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>captured on film or video that was not noticed by the
>photographer who took the picture or by any others who
>were also present.

Don't get married to your blurfo theory, Nick.

How do you know that yours are bugs for that matter. We can't comment because we haven't seen them.

I've often said that some of these are objects in flight trapped by the camera's shutter which run automatically from 1/100 to 1/4,000 of a second to even faster with the video cameras. And they should look like a bug or something close to it. This should be a no brainer -unless you are Curtiss Peoples "Aviation Expert"-that these things are flying in the very high Mach numbers. You aren't going to see them.

You and others are throwing the baby out with the bath water by ignoring these.

And I do not subscribe to the-there are no UFOs now associated with the objects of the 40s and 50s-line of thought. There are plenty of different shapes to go around.

Don Ledger

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 13:09:08 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 15:16:23 -0400
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Stuart:

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But far be it from me to get in the way of a good rant-fest. Please continue, one and all. It won't help McKinnon a whit, but it obviously makes you feel better (or is that "morally superior"), so it serves a purpose of sorts I suppose.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

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Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 12:58:39 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 15:37:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Shell

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I almost hate to say it... But if the photo was taken with a
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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 14:22:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 15:40:43 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Clark

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 13:09:08 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 16:35:52 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 12:24:07 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 15:43:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Rudiak

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 22:27:40 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Vicktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 18:45:17 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 11:03:38 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>>To: <<ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 6 Jul 2006 17:13:30 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>>Photo #1 seems more promising, but at that sort of distance
>>>>(around the same as the 3rd phone pole, whose shadow is only
>>>>very faintly discernable) it would not necessarily be easy to
>>>>pick out in the patchy scrub. The Air Force photo lab theory is
>>>>more sensitive to the shadow test, since a 1 ft - 3 ft thrown
>>>>model would be only about 25-70 ft away and should cast a shadow
>>>>on the road. At the other end of the scale, a 1" model too close
>>>>to the windscreen would cast a shadow on the glass as David has
>>>>pointed out.

>>>>The lack of an obvious shadow does seem odd at first glance, but
>>>>note that the atmosphere is quite hazy, which has the effect of
>>>>making shadows less distinct, increasingly so as the distance
>>>>between the object and the shadowed surface increases.

>>>>I am more troubled by the relative darkness of the shadow on the
>>>>object itself (as opposed to the shadow it casts on the ground),
>>>>especially in frame #1. It seems excessively dark for a 30 ft
>>>>diameter object at the range suggested by comparison to the
>>>>telephone poles. I don't know precisely how tall the poles are,
>>>>but for hand-waving purposes let's say they're also 30 ft. That
>>>>means the object is at least as far away as the third pole
>>>>visible in frame #1. There is notable brightening and lack of
>>>>contrast in this pole and other features at this range due to
>>>>atmospheric scattering. The degree of contrast and darkness on
>>>>the object itself does not seem consistent with this range.
>>>>Indeed, on this basis the object seems to be at roughly the
>>>>range of the first pole, if not closer.

A quick point here. Thin objects like the power poles are going to be lightened up by the modulation transfer function, i.e., contrast is reduced as things get smaller and smaller because of degradation by camera optics and film. This will artificially lighten objects like the power poles even in the absence of haze and atmospheric extinction.

<snip>

>There is some doubt as to where this estimate comes from. It

>remains possible that this 1-mile estimate comes from Heflin,
>but Reichmuth does say "it was confirmed" suggesting an official
>check. This is referenced to the Marine report, but it appears
>not to be the source because Dolyak's report gives a limit of 6
>miles, not 1 mile (or 2.5 - 5 miles either, come to that) -
>however this is complicated by the fact (discovered by NICAP and
>McDonald in the '60s) that the winds-aloft data in the G-2
>report were from the wrong balloon release on the wrong day!
>Whether this casts doubt on the separate surface weather report
>is debateable. My own judgement from the photos would be that
>visibility seems to be a lot less than 5 miles at the horizon.

>So there is some uncertainty about the actual visibility.

One indication of actual horizontal visibility is in photo 1. Look above the roundish tree left of center beyond the freeway and you can just make out the outline of a hill. On a topo map, there is a hill in this direction about 1.5 miles distant from Heflin's position.

A less definite indication is in photos 2 & 3 in the hazy trees on the horizon to Heflin's right. On older topo maps, these correspond in position to orchards about a mile away. I would guess the visible trees are the tall windbreaker trees often planted around orange orchards at that time (when they still had orange orchards in the L.A. area).

The best indication, however, is the barely visible hill of photo 1 which can be precisely located on a topo map. So 1.5 miles seems close to the limit of horizontal visibility. This could be caused primarily by auto smog (even worse back then before auto pollution controls) which often comes clear down to the ground in L.A., especially in the summertime. (Nasty, nasty stuff)

Vertical visibility is another matter. Since the sun was close to directly overhead and the power pole directly in front of Heflin was casting a strong shadow, this would suggest that haze was not that thick overhead. There are also strong glints of sunlight reflecting off the object, especially in photo 1, again suggesting that haze was not a major factor in the vertical direction.

This may have relevance for photo 4, the smoke ring, in which clouds can be clearly seen. This was taken at a much more elevated angle than in photos 1-3, which show only the 10-15 degrees closest to the horizon. Thus sideways it could be hazy with no clouds visible, but higher up clouds might be visible as the ground haze layer thinned.

The A.F. estimate of ~1 mile horizontal visibility with visibility limited below 30 degrees seems pretty close to the mark.

David Rudiak

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 16:53:57 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 07:17:54 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Ledger

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 13:09:08 EDT
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A small point here, Paul, but I think a cogent one. Law is formulated by the political process, not by the legal system. Like it or not, it's all political. The legal eagles in the political system - in our case Legislative Council - might keep it on the rails, or off them, throughout the process but you can't separate the two.

The McKinnon case is political. It's showcasing for a slumping Republican party and probably sabre-rattling for the military and bitch-slapping - or whatever they do - for the intelligence people.

I don't know how you could think this case is anything but political. McKinnon should not have been able to get in, and having done so anything he learned means nothing because they can deny whatever he says he found.

The rest is face-saving and revenge.

Any point I made before this was that I think the UK caved due to political pressure applied by the US. Could have gone US military [et al] to Bush to Blair, then downhill to Solicitor General, with the a blessing on whatever the law will allow. The UK and the US share extradition and it works.

I'm not saying McKinnon is anything but a crook but he's going to suffer far worse than - for example - the Enron puked did, or will, because in this case the big boys got embarrassed and weren't sharing in the booty. That's a great deal different than

thousands of normal people loosing their life savings and pensions.

Paul you were/are a lawyer and an Aux. Mountie. You don't really think the legal system is fair do you? I mean of course, if you don't have money.

Don

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Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 17:11:45 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 07:21:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Ledger

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 12:58:39 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

>>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 19:15:07 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

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Now you are just being facetious, Tim. No one is going to claim
these were UFOs with an evident flock of birds in the shot.

Don

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 16:56:08 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 07:22:53 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Kimball

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 14:22:07 -0500
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Ah, Klassic Jerry. If he can't make a cogent argument on the facts
he resorts to name-calling and labelling.

To each their own.

Paul Kimball
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Fresh Investigation Into Wilmslow UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 07:38:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 07:38:39 -0400
Subject: Fresh Investigation Into Wilmslow UFO

Source: The Wolmslow Express - Cheshire, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/fn4zt>

12th July 2006

Fresh Investigation Into Wilmslow UFO
Betty Anderson

A fresh investigation has begun into the sighting of an unidentified flying object over Wilmslow 30 years ago.

Researchers are going through files from 1966 when the "craft" was spotted by a policeman behind Hoopers on Alderley Road.

The close encounter was by PC Colin Perks who saw the image with his own eyes while on duty in the town centre.

In his report afterwards he says he was checking the back door of a shop at 4.10am on January 7.

At the time he heard a "high pitched whine" and when he turned to look over the car park behind he saw "a solid looking object, stationary, some 35 feet above the grass of the meadow beyond the car park and about 100 yards from where he stood.

"The upper surfaces glowed steadily with a greenish grey colour, a glow that did not hide the definite shape of the object."

The policeman compared the image size with that of a bus estimating the UFO had a diameter of 30 feet for the base.

He said after about five seconds it moved off in an east, south east direction with no change of sound and then disappeared.

Nowhere could he see openings like portholes, he added.

A full report was published in the Flying Saucer Review which is the leading and longest established international journal dealing with UFOs and similar encounters and a published case study tells of a "strikingly similar" sighting a year later in Streatham.

Now files are being updated and researchers want to interview PC Colin Perks for verbal evidence and to contact anyone who might have experienced mysterious goings on during the same night.

Derrick Wood, 74, of Sale, a retired safety consultant, who says he has a keen interest in UFOs said another witness had come forward since the sighting.

"There is to be a website set up so that people can give evidence about this and other sightings which have been recorded in the past.

"Someone has been to see the policeman in the case of the

sighting in Wilmslow in 1966 and an investigation is going on to find out if there are other witnesses."

He is hoping memories will be jogged and wants any flashbacks to be recorded in full detail. There are no records of the sighting at the Wilmslow Express archive.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 17:25:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 08:11:32 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Lehmberg

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 13:09:08 EDT
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Sorry, Mr. Kimball. I'm reminded of recent saws about "waddling"
and "quacking" and more dated ones regarding "knowing a tree by
its fruit..."

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Yeah... stacked around your 'stunning' knowledge of case law and
the intricacies of extradition merit you seem decidedly out of
your depth with regard to being able to perceive when the
punishment might actually fit the crime, Mr. Kimball.

No, the proposed punishment does not fit the crime. This is
forgetting that McKinnon should be given a medal for exposing
chicanery, unmasking fraud, and whistle-blowing on criminal
incompetence, or showing us that we may not be served in a
manner that would be expected... also forgetting how GB has been
made a political vassal of an illegitimate US?

I mean, how is it otherwise to be interpreted that on an out-
dated computer and a dial-up modem and with no real hacker
knowledge, McKinnon could crack the highest levels of a critical
State Security Apparatus... with the effected government
admitting that he did just that, too... and for months? I'm not
remotely surprised that you are something less than curious, Mr.
Kimball.

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Well - there's something else you can get wrong apparently. The hue and cry regarding an imbalance to extradition proceedings between the US and GB, the "rant-fest" if you will, seems to be doing something more than a mere "whit" in the service of Mr. McKinnon, Sir.

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Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 19:15:41 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 08:17:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Balaskas

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 14:04:22 -0300
>Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 09:33:46 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

<snip>

>>This is another example of a BLURFO - an apparent UFO
>>captured on film or video that was not noticed by the
>>photographer who took the picture or by any others who
>>were also present.

>Don't get married to your blurfo theory, Nick.

The present deluge of digital pictures with anomolous images of what look like real or solid objects in the sky but did not even have a single eyewitness is not compelling evidence for UFOs, especially when they can easily and more reasonably be explained as camera created artefacts.

>How do you know that yours are bugs for that matter. We can't
>comment because we haven't seen them.

Of course I don't know for sure that the 4 to 7 anomolous images on the photo taken by Mimi Trifonova were indeed flying bugs. They could very well be wind blown particles or even birds as Tim Shell suggested in his e-mail - although the camera flash would not account for why the much more distant birds are white (not the reflected colour of the sunset as expected) and much brighter than the background sky or the mountain in shadow.

>I've often said that some of these are objects in flight trapped
>by the camera's shutter which run automatically from 1/100 to
>1/4,000 of a second to even faster with the video cameras. And
>they should look like a bug or something close to it. This
>should be a no brainer -unless you are Curtiss Peoples "Aviation
>Expert" -that these things are flying in the very high Mach
>numbers. You aren't going to see them.

As Tim Shell also pointed out, the shutter speeds for digital cameras can be as slow as 1/4 second or slower. This Sunday I took a digital picture of people dancing outdoors in the shade without a flash. The exposure was so long that the dancers came out very blurred from their movements that their shoes could not be recognised as such but looked more like those UFOs in the photo.

If the shutter speed of Mimi's camera was closer to 1/4 second than to 1/4000 second, then she and her friends would certainly have had enough time to noticed these UFOs apparently flying at sub-Mach speeds before or after the photo was taken.

I am surprised that no one seems to have noticed or commented on the dark and much larger disk shaped mothership(?) parked just

above the mountain tops.

>You and others are throwing the baby out with the bath water by
>ignoring these.

A careful and unbiased examination of all photos and videos with BLURFOs may not provide us with additional compelling evidence in support of the reality of UFOs but it may allow us to discover some new and unexpected phenomena that is important even if it has nothing to do with UFOs or ETs. We should not be too quick to dismiss any possibility.

>And I do not subscribe to the-there are no UFOs now associated
>with the objects of the 40s and 50s-line of thought. There are
>plenty of different shapes to go around.

Yes, it's obvious to me too that UFOs do come in several makes and have gone through many model changes over the decades but the classic domed flying saucer of the past no longer seems to be produced or still flying in our skies. Where have they gone?

Even if it is confirmed that several countries have indeed been secretly building and flying a variety of exotic craft that can account for the UFOs of many different shapes that are reported, this would be just one of many explanations for UFOs and it would not completely rule out an ET explanation too. Could it be that the classic domed flying saucers of the 1940s and 1950s were ET in origin but have all since gone home leaving us now with BLURFOs and secret military/intelligence craft built by us here on Earth?

Nick Balaskas

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New UFO Magazine Published In Brazil

From: **A. J. Gevaerd** <contact.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 18:16:56 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 08:23:05 -0400
Subject: New UFO Magazine Published In Brazil

The Brazilian Center for Flying Saucer Research (CBPDV), owner of the Brazilian UFO Magazine, is proud to present its new publication dedicated to the investigation of the UFO Phenomena.

The first edition of Contato (Contact) is to be released next July 22 and will be monthly, featuring selected articles and authors.

The Brazilian Center for Flying Saucer Research (CBPDV) now publishes 4 magazines every month: UFO, UFO Special, UFO Document and Contact.

Editor: A. J. Gevaerd

Contact: Extraterrestrial, Intraterrestrial and Ultraterrestrial

Sub-title: "They Are Among Us"

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The Role Of Imagination

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 20:36:08 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 08:29:59 -0400
Subject: The Role Of Imagination

Hi Everyone!

Below is a letter that appeared in the July 2006 of Physics Today, brought to my attention by a colleague.

It comes as no big surprise to me that analytical scientists such as physicists - or natural philosophers as physicists were once known - think in much the same way as everyone else does, especially artists.

It is not through more photos or newly reported sightings but by daring to imagine or 'thinking the thought that has yet to be thought', that we will find the answers to our questions about extraterrestrial life, UFOs and our place in the scheme of things.

Nick Balaskas

Source: Physics Today - Melville, New York, USA

<http://www.physicstoday.org/vol-59/iss-7/p10a.html?type=PTALERT>

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Letters

Scientist As Artist: The role of imagination

In the Opinion piece "Being True to Our Own Imaginations" (Physics Today, November 2005, page 48), Gregory Benford makes the case that "among reviewers, 'speculation' is a word mostly deployed as a pejorative." Perhaps reviewers should first be required to read some of the works of Robert Scott Root-Bernstein. Readers may find the quotation below interesting.

Most eminent scientists agree that nonverbal forms of thought are much more important in their work than verbal ones. This observation leads me to propound the following hypothesis. The most influential scientists have always nonverbally imagined a simple, new reality before they have proven its existence through complex logic or produced evidence through complicated experiments.

There is a simple reason for this phenomenon. Experiment can confirm or disconfirm the tentative reality that imagination invents, and experiment can suggest the need for the invention of a new reality to account for anomalies to the existing one. But experiment cannot, in and of itself, produce conceptual breakthroughs or be used to explain data.

Logic is similarly limited. Indeed, philosophizers of science are almost universally agreed that logic can be used to test the coherence of theories and to provide proofs of existing ideas, but logic does not produce the ideas to be tested. One must be able to imagine that which is to be tested and how to test it before one can even begin to employ logical, experimental, and verbal forms of thought.

Furthermore, I suggest that this ability to imagine new realities is correlated with what are traditionally thought to be nonscientific skills - skills such as playing, modeling, abstracting, idealizing, harmonizing, analogizing, pattern forming, approximating, extrapolating, and imagining the as yet unseen - in short, skills usually associated with the arts, music, and literature.1

Picasso might have made a great analytical physicist.

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Reason

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 01:45:00 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 08:31:12 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Reason

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 13:09:08 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>The only political tone/shade in my remarks is the one that
>people, who have their own reasons for doing so, choose to
>assign it. I view the McKinnon case as a legal matter, not a
>political one,

Let's just select a few items from Mr Kimball's previous email:

>>He made his bed - let him lie in it.

<snip>

>>Oh, puh-lease. I know it's de rigueur these days by some people
>>to assume the United States is just slightly to the right of
>>Nazi Germany, or the gulag state

<snip>

>>I must be the only guy associated with ufology who feels like
>>the whole McKinnon story is just one big waste of time.

<snip>

>>And, on the off chance that he WAS stupid enough, or stoned
>>enough, to be hacking into the Pentagon to look for info on
>>UFOs, then he has no-one to blame but himself.

>>I'll save my sympathy for people who deserve it.

Now in what way exactly, are these legal opinions rather than
political ones?

Cathy

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Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 22:50:27 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 08:41:29 -0400
Subject: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech

Anti-Matter Rocket Plan Fuels Hope For "Star Trek" Tech

Quite a nifty story about the possible use of positrons to propel a craft from Earth to Mars in 90 days.

<http://tinyurl.com/k4p54>

There are many new marvels emerging amidst the chaos of politics like the new stem cell breakthroughs and computer breakthroughs.

I'm noticing the only thing that holds things back are politics and religion or is it something else that uses both as a shield?

This article also mentions one of the best episodes of any tv series. It refers to the old 'Lost in Space' show and an episode entitled 'The Anti-Matter Man'.

Awesome episode of domestic violence masked as a science fiction drama.

Best,

Greg

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Re: 3D Crop Circle - Anderson

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 22:44:15 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 06:29:05 -0400
Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle - Anderson

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:56:26 EDT
>Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle

>What also puzzles me is that no one saw this being made! There's
>no way in heck one or two people could have made this and no one
>saw them. Even if dozens of people working in the dead of night
>did it someone should have seen something or some trace of their
>presence.

>Methinks there's a satellite in the skies with a bunch of
>practical jokers using some sort of beams to create these
>patterns perhaps as a mission rite of passage or just some
>bizarre hazing routine.

There are some good aerial photos here:

<http://www.lucypringle.co.uk/photos/2006/uk2006as.shtml>

As mentioned in the Crop Circle Connector's forum, there is a sort of "woven" effect inside each of the three diamond shapes at the end of each longest "arm" of the formation. I haven't seen ground photos of this yet, but you can see it a bit in the aerials. If similar to previous weaving patterns seen before, then I really don't think satellites could do that (or account for the numerous older historical reports either of course)... Or, as mentioned by someone else, they might be sets of small "mini-circles" arranged in grid patterns. Hard to tell though, until a ground report is available.

Canadian Crop Circle Research Network
<http://www.cccrn.ca>

The Prairie Circular
the weblog of the canadian crop circle research network
<http://www.theprairiecircular.blogspot.com>

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Re: 3D Crop Circle - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 10:21:11 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 06:30:46 -0400
Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle - Dickenson

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:56:26 EDT
>Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 10:23:04 -0400
>Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle - Boone

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>Methinks there's a satellite in the skies with a bunch of
>practical jokers using some sort of beams to create these
>patterns perhaps as a mission rite of passage or just some
>bizarre hazing routine.

Hello Greg,

Have to agree - there's a joker in the pack.

You know that standing back and looking at things impartially is difficult, because so many phenomena have been ruled off-limits (by cowardly mainstream scientists?, or by gov't?), and so decent reports are hard to trace - as amateur ufologists seem to be continually complaining. Well, it's not just in ufology.

Charles Fort collected well-sourced reports of anomalies (and UFO sightings) going back a long while - and a quick look shows the situation is like you say.

<http://tinyurl.com/jbps6>

One thing stands out though. Many of those 'impossible' phenomena would, if they'd been caused by human trickery, certainly have caused injuries and deaths on a large scale. Yet the rules of ballistics and other laws of physics are apparently defied - no-one gets (seriously) hurt!

The joker would at least seem to be of a different nature to our human rulers and would-be rulers.

Suppose we should be grateful?

Cheers

Ray D

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Remote Viewing Could Lead To Breakthrough Event

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 06:36:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 06:36:27 -0400
Subject: Remote Viewing Could Lead To Breakthrough Event

Source: American Chronicle - Beverly Hills, California, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/kcrbj>

July 12, 2006

Remote Viewing Paths Could Lead To Breakthrough Event
Steve Hammons

Remote Viewing could soon lead to something greater than simply using our natural "sixth sense" to gather information and intelligence as well as improving our understanding of our surroundings.

One day soon, we might find that phenomena like remote viewing will lead us to a significant breakthrough that will change the world.

The technique called remote viewing reportedly taps into the human unconscious and the deeper levels of energy.

The physics of remote viewing allows people to reach greater awareness about many things, perhaps including other dimensions of our natural world that we normally don't pay full attention to.

A significant breakthrough might occur when enough people begin to understand the simple and natural basis of remote viewing.

A tipping point could be achieved when our shared view of the human mind and our understanding about a larger force become more clear.

Such a paradigm shift could have very positive ramifications for all aspects of human development. How such a shift might look and feel is unclear.

More Than An Intel Tool

When the technique called remote viewing was developed in the 1980s by U.S. Army intelligence, the CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and private sector researchers, a major goal was to use the method to gather intelligence on foreign powers.

Other objectives included understanding the science of remote viewing. How did our views of physics and the human brain fit into these discoveries about extra-sensory perception (ESP)?

Eventually, psychological and scientific theories provided reasonable explanations about how and why remote viewing works. The idea that we are linked to deeper perceptions and that feelings, consciousness and energies are somehow connected was nothing new.

Even the Army intelligence remote viewers soon made the connections between this technique and spirituality. Some saw that remote viewing had many other applications that could be more profound than gathering intelligence using their sixth sense.

Remote viewing had applications for the practice of medicine, behavioral health, social development, various sciences and discoveries of all kinds. But where was it really going to lead?

Word Spreads Despite Obstacles

The military and the intelligence community could tap some of the potential, but it would probably be for limited purposes. And, there was a tendency to try to keep this information secret. Some feared it could be used for purposes that were not good.

Mainstream professionals in the fields of psychology and the sciences were naturally reluctant to accept some of the claims made about remote viewing. It seemed too far out on the fringe to be respectable.

Journalists and those in the media were often equally reticent about exploring remote viewing and presenting the information to the public in an understandable, thorough and impartial way.

However, over the years, more and more people around the world have learned about remote viewing and what it means. Books have been written. TV shows and movies have covered the topic. Training programs for the public have been developed.

And, there are rumors that remote viewing training has expanded within the military and the intelligence community.

Around the world, remote viewing slowly but steadily became a topic of interest for people from all walks of life. The implications of millions of people taking advantage of basic understanding about their sixth sense have become quite encouraging.

It seems reasonable to hypothesize that when a critical mass of people (sometimes called "the hundredth monkey" phenomena) have sufficiently grasped the implications of remote viewing, we may experience a new level of human consciousness and development.

Something might happen. Something unusual or something very natural, or both.

That will be a good day. It may arrive next year. It may come next week. It may be today.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 11:04:59 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 06:39:02 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Miller

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 13:09:08 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 16:35:52 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

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>Please continue, one and all. It won't help McKinnon a whit,
>but it obviously makes you feel better (or is that "morally
>superior"), so it serves a purpose of sorts I suppose.

Hi Paul,

You are right; the McKinnon case is fundamentally a legal one
but it does have very heavy political overtones. After all, the
much disputed new extradition treaty between the UK and the USA
was initiated for political reasons.

My objection to your post:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/jul/m08-002.shtml>

though was as a reaction to the tone. Completely and utterly
unsympathetic. Harsh even.

Paul, if that is the way you view an individual who possibly
faces a long prison sentence for messing about on a computer
while trying, in another manner, to essentially to do what we do
here, then I offer the opinion that you don't do yourself
justice. You have presented yourself as uncaring and cold - and
that isn't you.

Stuart Miller

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 06:43:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 06:40:44 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Lehmborg

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 16:56:08 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 14:22:07 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
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>>>>focused on political matters that have nothing to do with the
>>>>actual merits of the McKinnon case, or the extradition hearing.

>>I believe the applicable adjective here is not "legal" or
>>"political," as Kimball claims, but "disingenuous," as he's
>>being here.

>Ah, Klassic Jerry. If he can't make a cogent argument on the facts
>he resorts to name-calling and labelling.

>To each their own.

Ach du Lieber, Augustine! Along with "waddling" and "quacking"
and "fruited trees," we can add "pots accusing kettles" of
projected scurrilousnesses, in my well couched (if considered)
opinion, of course.

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Journal Of UFO History

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 11:50:00 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 06:44:06 -0400
Subject: Journal Of UFO History

I have been publishing the Journal of UFO History bi-monthly (six issues per year) since March 2004. Issues No. 1-6 of Volume I are out of print. All subsequent issues are still available. Thanks to the Fund for UFO Research the first six issues have now been reprinted, bound together in a single volume of 72 pages plus front matter, including a Foreword.

The title is Journal of UFO History Volume I: Special Omnibus Edition (Issue Numbers 1-6, March 2004 - February 2005).

Copies may be ordered from the Fund for UFO Research, or directly from me. Make check or money order in U.S. funds payable to Richard Hall, 4418 39th St., Brentwood, MD 20722. Payment may be made with PayPal via a link on my web site:

www.hallrichard.com

but be sure to use this e-mail address:

dh12.nul

The volume weighs 8 ounces and is 8-1/2 x 11 inches. Price for First Class mailing in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico is \$27 (\$25 plus \$2 postage). For other international mailings you can determine the postage via the postal service web site (www.usps.com); click on "calculate postage."

Current subscribers may wish to tell the List what they will be getting for their money. Review comments would be appreciated. Chronologies, newsnotes, quotes, transcripts, documents, interviews, essays, and photos are among the regular fare.

Richard Hall

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 03:45:44 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 06:50:05 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Goldstein

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>>It is true though that in Joe's comments on the case, being a UK
>>citizen, there was never any political tone or shade to his
>>remarks while there was with Paul's, which perhaps with
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>superior"), so it serves a purpose of sorts I suppose.

Aloha folks,

I agree with Paul's statement. Whether you like it or not this is a legal matter. McKinnon is charged with serious crimes, unlawfully entering unauthorized into a classified government computer system plus the authorities are charging that he shut down and damaged systems that cost the government a great deal of money.

It does not matter whether you agree or disagree with his intentions. McKinnon is accused of some serious charges. He will go through the legal process.

This thread has led to imagining he may be murdered and to one poster's diatribe against all the evils he sees in our present government. It also led to some posters imagining that if McKinnon is convicted he would not have to face the penalties of violating those laws.

I suggest holding your horses. There is no doubt that he will have his day in court. Let's be patient and see what its outcome will be.

If I were in charge of security for those computer systems and I believed he caused those crimes I have no doubt that I would

prosecute him. In the military I held some security clearances and the penalties for violating security were clearly known by everyone who held such clearances. When we flew combat missions the pilots wore what looked somewhat like small notepads dangling from the neck. They contained various radio frequencies, and codewords, etc. They were fitted with devices you would activate that would immediately destroy the data if you were shot down.

McKinnon may have been naive and stoned but there was no fun in what he was doing. If he had obtained classified UFO data and had released his findings he would be charged with a much more serious crime than those he may have committed so far.

Of course I have imagined various ways to find out what the government may know about UFOs but in view of the way the government has tracked down and prosecuted previous hackers that is one method I would not perform. I don't know how McKinnon thought he could get away with it. It must not have been very good weed. I'm still trying to find bud strong enough to make me invisible and able to slip in and see some of the most secret files in the Pentagon. :-)

Josh Goldstein

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Russian Cameraman Records Flight Of UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 06:55:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 06:55:27 -0400
Subject: Russian Cameraman Records Flight Of UFO

Source: MosNews - Moscow, Russia

<http://www.mosnews.com/news/2006/07/13/ufoinrussia.shtml>

13.07.2006

Russian Cameraman Records Flight Of UFO
MosNews

An unidentified flying object has appeared over the Yeysk Spit (Krasnodar region of Russia). According to the Russian Center TV station, inexplicable phenomena have occurred in Krasnodar Territory before, for instance, circles in fields that were allegedly not made by humans. But now the channel claims it has irrefutable evidence of non-human activity as a professional cameraman has recorded the appearance of a UFO over Yeysk.

Local cameraman Aleksey Khoroshaylo visits the shore of the Taganrogskiy Bay regularly. The Yeysk Spit is a traditional location for weddings. On that day Aleksey arrived to film the visit of a newlywed couple.

"We came here to film the newlyweds as they drove in. Our driver then says to me: Look, there is a hovercraft. I took my camera, looked at it in a close-up and saw that this could not be a hovercraft because it was too high above the horizon," Aleksey said.

The video recording made by Center TV lasts for 53 seconds. The tape shows a disc-shaped object moving above the sea at a distance of about four kilometers from the shore. Then a flash appears in the centre and a point of light separates and moves into the skies along a bow-shaped trajectory.

Experts have viewed the tape dozens of times trying to compare the object with a ship or a plane. They have even called the military with inquiries and have received the definite reply that no tests had been held in the bay on that day.

Yuriy Stroganov, head of a local TV company, and a member of the international organization MUFON (the Mutual UFO Network) carefully examined the video and concluded that "the object itself, its movements, especially those mimicking a falling leaf =97 the shaking from side to side =97 are internationally known UFO characteristics".

Stroganov plans to send this footage the U.S. He expressed his hope that an American specialist would try to determine the origin of the object.

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 10:19:42 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 06:59:14 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 12:24:07 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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>A quick point here. Thin objects like the power poles are going
>to be lightened up by the modulation transfer function, i.e.,
>contrast is reduced as things get smaller and smaller because of
>degradation by camera optics and film. This will artificially
>lighten objects like the power poles even in the absence of haze
>and atmospheric extinction.

This is unfortunate, as it is actually the more distant poles that (in principle) provide the more straightforward estimate of extinction, since their dominant effect is to block scattered light from infinity (i.e., the contribution of light scattered from their surface is small). Do you have an estimate for where this contrast degradation effect becomes important (e.g., at or near the angular resolution of the camera optics)?

I am encountering other problems with the distant poles. For the images I'm using (extracted from the pdf version of the Druffel et al JSE paper), there is a definite scarcity of pixels (total of ~120 for the entire pole #5). Moreover, many of these pixels are "mixed", i.e., they are averaged across the pole/sky interface. Nevertheless, the rough estimate for extinction based on the pole data is in reasonable agreement with the value implied by the horizontal visibility (see below).

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>The best indication, however, is the barely visible hill of
>photo 1 which can be precisely located on a topo map. So 1.5
>miles seems close to the limit of horizontal visibility. This
>could be caused primarily by auto smog (even worse back then
>before auto pollution controls) which often comes clear down to
>the ground in L.A., especially in the summertime. (Nasty, nasty
>stuff)

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>The A.F. estimate of ~1 mile horizontal visibility with
>visibility limited below 30 degrees seems pretty close to the
>mark.

The extinction coefficient can be estimated directly from the horizontal visibility using the common convention that the threshold of visibility is a 2% variation in intensity, which leads to the relation $b = 3.912/V$, where b is the extinction coefficient and V is the visibility. Using $V = 1$ mi., this gives $b = 3.912/\text{mi.}$, or $.000741/\text{ft.}$ The value I get from the pole data, based on a pole spacing of 300 ft., is $\sim .0008/\text{ft.}$, fairly close.

[Thanks to Martin Shough for the 300 ft. pole spacing value, citing the Marine G-2 report. I must admit my visual impression is substantially less than this.]

If we accept the extinction estimate based on 1 mi. visibility, it is possible to make some substantive assertions. Averaging greyscale values on the UFO over the 56 pixels (in my image) roughly centered on the normal to the camera, it can be stated that, regardless of the details of the UFO surface color, albedo, etc. (i.e., even if this region is an ideally black perfect absorber), it can be no further than ~880 ft. from the camera. If we further allow that the darkest pixels in this vicinity are not anomalies, it can be no further than ~450 ft.

Clearly the UFO surface is not purely absorptive (noting its fairly bright reflection), but additional refinement of the range constraint is not trivial to calculate, and must admit a host of additional issues and assumptions regarding the UFO surface characteristics, orientation, angle of illumination, etc. I suspect that a more rigorous calculation based on a UFO surface of, say, dull aluminum, would indicate a maximum range substantially less than the above estimate.

The above should be considered preliminary, possibly flawed, and by no means a "debunking" of anything. Any and all feedback is appreciated, particularly from anyone with experience in propagation of radiation in the atmosphere.

Mike

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Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 13:26:34 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 07:02:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Ledger

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 19:15:41 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 14:04:22 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 09:33:46 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

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>>>This is another example of a BLURFO - an apparent UFO
>>>captured on film or video that was not noticed by the
>>>photographer who took the picture or by any others who
>>>were also present.

>>Don't get married to your blurfo theory, Nick.

>The present deluge of digital pictures with anomolous images of
>what look like real or solid objects in the sky but did not even
>have a single eyewitness is not compelling evidence for UFOs,
>especially when they can easily and more reasonably be explained
>as camera created artefacts.

No one said that it was, but feel safe in the knowledge that
nothing seems to be compelling evidence for the reality of the
UFO phenomenon. However the same blurry photographs [and
photographs of other phenomena suggesting support to the
blurry photographs] and reasoning seems to be enough to satisfy
science as to the existence of black holes for example. Science
is prepared on many levels to accept the existence of something
they cannot see or prove-dark matter for example-but only
suspect as valid enough reason to sink billions into the study
of same.

>>How do you know that yours are bugs for that matter. We can't
>>comment because we haven't seen them.

>Of course I don't know for sure that the 4 to 7 anomolous images
>on the photo taken by Mimi Trifonova were indeed flying bugs.
>They could very well be wind blown particles or even birds as
>Tim Shell suggested in his e-mail - although the camera flash
>would not account for why the much more distant birds are white
>(not the reflected colour of the sunset as expected) and much
>brighter than the background sky or the mountain in shadow.

There is no evidence to support the windblown particles or birds
any more than the possibility of some foreign object either. The
sword is two edged. And Tim was being facetious in any event by
posting his own photo that was obviously a flock of birds with
some of the more distant being blurry.

>>I've often said that some of these are objects in flight trapped

>>by the camera's shutter which run automatically from 1/100 to
>>1/4,000 of a second to even faster with the video cameras. And
>>they should look like a bug or something close to it. This
>>should be a no brainer -unless you are Curtiss Peoples "Aviation
>>Expert" -that these things are flying in the very high Mach
>>numbers. You aren't going to see them.

>As Tim Shell also pointed out, the shutter speeds for digital
>cameras can be as slow as 1/4 second or slower. This Sunday I
>took a digital picture of people dancing outdoors in the shade
>without a flash. The exposure was so long that the dancers came
>out very blurred from their movements that their shoes could not
>be recognised as such but looked more like those UFOs in the
>photo.

Shade is the operative word here. The shutter speed
automatically slows when the camera is pointed into shadows or a
dark sky. The camera is not going to stop it's electronic
aperture down when shooting into blue sky and in well lit
daylight skies. Up close there is a lot to be said for the lack
of a steady hand. Tim's flock for instance could be of a hasty
shot or near a near dusk setting. It would not have stopped down
to 1/4th of a second in broad daylight unless he
commanded/programmed the camera to shoot at that speed.

>If the shutter speed of Mimi's camera was closer to 1/4 second
>than to 1/4000 second, then she and her friends would certainly
>have had enough time to noticed these UFOs apparently flying at
>sub-Mach speeds before or after the photo was taken.

Not at that range she and her friends would not have. There has
to be sufficient angular size for the eye to acquire the image
and or the brain be alerted to it. Once focused on the subject
at hand it's highly unlikely the photographer is going to note
the presence of fast moving objects in the viewfinder. And why
would her friends pay attention to the scene that Mimi was
photographing.

>I am surprised that no one seems to have noticed or commented on
>the dark and much larger disk shaped mothership(?) parked just
>above the mountain tops.

>>You and others are throwing the baby out with the bath water by
>>ignoring these.

>A careful and unbiased examination of all photos and videos
with BLURFOS may not provide us with additional compelling
evidence in support of the reality of UFOs but it may allow us
to discover some new and unexpected phenomena that is important
even if it has nothing to do with UFOs or ETs. We should not be
too quick to dismiss any possibility.

These are UFOs until identified. You are making the same mistake
as the "lay person". They are unidentified, they are flying,
they are objects.

>>And I do not subscribe to the-there are no UFOs now associated
>>with the objects of the 40s and 50s-line of thought. There are
>>plenty of different shapes to go around.

>Yes, it's obvious to me too that UFOs do come in several makes
>and have gone through many model changes over the decades but
>the classic domed flying saucer of the past no longer seems to
>be produced or still flying in our skies. Where have they gone?

They are all through the reports. Have a look here as from a
couple of weeks back.

<http://www.ufodigest.com/zywieckie-ufo.html>

Not much different than the Trent photos are they?

>Even if it is confirmed that several countries have indeed been
>secretly building and flying a variety of exotic craft that can
>account for the UFOs of many different shapes that are reported,

Yeah, yeah, yeah, the same old same old which you know won't
wash. They don't have to be exotic to be unidentified in the
first place and there are no exotic shaped aircraft. Even the
most sophisticated aircraft out there still look like airplanes.
The rough edges are just smoothed over or accentuated to reflect

radar. This supposes to that these countries have nothing better to do with their secret hardware [which they like to keep secret for as long as possible to strengthen the element of surprise] than to fly them over volcanoes in Italy where they can be seen.

>this would be just one of many explanations for UFOs and it
>would not completely rule out an ET explanation too. Could it be
>that the classic domed flying saucers of the 1940s and 1950s
>were ET in origin but have all since gone home leaving us now
>with BLURFOs and secret military/intelligence craft built by us
>here on Earth?

You have asked the same question twice in this email. The answer is still no.

Don Ledger

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 10:30:39 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 07:05:37 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 07:32:45 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 13:09:56 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 8 Jul 2006 09:39:06 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2006 11:03:38 -0600
>>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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>>Would it perhaps be more representative to consider averaged
>>greyscale values over characteristic "swatches", as opposed to
>>isolated pixel(s) that exceed a some threshold? E.g., averaged
>>over a specified fraction of the pole diameter and centered on
>>the normal to the camera. Noting that I have little or no
>>experience in formal image analysis, perhaps this is more subtle
>>than I realize.

>I don't think so, Mike, not for these purposes. The darkest
>isolated pixel value is already an average over an unknown
>brightness variation inside it. This same averaged darkness can
>be found in pixels of both the phone pole and the UFO. A given
>average can of course "represent" an indefinite number of
>different spreads, and inside the pixel either UFO or pole could
>have intrinsically darker regions that are unresolved. So
>further averaging will only serve to average over increasing
>uncertainty, further contracting and degrading the already
>degraded tonal range and further obscuring objective variations
>that may exist in the phone pole brightness or the UFO
>brightness.

>For the purposes of calculating your extinction coefficient,
>taken over the series of poles, then averaged values would be
>appropriate. But not for the purposes of my argument here -
>which was just to show that the maximum (average) darkness in
>any region of the UFO appears comparable to the maximum darkness
>in any region of the 2nd pole. Within the crude limits imposed by
>pixel resolution, and based solely on the albedo of a non-
>specular surface at distance (i.e., the result would not transfer
>for a specular train wheel reflecting the van roof or whatever),
>this means we do not have to assume (yet) that any part of the
>UFO surface needs to have been intrinsically darker than the
>darkest part of the pole. This is the sort of fact that would
>become relevant to any distance callibration that you make on the
>basis of your extinxtion coefficient.

Your points are well taken Martin. Please see my reply to David

Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

Rudiak's post (12 Jul 2006 12:24:07 -0700) to this thread, which I submitted 13 Jul 2006 10:19:42 -0600.

Mike

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Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 11:52:37 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 07:07:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Shell

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 17:11:45 -0300
>Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

>>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 12:58:39 -0500 (CDT)
>>Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

>>>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 19:15:07 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

>><snip>

>>>I understand your argument but the closeups of the objects do
>>>not appear to be bugs.

>>I almost hate to say it... But if the photo was taken with a
>>digital camera, then they're probably birds. My little digital
>>camera has an automatic exposure control that in relatively low
>>light conditions can be as slow as 1/4 second, which will blur
>>anything that happens to be moving with any speed at all.

>>But I could be wrong. Hey, here's a different photo with an
>>incredible six UFOs, some of them classic saucers!

>><http://img334.imageshack.us/img334/1635/flock6ub.jpg>

>Now you are just being facetious, Tim. No one is going to claim
>these were UFOs with an evident flock of birds in the shot.

True. If they're in a flock, they're birds. If they're solo,
they're alien spacecraft.

Just offering an example of a few of the common shapes people
are calling "UFOs" in their photographs these days. They have
specific characteristics, such as the blurry edges, that make
them relatively easy to recognize as birds. I particularly like
the ones that look like they have a headlight.

Unless... Didn't John Keel write a book, Operation Trojan
Horse, or something like that where he talked about UFOs
disguising themselves? What better place to hide than within a
flock of birds?

Again, our tendency to think of aliens as not-so-different than
us generally leads us away from considering alien probes with
advanced nanotechnology that could be tiny, and might look like
insects or seed pods, or birds.

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 13:14:40 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 07:09:32 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Kimball

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 16:53:57 -0300
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 13:09:08 EDT
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 16:35:52 +0100 (BST)
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>>It is true though that in Joe's comments on the case, being a
>>>UK citizen, there was never any political tone or shade to his
>>>remarks while there was with Paul's, which perhaps with
>>>hindsight, may have been a mistake.

>>The only political tone/shade in my remarks is the one that
>>people, who have their own reasons for doing so, choose to
>>assign it. I view the McKinnon case as a legal matter, not a
>>political one, which was my whole point - missed as usual by
>>people who are incapable of separating fact from fiction, and
>>who, while they might be otherwise bright folks, are out of
>>their depth when it comes to the details of extradition law -
>>which is, I suspect, why they choose to spend their time
>>focused on political matters that have nothing to do with the
>>actual merits of the McKinnon case, or the extradition hearing.
>>But far be it from me to get in the way of a good rant-fest.
>>Please continue, one and all. It won't help McKinnon a whit, but
>>it obviously makes you feel better (or is that "morally
>>superior"), so it serves a purpose of sorts I suppose.

>A small point here, Paul, but I think a cogent one. Law is
>formulated by the political process, not by the legal system.
>Like it or not, it's all political. The legal eagles in the
>political system - in our case Legislative Council - might keep
>it on the rails, or off them, throughout the process but you
>can't separate the two.

Of course you can, Don. Yes, the process of drafting and passing
laws is political, as it should be. After all, what's the
alternative - some philosopher king doing what he wants? For
good or ill, Bush and Blair (in this case) were elected, and
then re-elected (the same is true for the MPs and Members of
Congress). If people don't like the laws that their elected
representatives draft, then get rid of them. That's the way the
system works.

>The McKinnon case is political. It's showcasing for a slumping
>Republican party and probably sabre-rattling for the military
>and bitch-slapping - or whatever they do - for the intelligence
>people.

A grand jury indicted him (two, as I recall, in two different
states). The edict didn't magically come from Bush, or the
Pentagon. Again, due process was followed.

>I don't know how you could think this case is anything but
>political. McKinnon should not have been able to get in, and
>having done so anything he learned means nothing because they
>can deny whatever he says he found.

That has nothing to do with the legal merits of the case.

>The rest is face-saving and revenge.

Perhaps. But, again, he was indicted and faces charges in the United States. There is an extradition process that determines whether he heads there for trial or not. Whether the US has signed the treaty or not is irrelevant (although, I admit, it's bad optics). The British have (again, if you don't like it, turf them in the next election). It's then a matter for the courts.

>Any point I made before this was that I think the UK caved due
>to political pressure applied by the US. Could have gone US
>military [et al] to Bush to Blair, then downhill to Solicitor
>General, with the a blessing on whatever the law will allow. The
>UK and the US share extradition and it works.

Again, Don, that's not how it works. Yes, a request is made, because of those aforementioned indictments. The British, by law, have to respond. It goes to the court, which presumably saw no legal reason within the statute to deny the request. The Minister then has the right to overturn the court's decision, but that right is severely circumscribed, as it should be in a democratic country with a separation of the judicial and executive branches of the government. As you pointed out previously, in Canada that will usually only happen if the person faces a death sentence (it usually never gets past the courts, but...). McKinnon does not. If he isn't extradited because the Minister overturned a Court decision, then it would be precisely the sort of political intervention that you and others are talking about. That's the kind of thing that should be avoided at all costs, because, while you might like the guy or think he's right this time, what about the next time when the Minister overturns a court decision for people you don't like?

>I'm not saying McKinnon is anything but a crook but he's going
>to suffer far worse than - for example - the Enron puked did, or
>will, because in this case the big boys got embarrassed and
>weren't sharing in the booty. That's a great deal different than
>thousands of normal people loosing their life savings and
>pensions.

Don, all of this is not related to the simple matter of his extradition. I agree that 70 years in prison for what McKinnon did is far too harsh. I also think those concerns are way overblown. He won't be sentenced to 70 years. I'll bet anyone on this list, right here, right now, that he won't.

>Paul you were/are a lawyer and an Aux. Mountie. You don't really
>think the legal system is fair do you? I mean of course, if you
>don't have money.

Yes, of course I do. There are checks and balances that almost always sort out the mistakes, eventually (it can take a while, I admit, but that's the price we pay, the trade-off we make, for the balance). It's the people who sometimes muck it up, but the system itself is, in general, fine (no system being perfect). Are there inequities because of wealth? Of course. But I don't think that anyone can say that this is the case with McKinnon, who has had perfectly competent legal representation, and a lot more media and publicity than your average defendant gets.

In Gary McKinnon's case, given the law as it exists, it's working fine. If you don't like the law, then change it.

Best regards,

Paul

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Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech -

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Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 07:10:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech -

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 22:50:27 EDT
>Subject: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech

>Quite a nifty story about the possible use of positrons to
>propel a craft from Earth to Mars in 90 days.

><http://tinyurl.com/k4p54>

>There are many new marvels emerging amidst the chaos of politics
>like the new stem cell breakthroughs and computer breakthroughs.

>I'm noticing the only thing that holds things back are politics
>and religion or is it something else that uses both as a shield?

<snip>

I would venture to say (with sorrow) that you'll see anti-matter
employed as a weapon before it's ever used as rocket fuel.

Mike

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Maccabee

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Of similar or perhaps greater importance than the modulation transfer function is the veiling glare (unless the VG is somehow folded into the transfer function). The importance of veiling glare in ufology (!) was first pointed out by Robert Sheaffer in his analysis of the Trent photos. It was the Trent photo case where atmospheric extinction first was used to estimate the distance to an object. (This distance calculation was Hartmann's rather clever contribution to photographic ufology.) Veiling glare is caused by light scattering in the lens material (and to some extent by light reflected or scattered by objects/ devices inside the camera). Most of the scattered light is "forward scattered" by the tiny inhomogeneities in the lens material and this means that most of the glare light added to the image light comes from light sources within a few degrees of the object which makes the image of interest, i.e., the UFO.

In the Trent case Hartmann made an assumption about the intrinsic reflectivity of the the bottom of the UO in photo 1: he assumed that it was dark and that if the UO had been close (a model) the brightness level (or darkness level) of the bottom of the UFO would have been comparable to the brightness level (darkness) of the dark shadows under the fuel tank next to the garage. By photodensitometry he determined that the brightness of the bottom of the UO was greater than that of the shadows under the somewhat shiny (aluminum painted) tank. Now this could be because the bottom of the UO was light colored, even lighter than the tank (e.g., like white paper). However, he argued that the bottom was probably no brighter, intrinsically, than the shiny tank, and, if the Trents were correct in saying the bottom was dark (bronze colored), then the fact that it appeared brighter than the shaded area on the tank could be explained as a result of atmospheric effects, assuming the object were distant.

So Hartmann assumed the bottom was no brighter than the tank and proceeded to use an extinction equation to calculate distance. This required an added assumption, namely, the value of the extinction coefficient, which is related to the visibility (distance of visibility). How this was done is presented in detail at my web site.

However, as first pointed out by Sheaffer, the excessive brightness (relative to the bottom of the tank) of the bottom of the UO could have been caused by veiling glare. He demonstrated the qualitative affects of veiling glare by comparing photos taken with a clean lens and again with a greasy lens.

I went one step further and attempted to quantify the VG in the Trent camera lens. This required a series of VG experiments in order to build a phenomenological model of VG. These experiments actually led to a paper that I published on the subject. (No one knew but me why I did the VG research.)

Of particular pertinence to the Heflin discussion here is that I estimated the Trent lens VG from the variation in brightness along the power pole closest to the camera (at the right side of the picture). The brightness of this pole increases with height. I assumed this was not an intrinsic brightness increase (the reflectivity of the pole was assumed to be constant with height) but rather because (a) the pole width decreased with height and (b) the brightness of the surroundings (ground, sky) near the pole increased with height.

As part of my research I made a "model" of the Trent scene with a "pole" (rectangular strip of black paper) and a UO (elliptical black paper cutout) that were both taped onto a light table which was the "sky" the background. A lens system comparable to that of the Trent camera (and also other lenses) was used to image the "scene" of the "UO" and "pole" silhouetted against the "sky." A light detector was used to measure the brightness at any point of the scene. At the bottom of the "pole" was a large black rectangular area to model the "ground". I found that the brightness at the center of the "pole" image was not zero (even though the paper was black) and, furthermore, the brightness increased as I moved from the "bottom of the pole" to the top. This was not a result of geometric features or diffraction limitations (MTF) because the width of the "pole" image was constant. Rather, it was a result of the VG... light scattered by the lens from the bright areas of the scene into the dark areas. (Light is scattered the other way, too, but it is not noticed.) The brightness at the center of a dark image increases as the width (diameter) of the image shrinks. This is described in the Trent analysis at my web page.

In this Heflin case, therefore, if one is to use telephone pole brightness increase vs distance as an indicator of extinction one must first remove the effects of VG which, as I pointed out immediately above, causes a naturally dark object to make an image that has excessive brightness (make an image that is brighter than it "should" be) and the amount of excessive brightness increases as the image size shrinks.

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Grant Cameron Interviews Gary McKinnon

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Subject: Grant Cameron Interviews Gary McKinnon

Gary McKinnon Interview - May 10, 2006

GC: You may not be familiar with my website. Andrew was the one who put me in contact with you. I run the President's UFO Website. I have a lot of stuff on the US Presidents.

GM: Yes, he told me to expect a call.

GC: I just have a couple of questions. I saw the interviews you did with the BBC, and I saw the interview you did with Linda. I am just trying to clarify some stuff. I put some freedom of Information Act Requests in for your case.

GM: You're kidding. Good man.

GC: I've got a response from one, so I wanted to know which agencies should I be filing with.

GM: The Office of Naval Investigation

GC: Intelligence or investigation?

GM: The Office of Naval Investigation. ONI. The department of Naval Investigation is the top intelligence. For the Air Force it was the Office of Special Investigation. These are all the people who were tracking me down, and someone said to me it is very strange that the FBI was involved.

GC: They were investigating but which agencies were you trying to access?

GM: Ah, Okay. Well, everyone basically, the Army, Navy, Air Force, Pentagon, and a thing that a lot of people haven't heard of called the SIPRNET =96 that's the Secret Internet Protocol and Router Network which is the US military's secret and above level communications system. It's like an internet beneath the internet.

GC: Who would I file (FOIA) with for them for documents.

GM: I am trying to think who might be the top level, because all my excursions were Army Navy, Air Force, the whole shebang.

GC: What about the Department of Defense? Did you have access to the Pentagon, because I filed with the Department of Defense, and they have gotten back to me and said, "You're talking to the wrong agency, you should be talking to the Defense Intelligence Agency. They are the ones that will have the information that you are looking for. They will have the files you are looking for.

GM: I was going to say the DIA, but they are very blocking when it comes to FOIAs.

GC: You weren't able to get into DIA from what I heard.

GM: No, but I got into NSA at Fort Meade, Maryland.

GC: Oh, so you did get into NSA. I will file with NSA as well.

GM: Fort Benning. I think they are the Army criminal investigation unit. There's actually quite a few of them, and I am not really sure because I was shooting blind as far as where I was. I was not sure where the top level command and control was.

GC: What type of system did you use. When I got to presidential libraries I used key words. Did you use key words to try and identify once you were there to find the UFO files? How were you actually doing your searches?

GM: It wasn't something that you could google. You know that every person has an IP address, has to register with the Navy authority. If I wanted www.garyhacker.com, I would have to register that to my name. These weren't websites, they were private military networks. If you google ipindex =96 all one word =96 or go to www.flumps.org. That's the people who keep the index of who has what IP address, but its like 1-800 numbers here or over there. The ownership changes. There were data bases where you could look up and identify various mutual IPs. You have to register, whether you are a military Top Secret, or unclassified =96 you have to register your name.

GC: So how do you distinguish the UFO files from everything else that's there? How do you find what you are looking for?

GM: Well I just shoot blind. I try to get on to something important enough to be connected, then use a network ----search program. I think it was called LANSearch, as in LAN - local area network. Oncwe you have complete control of the network, you can use a program like that to search for documents and certain titles in the name.

GC: Did you search words like UFO, extraterrestrial.

GM: It started off like that but it became more sophisticated once I grew to learn more about the field, and bear in mind, I thought I was a UFO enthusiast until recently. I realize I didn't know half as much as people in the field. I used words like UFO, but it came down to words like space, weaponization =96 all sorts of key words. It was a very cross-platform keyword search. It was very tough. 99% of the time I would find absolutely rubbish\h. It was of no use whatsoever.

GC: That's what I wanted to know. I know of the two incedents were you talked about finding something. Did you ever find anything else like simple UFO files, sighting files, or anything like that that would indicate that there was something else there.

GM: I have been completely open since day one because it is all on my hard drive. There is nothing that you wouldn't already have read about in the media.

GC: 99% of the time you were basically finding nothing?

GM: Exactly.

GC: How many hours a night would you be working on it. You worked at this for a couple of years?

GM: Oh crikey yah. A couple of years and every night. You can just ask my ex-girlfriend with ex being the key word.

GC: So it must have been very boring most of the time. Did you get discouraged?

GM: Yes.

GC: Were you discouraged about the lack of material that you were finding.

GM: No, because I was all fired about what I figured to be my little personal mission. I was kind of discouraging =96 you end up doing many nights in a row with absolutely nothing, but it was still exciting when you had nothing because you had that little kick of being somewhere where you knew you shouldn't be. Even when it was boring it was kind of fun.

GC: You said DIA had your hard drive.

GM: No, no, no. No DIA. The Department of Naval Investigations. I imagine there are lots of misquotes in the media.

GC: Who told you that? Was that the police?

GM: It was. It used to be known as the National High Tech Crime Unit. That's what they said, but they have been recently absorbed into a new unit like the FBI Serious Organized Crime Association

GC: Did you have Greer's book Disclosure when you first started working on this for leads?

GM: At first I didn't, but then I did. I think it was late 2000 =96 mid to late 2000. That's what led me to my what was in my view, my best discovery =96 the Donna Hare testimony.

GC: Has Greer been in contact with you, or to your attorney?

GM: He sent an e-mail to my attorney.

GC: So he going to try and help. There are a bunch of us here who are going to try and help. We'll do what we can on this end.

GM: This is the thing. I'm not having a criminal hearing to do with the actual charges. Because of this extradition, there is no evidence required from the State Department of the Department of Justice, so you don't get the chance as a defense to discuss exact points of the case. If you had been at my last hearing the judge quoted the prosecution in the opening of his ruling which is unheard of in British justice. The fact that the Americans are not to use evidence and the evidence is used against me. That is very disarming.

GC: Were you familiar with Matthew Bevan and his work before you in Great Britian?

GM: I was. In fact his story contributed to my awareness and intention

GC: You were familiar with his Wright- Patterson stuff.

GM: Yes.

GC: You are not allowed on a computer. Are you able to keep up to what is happening in the UFO community in the last couple of years?

GM: Yes, but having said that it's like when they call you a hacker. I didn't feel like a hacker. I'm not part of the scene. In the same way I am not part of the UFO scene. I haven't read all the books. I haven't met all the big names. In fact, I have learned more in the past six months from the very friendly contacts within the UFO community. Now my mind has been blown from the communications that I get.

GC: You stated when you were on there that there were other people as well?

GM: Oh crikey yah everywhere. It was ridiculous. I basically tied together a bunch of commercially available programs that searched for blank administration level passwords. I used to be an assistant level administrator, and I think that the best administrators are the lazy ones, because you get the computer to do the work for you. That is the method I decided to use in the hacking. Passwords everywhere. I am not surprised it was not just me. There were connections from all over the world. You see these IPs that you have to look up in an IP index such as frumps.org and you find out what country and corporation. Yes it was absolutely mad. You have to bear in mind we are seeing the end point. We are not necessarily seeing where these chaps came from. They could have been just like me just a couple of hoops from their end result.

GC: There is a quote in the media I would like to ask you about. One of the quotes said "I can't talk about a lot of stuff that I found. It's just not the right time." Is that an accurate quote?

GM: It is an actual quote, but let me say that it is not related

to the UFO subject.

GC: I mentioned that I was trying to open up his files from the various US government departments by filing FOIAs.

GM: I am very impressed. It was Andrew that recommended you. I have full respect for his opinion about the people. It was me that suggested only two weeks ago that we should do some FOIA requests under the Crime Prosecution Service here, and the DOJ over there, so I think it is marvelous.

Grant Cameron

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Re: UFO Sightings Distribution - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 07:26:23 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Sightings Distribution - Nielsen

>From: Maynard Gelinas <maynard.nul>
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Subject: Re: UFO Sightings Distribution

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 06:28:49 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: UFO Sightings Distribution

>>Thanks to the work of folks like Larry Hatch, as well as all
>>those who contributed the reports in the first place, we now
>>have an idea of the worldwide scope of the UFO phenomenon. This
>>isn't just current information either. There is correlated data
>>from thousands of years of record keeping: what humans do best.

>>I have a question about the frequency of the sightings. I wonder
>>what the distribution of sightings signifies. Is this
>>distribution a result of:

>How strange. I've been wondering about the frequency of reported
>sightings per locale for a while now too. However, my interest
>is in seeing if this data is useful for predicting the number of
>sightings per year, per region. Presumably, with this data, one
>could statistically estimate how many instruments would need to
>be pre-positioned (and for how long) in order to record a series
>of events with the best possible equipment.

>Then each recorded event (with the same equipment) could be
>considered part of a larger experimental run with controls (the
>equipment). Plus one could work up a budget to guesstimate total
>cost for the operation.

<snip>

>The question is: how many of these things and people would need
>to be pre-positioned in order to get enough data for a valid
>run? And how much would that cost?

I for one wish you welcome Maynard! And thanks for your
insights.

Your remarks reminded me of an old chemistry text by Isaac
Asimov called Building Blocks Of The Universe. Yes, Asimov did
write several non-fiction books. In the book he used the
periodic table to show that a new element's characteristics
could be predicted. He demonstrated Mendeleev's discovery that
elements in the same column have similar properties. Germanium's
properties were predicted this way.

I like your ideas, and I'm not suggesting they shouldn't be
done. But I can think of three possible failures that should be
dealt with beforehand:

One possible problem with using this approach would be the
capricious nature of the sightings themselves. Another is the
vast areas over which the sightings have occurred. A third
possible obstacle might be the UFO ability to "turn off"

equipment, like nuclear missiles, etc. Real gremlins are those greys, (or whomever is flying the UFO's.)

Once those difficulties are handled, one could set up cameras in some place like Phoenix, focused in the directions that the triangles have been flying. The cameras could be turned on every night and the recordings reviewed the next day.

I think this would do a lot of good, if the UFOs cooperated. But who would volunteer their time and cameras for that?

I would still like to know the causes for the distribution. Or maybe the causes are in the possibilities I already suggested. I think that some of the causes for the distribution can be ruled out quickly, like UFO pilot preference, and general education level of the specific nations that have been reporting the sightings. The others may be more difficult.

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Bigelow's Genesis I Mission Update

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Nevada, USA

<http://www.bigelowaerospace.com/multiverse/news.php>

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Mission News Update

BREAKING NEWS

Genesis I Mission Update

5:20 PST

Bigelow Aerospace has received confirmation from the Genesis I
spacecraft that it has successfully expanded.

We have also confirmed that all of the solar arrays have been
deployed.

4:15 PST

Bigelow Aerospace mission control has begun to acquire
information from the Genesis I spacecraft. The ISC Kosmotras
Dnepr rocket has flawlessly delivered the Genesis I into the
target orbit of 550km altitude at 64 degrees inclination. The
internal battery is reporting a full charge of 26 volts, which
leads us to believe that the solar arrays have deployed.

The internal temperature of the spacecraft is reported to be 26
degrees Celsius and we have acquired the spacecraft's Global
Positioning System (GPS) signal that will enable us to track the
ship in flight.

We have initiated communication with the ship's onboard
computers and expect to download more information over the next
few hours.

- Robert T. Bigelow

[Thankms to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I

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UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I
Ralph Barker

I saw my first UFO in the mid-1950s when I was about ten years old. My family lived in Atlanta, Georgia, and it really was not that unusual to spot a UFO or two in those days. For the younger readers, this was a time when satellites were a new fascination for Americans. The Russians had launched "Sputnik" and the U.S. had "Echo" and other satellites in orbit.

In our daily paper, the Atlanta Journal and Constitution, were published the times that various satellites would pass over Atlanta. Many eyes were focused on the night skies and some, me included, saw things other than satellites. We saw UFOs.

UFOs, unidentified flying objects, by definition are not necessarily extraterrestrial spaceships. Rather, they are something that can't be readily identified thus "unidentified" flying objects.

Most UFOs are usually eventually identified. Most turn out to be something natural or man-made. A very small number of sightings are never explained. These residual unidentified flying objects, or RUFOs, are the ones that keep people talking and interested. It is these that keep Art Bell[1] and others up late at night.

To this day I don't know what my childhood UFOs were. The only thing I do know is that the objects I saw violated every known law of physics. They flew at very high altitudes and performed almost instant, high speed, ninety-degree turns. Nothing flying, then or now, with the exception of Superman, can do this.

The modern UFO craze began in 1947[2] with the famous "Roswell Incident." It was reported by witnesses that a UFO had crashed in Roswell, New Mexico, and that the United States Government had recovered the bodies of alien visitors. Allegedly, the bodies were taken to what today is known as Area 51.[3] Many believe that they are still there.

My purpose today, however, is not to stir up our fascination with UFOs but rather to expose how New Agers are using our fascination to further their false gospel. Many have not made the connection, but I assure you that a very strong, obvious, and evil connection does exist between UFOs and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There exists throughout the world various "gifted" people who supposedly can contact aliens and channel[4] their messages to us earthlings. This certainly is interesting to consider but here is the really intriguing point. These messages routinely

attack, ridicule, or undermine Christianity. The aliens don't seem to be threatened by Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, or any other ism. They focus their attacks on Christianity.[5] Could this be because Christianity is the only true religion? This would be my bet.

The words of Galatians 1:6-9 should put us on guard. I'm sure that Paul didn't anticipate UFOs when he penned these passages, but certainly he was aware of other equally dangerous heresies. Paul warns:

6. I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel.
7. which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you, and want to distort the gospel of Christ.
8. But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed.
9. As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed.

Let's take note that we do have, in a real sense, "angels from heaven" preaching a false Gospel. The New Age gospel promises the fruit of Christianity, "love, joy, and peace," minus the root, Jesus Christ. Isn't this what false gospels do? Won't the devil himself offer us a lake of truth just so we will swallow the one poison pill?

Again, Scripture warns us. For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. (I Cor. 11:13-14).

There is a book, *The Fellowship: Spiritual Contact Between Humans and Outer Space Beings*, by Brad Steiger. In the book Steiger presents alleged conversations between aliens and human channelers. The back cover of his book says:

Meet some of those who have known, loved, and learned from extra dimensional beings, either through "channeling" or by physical contact=97people who may be our era's most urgent prophets. Here is a groundbreaking, in-depth exploration of the increasing number of interactions now taking place between human beings and spirits from other dimensions, spirits who bear a hope-filled message of love and transformation.

Apparently, aliens know a lot about love. They want to share it with us. But, it is not the love of Christ they share. Quite the contrary is true as we delve deeper.

In William Alnor's book, *UFOs in the New Age*, he gives us more insight into the false gospel propagated by many UFOlogists.[6]

The basic message from the aliens is that earthlings are invited to join them in progressing to the next level of evolution. Can you hear "Age of Aquarius" playing in the background?

What is particularly interesting about this invitation is who is not welcome to join them. The unwelcome are the practicing Jews and Christians. Listen to this quote that subtly applies to them. This message comes from space being OX-HO who speaks to those associated with a British Columbian UFO contact group. OX-HO says:

People of earth, you are becoming fourth dimensional (meaning that humanity is evolving into a new species) whether you are ready or not. Leave the old to those who cling to the old. Don't let the New Age leave you behind

The more you read the book the clearer it becomes that "the old" referred to by OX-HO is outdated religious beliefs like Christianity and all that right/wrong stuff.

Mr. Alnor tells of a Christian journalist from Los Angeles who wrote this in an unpublished manuscript:

In looking at the backgrounds of UFO abductees, it quickly

becomes clear that almost to a man, they have some background in New Age or occultic beliefs. Interestingly, studies show that there are very few practicing Christians or Jews amongst UFO contactees. What could this mean? Are the aliens racists? Or does this, rather, indicate something about the belief systems of the abductees themselves?

Quoting again from Mr. Alnor's book:

Most of the otherworldly messages seem to say that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is not who Christians claim he is----not God in human flesh, the second person of the Holy Trinity, as the Christian church has taught for twenty centuries, but simply a way shower, an avatar, a spiritual leader, in the same league as other prophets from the Old Testament or other religious figures.

This is the teaching of the Bahai faith as well as that of other new age religions and some eastern religions. Even many Jews accept Jesus as a good man and prophet. They can and do accept Jesus Christ as anything BUT God.

C.S. Lewis in his book "Mere Christianity," says this:

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic=97on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg=97or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come up with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

Now the question is who inhabits the UFOs. Are they aliens? Are they extra terrestrials? Are they from our future? Who or what are they? Enquiring minds want to know.

In Part II, we will answer these questions. Until then Klaatu, Barada, Nikto![7]

Ralph C. Barker

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[1] Art Bell has had a national radio talk show called "Coast to Coast" for years. His topics are usually on the fringe and include subjects like UFOs, time travel, secret societies, etc.

[2] I won't make a big point of this now but for the record, Al Gore was born nine months after the Roswell UFO landed. This is spooky. Of course, we don't know if the alien gestation period is nine months.

[3] Indulge me for a brief Area 51 story. I know Newt Gingrich and have met with him many times. When he was Speaker of the House I asked him to inquire of the Air Force if I could visit Area 51. I was scheduled to speak in Las Vegas and thought I'd visit Area 51 while there. Newt humored me and made the request. The letter I got back was priceless. It said, and I'm reading between the lines, "There is no such place as Area 51 but if you go there, we have the authority to kill you." I decided not to go.

[4] Channeling is the supposed ability to allow one's body to be taken over by a spirit or in this case an alien being so that the visiting entity can communicate messages. According to channelers aliens are speaking important messages to earthlings.

[5] There is an excellent book that will document this fact: UFOs in the New Age by William Alnor. Mr. Alnor didn't just research the topic, he lived with UFO groupies.

[6] UFologists are those who dedicate themselves to studying the UFO phenomenon in all its dimensions.

[7] Should you not know the meaning of these words I would urge you to find out immediately. If you run into Gort in the

interim, you and the entire world may be at risk.

Ralph Barker was born in Atlanta, GA in 1947.

He graduated from Georgia State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. Subsequently, he served four years as an IRS Revenue Officer.

In 1985 Ralph was called to ministry and ordained in 1985 as co-pastor of Word of Life Fellowship in East Point, GA. From 1981-2004 he served as Vice President of American Vision Ministry, a national educational ministry. Ralph has been privileged to speak in churches across America and has been a guest on hundreds of radio and television programs over the years. He also hosted a live, call-in talk show in Marietta, Georgia, on AM 1080 WFTD for four years.

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UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part II
Ralph Barker

In Part I, we discussed the connection between the New Age gospel and UFOs. The main point being that new age spiritual messages are allegedly coming from alien beings through human channelers. These messages are distinctly religious and clearly anti-Christian. We still have two questions before us: Are UFOs real and, if so, who are the inhabitants?

Even the greatest skeptic would have to admit that there are still unexplained UFO sightings. So, what are they? Are they alien spaceships? Are they visitors from the future? Or, are they something else.

Personally, I think they are something else. In my youth I held to the idea that they were truly alien visitors. Today, I still think they are alien visitors but not visitors from another planet. I am convinced they are visitors from another dimension, a spiritual dimension. I believe they are demons. Just think about it.

If they were interplanetary visitors why have they remained hidden in the shadows? What are they afraid of? Maybe they saw the movie The Day the Earth Stood Still and know what we do to UFO visitors. Why do they only contact a few isolated people and not appear to the masses or to our leaders?

If visitors from another planet were able to get here then it follows that their technology would have to be quantum leaps beyond ours. If they are benevolent beings they have no reason to avoid contact. If they are evil, they could most likely defeat us fairly easily anyway. So, why all the secrecy? Either way they should be doing something more public and obvious.

I remember speaking at a church in Dallas, Texas, some years ago and I broached the subject of whether or not there was life on other planets. I asked the congregation what questions would come to their mind if we did accept the premise that aliens really existed.

If we do allow for alien life then certain questions must follow at least from a Christian standpoint. For example, are aliens fallen beings? Do they need redemption? Did Jesus die for them? Did Jesus die for all beings, earthling and alien? Did He die just once here on earth or did He have to visit and die on each planet? All good questions.

As we were discussing this, a local magistrate in the congregation had a question. His question definitely caught me

off guard. He wanted to know if aliens did exist, could we eat them. I think he was a hunter. What do you think? Can we eat them?

Have you noticed that Americans have shifted their view of alien visitors over the last fifty years? Most of us are well aware that there has been a shift in worldviews in America since the 1950s. The biblical worldview that established America and sustained it for so long is losing its place in American society. Humanism, paganism, and other isms are taking center stage. With this shift our view of life, God, and aliens has changed and continues to change.

It used to be that movies, made prior to the 1960s, almost always portrayed aliens as being sinister beings with designs on taking over or even destroying planet earth.

The popular horror films of the era featured aliens who were malevolent and imperialistic such as those found in War of the Worlds, I Married a Monster from Outer Space, and The Thing From Another World.

Beginning in the late 1950s and beyond, the movies began to change their perspective as humanism began to permeate our society. Aliens began to be portrayed more often as not as good guys. For example I submit for your consideration, The Day the Earth Stood Still (Klatu Barada Nickto), ET, and Close Encounters of the Third Kind. Then there are several children's movies featuring friendly aliens.

Allow me to make a parenthetical observation that I find very interesting. We know that counterfeits have to look like the real thing otherwise they wouldn't fool anyone. This is why Paul warns us to beware of false Gospels that sound good but are not of God.[1]

I find the following very interesting considering Paul's warnings. In The Day the Earth Stood Still there is much biblical imagery but a false gospel. These are the highlights of the movie:

- A. An alien, Klaatu, is a savior sent to earth with a gospel of peace. He warns of a fiery annihilation if his gospel of peace is rejected.
- B. Klaatu takes on the earth name of Mr. Carpenter. Jesus was a carpenter.
- C. Klatu is rejected of men.
- D. He is killed and raised from the dead.
- E. He gives his last sermon and then ascends in his space ship. The Ascension!

The movie ET presents almost the same imagery. He too dies and is raised and finally ascends in his space ship. I noted a very powerful element in one of the last scenes of the movie. Just prior to ETs leaving earth, ET goes to his earth friends and says good-bye. As he bids adieu to the young boy who was his best friend, he takes his finger that lights up with energy and lays it over the child's heart. ET then says very slowly and lovingly, "I'll be right here." Doesn't Jesus live in our hearts?

It is also very interesting how fascinated we have become with UFOs. On any given day you can find one or more programs on television that showcases UFOs. A&E, Discovery Channel, and other documentary type stations are regularly running programs.

In conclusion I submit that the evidence or lack thereof points to a satanic deception and it is working. Many have lost their faith and followed a false gospel propagated through new age gurus who talk to aliens, supposedly. Beware! May you live long and prosper!

[1] Galatians 1:6-9. This is one of my key Scriptures in Part I.

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[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Re: Grant Cameron Interviews Gary McKinnon - Kaeser

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>Subject: Grant Cameron Interviews Gary McKinnon

>Gary McKinnon Interview - May 10, 2006

<snip>

Hi Grant,

A good interview and I hope this doesn't provide more evidence to keep you on your side of the Border when you try to attend another Conference in the U.S. The world is wound up too tightly right now to play games with Government agencies or their computer systems, and I think it's been shown that the U.S. has had a recent tendency to play hard ball these days.

This will be an interesting case to watch.

Steve

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UFOs Do they Smell?

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<http://www.conspiracyarchive.com/UFOs/ufosulphur.htm>

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UFOs, Do they Smell? The Sulphur Enigma of Paranormal Visitation

by Terry Melanson

Witnesses of paranormal activities today and in centuries past have consistently encountered a common trait. Indeed, since the prophets of the bible spoke of the judgement of the Lord with fire and brimstone, has sulphur smells been associated with paranormal manifestations. The Greeks spoke of this as well. In the twelfth book of the Odyssey, Homer says:

"Zeus thundered and hurled his bolt upon the ship and she quivered from stem to stern, smitten by the bolt of Zeus, and was filled with sulphurous smoke."

In the Iliad:

"[Zeus] thundered horribly and dashed it to the ground in front of the horses of Diomedes, and a ghastly blaze of flaming sulphur shot up and the horses, terrified, both cringed away against the chariot."

This should not be a surprise as lightning was always known to be the cause of sulphur smells. Before we get into this aspect I would like, first of all, to list some phenomena that are sometimes accompanied with a pungent smell, likened to sulphur or ozone.

* The Tricksters: Of the Southwestern United States, Northern Mexico peyote ceremonies. Also in Celtic lore (fairies, gnomes, sylphs etc.)

* The Men in Black

* Sasquatch (Pacific Northwest), Yeti (Asia), The Skunk Ape (Southeastern U.S.), Momo (Missouri Monster)

* The Greek Gods of Mythology

* Succubi, Incubi, and various demonic manifestations during occult workings

* Poltergeist, ghosts, spirits etc.

* UFOs, Aliens, Space Brothers etc.

* The Chupacabra of Puerto Rico and South and Central America

* Lightning (this seems to be a clue of some sort, as UFOs are frequently seen near powerlines of high voltage)

As Pliny has said:

"Lightning and thunder are attended with a strong smell of sulphur, and the light produced by them is of a sulphurous complexion."

With a small variation one could describe the modern paranormal phenomenon in similar fashion:

"UFOs and most paranormal occurrences are often attended with a strong smell of sulphur, and the light produced by them is of a high energy quality, accompanied with a sulphurous complexion."

Jupiter of the Thunderbolt

In Immanuel Velikovsky's unpublished work *In the Beginning*, there's a chapter called *The Transmutation of Oxygen into Sulphur* in which he tries to explain the origin of the sulphur smells of lightning and past stories such as the ones quoted above. Velikovsky informs us that "sulphur is one of the best insulators and static electricity, when accumulated on it, discharges in electrical sparks" and that electrical discharges produced without the help of sulphur are also accompanied by the smell of it. He talks about Benjamin Franklin's first experiments with lightning and electricity. Franklin also wrote to the Royal Society in London that both phenomena are attended by a sulphurous smell.

Velikovsky suggests that sulphur is actually made from the air by the passage of an electrical discharge. This would seem to be the inevitable conclusion considering the evidence. However, in order for oxygen to be "transmuted" into sulphur, the amount of energy required would be staggering; when asked, in 1941, a colleague of Velikovsky's estimated an equivalent of two billion electron-volts. Today these kinds of energies are being produced (almost) in particle accelerators. A recent successful test with a one billion electron-volt beam of photons, being the closest.

Perhaps once these scientists reach the 2 billion electron-volt mark, we can directly probe the mysteries of the paranormal. Could these paranormal events be the result of intelligences manifesting matter through dimensions? Certainly this would require a tremendous amount of energy. Then the tell tale sign of sulphur smells could be the effect of this energy 'entering' or 'exiting' our dimension. Sulphur Lamps & UFOs - The Mystery Deepens

Sulphur Lamps & UFOs - The Mystery Deepens

There's a fascinating invention that went largely unnoticed when it appeared in 1994. On November 23rd a photo appeared in sulphur bulbs the Western Australian newspaper called "The Sunday Times." It showed a small glass sphere on a long stalk next to a much larger-by-comparison commercial light bulb. Dated "Washington", it read: "This electrodeless sulphur lamp, which blasts gas with microwaves to produce a bright white light much more cheaply than conventional bulbs, has been invented by Fusion Lighting Inc. for the Defence Department. One lamp can replace nearly 100 conventional high-intensity bulbs." Then again in the December 1995 edition of *Popular Mechanics* there's another small article on the "Solar 1000" sulphur bulbs... "Microwaves excite sulphur powder inside the bulbs hollow quartz sphere. The resulting glow resembles natural light, which is more aesthetically pleasing than that of many fluorescent or mercury-vapour bulbs."

Researcher Dr. Simon Harvey-Wilson notes that these sulphur lamps have three features in common with UFOs.

"Firstly, UFOs too are sometimes blindly bright, yet witnesses often report that this light seems different from the normal bright lights they encounter in their daily life. Perhaps the same technology is used to illuminate the outside of UFOs. Abductees also often report a puzzling, seemingly sourceless, light inside UFOs.

Puzzling light sources are not limited to UFOs. Sometimes a

bright paranormal light is seen around saints and mystics.

Secondly, as well as being dazzlingly bright, some UFOs are known to give off powerful microwaves, which is just radiation or 'light' from that part of the electromagnetic spectrum that falls between infrared and very short radio waves. Microwaves from UFOs are sometimes pulsed, for reasons that we do not know. It has been suggested that this radiation maybe a product of the craft's propulsion, or some sort of defensive system. It may also be how some UFOs create the bright plasma field that surrounds them.

Modern research has shown that microwaves can be used to affect the mind. This radiation might be used by UFOs as a form of camouflage to make witnesses 'see' the UFO as a less threatening object such as a cloud or helicopter; to prevent them from seeing the UFO at all; or to project a reassuring voice into the witness' head.

Thirdly, UFOs, aliens, poltergeists, and even haunted houses, are occasionally associated with an offensive smell sometimes sulphurous in nature."

The Sulphur Enigma seems connected with high energy phenomena. The similarity of ball lightning and UFOs has been noted by researchers. Also plasmoid energy and electrical discharge have sulphuric qualities in common with the full range of paranormal manifestation. Transmutation of oxygen into sulphur, by high energy discharge, can't be discounted.

With respect to UFOs, the quality of the light emitted in sightings has striking characteristics, similar to the mentioned sulphur bulbs. Microwave bombardment of sulphur, encased in quartz, is being studied. Might this research be in response to uncovered technologies? The sulphur aspect would certainly have been noted had clandestine research continued, in an unofficial sense, into the UFO phenomena.

Putting aside the whole issue of crashed saucers and back-engineering, one could speculate that just by carefully observing and documenting; the sulphur aspect would, most assuredly, be noticed. These sulphur lamps being initially sponsored by the Department of Defence, could then be the first attempts at applying the "technology".

"On a hot evening in August I was in my room busily editing copy for the October issue of Space Review when I thought I heard a board squeak in the attic just outside my door. I got up and went to the door to see if my stepfather might be walking about in the attic, looking for something. No light came from under the door, so I figured I had imagined the noise-until once again the odour of sulphur reached my nostrils. The odour was faint until I sat; as I did so, it became stronger. Kneeling to the floor I discovered it was even stronger there, so I supposed it had the characteristic of creeping along the floor, then rising until it reached the nostrils. Because it had always accompanied a visit from these strange beings, I could expect them shortly. I puzzled myself with the question of the odour. I had never asked about it, but would make a point to do so the first opportunity I had.

... After the saucer had discharged its load, it moved along a track to a siding similar to a railroad yard, for many such tracks traversed this tunnel, and I had rubbed my eyes when I caught sight of so many saucers, all sitting on sidings with platforms for the occupants to use when entering and departing. In Earth terminology, I suppose this would be called an enormous saucer garage. The smell of sulphur lingered all about, and I wondered if this odour had anything to do with the fuel being employed." -- Albert K. Bender 1963, Flying Saucers And The Three Men

(Mrs Evans reports seeing 'about a dozen' UFOs from Christmas 1978 to November 1979; three of these sightings would be classed as 'CE1'.)

A blood-like substance appears 'out of thin air' at her home. Also a 'transparent, jelly-like' substance. Strong smells -- she, her husband and her neighbour see a small, yellowish cloud, accompanied by a strong smell of sulphur. On another occasion a strong, 'overpowering' smell of incense. Also smells of 'zoo

animals' cages' and 'wet animal fur'. On two occasions when 'something unusual' passed over her head, she felt a 'click, or tap, on [her] temples, rather like a tiny electric shock'. She finds out for the first time that her father is part Native American, her mother Celtic Welsh-Irish Romany. Her neighbour also sees a 'figure' in her own house. She almost burst into tears when Mrs Evans chided her about it. Another neighbour, at 3 am, saw a UFO 'gliding' down the road, reported it to the police. --Men In Black A Preliminary Report by Robert Bull Part 2 of a Series Of 3

The scent of a yowie In about 10% of yowie cases the creatures have exuded a mind-bogglingly foul stench. It can be bad enough to make a person vomit and the pongy pongids seem to be able to release the choking miasma at will. Usually the smell is compared to that of rotting meat, bat droppings or a "badly kept country dunny" but occasionally witnesses say the creatures left a distinct electrical smell "like burnt electrical wiring", "burnt bakelite", "a sulphury stink". Interestingly, in a very dramatic bigfoot/UFO case in Pennsylvania in 1973, witnesses described a strong smell of sulphur and burning rubber. --Myths & Monsters 2001 Conference: 'Are the hairy giants flesh and blood -or are they psychic phenomena?'

Tim Cassidy reported on a Jun 11, 1996, a creature from southern Indiana. Near Lake Monroe, the co-worker was on a night hike, and ran into a pungent odor, very sulphur-like, and their hair was on end.

- <http://www.internationalbigfootsociety.com/tr68.htm>

It is claimed that the Chupacabra is accompanied by an unusually strong scent of sulphur, not unlike the demonic creatures of folklore. Witness Madelyne Tolentino claimed, "it jumped like a kangaroo and smelled like sulfur." It has also been known, in some cases, to have supernatural strength. In one case, it allegedly tore a 16ft by 14ft iron gate off it's hinges to get to the animals. There has been rumor that the smell the creature emits is actually it's way of immobilizing the animals while it drains them of their blood. It is not only animals the creature is attacking, but also some humans. Angel Pulido, from Jalisco, reported getting bit by something that was "a giant bat which looked like a witch". Also in Mexico, Teodora Reyes showed marks which were supposedly caused by the claws of the chupacabra.

- <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Hollow/4326/chupa.html>

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Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 07:56:03 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I - Hall

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>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 07:45:42 -0400
>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I

>Source: The Christian Worldview Network - St. Paul, Minnesota, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/l2znp>

>07/04/2006

>UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I
>Ralph Barker

<snip>

>The modern UFO craze began in 1947[2] with the famous "Roswell
>Incident." It was reported by witnesses that a UFO had crashed
>in Roswell, New Mexico, and that the United States Government
>had recovered the bodies of alien visitors. Allegedly, the
>bodies were taken to what today is known as Area 51.[3] Many
>believe that they are still there.

We see right here how much he knows about UFO history.

>My purpose today, however, is not to stir up our fascination
>with UFOs but rather to expose how New Agers are using our
>fascination to further their false gospel. Many have not made
>the connection, but I assure you that a very strong, obvious,
>and evil connection does exist between UFOs and the Gospel of
>Jesus Christ.

>There exists throughout the world various "gifted" people who
>supposedly can contact aliens and channel[4] their messages to
>us earthlings. This certainly is interesting to consider but
>here is the really intriguing point. These messages routinely
>attack, ridicule, or undermine Christianity. The aliens don't
>seem to be threatened by Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, or any other
>ism. They focus their attacks on Christianity.[5] Could this be
>because Christianity is the only true religion? This would be my
>bet.

>Ralph C. Barker

>cruiseone.nul (earthlings only)

Blah, blah, blah! UFOs & the Gospel of Pogo: We have met the
enemy and he is us. - Dick

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Re: 3D Crop Circle - Smith

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 09:55:02 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 08:00:55 -0400
Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle - Smith

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:56:26 EDT
>Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle

>Methinks there's a satellite in the skies with a bunch of
>practical jokers using some sort of beams to create these
>patterns perhaps as a mission rite of passage or just some
>bizarre hazing routine.

I think I mentioned on the List at one time how I examined some crop circle cases in which the time of formation was fairly tightly known and then ran satellite pass software and database of all known satellites/"debris" to see if there were any common satellites that passed over the areas and if they had the power levels needed to send crop bending beams. Sadly, no common satellites passed over these sites and the ones that did did not seem very powerful (you need a laser beam or a tightly focused radar/microwave beam).

Of course there can always be unknown, "secret" satellites. But unless they are well camouflaged from amateur satellite trackers, they will be reported by those folk.

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 09:11:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 08:23:10 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Lehmborg

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 13:14:40 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 16:53:57 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 13:09:08 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 16:35:52 +0100 (BST)
>>>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>>>It is true though that in Joe's comments on the case, being a
>>>>UK citizen, there was never any political tone or shade to his
>>>>remarks while there was with Paul's, which perhaps with
>>>>hindsight, may have been a mistake.

<snip>

>>A small point here, Paul, but I think a cogent one. Law is
>>formulated by the political process, not by the legal system.
>>Like it or not, it's all political. The legal eagles in the
>>political system - in our case Legislative Council - might keep
>>it on the rails, or off them, throughout the process but you
>>can't separate the two.

>Of course you can, Don. Yes, the process of drafting and passing
>laws is political, as it should be. After all, what's the
>alternative - some philosopher king doing what he wants?

Or a dissembling authoritarian providing for the convenient
apostasy of same? Given the present state of affairs, gross
institutional failures, and questionable legitimacy of the body
bringing about these egregious circumstances... we'd be
better served, I think, by your conjectured philosopher-king.

>For
>good or ill, Bush and Blair (in this case) were elected, and
>then re-elected (the same is true for the MPs and Members of
>Congress).

Mrmmmmmm-no. It is quite clear that the US election machinery
was hi-jacked in both instances as was clearly shown in the exit
polls of those elections. This is without regard to other
problems extant in 2000 and 2004 election process. GB, and most
recently typified in Mexico, may have had their own problems.
Your point is rendered meaningless, Mr. Kimball, and merely a
reactionary support for tyranny and encroaching fascism. No
surprises here.

>If people don't like the laws that ltheir elected

>representatives draft, then get rid of them. That's the way the
>system works.

See above...

>>The McKinnon case is political. It's showcasing for a slumping
>>Republican party and probably sabre-rattling for the military
>>and bitch-slapping - or whatever they do - for the intelligence
>>people.

>A grand jury indicted him (two, as I recall, in two different
>states). The edict didn't magically come from Bush, or the
>Pentagon. Again, due process was followed.

I suspect we are going to be unpleasantly surprised with regard
to "magically appearing edicts" from an illegitimate Bush
administration, forgetting George himself. Due process, the
hallmark of a civilization, is in a present state of ongoing
degradation, everywhere. Look around.

>>I don't know how you could think this case is anything but
>>political. McKinnon should not have been able to get in, and
>>having done so anything he learned means nothing because they
>>can deny whatever he says he found.

>That has nothing to do with the legal merits of the case.

Which may only be glib lawyer-speak for "You're right, Don, but
we reactionary 'jurisistas' have clever ways of getting around
all that."

>>The rest is face-saving and revenge.

>Perhaps. But, again, he was indicted and faces charges in the
>United States.

Yes, but that can be dismissed given the contested legitimacy
and motivation of same. It remains that McKinnon, using second
rate equipment and lower level expertise was able to penetrate
the highest levels of a US Security apparatus and that he
could be given a medal for exposing chicanery, unmasking
fraud, and whistle-blowing on criminal incompetence... showing
us that we may not be served in a manner that would be
expected... also forgetting how GB has been made a political
vassal of an illegitimate US?

>There is an extradition process that determines
>whether he heads there for trial or not. Whether the US has
>signed the treaty or not is irrelevant (although, I admit, it's
>bad optics). The British have (again, if you don't like it, turf
>them in the next election). It's then a matter for the courts.

Given the aforementioned concerns, that "turfing" of which you
glibly speak is decidedly easier said than done, Sir. I suspect
you know that only too well, Mr. Kimball.

>>Any point I made before this was that I think the UK caved due
>>to political pressure applied by the US. Could have gone US
>>military [et al] to Bush to Blair, then downhill to Solicitor
>>General, with the a blessing on whatever the law will allow. The
>>UK and the US share extradition and it works.

>Again, Don, that's not how it works.

I think we all understand how it's supposed to work in your
universe Mr. Kimball

>Yes, a request is made,
>because of those aforementioned indictments. The British, by law,
>have to respond. It goes to the court, which presumably saw no
>legal reason within the statute to deny the request.

Uh-huh. How about a moral one then... how about the ethical one?
How about the fair one? How about the proper one? How about the
just one? How about the decent one?

How about the honest one? How about the principled one?

>The
>Minister then has the right to overturn the court's decision,

>but that right is severely circumscribed, as it should be in a
>democratic country with a separation of the judicial and
>executive branches of the government.

A-ha! Perhaps you haven't noticed that as a direct result of the
aforementioned concerns above that the separation to which you
too easily allude has been under heavy attack the last few
years, and how much the three branches of government have come
to rubber stamp each other. Jeez - I guess we'll just have to
"turf" them, eh?

>As you pointed out
>previously, in Canada that will usually only happen if the
>person faces a death sentence (it usually never gets past the
>courts, but...). McKinnon does not.

This is only your supposition, Mr. Kimball. And given the very
real potentiality that McKinnon can be made out as a terrorist
the jury must be well out with regard to his final disposition.
You might be something less, at this point, than a credible
arbiter of a dispensation on Mr. McKinnon, Herr Barrister.

>If he isn't extradited
>because the Minister overturned a Court decision, then it would
>be precisely the sort of political intervention that you and
>others are talking about.

Ministers must do what will provide for the greatest consistent
justice for the greatest number, Mr. Kimball, or they shouldn't
be ministers, and perhaps their blood should water the tree of
liberty.

>That's the kind of thing that should
>be avoided at all costs, because, while you might like the guy
>or think he's right this time, what about the next time when the
>Minister overturns a court decision for people you don't like?

That is a bridge that is crossed when it is come to, Mr.
Kimball. Moreover, these kinds of decisions are being made by
persons in authority all the time with regard to citizens
serving every second of a five year sentence for smoking a
marijuana cigarette... when thieves, murderers, and rapists are
awarded early releases to make more room for the former. One in
136 persons in my country are in jail already, the highest per-
capita of such on the globe. You presume, too easily, a justice
that does not exist where you intimate it exists, Sir.

>>I'm not saying McKinnon is anything but a crook but he's going
>>to suffer far worse than - for example - the Enron puker did, or
>>will, because in this case the big boys got embarrassed and
>>weren't sharing in the booty. That's a great deal different than
>>thousands of normal people loosing their life savings and
>>pensions.

>Don, all of this is not related to the simple matter of his
>extradition. I agree that 70 years in prison for what McKinnon
>did is far too harsh.

Now, you're in retreat and backing into an undeserved defilade,
Mr. Kimball. Too little too late as is usual with you. We still
remember your admonition that one shouldn't do the crime if one
cannot do the time.

>I also think those concerns are way
>overblown. He won't be sentenced to 70 years. I'll bet anyone on
>this List, right here, right now, that he won't.

This is really not germane to the argument is it. The learned
"take" was 70 years. Maybe he should only serve 67 years?

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>>Paul you were/are a lawyer and an Aux. Mountie. You don't really
>>think the legal system is fair do you? I mean of course, if you
>>don't have money.

>Yes, of course I do.

Seriously! No surprises here. Perhaps you and you family have a little of the aforementioned money?

>There are checks and balances that almost
>always sort out the mistakes, eventually (it can take a while, I
>admit, but that's the price we pay, the trade-off we make, for
>the balance). It's the people who sometimes muck it up, but the
>system itself is, in general, fine (no system being perfect).

The evidence seems to be that it's getting more imperfect all the time. Indeed, it seems to accelerate to increasing imperfection.

>Are there inequities because of wealth? Of course.

ROFL! This requires a shaker of salt.

>But I don't
>think that anyone can say that this is the case with McKinnon,
>who has had perfectly competent legal representation, and a lot
>more media and publicity than your average defendant gets.

Just not enough apparently.

>In Gary McKinnon's case, given the law as it exists, it's
>working fine. If you don't like the law, then change it.

Again, given the encroaching tyranny and creeping fascism promulgated by a moneyed elite? This is another of your too glib assessments easier said than done.

That said? Now I demand that you take my endorsement of you off your WebLog.

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 10:26:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 08:26:51 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Kaeser

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 13:14:40 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 16:53:57 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

<snip>

>>A small point here, Paul, but I think a cogent one. Law is
>>formulated by the political process, not by the legal system.
>>Like it or not, it's all political. The legal eagles in the
>>political system - in our case Legislative Council - might keep
>>it on the rails, or off them, throughout the process but you
>>can't separate the two.

>Of course you can, Don. Yes, the process of drafting and passing
>laws is political, as it should be. After all, what's the
>alternative - some philosopher king doing what he wants? For
>good or ill, Bush and Blair (in this case) were elected, and
>then re-elected (the same is true for the MPs and Members of
>Congress). If people don't like the laws that their elected
>representatives draft, then get rid of them. That's the way the
>system works.

>>The McKinnon case is political. It's showcasing for a slumping
>>Republican party and probably sabre-rattling for the military
>>and bitch-slapping - or whatever they do - for the intelligence
>>people.

>A grand jury indicted him (two, as I recall, in two different
>states). The edict didn't magically come from Bush, or the
>Pentagon. Again, due process was followed.

This discussion is, of course, too simplified. I am not a lawyer, but laws are often defined by the Courts, which results in what is called "Case Law". While this may be politically based, it isn't necessarily defined by those who are directly elected by the populace. The makeup of the State Court system also defined at the State level, so it's not clear cut throughout the U.S., with some judges elected and other appointed. As far as "Legislative Law" is concerned, there is always the initial test to see if it meets Constitutional requirements, so the politicians may or may not get their way.

A Grand Jury determines if there is sufficient evidence for a charge to be placed. An indictment only shows that there is reason to place a charge and hold a trial, which in this case requires an extradition from the U.K. If 9/11 had not occurred and the U.S. wasn't a terrorist target, then Gary's actions might have become a small footnote in the news, with a slap on the wrist and a warning. But in the current atmosphere, there's no way to let something this visible go without laying down the law.

I hope he has a good lawyer.

Steve

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With Friends Like These

From: Wendy Christensen <christensen.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 11:01:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 08:31:30 -0400
Subject: With Friends Like These

Kevin Trudeau's 'secret' source revealed: Kevin Trudeau, whose "Natural Cures" books are filled with false claims, has published an explanation for his knowledge that is even more preposterous than the claims themselves.

His most recent (third) book states that a "secret society" gave him "health secrets, access to the inner circles of the rich and powerful, and the ability to live a life of luxury."

Page 11 states:

"As a member of this secret society I have sat in private meetings with the heads of state from countries around the world. I have attended secret international business meetings where business leaders, politicians, and media moguls coerce together to create the new world order with global control over individual people everywhere. I have been shown and have seen with my own eyes secret government and corporate documents. I have heard with my own ears how BigPharma, the food industry, and the oil industry are working together with governments and media outlets around the world.

I have been in over sixty countries, yet there are no stamps of evidence in any of my passports. I have been to Area 51 in Nevada. (This top secret military installation is still denied to exist by the U.S. government.) This is where much of our technology has been developed.

Area 51 houses most extraterrestrial artifacts, including a working spacecraft and dead alien bodies. I've seen these things with my own two eyes. As a member of this secret society I was used in covert operations around the world."

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 10:43:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 08:33:44 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Clark

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 16:56:08 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 14:22:07 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 13:09:08 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 16:35:52 +0100 (BST)
>>>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>>>The only political tone/shade in my remarks is the one that
>>>>people, who have their own reasons for doing so, choose to
>>>>assign it. I view the McKinnon case as a legal matter, not a
>>>>political one, which was my whole point - missed as usual by
>>>>people who are incapable of separating fact from fiction, and
>>>>who, while they might be otherwise bright folks, are out of
>>>>their depth when it comes to the details of extradition law -
>>>>which is, I suspect, why they choose to spend their time
>>>>focused on political matters that have nothing to do with the
>>>>actual merits of the McKinnon case, or the extradition hearing.

>>I believe the applicable adjective here is not "legal" or
>>"political," as Kimball claims, but "disingenuous," as he's
>>being here.

>Ah, Klassic Jerry. If he can't make a cogent argument on the facts
>he resorts to name-calling and labelling.

>To each their [sic] own.

I think this pretty much sums up Paul Kimball's approach. No substance, no sustainable argument, just name-calling, as in "Klassic Jerry." I don't know what that is supposed to mean in this context. One presumes it, however, to be a particularly lazy insult. It is certainly a disingenuous one. In point of fact, by the way, Phil Klass, whom I knew well, would almost certainly have taken Kimball's side of the argument. That has nothing to do with anything, and unlike Paul, it would not have occurred to me to put "Klassic" in front of PK's - in this instance Paul Kimball's - name.

Meantime, our correspondent expresses fierce hostility to the accused hacker while claiming only to be making a neutral legal point. In fact, that point touches on an intense and ongoing political dispute involving all three branches of the U.S. government, not to mention press, political parties, human-rights advocates, law-enforcement agencies, and more (including persons in other countries), over the uses and abuses of extradition, imprisonment, and more by the present American

administration.

Kimball is, of course, absolutely entitled to his opinion on the matter. When, however, he would have us believe he's not taking a political side... well, the Mencken adage comes to mind: one horse laugh is worth a thousand syllogisms.

Jerry Clark

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Secrecy News -- 07/14/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 11:54:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 08:35:41 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/14/06

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IMPROVED INFO SHARING: A PATH FORWARD

The need to improve the dissemination of terrorism-related information was among the preeminent policy lessons of September 11.

Yet five years later, "systematic, trusted information sharing remains more of an aspiration than a reality," according to a new task force report from the Markle Foundation.

The report proposes a new conceptual framework for authorizing and promoting information sharing, based on the information's intended uses rather than its bureaucratic origin or other incidental characteristics.

This would permit each agency to get the information it needs to perform its mission, the authors say, while allowing auditing to ensure proper use and instill public confidence.

The Markle task force report also calls for a new approach to national security classification policy that is more tolerant of potential disclosure risks so as to permit more effective sharing.

"Current classification procedures and practices... overemphasize the risks of inadvertent disclosure over those from failing to share."

"We recommend a new risk management approach to handling classified and other sensitive information that gives adequate weight to the risks of not sharing, and provides greater flexibility and more emphasis on mitigating the risks of disclosure."

The authors stress the need for a transparent policy development process.

"In the absence of public confidence that personal information is being used effectively, appropriately, and consistently with both applicable laws and shared expectations of privacy, the necessary public support will not be forthcoming, and even the most promising intelligence systems will fail."

The task force does not envision the general public as a consumer of terrorism-related information and so it does not contemplate measures to improve public disclosure of such information, whether classified or unclassified.

And in an overview of information sharing policy development, the report neglects a few recent innovations that are at least modestly consistent with its recommendations, such as the 2003 executive order provision that permits emergency disclosure of classified information to non-cleared persons, and the "RELIDO" marking that delegates disclosure authority for intelligence information beyond the originator.

Overall, however, the Markle task force report provides an intelligent account of a vexing set of issues. And it has the great virtue of going beyond critique to propose potentially workable solutions as well as a process for implementing and refining them.

See "Mobilizing Information to Prevent Terrorism: Accelerating Development of a Trusted Information Sharing Environment," Third Report of the Markle Foundation Task Force chaired by Zoe Baird and James Barksdale, July 13:

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

As if to validate the most pessimistic view of the state of information sharing, the Baltimore Sun reported that a White House initiative to strengthen sharing by standardizing the use of "sensitive but unclassified" markings is off track and behind schedule.

See "Turf war hampers war on terror" by Siobhan Gorman, Baltimore Sun, July 13:

<http://tinyurl.com/fzf63>

CRS ON TERRORIST FINANCING, ARMY OFFICER SHORTAGE

A new Congressional Research Service report provides a resume of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program that was recently described in news stories.

See "Treasury's Terrorist Finance Program's Access to Information Held by the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT)," July 7, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RS22469.pdf>

News reports on the program elicited furious criticism of the New York Times and other publications from those who believed classified information had been improperly and damagingly disclosed.

But "closely similar" accounts were publicly presented years ago in open congressional hearings, the Washington Post reported today.

See "Watching Finances Of Terror Suspects Discussed in 2002" by Walter Pincus, Washington Post, July 14:

<http://tinyurl.com/fldw8>

Another new CRS report describes the erosion of the U.S. Army officer corps.

"The Army currently projects an officer shortage of nearly 3,000 in FY2007, with the most acute shortfalls in 'senior' captains and majors with 11 to 17 years of experience."

See "Army Officer Shortages: Background and Issues for Congress," July 5, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL33518.pdf>

CBO ON IRAQ SPENDING

The Congressional Budget Office has prepared a new account of

U.S. spending in Iraq in response to a request from Rep. John Spratt (D-SC).

"The Congress has appropriated \$432 billion for military operations and other activities related to the war on terrorism since September 2001. According to CBO's estimates, from the time U.S. forces invaded Iraq in March 2003, \$290 billion has been allocated for activities in Iraq."

For reasons explained in the report, the estimates are slightly lower than those prepared recently by the Congressional Research Service.

See "Estimated Costs of U.S. Operations in Iraq Under Two Specified Scenarios," Congressional Budget Office, July 13:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_rpt/iraqcosts.pdf

THE TRACKING OF DONALD KEYSER

Donald Keyser, who had been a respected State Department expert on China, pled guilty last year to illegally removing classified documents from the State Department, making false statements to the FBI, and concealing his relationship with a Taiwanese intelligence officer.

Now the government says that he is failing to fulfill the terms of his plea agreement, and it told a court that the agreement should therefore be revoked, the New York Sun reported today.

In support of its position, the Justice Department filed a detailed and occasionally sordid account of Keyser's alleged entanglement with Taiwanese intelligence.

"The unusual filing opens a window onto the FBI's counterintelligence tradecraft," wrote reporter Josh Gerstein in the Sun. He also noted that Keyser's attorney denies the allegations and says the new Justice Department memo is unfair and inaccurate.

See "A Novel-Like Tale Of Cloak, Dagger Unfolds in Court" by Josh Gerstein, New York Sun, July 14:

<http://www.nysun.com/article/36073>

The government memorandum places the worst possible construction on Keyser's activities, including many that seem easily susceptible to benign explanations. In any case it remains true that he conducted an improper relationship with a foreign intelligence officer and violated classification procedures.

A copy of the July 5 government memorandum in support of its motion to find Keyser in breach of his plea agreement is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/ops/ci/keyser070506.pdf>

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Re: UFO Sightings Distribution - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 11:27:59 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 08:38:27 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Sightings Distribution - Shell

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 17:23:44 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: UFO Sightings Distribution

>>From: Maynard Gelinas <maynard.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 17:43:26 -0400 (EDT)
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Subject: Re: UFO Sightings Distribution

>>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 11 Jul 2006 06:28:49 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: UFO Sightings Distribution

>>>Thanks to the work of folks like Larry Hatch, as well as all
>>>those who contributed the reports in the first place, we now
>>>have an idea of the worldwide scope of the UFO phenomenon. This
>>>isn't just current information either. There is correlated data
>>>from thousands of years of record keeping: what humans do best.

>>>I have a question about the frequency of the sightings. I wonder
>>>what the distribution of sightings signifies. Is this
>>>distribution a result of:

>>How strange. I've been wondering about the frequency of reported
>>sightings per locale for a while now too. However, my interest
>>is in seeing if this data is useful for predicting the number of
>>sightings per year, per region. Presumably, with this data, one
>>could statistically estimate how many instruments would need to
>>be pre-positioned (and for how long) in order to record a series
>>of events with the best possible equipment.

>>Then each recorded event (with the same equipment) could be
>>considered part of a larger experimental run with controls (the
>>equipment). Plus one could work up a budget to guesstimate total
>>cost for the operation.

><snip>

>>The question is: how many of these things and people would need
>>to be pre-positioned in order to get enough data for a valid
>>run? And how much would that cost?

<snip.

>One possible problem with using this approach would be the
>capricious nature of the sightings themselves. Another is the
>vast areas over which the sightings have occurred. A third
>possible obstacle might be the UFO ability to "turn off"
>equipment, like nuclear missiles, etc. Real gremlins are those
>greys, (or whomever is flying the UFO's.)

The biggest difficulty with trying to get a good map of sighting
distribution is that you're only getting reported sightings.
So they'll tend to cluster around suburban areas and around
airports. They could be flying in and out of a mountain cave in
Utah all night long with their lights off and who would know?

I vaguely recall the results of an analysis done a few years back (mid-1980s?) that came up with some trends. Overall, UFOs tended to be spotted more often in suburban/rural areas, along state lines (?) and rivers, in the middle of the month, July and October, on Wednesdays, after 10 p.m. If I'm recalling this incorrectly, I apologize.

But the data is still valuable, since it can hopefully show anomalous clusters of sightings, and may have enough bulk data that a reasonable sample is represented. But I'm not sure how a control sample might be set up; even Mars has UFOs. That would be Mr. Hatch's area of expertise, or someone more familiar with statistical modelling.

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Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 13:42:39 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 08:44:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece - Ledger

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 11:52:37 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 17:11:45 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Multiple UFOs Photographed in Greece

<snip>

>>Now you are just being facetious, Tim. No one is going to
>>claim these were UFOs with an evident flock of birds in the
>>shot.

>True. If they're in a flock, they're birds. If they're solo,
>they're alien spacecraft.

Now you are being facetious again. I'm certainly not suggesting
that.

>Just offering an example of a few of the common shapes people
>are calling "UFOs" in their photographs these days. They have
>specific characteristics, such as the blurry edges, that make
>them relatively easy to recognize as birds.

Suggesting that blurry edges might always be the result of
flapping bird wings or whatever ignores 60+ years of observation
of these things. Rather than ignoring this blurring it should be
more closely examined because it just might be a by-product of
some propulsion system.

>I particularly like the ones that look like they have a
>headlight.

That's to assist in night landings. But most birds aren't IFR
rated or have night ratings.

>Unless... Didn't John Keel write a book, Operation Trojan
>Horse, or something like that where he talked about UFOs
>disguising themselves? What better place to hide than within a
>flock of birds?

If you think that one through then you have to then consider
that the "object" was hiding from a specific viewer and would
then have to position itself at a greater distance to match it's
angular velocity at that greater distance across the sky with
the flight of the birds. All this to hide from "just you" as the
observer while ignoring everyone else at different sight line
angles to the line of flight.

>Again, our tendency to think of aliens as not-so-different
>than us generally leads us away from considering alien probes
>with advanced nanotechnology that could be tiny, and might
>look like insects or seed pods, or birds.

Now there's a statement I can't argue with. If some alien
species thousands, hundreds of thousands or even millions of

years in advance of our own were nosing around-just like we do in the animal environments of Earth-learning and observing then it's no stretch of the imagination to suggest that they could use micro technology to do so. Even our engineering is at the very edges of this micro technology now. But I wonder at the singleness of this alien species. I know it's a stretch to suggest even one, but why not dozens or hundreds of different intelligent species sharing a common passion, their exploration and observation of new species-meaning us as only one emerging example?

Please list - no unimaginative observations about Earth being prevented from dragging their violent ways into space.

Don

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 14:36:41 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 08:51:28 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Ledger

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 10:19:42 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 12:24:07 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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>[Thanks to Martin Shough for the 300 ft. pole spacing value,
>citing the Marine G-2 report. I must admit my visual impression
>is substantially less than this.]

You would be best advised to throw out that measurement. The Marine should have measured the distance or at least paced it off. Three hundred foot spacing for domestic powerline poles is nonsense. 125 to 150 feet is the norm. There's a reason for this spacing and that's the ability of the wire to sustain its own weight over a distance while factoring in wind resistance snow and ice loads [the last two not applicable here] grime accumulation associated with moisture hardening on the insulation and the aging of the insulative coating leading to the wire's core deterioration or even tree branches slapping against them or the whole tree falling across them for that matter. The greater the spacing [as much as the power utility would love to cut the numbers back to save money] the more inevitable the likelihood of line failure. Greater spacing leads to excessive line stretching. Additionally there is the pole's ability to handle these lateral loads given the height, diameter and make-up of the pole [cedar, douglas fir, concrete, steel, aluminum etc.].

If you are going to use the power poles as a constant, then why not just ask someone at Pacific Gas Electric? They will have records. Find out the height while you are at it which is likely somewhere between 35-40 feet.

I note that there's a power pole behind the van reflected in the rear view mirror. Now there's something you guys can sink your teeth into, the distance from the camera to the mirror to the pole, working around that possible monofilament without it reflecting in the mirror.

I sincerely hope that once these various lines of investigation are completed, one or several of you will do up a paper on the case showing the exhaustive lines of investigation that were pursued so that in future one way or the other, when the case comes up again, this report can be referred to and either built upon because of some newer analytical technology available or at least shown that an effort was made to "solve" the Heflin case.

Ex-lineman - 40 years ago,

Don Ledger

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UFO Hacker McKinnon & JSC Building 8

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 12:57:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 08:55:47 -0400
Subject: UFO Hacker McKinnon & JSC Building 8

Hello List,

<http://tinyurl.com/pcmp5>

WN: What sort of evidence?

McKinnon: A NASA photographic expert said that there was a Building 8 at Johnson Space Center where they regularly airbrushed out images of UFOs from the high-resolution satellite imaging. I logged on to NASA and was able to access this department. They had huge, high-resolution images stored in their picture files. They had filtered and unfiltered, or processed and unprocessed, files.

JSC Building 8:

<http://tinyurl.com/ndy9b>

You already know about the Clean Rooms, Mission Control, and EOL. The only other place that we've got personal experience with is Building Eight. Half of building eight is the on-site medical facility. The other half, the half we've used has video and photo labs, and a computer set up to print photos from laser disk.

I've got to diverge from my divergence for a bit to tell you about the photos. An average shuttle mission comes home with three to five thousand frames of photographic film, from cameras high enough quality that they can take detailed Earth pictures from orbit. These pictures are all developed, numbered, cataloged according to latitude/longitude, main visible features, etc. This information is stored in a database at JSC called sseop.jsc.nasa.gov, which is public access.

<http://ston.jsc.nasa.gov/mrc/>

(As of July 14, 2006)

USER NAME: mrccust

PASSWORD: shuttle

STS - D.O.D Missions

<http://tinyurl.com/oqhsq>

<http://ston.jsc.nasa.gov/mrc/search/search.cgi?keywords=dod&maxhits>

Correction:

"This information is stored in a database at JSC called"

<http://eol.jsc.nasa.gov/sseop/clickmap/>

John

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Re: Russian Cameraman Records Flight Of UFO -

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 15:11:58 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 08:57:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Russian Cameraman Records Flight Of UFO -

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>Source: MosNews - Moscow, Russia
><http://www.mosnews.com/news/2006/07/13/ufoinrussia.shtml>
>13.07.2006

>Russian Cameraman Records Flight Of UFO MosNews
>An unidentified flying object has appeared over the Yeysk Spit
>(Krasnodar region of Russia). According to the Russian Center
>TV station, inexplicable phenomena have occurred in Krasnodar
>Territory before, for instance, circles in fields that were
>allegedly not made by humans. But now the channel claims it
>has irrefutable evidence of non-human activity as a
>professional cameraman has recorded the appearance of a UFO
>over Yeysk.

<snip>

The photo shown, I assume is not from the one videotaped. The one shown in the newspaper is generated apparently using some program at Getty Images.

<http://www.gettyimages.com>

Don

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Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech -

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 15:18:01 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 08:59:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech -

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 11:21:36 -0600
>Subject: Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 22:50:27 EDT
>>Subject: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech

>>Quite a nifty story about the possible use of positrons to
>>propel a craft from Earth to Mars in 90 days.

>><http://tinyurl.com/k4p54>

>>There are many new marvels emerging amidst the chaos of politics
>>like the new stem cell breakthroughs and computer breakthroughs.

>>I'm noticing the only thing that holds things back are politics
>>and religion or is it something else that uses both as a shield?

><snip>

>I would venture to say (with sorrow) that you'll see anti-
>matter employed as a weapon before it's ever used as rocket
>fuel.

That depends on who develops it first.

Don

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 12:32:23 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 09:05:52 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 13:46:44 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 12:24:07 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>>A quick point here. Thin objects like the power poles are going
>>to be lightened up by the modulation transfer function , i.e.,
>>contrast is reduced as things get smaller and smaller because of
>>degradation by camera optics and film. This will artificially
>>lighten objects like the power poles even in the absence of haze
>>and atmospheric extinction.

><snip>

>Of particular pertinence to the Heflin discussion here is that I
>estimated the Trent lend VG from the variation in brightness
>along the power pole closest to the camera (at the right side of
>the picture). The brightness of this pole increases with height.
>I assumed this was not an intrinsic brightness increase (the
>reflectivity of the pole was assumed to be constant with height)
>but rather because (a) the pole width decreased with height and
>(b) the brightness of the surroundings (ground, sky) near the
>pole increased with height.

Hello Bruce,

Lots of interesting and useful information in your reply to David, I will restrict my comments to a subset relevant to my application of extinction to the Heflin photos. Please see my reply to David as well.

In the case of the Heflin photo #1, my own impression is that the dominant mechanism for brightening vs. height in pole #1 is the geometric relation between the pole, the camera, and the sun. Specifically, the upper regions of the pole are (or at least seem) closer to specular incidence, and so appear brighter even though the reflectivity of the pole is constant with height (although I defer to David on this issue, this is where ray-tracing is extremely handy). It is also not unusual, at least in my local area, to see utility poles that are intrinsically darker near the bottom (due to non-uniform application and/or weathering of creosote).

<snip>

>In this Heflin case, therefore, if one is to use telephone pole
>brightness increase vs distance as an indicator of extinction one
>must first remove the effects of VG which, as I pointed out
>immediately above, causes a naturally dark object to make
>an image that has excessive brightness (make an image that is
>brighter than it "should" be) and the amount of
>excessive brightness increases as the image size shrinks.

What prompted my own rough calculation for the Heflin photo was the impression that the UFO shadow is darker than it "should" be, (which could be inverted to say that everything else in the picture is too bright), but you have made clear that VG is a potentially confounding effect when the poles are used in the extinction calculation. If I did the math right (not a given), this effect is apparently not dramatic in the Heflin photo, since the extinction obtained from the pole data is consistent with an independent calculation based on visibility of the broad, distant hill on the horizon (about halfway from center of frame to the left). Perhaps this is because the poles are well off the camera pointing axis.

Regards,

Mike

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 16:01:23 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 09:10:24 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Kimball

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 11:04:59 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 13:09:08 EDT
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 16:35:52 +0100 (BST)
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>><snip>

>>The only political tone/shade in my remarks is the one that
>>people, who have their own reasons for doing so, choose to
>>assign it. I view the McKinnon case as a legal matter, not a
>>political one, which was my whole point - missed as usual by
>>people who are incapable of separating fact from fiction, and
>>who, while they might be otherwise bright folks, are out of
>>their depth when it comes to the details of extradition law -
>>which is, I suspect, why they choose to spend their time
>>focused on political matters that have nothing to do with the
>>actual merits of the McKinnon case, or the extradition
>>hearing.

>>But far be it from me to get in the way of a good rant-fest.
>>Please continue, one and all. It won't help McKinnon a whit,
>>but it obviously makes you feel better (or is that "morally
>>superior"), so it serves a purpose of sorts I suppose.

>Hi Paul,
>Howdy Stuart,

>You are right; the McKinnon case is fundamentally a legal one
>but it does have very heavy political overtones. After all, the
>much disputed new extradition treaty between the UK and the USA
>was initiated for political reasons.
I am aware of that, but one needs to separate the two when dealing
with a particular case. The law is in place in the UK, for good or ill
(a matter, eventually, for the voters to decide, should they find it
sufficiently important to determine where their vote goes). That law
applies to McKinnon, plain and simple. Just as it applies to those
three bankers that are getting much more media attention. To have
a politician override an extradition decision made by the Court
without a compelling reason - and as Don Ledger pointed out, the
only time that would happen in this country would be if the accused
faced the death penalty and the court granted extradition anyway,
which is a situation I've never heard of, although it could have
happened. Besides, McKinnon still has the appeals process. I think
he'll lose, because I don't see any legal reason for overturning the
decision, but who knows?

>My objection to your post:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/jul/m08-002.shtml>

>though was as a reaction to the tone. Completely and utterly
>unsympathetic. Harsh even.

>Paul, if that is the way you view an individual who possibly
>faces a long prison sentence for messing about on a computer
>while trying, in another manner, to essentially to do what we do
>here, then I offer the opinion that you don't do yourself
>justice. You have presented yourself as uncaring and cold - and
>that isn't you.

Again, you believe McKinnon, lock, stock and barrel. I don't believe him or disbelieve him - it's irrelevant, anyway, to the question of his extradition. I'll wait for all the facts to come out before I rush to judgment as to the extent of his crimes - and its undisputed, even by McKinnon, that he committed some crime, which he knew he was doing at the time he did it.

Was he looking for UFO information? We only have his word for that. Even if he was, he committed a serious crime. I know some folks don't think it's serious around here, but I do. He should be held responsible, under the law, for what he did.

I don't think that's uncaring or cold, although my original language, I admit, was a bit over the top, in response, alas, to Greg Boone's even further over the top ridiculousness. However, if people want to see it as being uncaring and cold, vis-a-vis McKinnon, then so be it. I'm uncaring and cold. I've been called worse. I'll survive. :-)

As for whether this is political or not, a final word, because some people around here think that anyone who espouses conservative beliefs is pure evil, and all liberals must be good. A question - which country imposed martial law in the 20th century - Canada or the United States? Surprise! Canada. War Measures Act, 1970, to deal with a terrorist threat in Quebec that doesn't even deserve comparison to the one we face now it was so relatively inconsequential - although that was unknown at the time.

Who imposed martial law? Some heartless bastard conservative? Nope. Canada's Liberal demi-god, Pierre Trudeau, who was as smart as GWB is supposedly... not smart - so much for the wisdom of philosopher-kings.

When asked about having imposed the War Measures Act, and the concerns citizens had with seeing soldiers standing on street corners with submachine guns, etc., Trudeau said to a reporter:

"There's a lot of bleeding hearts around, who just don't like to see people with helmets and guns. All I can say is go on and bleed. But it's more important to keep law and order in this society than to be worried about weak-kneed people who don't like the looks of..."

The reporter interrupted and asked "At any cost? At any cost? How far would you extend that?"

To which Trudeau replied, "Well, just watch me."

The point is that it's never black and white in politics. Which is why I prefer to keep politics out of any discussion of a legal case, as much as possible.

As for McKinnon, as I said to Don Ledger, he'll do time, but probably far, far less time than people think. There's usually a reasonable medium, and I'm sure he'll bring forth a wide range of mitigating circumstances... which I suspect is what he's already working on laying the foundation for with all of these interviews he's doing.

Best regards,

Paul

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Re: Journal Of UFO History - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 18:22:21 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 09:12:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Journal Of UFO History - Boone

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 11:50:00 +0000
>Subject: Journal Of UFO History

>I have been publishing the Journal of UFO History bi-monthly
>(six issues per year) since March 2004. Issues No. 1-6 of >Volume
>I are out of print.

I don't know if you or others are aware of a neat company called
Lulu. It's located at www.lulu.com

They do wonderful print on demand service as well as promotion
and tutorials. I have several clients who've done quite well for
themselves via Lulu.

For someone with your experience you should have a ball at their
website meeting new friends and fans.

Best,
Greg

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Re: Russian Cameraman Records Flight Of UFO -

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catja90024.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 16:45:35 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 09:16:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Russian Cameraman Records Flight Of UFO -

UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul> posted:

>Source: MosNews - Moscow, Russia

><http://www.mosnews.com/news/2006/07/13/ufoinrussia.shtml>

>13.07.2006

>Russian Cameraman Records Flight Of UFO

>MosNews

<snip>

>But now the channel claims it has irrefutable evidence of non-
>human activity as a professional cameraman has recorded the
>appearance of a UFO over Yeysk.

<snip>

I always get a kick out of people making statements such as the one above. The one claiming proof of "non-human" activity. Just how in the hell can anyone make that determination from 100 or 1,000 feet away from the object.

Wishful thinking, me lads, wishful thinking.

KK

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Faked 'Documents'

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catja90024.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 16:58:33 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 09:21:01 -0400
Subject: Faked 'Documents'

Dear List:

As part of my background research, I stumbled on a website with the poorest, most unprofessional faked 'documents' I think I have ever seen. For gawd sake, the individual didn't think to replicate a document already provided by a bona fide government agency. I will not promote the website by providing its address. Don't worry, if you haven't seen it, you haven't missed anything.

Maybe you all have figure out the website I am talking about because you sat looking at one of the 'documents' and playing what's wrong with this picture.

What now happens is that all the material on the website is highly suspect and lacks credibility. Even the so-called 'commentary' by 'C.B. Moore'. I wonder if C.B. would want to sue the owners of the website for impersonating him?

Bottomline: What to do with children who feel the need to play these kinds of games?

Thanks, I just needed to vent.

KK

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Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Parts I & II -

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 17:47:49 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 09:25:45 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Parts I & II -

>UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I [& II]
>Ralph Barker

>I saw my first UFO in the mid-1950s when I was about ten years
>old. My family lived in Atlanta, Georgia, and it really was not
>that unusual to spot a UFO or two in those days. For the younger
>readers, this was a time when satellites were a new fascination
>for Americans. The Russians had launched "Sputnik" and the U.S.
>had "Echo" and other satellites in orbit.

<snip>

>To this day I don't know what my childhood UFOs were. The only
>thing I do know is that the objects I saw violated every known
>law of physics. They flew at very high altitudes and performed
>almost instant, high speed, ninety-degree turns. Nothing flying,
>then or now, with the exception of Superman, can do this.

<snip>

>My purpose today, however, is not to stir up our fascination
>with UFOs but rather to expose how New Agers are using our
>fascination to further their false gospel. Many have not made
>the connection, but I assure you that a very strong, obvious,
>and evil connection does exist between UFOs and the Gospel of
>Jesus Christ.

<snip>

>Let's take note that we do have, in a real sense, "angels from
>heaven" preaching a false Gospel. The New Age gospel promises
>the fruit of Christianity, "love, joy, and peace," minus the
>root, Jesus Christ. Isn't this what false gospels do? Won't the
>devil himself offer us a lake of truth just so we will swallow
>the one poison pill?

<snip>

>In looking at the backgrounds of UFO abductees, it quickly
>becomes clear that almost to a man, they have some background in
>New Age or occultic beliefs. Interestingly, studies show that
>there are very few practicing Christians or Jews amongst UFO
>contactees. What could this mean? Are the aliens racists? Or
>does this, rather, indicate something about the belief systems
>of the abductees themselves?

Sorry Mr. Barker, no deal. Christians and Jews have been and are
being abducted. Check out the credible authors like Budd Hopkins
and Dr. David M. Jacobs.

<snip>

>Even the greatest skeptic would have to admit that there are
>still unexplained UFO sightings. So, what are they? Are they
>alien spaceships? Are they visitors from the future? Or, are
>they something else.

>Personally, I think they are something else. In my youth I held
>to the idea that they were truly alien visitors. Today, I still

>think they are alien visitors but not visitors from another
>planet. I am convinced they are visitors from another dimension,
>a spiritual dimension. I believe they are demons. Just think
>about it.

<snip>

It looks as if no one else is willing to take on this trite twaddle. So I will. In doing so, I'm probably way out of line and stepping on toes. For that I apologise ahead of time. But I would like to be considered for the following:

Essential logic is only one path - one tool. A new logic is always required for any other logical path to be considered. Logic means one line of reasoning, until that one is unfruitful, or something new, _and outside the original logic_, changes the first point of view.

Essentially religion is also usually one path of _many_. But unlike essential logic, religion can get mired in doctrine.

Thus logic is usually the more palatable of the two.

Religion and logic are not the same. Neither should they be mixed. The one should be respected as the basis of a moral and responsible life, the other should be placed in the same toolbox as math and the scientific method. Mixing the two demeans the first and aggrandizes the second.

With this in mind, I appreciate Mr. Barker's point of view. I am compelled to respect anyone who tries to make sense of personal experiences with UFOs, alien abductions, etc. I can even agree with him that the abducting aliens are as abusive, deceptive, and as hateful of humans as demons.

But the demons of tradition have no corporeal existence. On the other hand, abducting aliens do. They apparently have similar agendas. But they are not the same. This is what logic and even religious doctrine demand, in my opinion.

Maybe time would be better spent comparing aliens who abduct with the al-jinn, fairies, and Hanoichian fallen angels of tradition.

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Electronic Harassment Verified?

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 21:05:38 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 09:27:53 -0400
Subject: Electronic Harassment Verified?

Many people claim to be victims of "Electronic Harassment", which may or may not be part of a larger form of abuse referred to as "Gang Stalking".

Victims of Electronic Harassment claim they are being exposed to large levels of electromagnetic and/or microwave radiation.

For the most part, such claims are considered to be evidence of insanity. As a victim of Gang Stalking, I see things a bit differently.

Tonight, July 14th, a show called "Stargate: The Science" aired on the Sci-Fi channel in the U.S. One of the segments dealt with a secret government project called "A.D.S.", which was primarily a handheld "ray gun" that emitted a concentrated beam of microwave radiation!

Side-effects of just such exposure can cause temporary insanity/psychosis, hallucinations, unconsciousness, and even death.

It makes one wonder.....

Jason

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SCI FI Investigates Heavy With UFO Experts

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 00:48:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 09:30:11 -0400
Subject: SCI FI Investigates Heavy With UFO Experts

"SCI FI Investigates teammates include forensic expert Deborah Dobrydney, scientist Dr. Bill Doleman and author/historian Richard Dolan."

John Greenewald, Jr. also mentioned...

For more commentary, see:

<http://www.cryptomundo.com/cryptozoo-news/bostonrob/>

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E.T.'s Arctic Cousins?

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<http://discover.com/web-exclusives/sulfurspring/>

Environment

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[Images at site]

E.T.'s Arctic Cousins?

An unusual discovery in remote Canada may help us humans find the nearest extraterrestrial life.

By Michael Price

While conventional wisdom frowns upon getting too close to yellow snow, to a geologist such a feature can look like a pot of gold. On June 21, a team of researchers set out by helicopter and propeller plane to investigate a mysterious yellow snowbank on a remote Arctic glacier. The group, led by Benoit Beauchamp, director of the University of Calgary's Arctic Institute of North America, are examining strange, alien-like life forms living in the discolored snow and investigating the unique environment that sustains them. It's a far cry from E.T. and his flying bicycle, but the bacteria found in the snow might be the best model on earth for learning about extraterrestrial life.

The peculiar snowbank is located on Ellesmere Island, a huge landmass northwest of Greenland that is dominated by arching mountains and sprawling glaciers, and where the temperature averages around -5 degrees Fahrenheit for the year. Despite being the world's tenth largest island, it boasts fewer than 200 permanent residents=97about one for every 450 square miles. The vast expanse of uninhabited land preserves natural wonders like the fossil from a transitional fish-on-land animal found earlier this year=97and also Beauchamp's yellow snow.

Beauchamp discovered the snowbank about ten years ago while flying over in a helicopter while doing field work for the Geological Survey of Canada. When he first approached the spot by foot, it wasn't the strange color that struck him most. "I noticed the smell of rotten eggs," says Beauchamp, "and recognized it as sulfur." As he drew closer, he saw water bubbling up from yellow cones=97piles of sulfur that accumulated on the glacier surface=97and realized it was a sulfur spring. Beauchamp knew the phenomenon was unusual, especially on a glacier, but needed the help of a geochemist to understand it better.

Enter Steve Grasby, a geochemist with the GSC who visited the spring in 1999 and 2001. "It's just remarkable," says Grasby, who is accompanying Beauchamp on the current expedition. "You can smell the sulfur, you can see the yellow stains and the

cones bubbling out water. It's the last thing you'd expect to find in a glacier."

Grasby tested the water and found 20 different strains of bacteria thriving in the sulfur spring. The hostile environment supported a diverse community of psychrophiles=97organisms that flourish in extreme cold. With little easily accessible oxygen about, these bacteria extracted the vital element from sulfate minerals in the glacier through a chemical process called reduction. This produces hydrogen sulfide, known for its rotten-egg smell and bright yellow hue.

When Beauchamp and Grasby published their findings in 2003, NASA took interest. Planetary scientists noticed striking similarities between the frigid conditions of Ellesmere Island and those of Jupiter's ice-covered moon, Europa. The moon has an oxygen atmosphere and scientists suspect that sulfur is present, as well. Additionally, its ice surface is thought to float atop a subterranean ocean of water or some other viscous substance. The ice sheets rearrange themselves through what Beauchamp calls "ice tectonics," like plate tectonics on Earth. All things considered, scientists think Europa offers the best shot to find evidence of extraterrestrial life=97and Beauchamp's sulfur spring offers the best terrestrial model of Europa.

While there are no formal plans for a NASA mission to Europa yet, it's a top priority for many researchers working for the organization, says planetary scientist Bob Pappalardo of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. According to Pappalardo, some members of Congress and influential groups=97like the NASA Astrobiology Institute's Europa Focus Group and the National Research Council=97support a mission to Europa, and are lobbying NASA for its implementation. Once approved and assembled, the spacecraft would zoom out to Europa, examine the surface, and relay information back to scientists, who would compare it to conditions for life on Earth.

Pappalardo has also introduced a proposal that would send planetary scientists to Beauchamp's spring to develop strategies and test equipment for a Europa mission. If his plan is approved, the site would provide planetary scientists with a working model of what to look for on the moon's surface. Although these bacteria live in one of the remotest places on earth, they could provide the key for finding our nearest neighbors in the universe.

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UFO Enthusiasts Touch Down At Tech Center

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<http://tinyurl.co.uk/iw5u>

July 15, 2006

UFO Enthusiasts Touch Down At Tech Center

By Julie Poppen
Rocky Mountain News

Ted Phillips has devoted 38 years to the study of 3,162 reported UFO landing sites in 91 countries.

As such, the chatty 64-year-old retired engineer from Missouri is a hot speaker pick for the 37th Mutual UFO Network International Symposium, which kicked off Friday at the Denver Marriott Tech Center. The symposium wraps up Sunday.

Even now, Phillips says to himself, 'This can't be,' when he approaches a UFO landing site. He doesn't believe aliens are behind crop circles (too Disney-esque), and he's on the fence about the role of aliens in animal mutilations. But he most certainly believes the world is being visited by alien beings in impressive spacecraft.

"I believe what we're dealing with is a device under intelligent control that generates physical effects," he said.

For ufologists who are "out of the closet," this is the place to be. More than 300 people registered to attend the symposium, which has become an annual fixture in Denver.

The only conference attendee who might offend is Bob Girard, a conference vendor and owner of Arcturus Books, which specializes in unexplained phenomena. Girard described many of the people at the conference as "fanatics."

"There's no captured spacecraft, no alien, nothing to show for the last 50 years," Girard said, as he sought to sell books to these same people.

Still, it's clear Girard is enamored with a leather-bound book dated 1557 that explores bizarre happenings.

He's trying to sell the book for \$10,000.

Those attending the conference are quite serious about their chosen passion.

John Greenwald is producing a show on physical traces allegedly left by UFOs for The History Channel scheduled to air this fall.

His Web site, The Black Vault, features 441,000 government documents he has attained by filing open-records requests. A good number of them deal with UFOs.

Greenewald started the site a decade ago, when he was 15.

"They publicly say (UFOs) don't exist, but the documents say something different," Greenewald said. "Obviously, there's a cover-up."

Still, Greenewald says he can't conclusively say there are extraterrestrials.

"I'm 99.9 percent sure there is life out there, and they're visiting us," he said.

"But I'm never sure until something smacks me on the head."

Aurora police officer and UFO hunter Ken Storch planned to speak about the role police play in UFO reports. UFOs became his raison d'etre in 1974 when he claims to have gleaned firsthand knowledge of five UFOs flying in formation that nearly triggered World War III.

Storch, now 55, was working in communications at the Offutt Air Force Base at the time. He says he was required not to speak of the incident for 30 years. He and fellow UFO hunter L.J. Dalicandro, wearing the teeth of an alligator and great white shark around his neck, shared a disturbing array of mutilated cattle photos.

"I know we're not alone," Storch said.

Storch said he's comforted but also bothered by his belief in aliens.

"I don't have a clue what the agenda is," Storch said.

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True Believers & Truth Seekers Conference Begins

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Source: Space.Com - New York, NY, USA

http://www.space.com/news/060714_ufo_conference.html

14 July 2006

UFOs: True Believers & Truth Seekers Conference Begins

By Leonard David
Senior space writer

BOULDER, Colo. - The 37th annual Mutual UFO Network symposium is being held this weekend in Denver, attracting throngs of believers and the downright curious =97 as well as upright skeptics and debunkers.

The symposium's title is the drawing card: Unconventional Flying Objects: The Best Evidence. The three-day gathering features a potpourri of UFO discussion =97 from border crossings of the third kind, UFO crash retrievals and triangular UFOs to the alien agenda and ethics of contact. You can also add in reports on the physical evidence for UFOs.

There is no doubt that UFOs are here to stay, John Schuessler, the network's international director, said at the group's headquarters in Morrison, Colo. "We see no drop in UFO reports," he told Space.com, but he added that some of the characters in the UFO arena muddy the waters =85 a lot. Story continues below ?

All-volunteer cadre

Schuessler said the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, is devoted to help unravel the UFO saga and set society straight on the prospects of possible visitors from afar.

"MUFON is working diligently to improve the data collection process, train workers in the field, and improve the credibility of documented evidence," Schuessler explained. "We have approximately 350 volunteer consultants and research specialists with good scientific credentials. At the present time we have more than 450 trained field investigators throughout the U.S. and have another 800-plus in the training process. That is pretty good for an all-volunteer cadre."

There are issues to wrestle with in sorting through UFO sightings, Schuessler noted.

"We have found that a lot of the scientific-sounding responses given to cases in this field are often nothing more than opinions by well-credentialed individuals that have actually done no field work," Schuessler noted. "They give their answers in a way that makes them seem like they actually know what they are talking about, when in fact they are doing nothing but debunking based on their own beliefs. That happens on a regular basis, and many people believe them. Science is not well served

when this happens."

Continuing mystery and controversy

There is something of potential importance within the UFO mystery, and it is twofold, according to Don Berliner, a longtime UFO investigator and an independent aviation/science writer. He also is chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, located in Alexandria, Va.

First of all, there are the detailed descriptions from veteran airline and military pilots of objects seen at close range in broad daylight.

"These were said to have been solid, metallic-looking objects with sharp edges and simple geometric shapes that were completely unlike any known aero-spacecraft, and displayed performance =97 extreme speed within the atmosphere, violent maneuvers and spectacular acceleration =97 that was even farther from the norm," Berliner told Space.com.

Secondly, there is the "excessive zeal" shown by the U.S. Air Force when claiming to have solved the UFO mystery, Berliner suggested. "Statistics were manipulated, intelligent adult witnesses were treated like naive children, explanations were fabricated, scientific theories were twisted to fit, information known to have been false was released to Congress and the public, and portions of witnesses' testimony were ignored when they clashed with prepared explanations."

All of these claims, Berliner added, can be supported with quotes from Air Force documents, letters, reports and public statements.

Still, there are many UFO sightings that deserve to be chalked up to more down-to-Earth explanations, Berliner said.

"Most reasonable persons, no matter what their conclusions, agree that the great majority of UFO reports are easily explained as misidentified conventional phenomena. It is the remaining 5 to 10 percent that constitute the continuing mystery and controversy," he concluded.

Digging in for the facts

George Knapp, an investigative reporter for KLAS-TV in Las Vegas, has been diving into the UFO enigma for nearly two decades. He senses there's a big-time story worthy of shoe leather and digging in for the facts =97 but are we any closer to resolving the UFO question?

"No, not at all, not even close," Knapp told Space.com. "UFO researchers have compiled a vast treasure trove of information, including photos, videos, eyewitness statements, government documents, and physical traces from alleged landing sites, along with radar reports, and a lot more. Much of this evidence is compelling and has withstood the knee-jerk, almost perfunctory and unscientific =97explanations' that are routinely tossed out by a small but reliable cadre of diehard debunkers."

After nearly 60 years of research by well-meaning but underfunded individuals and organizations, there is only one point on which all of the researchers can agree, Knapp suggested.

"An elusive, unknown intelligence is operating within our midst. If we assume for the moment that some UFOs represent an =97alien' civilization, we still can't answer the three basic questions =97 Who are they? Where are they from? Why are they here? Anyone who has a definitive answer to those three questions is either a liar, a huckster, delusional, or one of =97them'," he said.

Cracking the case

So what's it going to take to get to the bottom of the UFO phenomenon?

Knapp has some observations on the matter:

* Time and death: When the current generation of scientists dies out, a new generation of scientists will include at least a few mavericks that challenge outdated dogma.

* Independent media: With the growth of cable networks, Internet news sources, satellite radio, and other less-centralized information outlets, the power of the mainstream media organizations will diminish. These alternative information sources will have objectives that are far less conservative and less stodgy than the current corporate behemoths.

* Political change: This is the last and most unlikely change that will occur, but it could be the most significant. If the science establishment gets more serious about UFOs, and if that causes the mainstream media to be more even-handed, it is conceivable that political figures will feel more secure about jumping in.

Unproven theories

Backed by years of his UFO sleuthing, Knapp said the sheer size and complexity of the subject is daunting.

"Unproven theories abound," Knapp continued. "We are pretty sure the visitors are ETs ... or inter-dimensionals ... or time travelers from our future ... or manifestations of the collective consciousness. We also know they are benevolent guardians, evil reptilians, harvesters of souls or genetic materials, angels from heaven, demons from hell, or maybe androids dispatched by incomprehensible super-beings. It's a proven fact that they are here to help us, teach us, or eat us, or mate with us, or mess with our heads, or save their own species while they carve up our livestock, doodle in our wheat fields, and befuddle our most sophisticated technology."

Are UFOs driven by teenage pranksters on a joyride through the cosmos, Knapp questioned, or perhaps anthropologists from a parallel universe, modern manifestations of pixies and leprechauns, or pragmatic politicians from Serpo =97 a planet of Zeta Reticuli =97 who have cut a deal to trade advanced technology for the unfettered opportunity to abduct and traumatize certain unfortunate bloodlines?

"Take your pick," Knapp said.

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UFO/Paranormal Radio Shows?

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 21:27:02 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:02:59 -0400
Subject: UFO/Paranormal Radio Shows?

Please,

There are so many shows nowadays I would appreciate anyone with a list of them or if you would just add in your show and schedule.

Must update media files.

Thanks.

Best,

Greg

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USOs & Ivan T. Sanderson

From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 04:17:52 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:04:45 -0400
Subject: USOs & Ivan T. Sanderson

Last night I watched a UFO Files episode on The History Channel that discussed USOs. I was happy to see a few seconds of old film showing Ivan referring to USOs. I enjoyed his book Invisible Residents: The Reality of Underwater UFOs published in 1970. Also, the commentary by Loren Coleman was stimulating. I knew Ivan worked the Caribbean in World War II looking for German submarine activity.

Terry

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Re: Electronic Harassment Verified? - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 09:43:07 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:06:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Electronic Harassment Verified? - Boone

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 21:05:38 EDT
>Subject: Electronic Harassment Verified?

>Many people claim to be victims of "Electronic Harassment",
>which may or may not be part of a larger form of abuse >referred
>to as "Gang Stalking".

>Victims of Electronic Harassment claim they are being exposed >to
>large levels of electromagnetic and/or microwave radiation.

>For the most part, such claims are considered to be evidence >of
>insanity. As a victim of Gang Stalking, I see things a bit
>differently.

>Tonight, July 14th, a show called "Stargate: The Science" aired
>on the Sci-Fi channel in the U.S. One of the segments dealt >with
>a secret government project called "A.D.S.", which was >primarily
>a handheld "ray gun" that emitted a concentrated beam of
>microwave radiation!

>Side-effects of just such exposure can cause temporary
>insanity/psychosis, hallucinations, unconsciousness, and even
>death.

>It makes one wonder.....

Sure ADS is true. Just google the thing and read the controversy
on it. I won't go further into weapons or systems like it.
That's another topic that can go on forever.

We design exotic weapons. I've been there when they were
designed, utilized and even burnt holes in walls.

Problem with weapons is someone's always got a need to steal,
sell to the highest bidding evildoer, or use irresponsibly
against the ex-wife's lawyer.

Take a look at some of the small powered personal laser weapons.
You don't know what's a-shootin' at ya nowadays and that's the
stuff 'we' invent, no telling what's being developed in the
private sector and abroad.

For every one step to save a life invented there seems like ten
new ways to kill ya.

Best,

Greg

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The UK & Australian Ufology Experience

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 07:55:50 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:09:35 -0400
Subject: The UK & Australian Ufology Experience

Greetings to the Listarians,

I have a few copies of High Strangeness and Saucerology .MP3 audio CD compilations left. Once these are gone these titles in the series will be discontinued. If you've been wanting copies it would be a good time to get your donation submitted. See:

www.fadeddiscs.com

Next compilation is being developed and should be ready early this Fall. Titled, "Ufology Across the Ponds: The UK and Australian Experiences." Some of the people you'll hear are: Arthur Shuttlewood, Capt. Ivan MacKay, Gordon Creighton, Charles Bowen, C. Maxwell Cade, Norman Oliver, John Mitchell, Rex Dutta, Brinsley le Pouer Trench, Jenny Randles, Desmond Leslie, P. F. Norris, Paul Norman, and Colin McCarthy among others. Advanced orders are accepted. Query.

And they say American Ufologists don't care about researchers across the Pond. I say, Balderdash! <G>

Pip, Pip, Cherio and G'Day, Mate!

Wendy Connors

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 14:12:15 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:11:24 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Hall

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 14:36:41 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 10:19:42 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>[Thanks to Martin Shough for the 300 ft. pole spacing value,
>>citing the Marine G-2 report. I must admit my visual impression
>>is substantially less than this.]

>You would be best advised to throw out that measurement. The
>Marine should have measured the distance or at least paced it
>off. Three hundred foot spacing for domestic powerline poles is
>nonsense. 125 to 150 feet is the norm.

<snip>

>If you are going to use the power poles as a constant, then why
>not just ask someone at Pacific Gas Electric? They will have
>records. Find out the height while you are at it which is likely
>somewhere between 35-40 feet.

<snip>

>Ex-lineman - 40 years ago,

>Don Ledger

This is exactly one of my concerns as I watch the Heflin photo analysts at work, often making lots of assumptions. Which brings to mind the Drake Equation. You can make assumption after assumption after assumption, but unless your reasoning is grounded in established fact you are at serious risk of, falsely, concluding just about anything.

This is not directed at any one of the current analysts, but over time I have more than once seen technically trained analysts more or less assume their own conclusions. It's called circular reasoning. I agree with Don that the analysts should publish (or at least write and make available) full reports when they are done, for the historical record and for thorough peer review.

By the way, one of the unspoken assumptions of the hoax hypothesis is that Heflin was a liar and a fraud, deliberately misled both authorities and the public at large for many years, and pretty much laughed at everyone behind their backs in the process. Since our very thorough investigation and that of the authorities both found not the slightest evidence of a hoax and in fact found him to be of highly reputable character, this assumption is dubious on the face of it.

- Dick

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Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I - Horn

From: Tom Horn <tomhorn.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 07:54:48 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:14:26 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I - Horn

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 13:32:32 +0000
>Subject: Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 07:45:42 -0400
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I

>>Source: The Christian Worldview Network - St. Paul, Minnesota, USA

>><http://tinyurl.com/l2znp>

>>07/04/2006

>>UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I
>>Ralph Barker

>><snip>

>>The modern UFO craze began in 1947[2] with the famous "Roswell
>>Incident." It was reported by witnesses that a UFO had crashed
>>in Roswell, New Mexico, and that the United States Government
>>had recovered the bodies of alien visitors. Allegedly, the
>>bodies were taken to what today is known as Area 51.[3] Many
>>believe that they are still there.

>We see right here how much he knows about UFO history.

>>My purpose today, however, is not to stir up our fascination
>>with UFOs but rather to expose how New Agers are using our
>>fascination to further their false gospel. Many have not made
>>the connection, but I assure you that a very strong, obvious,
>>and evil connection does exist between UFOs and the Gospel of
>>Jesus Christ.

>>There exists throughout the world various "gifted" people who
>>supposedly can contact aliens and channel[4] their messages to
>>us earthlings. This certainly is interesting to consider but
>>here is the really intriguing point. These messages routinely
>>attack, ridicule, or undermine Christianity. The aliens don't
>>seem to be threatened by Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, or any other
>>ism. They focus their attacks on Christianity.[5] Could this be
>>because Christianity is the only true religion? This would be my
>>bet.

>>Ralph C. Barker

>>cruiseone.nul (earthlings only)

>Blah, blah, blah! UFOs & the Gospel of Pogo: We have met the
>enemy and he is us.

Hello Dick

The UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ article is poorly written,
I'll give you that, but why would somebody with a Christian

worldview be seen as "the enemy" in your opinion? Do you not think people of all persuasions have a right to investigate and interpret UFOs?

I've written on this subject for years and I have come to believe "secular" Ufologists are as much to blame for advancing the "evil flying geniuses" theory as anybody else. In many cases they have postulated interaction between humans and UFOs/ET as malevolent, demonic. Whitley Streiber wrote: "There are worse things than death, I suspected. And I was beginning to get the distinct impression that one of them had taken an interest in me. So far the word demon had never been spoken among the scientists and doctors who were working with me. And why should it have been? We were beyond such things. We were a group of atheists and agnostics, far too sophisticated to be concerned with such archaic ideas as demons and angels."

Vallee's explanation of UFOs parallels demonism as well. Drawing from extrabiblical literature on demonic activities, he establishes a number of cases where UFOonauts and demons equate.

Pierre Guerin wrote that "...modern UFOonauts and the demons of past days are probably identical."

Veteran researcher John Keel came to the same conclusion, saying, "The UFO manifestations seem to be, by and large, merely minor variations of the age-old demonological phenomenon."

So whereas Ufologists of various points of view can and maybe should challenge each other on the meaning of particular UFO/ET phenomena, both assert language that defines UFOs and extraterrestrial intelligence in angeological and demonological terms. This includes rhetoric in some circles about the "origin of the species" as well as promises by the "Creator" to return "in the heavens" at a future time.

My hope would be that honest investigators from various backgrounds appreciate study and learn from each other concerning a phenomenon that in my opinion is often real, mysterious, and yet historically verifiable.

Nobody yet has a certified handle on what UFO/ET means, would you not agree?

Tom Horn

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>>>Date: Mon, 10 Jul 2006 22:27:40 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>>A quick point here. Thin objects like the power poles are going
>>to be lightened up by the modulation transfer function , i.e.,
>>contrast is reduced as things get smaller and smaller because of
>>degradation by camera optics and film. This will artificially
>>lighten objects like the power poles even in the absence of haze
>>and atmospheric extinction.

>Of similar or perhaps greater importance than the modulation
>transfer function is the veiling glare (unless the VG is somehow
>folded into the transfer function). The importance of veiling
>glare in ufology (!) was first pointed out by Robert Sheaffer in
>his analysis of the Trent photos. It was the Trent photo case
>where atmospheric extinction first was used to estimate the
>distance to an object. (This distance calculation was Hartmann's
>rather clever contribution to photographic ufology.) Veiling
>glare is caused by light scattering in the lens material (and to
>some extent by light reflected or scattered by objects/ devices
>inside the camera). Most of the scattered light is "forward
>scattered" by the tiny inhomogeneities in the lens material and
>this means that most of the glare light added to the image light
>comes from light sources within a few degrees of the object
>which makes the image of interest, i.e., the UFO.

>In the Trent case Hartmann made an assumption about the
>intrinsic reflectivity of the the bottom of the UO in photo 1:
>he assumed that it was dark and that if the UO had been close (a
>model) the brightness level (or darkness level) of the bottom of
>the UFO would have been comparable to the brightness level
>(darkness) of the dark shadows under the fuel tank next to the
>garage. By photodensitometry he determined that the brightness
>of the bottom of the UO was greater than that of the shadows
>under the somewhat shiny (aluminum painted) tank. Now this could
>be because the bottom of the UO was light colored, even lighter
>than the tank (e.g., like white paper). However, he argued that
>the bottom was probably no brighter, intrinsically, than the
>shiny tank, and, if the Trents were correct in saying the bottom
>was dark (bronze colored), then the fact that it appeared
>brighter than the shaded area on the tank could be explained as
>a result of atmospheric effects, assuming the object were
>distant.

>So Hartmann assumed the bottom was no brighter than the tank and

>proceeded to use an extinction equation to calculate distance.
>This required an added assumption, namely, the value of the
>extinction coefficient, which is related to the visibility
>(distance of visibility). How this was done is presented in
>detail at my web site.

>However, as first pointed out by Sheaffer, the excessive
>brightness (relative to the bottom of the tank) of the bottom of
>the UO could have been caused by veiling glare. He demonstrated
>the qualitative affects of veiling glare by comparing photos
>taken with a clean lens and again with a greasy lens.

<snip>

Of even greater importance than veiling glare is the fact first pointed out by me that the Trent UFO bottom surface is not in shadow in the first place! The flat base is pointed towards about azimuth 300 degrees (roughly WNW) and the sun was setting at about 300 degrees so the flat base was picking up sunlit sky brightness if not grazing angle direct sunlight (though I think I calculated it was just a few degrees off of direct sunlight).

So it is invalid trying to compare the Trent UFO base with other deeply shadowed surfaces in an effort (starting with Hartmann of the Colorado Project whose "clever contribution" in 1967-8 was mistakenly applied here) to try to determine a scale of distances to objects in the photos, using a light scattering function, thus to then try to determine the distance to the UFO. You're comparing apples and oranges. Find some similar grazing-angle sunlit surfaces in the Trent photos (if any) and use those for comparison, not deeply shadowed surfaces.

The Hartmann Method has been used, erroneously, to determine a distance of about 1 mile to the Trent UFO and therefore a UFO diameter of about 100 feet. Since the method has been invalidly applied this UFO distance and size must be rejected.

The witnesses, the Trents, estimated the distance at closest approach at about 1/4 mile, and the size as about 30 feet. Notice the ratio is exactly the same as before, and agrees well with the angular dimensions measured on the photos, 1.67 and 1.46 degrees. Amazing how these simple uneducated farmers could so accurately estimate correct size/distance ratios of a supposedly nonexistent UFO if it was actually a close-by 6-inch hoax model hanging from a filament.

Brad Sparks

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>>The A.F. estimate of ~1 mile horizontal visibility with
>>visibility limited below 30 degrees seems pretty close to the
>>mark.

>The extinction coefficient can be estimated directly from the
>horizontal visibility using the common convention that the
>threshold of visibility is a 2% variation in intensity, which
>leads to the relation $b = 3.912/V$, where b is the extinction
>coefficient and V is the visibility. Using $V = 1$ mi., this gives
> $b = 3.912/\text{mi.}$, or $.000741/\text{ft.}$. The value I get from the pole
>data, based on a pole spacing of 300 ft., is $\sim.0008/\text{ft.}$, fairly
>close.

>[Thanks to Martin Shough for the 300 ft. pole spacing value,
>citing the Marine G-2 report. I must admit my visual impression
>is substantially less than this.]

Yes this is Dolyak's 1965 figure. It is the only explicitly
stated figure I can find based on investigation on-site. There
are other implied values, but as usual there is some confusion.
If we were certain of the angular scale of course we would be
able to sort this out, but this basic value is itself uncertain
and can't be independently inferred from a single reliable value
for the pole height. Here are the alternative constructions.

Hartmann's scale map of the location (1967-8) disagrees with the
Marine G-2 report (without any comment on the discrepancy) and
shows the pole separation as approximately 206 ft. Also
according to Hartmann the UFO in #1 can be calculated as 2.4
degs across (again without comment on a small discrepancy with a
prior NICAP figure). This establishes a total vertical angle of
32 degs for the JSE image and an angular height for the 1st pole
of ~7.5 degs. (Approximating the base of the 1st photographed
pole where obscured by vegetation, and assuming the camera to be
approximately at the base of a pole, as is suggested by 1) the
nearby crossbar shadow and 2) the fact that the ratio of the
heights of poles #1 and #2 is almost exactly 2:1;) At 206 ft
this makes the pole ~ 27 ft high. Using the Marine figure of 300
ft we get 39.5 ft.

According to NICAP photo consultant Ralph Rankow, aerospace
engineers Grey and Evers (1965) found the angular width of UFO
#1 as 2.55 degs. All else being equal a 6% difference from
Hartmann's 2.4 degs would give pole heights of 28.6 and 41.9 ft
for the two inter-pole distances. This difference is not great,
nevertheless it is unexplained.

On the other hand Viktor Gulobik tells us that (according to Ann Druffel) the JSE images are cropped. If so they are cropped almost symmetrically on both axes to within a percent or two. He hasn't told us by how much they were cropped, but he did say he was assuming they show a horizontal FOV of about 30 degs. This would make the UFO ~1.7 degrees across and first pole ~ 5.6 degs high, figures over 30% smaller than the similar values obtained by Hartmann and Grey/Evers. With this angular scale the Marine report's 300 ft distance gives us a pole 29.4 ft high, whereas Hartmann's 206 ft distance gives 20.2 ft.

Various figures between 22 and 40 ft have been given for likely pole height by Nick Balaskas (assuming phone poles) and Don Ledger (power poles). The crossbars do bear what look like insulators but recently someone (I can't find the reference now) said that they were phone poles piggy-backing power lines under a kind of rental agreement. Brad Sparks (off-List) gives 30 ft with an 8 ft cross pole as the "known" size, but I don't have a primary source for this either.

A very rough internal check on angular scale is offered by the cars on the freeway. Say a typical 4-door saloon (sedan) is about 15 ft long: then Hartmann's map distance to the freeway (~1600 ft) indicates that the cars subtend in the region of 0.45 deg, making the UFO about 1.8 degs wide; whilst Dolyak's "3/8 mile" (1980 ft) gives about 0.55 deg, making the UFO about 2.2 degs wide. To allow the UFO to be ~ 2.5 degs wide, roughly as determined by Hartmann and Grey & Evers, the cars would be ~ 15 ft long at a distance of ~1430 ft from the camera, or nearly 17 ft long at 1600 ft. Using Viktor's angular scale we could get the cars to be as big as about 14 ft long if we use Dolyak's 1980 ft distance to the freeway, but they would be only about 11 ft long using Hartmann's. It looks from this as though Viktor's suggested angular scale is under some strain as it only gives consistent values at the limits. But that's all that can be said.

Anyway, bottom line it seems we do not have a reliably surveyed pole height that would separate the Dolyak and Hartmann inter-pole distances. Are historic records available at the phone/power companies in the area? Maybe. But as it is, we can say that we have a range of possible angular scales for the photos consistent with a range of pole heights and separation distances between about 200 - 300 ft, but probably not with a separation as small as 100 ft.

Martin Shough

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>>[Thanks to Martin Shough for the 300 ft. pole spacing value,
>>citing the Marine G-2 report. I must admit my visual impression
>>is substantially less than this.]

>You would be best advised to throw out that measurement. The
>Marine should have measured the distance or at least paced it
>off. Three hundred foot spacing for domestic powerline poles is
>nonsense. 125 to 150 feet is the norm.

As I argued in a separate post, this sort of spacing does not seem to be consistent either with the range of estimates made by investigators on the spot, with the range of angular scales estimated by past photoanalysts, or with internal evidence in the photos, which all suggests the likelihood that the spacing does lie somewhere in the range 200 - 300 ft or around twice your figure. What could be the reason for this? One possibility is that these are not dedicated power poles but (as has been suggested) phone poles used opportunistically to carry a domestic power line. If this sort of arrangement is known to occur then may it not be the case that risks due to non-optimum pole heights and line spans are tolerated in a trade-off with minimal installation cost?

<snip>

>I note that there's a power pole behind the van reflected in the
>rear view mirror. Now there's something you guys can sink your
>teeth into, the distance from the camera to the mirror to the
>pole, working around that possible monofilament without it
>reflecting in the mirror.

A small model hanging beyond the window would not appear reflected in the mirror.

>I sincerely hope that once these various lines of investigation
>are completed, one or several of you will do up a paper on the
>case showing the exhaustive lines of investigation that were
>pursued so that in future one way or the other, when the case
>comes up again, this report can be referred to and either built
>upon because of some newer analytical technology available or at
>least shown that an effort was made to "solve" the Heflin case.

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I strongly agree. That would be very valuable.

Martin Shough

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Druffel

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Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Druffel

[Non-Subscriber post]

Hello, all:

Dr. Kelson and I are gratebul that the Heflin photos are receiving so much attention, but unfortunately the attention contains a flurry of uninformed speculation among the logical questions that are being asked.

We want to be professional and scientific as Dr. Kelson completes his analysis of the originals. Those who have specific questions about the photos are welcome to send these to us, but they must be specific, and if these questions are something Dr. Kelson can address in his second paper he will do so.

Releasing the original images or digital copies of same into the public arena at this time would not be constructive.

All best regards,

Ann Druffel
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Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Parts I & II -

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:30:15 -0400
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>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
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>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 17:47:49 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Parts I & II

>>UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I [& II]
>>Ralph Barker

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>>Personally, I think they are something else. In my youth I held
>>to the idea that they were truly alien visitors. Today, I still
>>think they are alien visitors but not visitors from another
>>planet. I am convinced they are visitors from another dimension,
>>a spiritual dimension. I believe they are demons. Just think
>>about it.

><snip>

>Maybe time would be better spent comparing aliens who abduct
>with the al-jinn, fairies, and Hanochian fallen angels of
>tradition.

Hi Rick,

According to Wikipedia encyclypedia however, those alien beings that resemble more human Nordic aliens have rarely been the cause for such persons tramatized by alien abduction, btw, which later can follow an overall lousy night sleep. While less concerning is that many species have arrived to Earth, have there been instances for occurance to befall those good hard working spirit-souls, whereby, these external forces have so devilishly acted out for the purpose to terrify the above mentioned by some controlled intervention!

Have there been species invisibly to track-plot their intended victim for the mundane task of human torcure, these bed snatching episodes must stop on Earth, ..it is this greater part into evasion for convention of law which btw, were designed for our peaceful coexistence among all the planets. <g>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nordic_aliens

Most reports of Nordic aliens describe them as benevolent observers who are not allowed to interfere with Earth culture. They are rarely described as abducting humans or performing experiments on them.

<http://tinyurl.com/fehtg>

John

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Re: Electronic Harassment Verified? - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
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Subject: Re: Electronic Harassment Verified? - White

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 09:27:53 -0400
Subject: Electronic Harassment Verified?

* Interesting footnote - I'm a 26-year target of organized stalking and electronic harassment. Naturally, when I saw this subject on my emailer's selective download screen, I looked forward to reading it.

Well, guess which email did not arrive when I clicked the download icon? I had to copy this text from the UFO UpDates web site.

>Many people claim to be victims of "Electronic Harassment",
>which may or may not be part of a larger form of abuse referred
>to as "Gang Stalking".

We're beginning to use "organized stalking" as a clearer name for "it". "Gang stalking" carries an inaccurate shade of meaning, hinting at a link to youth or crime gangs. The visible, community-level perps are often people well established in the community, no criminal record, who have a strong sense of community service. Often with strong church associations.

What blinds these good people to their own crimes is that they are fed a non-stop stream of lies about us. Things like, so and so is a habitual criminal, a prostitute, a drug user and/or dealer, a pedophile.

The official Canadian name for "it" is "criminal harassment", but that doesn't specify stalking by groups as opposed to single stalkers.

And by the way, two Ontario police departments have finally admitted they know about organized stalking, and have stated it is a very tough crime to prosecute, but they would like to obtain convictions.

<http://www.multistalkervictims.org/policewhoknow.txt>

A couple of U.S. members of Congress have expressed serious interest in legislatively assisting the fight against this crime.

>Victims of Electronic Harassment claim they are being exposed to
>large levels of electromagnetic and/or microwave radiation.

Newer victims claim that. Older hands, by way of having had a great deal more time to experience and observe a wider range of attack effects, realize that the technology cannot possibly be simple "microwave" or acoustics either. On this List, and I won't take time to repeat it here, I have described attacks which require technology at the level of reported UFO technology.

Anomalous radio signals do sometimes accompany the attacks, but since we don't know yet how the advanced stuff works, we don't know whether the radio signals are essential, are a side

effect, or are sent to decoy us.

We have about the same investigative hurdles as with UFO investigation.

>For the most part, such claims are considered to be evidence of
>insanity.

Fortunately, that used to be seamlessly true, but now, a few brave doctors and police officers are beginning to open up and admit they know this is a very very real crime syndrome.

Our Toronto-based CATCH web site:

<http://www.catchcanada.org>

has the only track record of its posted material actually convincing a few doctors and family members of the truth of our claims. Doctors and family members are our version of "pelicanists."

>As a victim of Gang Stalking, I see things a bit differently.

No kidding!

>Tonight, July 14th, a show called "Stargate: The Science" aired
>on the Sci-Fi channel in the U.S. One of the segments dealt with
>a secret government project called "A.D.S.", which was primarily
>a handheld "ray gun" that emitted a concentrated beam of
>microwave radiation!

>Side-effects of just such exposure can cause temporary
>insanity/psychosis, hallucinations, unconsciousness, and even
>death.

>It makes one wonder.....

It's also, if conventional as-taught-in-university science goes, a good century behind the harassment technology actually in use today.

Eleanor White

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Fleming

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>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 10:26:39 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

<snip>

>A Grand Jury determines if there is sufficient evidence for a
>charge to be placed. An indictment only shows that there is
>reason to place a charge and hold a trial, which in this case
>requires an extradition from the U.K. If 9/11 had not occurred
>and the U.S. wasn't a terrorist target, then Gary's actions
>might have become a small footnote in the news, with a slap on
>the wrist and a warning. But in the current atmosphere, there's
>no way to let something this visible go without laying down the
>law.

Good grief. The 9/11 attacks are being exploited to excuse all sorts of folly and perfidy, up to and including trashing of the U.S. Constitution by the Bush administration when they see fit. McKinnon should be tried according to the law. 9/11 should have absolutely no bearing whatsoever on the verdict or penalty. But maybe that's just me with my 'pre-9/11 mindset'.

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>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 16:53:57 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

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>>A small point here, Paul, but I think a cogent one. Law is formulated by the political process, not by the legal system. Like it or not, it's all political. The legal eagles in the political system - in our case Legislative Council - might keep it on the rails, or off them, throughout the process but you can't separate the two.

>Of course you can, Don. Yes, the process of drafting and passing laws is political, as it should be. After all, what's the alternative - some philosopher king doing what he wants? For good or ill, Bush and Blair (in this case) were elected, and then re-elected (the same is true for the MPs and Members of Congress). If people don't like the laws that their elected representatives draft, then get rid of them. That's the way the system works.

>>The McKinnon case is political. It's showcasing for a slumping Republican party and probably sabre-rattling for the military and bitch-slapping - or whatever they do - for the intelligence people.

>A grand jury indicted him (two, as I recall, in two different states). The edict didn't magically come from Bush, or the Pentagon. Again, due process was followed.

Hi Paul,

Remember when we did away with pretrial hearings and the grand jury. The point is made repeatedly on Law and Order as to how the People control the grand jury to get an indictment which presumes that there is actually something to the people's case. And listen to that word "indictment", there's two strikes against you right off. Presumed guilty until proven innocent.

>>I don't know how you could think this case is anything but political. McKinnon should not have been able to get in, and having done so anything he learned means nothing because they can deny whatever he says he found.

>That has nothing to do with the legal merits of the case.

>>The rest is face-saving and revenge.

>Perhaps. But, again, he was indicted and faces charges in the United States. There is an extradition process that determines whether he heads there for trial or not. Whether the US has signed the treaty or not is irrelevant (although, I

>admit, it's bad optics). The British have (again, if you don't
>like it, turf them in the next election). It's then a matter
>for the courts.

There again you presume to think that this case was handled in a sterile vacuum, that it was untainted from the getgo by political interference, that the Bush Government didn't have any influence in its outcome.

>>Any point I made before this was that I think the UK caved
>>due to political pressure applied by the US. Could have gone
>>US military [et al] to Bush to Blair, then downhill to
>>Solicitor General, with the a blessing on whatever the law
>>will allow. The UK and the US share extradition and it
>>works.

>Again, Don, that's not how it works. Yes, a request is made,
>because of those aforementioned indictments. The British, by
>law, have to respond. It goes to the court, which presumably
>saw no legal reason within the statute to deny the request.
>The Minister then has the right to overturn the court's
>decision, but that right is severely circumscribed, as it
>should be in a democratic country with a separation of the
>judicial and executive branches of the government.

The minister answers to cabinet first [with direct interference from the party's buckram boys, where applicable,] the law second and the people third. Christ knows [or whatever deity you want to insert here] I've seen enough examples of this in my 34 years with the gov.

That's the real way it works Paul. There is no idolized fair-mindedness when it comes to the law. Remember in the parliamentary system the Prime minister wields much greater power over his government than does the US President over his. The Prime Minister answers to no one. The electorate have little say except every 4-5 years which allows enough time for them to forget or be bribed with tax cuts or whatever. Example-look how easily the simpleminded idiot was voted in NS in the last wasted election. I was still around when this turkey was first elected to the Leg. If it hadn't been for the artistic community and the few who pay attention there would probably have been a majority government.

>As you pointed out
>previously, in Canada that will usually only happen if the
>person faces a death sentence (it usually never gets past the
>courts, but...). McKinnon does not. If he isn't extradited
>because the Minister overturned a Court decision, then it
>would be precisely the sort of political intervention that you
>and others are talking about. That's the kind of thing that
>should be avoided at all costs, because, while you might like
>the guy or think he's right this time, what about the next
>time when the Minister overturns a court decision for people
>you don't like?

First of all, I don't like or dislike him. He should be penalized through some court process. Had it been anything other than some face saving ploy by the Bush government he probably would not have been extradited. But this guy is going to be thrown to the wolves to get revenge over the fact that as a low level hacker he was able to easily get by the security barriers put in place by the military and access NASA and other military computers. Bush and the hierarchy and the investigative agencies has dropped the ball all the way along on this 9/11 fiascal including the FBI's pre-investigation bungling of the investigation by medium level agents and ignored by the high level supervisors. Sounds a lot like the NASA Columbia boondoggle doesn't it. Mediocrity has a way of floating to the surface in politics and government agencies.

>>I'm not saying McKinnon is anything but a crook but he's
>>going to suffer far worse than - for example - the Enron
>>pukes did, or will, because in this case the big boys got
>>embarrassed and weren't sharing in the booty. That's a great
>>deal different than thousands of normal people loosing their
>>life savings and pensions.

>Don, all of this is not related to the simple matter of his
>extradition. I agree that 70 years in prison for what McKinnon
>did is far too harsh. I also think those concerns are way

>overblown. He won't be sentenced to 70 years. I'll bet anyone
>on this list, right here, right now, that he won't.

Yeah, well that's an easy one. You get to hang onto your money -
was that USD or CanD, BTW - if he gets off lightly with only 69
years.

>>Paul you were/are a lawyer and an Aux. Mountie. You don't
>>really think the legal system is fair do you? I mean of
>>course, if you don't have money.

>Yes, of course I do. There are checks and balances that almost
>always sort out the mistakes, eventually (it can take a
>while, I admit, but that's the price we pay, the trade-off we
>make, for the balance).

That's easy to throw out there if you aren't the one doing the 10
years or whatever for being innocent. That's been happening a lot.
It's the people who sometimes muck it up, but the
>system itself is, in general, fine (no system being perfect).

>Are there inequities because of wealth? Of course. But I
>don't think that anyone can say that this is the case with
>McKinnon, who has had perfectly competent legal
>representation, and a lot more media and publicity than your
>average defendant gets.

I think getting media attention in this case might have been of
help in the UK but it's probably really pissing off those with a
dog in this hunt in the US gov.

>In Gary McKinnon's case, given the law as it exists, it's
>working fine. If you don't like the law, then change it.

That's damn near impossible, Paul. First you have to be elected,
then get into cabinet then into a position in cabinet where you
have enough authority to sway the Premier or Prime minister to
your thinking, then get the Legislative Council to draft the
Bill then wait until the Leg sits then present the bill for
first reading, then debate on the second reading then referred
to Law Amendments [one of Nova Scotia's shining achievements I
might add because it actually gets public input at that stage]
the back to the House for third reading and debate again then
either defeat or passage at that stage. With a majority it's a
done deal, but I've seen them fail at the law Amendments stage
due to real public pressure and good press coverage.

I'm sure this is boring the salt water out of most on this List.
Simply, I think the UK government caved by putting no pressure
on the Courts-and they can put pressure on the Courts- because
they didn't care and if it kept Bush happy, that's fine. One
insignificant life as compared to the numbers lost in the Iraq
war wouldn't amount to a hill of beans.

As for the US government they got mud in their eyes from the
publicity over this, chiefly about their inability to secure
their own data. In effect they should be grateful that McKinnon
waved a big red cape in their faces, because if he could do it so
could the "enemy" if they haven't already.

McKinnon took a chance and he lost. He could have attempted to
hide himself and he didn't. He'll get twenty years or something
worse the whole thing will be forgotten, and the world will move on.

Don Ledger

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Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 12:35:39 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:45:49 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 14:36:41 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>to excessive line stretching. Additionally there is the pole's
>ability to handle these lateral loads given the height, diameter
>and make-up of the pole [cedar, douglas fir, concrete, steel,
>aluminum etc.].

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Thanks Don, 300 ft. seemed too large simply by visual inspection, let alone the engineering issues you persuasively discuss. My extinction calculation was in normalized units (i.e., the unit of length was the pole spacing), so that analysis is still "valid", but when converted to absolute units the results would now seem to overpredict (by a factor ~2) the extinction relative to the value obtained from visibility of a horizon landmark. Both David Rudiak and Bruce Maccabee have pointed out mechanisms that could produce error in this direction, but I'm convinced the dominant source in my case is mixed (pole/sky) pixels at large distances. Wish I had a higher resolution image!

In any case, the estimates of maximum range for the UFO I cited in my reply to David were based on extinction derived from the 1 mi. visibility estimate, and they remain unaffected.

It turns out the cognizant utility company in this case is Southern California Edison rather than PG&E. Their customer service agent has recommended contacting their planning office, which I will do Monday.

Thanks again for the well-informed post.

Mike

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Re: SCI FI Investigates Heavy With UFO Experts -

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catja90024.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 12:18:05 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:48:54 -0400
Subject: Re: SCI FI Investigates Heavy With UFO Experts -

>From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 00:48:33 -0400
>Subject: SCI FI Investigates Heavy With UFO Experts

>"SCI FI Investigates teammates include forensic expert Deborah
>Dobrydney, scientist Dr. Bill Doleman and author/historian
>Richard Dolan."

>John Greenewald, Jr. also mentioned...

>For more commentary, see:

<http://www.cryptomundo.com/cryptozoo-news/bostonrob/>

Loren:

Of course, you know that I liked all the photos of a
young half-naked male body in the latest post on
your website.

Thanks,

KK

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Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech -

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 13:23:00 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:50:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech -

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 15:18:01 -0300
>Subject: Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 11:21:36 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech

>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 22:50:27 EDT
>>>Subject: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech

>>>Quite a nifty story about the possible use of positrons to
>>>propel a craft from Earth to Mars in 90 days.

>>><http://tinyurl.com/k4p54>

>>>There are many new marvels emerging amidst the chaos of politics
>>>like the new stem cell breakthroughs and computer breakthroughs.

>>>I'm noticing the only thing that holds things back are politics
>>>and religion or is it something else that uses both as a shield?

>><snip>

>>I would venture to say (with sorrow) that you'll see anti-
>>matter employed as a weapon before it's ever used as rocket
>>fuel.

>That depends on who develops it first.

A fair amount of DoD money has already been spent - since at
least the the mid-1980s - on assessment of techniques for mass
production and weaponization of anti-matter. Their interest is
not surprising... the annihilation of 1 ounce of antimatter
yields the equivalent of about 1.25 megatons of TNT.

Mike

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Re: Electronic Harassment Verified? - Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catja90024.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 12:30:26 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:54:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Electronic Harassment Verified? - Kasten

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 21:05:38 EDT
>Subject: Electronic Harassment Verified?

<snip>

>Victims of Electronic Harassment claim they are being exposed
>to large levels of electromagnetic and/or microwave radiation.

>For the most part, such claims are considered to be evidence of
>insanity.

Who claims it is evidence of insanity? It means you haven't been in the loop of investigative reporters who have published hard data on the effects of electronic harassment. For example, please see three articles I wrote for Paranoia Magazine based on the documentation now available.

<snip>

>Tonight, July 14th, a show called "Stargate: The Science" aired
>on the Sci-Fi channel in the U.S. One of the segments dealt with
>a secret government project called "A.D.S.", which was primarily
>a handheld "ray gun" that emitted a concentrated beam of
>microwave radiation!

>Side-effects of just such exposure can cause temporary
>insanity/psychosis, hallucinations, unconsciousness, and even
>death.

Gosh, I hope you are not basing the above statement on a TV series. With the exclusion of temporary insanity/psychosis, the documentation supports hallucinations, temporary blindness, temporary ringing in the ears, vomiting, headaches, etc., etc. If the frequency is set too high, yes, there is the possibility of killing the target.

KK

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Randle

From: **Kevin Randle** <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 15:47:05 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:56:31 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Randle

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 09:11:04 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 13:14:40 EDT
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

<snip>

>>For
>>good or ill, Bush and Blair (in this case) were elected, and
>>then re-elected (the same is true for the MPs and Members of
>>Congress).

>Mmmmmmmmm-no. It is quite clear that the US election machinery
>was hi-jacked in both instances as was clearly shown in the exit
>polls of those elections. This is without regard to other
>problems extant in 2000 and 2004 election process. GB, and most
>recently typified in Mexico, may have had their own problems.
>Your point is rendered meaningless, Mr. Kimball, and merely a
>reactionary support for tyranny and encroaching fascism. No
>surprises here.

Well, there is no longer a need to hold elections. We'll just
take the polling data because we all know that is much more
reliable than actually holding the election.....

Now, might I suggest we leave the political musings to other
lists where that thing is encouraged and return to discussions
of UFOs?

KRandle

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Re: 3D Crop Circle - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 16:30:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:58:02 -0400
Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle - White

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 09:55:02 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle

<snip>

>Sadly, no common satellites passed over these sites

Sadly? I'm encouraged that nothing as primitive as 'microwave' can be 'proven' by common satellite passage. The world needs to know that technologies exist which are far beyond anything taught in today's universities (at least university programs which are publicly accessible.)

>and the ones that did did not seem very powerful (you need a >laser beam or a tightly focused radar/microwave beam).

Which can't weave wheat stalks anyway. Wilt them in random directions, maybe, but not in a tight, woven, uniform pattern.

Eleanor White

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UFO Sighting In Auckland

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 09:03:14 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 09:03:14 -0400
Subject: UFO Sighting In Auckland

Source: Stuff.Com - Wellington, New Zealand

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/0,2106,3733836a4560,00.html>

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[image at site]

'UFO Sighting' In Auckland
By Ursula Hudson

Mystery surrounds an apparent unidentified flying object seen in the skies above Auckland's Viaduct Basin.

Sunday News has obtained footage of the object - spotted flying at speed over the waterfront in broad daylight.

We have sent the image to the Civil Aviation Authority and the Ministry of Defence - both of which have been unable to identify it.

The sighting has also been referred to the world's foremost UFO expert, American Dr Bruce Maccabee - who works with the Roswell UFO Museum.

Roswell, New Mexico, is the site of a reported UFO crash in 1947, during a spate of hundreds of "flying saucer" reports in America.

The American airforce issued an official release confirming the discovery of a "flying disc" but quickly changed their story after the government became involved - leading to cover-up claims.

The object photographed at the Viaduct Basin was flying above the industrial tank farm in the mid-morning sun last October.

It was taken by well-known photographer Richard Simpson who was completing an assignment for a magazine feature.

"It was travelling extremely fast. In fact I'd have to say definitely faster than a bird," Simpson told Sunday News.

"If it was clearly a bird we'd say, 'Nah it's a bird' and forget it. The way it came into the frame, it was that fast moving, it was a lucky grab."

Art director Duncan Lucas, who was working with Simpson, decided it needed further investigation.

He was unable to explain it even after bringing the image up to a higher resolution.

"I'd like an explanation. I don't know what it is," Lucas said.

"Personally I'm not a UFO believer, I remain unconvinced either way."

"I don't know if it's a pod of little green men - but I'd like to know what was flying around that day.

"It is a real mystery."

Simpson and Lucas brought the image to Sunday News' attention after reclaiming the film following the magazine's closure.

The Auckland image has intrigued UFO experts.

Sue Hansen, of UFOCUS New Zealand, consulted fellow expert and air traffic controller Graeme Opie before commenting.

"It is a UFO in terms of being an unidentified flying object. It's a very striking photo, I'd like to know more about it," Hansen said.

"We both agree it's not a bird.

I think it's definately not an aeroplane and it doesn't look like it's been faked.

It does have some characteristics of a disc shape."

She said the shadowing around the object was of greatest interest.

"Where the sun is overhead, you wouldn't expect to see shadowing.

"The only thing that may explain it is ionised air around the craft."

Murray Bott is the New Zealand director of the Mutual UFO Network, a world-wide organisation which studies and researches the phenomenon.

"It's a very interesting picture," said Bott, who described the object as a "UFO or aerial phenomenon".

"I'm exceptionally interested in any UFO photographs around New Zealand, particularly around Auckland."

Peter Davenport, director at Seattle's National UFO Reporting Center in America, said he saw lots of similar photos.

"I cannot positively identify the anomalous object above the white tanks," Davenport said.

"But my first guess would be that it is a bird, possibly a pigeon. Of course, that is only a guess."

Auckland Stardome astronomy educator Jennie McCormick agreed.

"I can see it's a bird," she said.

"As soon as I opened up the first photograph I thought it was a bird. There's an open beak and the wing is being reflected by the sun."

But the object stumped two Government organisations.

Bill Sommer, manager of communications at the Civil Aviation Authority, said: "At first glimpse I thought it could be a helicopter.

"After that, when the photos started getting higher resolution I wouldn't have a clue."

And Danielle Coe, a spokeswoman for the New Zealand Defence Force, said: "It doesn't appear to be one of our aircraft." UFOs have been reported in Wainuiomata and Oamaru over the past year.

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Bob Lazar In Wired Magazine

From: William Sawyer <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:38:23 +1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 09:05:25 -0400
Subject: Bob Lazar In Wired Magazine

List,

If anyone is interested, here is what Bob Lazar has been up to.
Three years later he has just been "charged"

<http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/14.06/chemistry.html>

William

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 21:10:13 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 09:07:41 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Rudiak

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 10:19:42 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 12:24:07 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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>and make-up of the pole [cedar, douglas fir, concrete, steel,
>aluminum etc.].

>If you are going to use the power poles as a constant, then why
>not just ask someone at Pacific Gas Electric? They will have
>records. Find out the height while you are at it which is likely
>somewhere between 35-40 feet.

Don,

I agree that 300 feet is much too much. Hartmann's map in the
Condon Report had a pole spacing of about 220 feet. Pole height
was placed at about 30 feet. Currently with my 3D ray- tracing
reconstruction, I'm getting very good matches between
reconstructed scenes and the photos with a 200 foot pole spacing
and poles 31 feet high.

David Rudiak

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1960 New Paltz UFO Incident?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 04:46:38 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 09:10:15 -0400
Subject: 1960 New Paltz UFO Incident?

"March 1960 - New Paltz, NY Local law enforcement authorities captured a small humanoid outside his craft while two copilots escaped. The alien was turned over to the CIA and died 28 days later."

That's the snippet I've read on several UFO crash lists.

It's of interest to me because it happened in my hometown area when I was a toddler. We'd all hear stories about such things back then and further on.

If there's any further data on that incident please let me know. That area of NY is very historic for UFO sightings and incidents.

Best,

Greg

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Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 12:34:59 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 09:14:27 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Subject: Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I - Horn
>Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:14:26 -0400

>From: Tom Horn <tomhorn.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 07:54:48 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 13:32:32 +0000
>>Subject: Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I

>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 07:45:42 -0400
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I

>>>Source: The Christian Worldview Network - St. Paul, Minnesota, USA

>>><http://tinyurl.com/l2znp>

>>>07/04/2006

>>>UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I
>>>Ralph Barker

>><snip>

>>>The modern UFO craze began in 1947[2] with the famous "Roswell
>>>Incident." It was reported by witnesses that a UFO had crashed
>>>in Roswell, New Mexico, and that the United States Government
>>>had recovered the bodies of alien visitors. Allegedly, the
>>>bodies were taken to what today is known as Area 51.[3] Many
>>>believe that they are still there.

>>We see right here how much he knows about UFO history.

>>>My purpose today, however, is not to stir up our fascination
>>>with UFOs but rather to expose how New Agers are using our
>>>fascination to further their false gospel. Many have not made
>>>the connection, but I assure you that a very strong, obvious,
>>>and evil connection does exist between UFOs and the Gospel of
>>>Jesus Christ.

>>>There exists throughout the world various "gifted" people who
>>>supposedly can contact aliens and channel[4] their messages to
>>>us earthlings. This certainly is interesting to consider but
>>>here is the really intriguing point. These messages routinely
>>>attack, ridicule, or undermine Christianity. The aliens don't
>>>seem to be threatened by Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, or any other
>>>ism. They focus their attacks on Christianity.[5] Could this be
>>>because Christianity is the only true religion? This would be my
>>>bet.

>>Blah, blah, blah! UFOs & the Gospel of Pogo: We have met the
>>enemy and he is us.

>Hello Dick

>The UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ article is poorly written,
>I'll give you that, but why would somebody with a Christian
>worldview be seen as "the enemy" in your opinion? Do you not
>think people of all persuasions have a right to investigate and
>interpret UFOs?

<snip>

Tom,

You misquote Pogo. He did not say that Christians were the enemy. The enemy is us when we (a) display blatant ignorance of the facts, and (b) impose our religious doctrine as an answer in place of scientific inquiry.

>So whereas Ufologists of various points of view can and maybe
>should challenge each other on the meaning of particular UFO/ET
>phenomena, both assert language that defines UFOs and
>extraterrestrial intelligence in angeological and demonological
>terms. This includes rhetoric in some circles about the "origin
>of the species" as well as promises by the "Creator" to return
>"in the heavens" at a future time.

Points of view are one thing; religious beliefs in lieu of science are quite another.

>My hope would be that honest investigators from various
>backgrounds appreciate study and learn from each other
>concerning a phenomenon that in my opinion is often real,
>mysterious, and yet historically verifiable.

I have no disagreement with this.

>Nobody yet has a certified handle on what UFO/ET means, would
>you not agree?

People who substitute religious doctrine for scientific inquiry are far less likely to have a handle on truth.

>Tom Horn

As for the ufologists whom you choose to quote as exemplars, I can't think of any two for whom I have less respect. - Dick

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:27:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 08:23:18 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Lehmborg

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Dr. Randle;

A discussion regarding the dispensation of an individual UFO
investigator threatened by an illegitimate, incompetent,
failing, derelict, and thoroughly embarrassed American
government is, I should think, at the very _heart_ of the
subject of UFOs.

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Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech -

From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 14:28:32 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 08:24:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech -

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 11:21:36 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech

>>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Wed, 12 Jul 2006 22:50:27 EDT
>>>>Subject: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech

>>>>Quite a nifty story about the possible use of positrons to
>>>>propel a craft from Earth to Mars in 90 days.

>>>><http://tinyurl.com/k4p54>

>>>>There are many new marvels emerging amidst the chaos of politics
>>>>like the new stem cell breakthroughs and computer breakthroughs.

>>>>I'm noticing the only thing that holds things back are politics
>>>>and religion or is it something else that uses both as a shield?

>>><snip>

>>>I would venture to say (with sorrow) that you'll see anti-
>>>matter employed as a weapon before it's ever used as rocket
>>>fuel.

>>That depends on who develops it first.

>A fair amount of DoD money has already been spent - since at
>least the the mid-1980s - on assessment of techniques for mass
>production and weaponization of anti-matter. Their interest is
>not surprising... the annihilation of 1 ounce of antimatter
>yields the equivalent of about 1.25 megatons of TNT.

But is anybody thinking how to use this type of energy/fuel to
get us through this global energy bottleneck, which is driving
global warming, oil crises and war, underdevelopment and
poverty, etc?

Diana

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Re: 3D Crop Circle - Smith

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 10:39:14 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 08:26:13 -0400
Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle - Smith

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 16:30:53 -0400
>Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle

>>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 09:55:02 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle

>>Sadly, no common satellites passed over these sites

>Sadly? I'm encouraged that nothing as primitive as 'microwave'
>can be 'proven' by common satellite passage. The world needs to
>know that technologies exist which are far beyond anything
>taught in today's universities (at least university programs
>which are publicly accessible.)

Sadly because, regardless of the technology used, whether
prosaic or alien level, if it correlated to any technology
attached to a Earth spacecraft, then this goes a long way to
explain the phenomena and source.

But since few crop circles time of formation are known to within
an hour or so, it is hard to be definitive. I recall that I only
found three cases, hardly enough to be conclusive, but they were
good cases!

>>and the ones that did did not seem very powerful (you need a
>>laser beam or a tightly focused radar/microwave beam).

>Which can't weave wheat stalks anyway. Wilt them in random
>directions, maybe, but not in a tight, woven, uniform pattern.

Sorry to focus on prosaic tech, I assumed that whatever the
method (prosaic or alien), if it came from one of 'our'
spacecraft, it needs alot of power (nuclear or large solar
arrays) or be large enough to carry lots of capacitors/batteries
for short discharge periods. I was mainly expecting military or
Soviet/Russian satellites.

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Re: Bob Lazar In Wired Magazine - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 14:56:14 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 08:28:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Bob Lazar In Wired Magazine - Hall

>From: William Sawyer <ufsyntax.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:38:23 +1000
>Subject: Bob Lazar In Wired Magazine

>List,

>If anyone is interested, here is what Bob Lazar has been up to.
>Three years later he has just been "charged"

><http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/14.06/chemistry.html>

>William

Very interesting, and not a peep about Lazar's past con jobs in Las Vegas. Someone ought to notify the Wired Magazine reporter about them.

You get the feeling that Lazar is very much into ledgerdemain and show biz, magic perhaps; certainly slight of hand. And now he has a New Age wife/companion to boot.

- Dick

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Re: USOs & Ivan T. Sanderson - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 11:36:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 08:29:51 -0400
Subject: Re: USOs & Ivan T. Sanderson - Clark

>From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 04:17:52 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: USOs & Ivan T. Sanderson

>Last night I watched a UFO Files episode on The History
>Channel that discussed USOs. I was happy to see a few seconds of
>old film showing Ivan referring to USOs.

Ivan Sanderson once memorably observed that Other Intelligences
- OINTS, as he called them - may be "overcivilized and quite
mad." Once I quoted that phrase to a colleague, who wryly
remarked that the same could be said of Sanderson.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Electronic Harassment Verified? - Smith

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 12:45:57 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 08:30:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Electronic Harassment Verified? - Smith

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 21:05:38 EDT
>Subject: Electronic Harassment Verified?

>For the most part, such claims are considered to be evidence of
>insanity. As a victim of Gang Stalking, I see things a bit
>differently.

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>on the Sci-Fi channel in the U.S. One of the segments dealt with
>a secret government project called "A.D.S.", which was primarily
>a handheld "ray gun" that emitted a concentrated beam of
>microwave radiation!

Have you tried to track the source of EM irradiation?

I would think that such a ray-gun or similar prosaic EM source
would be easily directionally detectible using relatively
inexpensive EM meters.

Of course, if the source is not using these "old fashioned" EM
sources but rather some "alien"-type tech ("scalar" waves or
"psychic" waves, etc), then you would be in a bind because Radio
Shack likely doesn't sell detectors that can pick up these
signals.

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From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 13:00:38 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 08:33:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Electronic Harassment Verified? - Gammon

>From: Kathy Kasten <catja90024.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 12:30:26 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Electronic Harassment Verified?

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>>Victims of Electronic Harassment claim they are being exposed
>>to large levels of electromagnetic and/or microwave radiation.

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>>insanity.

>Who claims it is evidence of insanity? It means you haven't been
>in the loop of investigative reporters who have published hard
>data on the effects of electronic harassment. For example,
>please see three articles I wrote for Paranoia Magazine based on
>the documentation now available.

Please. I don't have time for silly games, so could you please
drop the attitude. Paranoia Magazine, though possibly a good
source for information on government conspiracies, is not a
respected publication.

Your assertions that the public doesn't view victims as being
insane is absurd as well. Are you a victim? The abuse/harassment
referred to as Gang Stalking or Electronic Harassment is geared
toward making the victim appear insane should they complain of
such abuse.

<snip>

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>>Side-effects of just such exposure can cause temporary
>>insanity/psychosis, hallucinations, unconsciousness, and even
>>death.

>Gosh, I hope you are not basing the above statement on a TV
>series. With the exclusion of temporary insanity/psychosis, the
>documentation supports hallucinations, temporary blindness,
>temporary ringing in the ears, vomiting, headaches, etc., etc.
>If the frequency is set too high, yes, there is the possibility
>of killing the target.

Again, drop the attitude. Why is it that people like to come out
of the woodwork on this List with such flaming ego's? You've not
stated anything worthwhile in the above paragraph, instead, only
using it as a means toward self-gratification.

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 14:20:32 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 08:35:45 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Ledger

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 15:47:05 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

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McKinnon and the political processes of two countries I can
easily dispense with, Kevin, but I'm not sure you can separate
politics and UFOs; they've been closely linked for decades.
Anyway, re McKinnon, I fired my last round yesterday.

Don

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Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Parts I & II -

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 10:24:55 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 08:37:31 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Parts I & II -

>From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 12:17:21 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Parts I & II

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 17:47:49 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Parts I & II

>>>UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I [& II]
>>>Ralph Barker

<snip>

>>Maybe time would be better spent comparing aliens who abduct
>>with the al-jinn, fairies, and Hanochian fallen angels of
>>tradition.

>Hi Rick,

<snip>

>[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nordic alien](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nordic_alien)

>Most reports of Nordic aliens describe them as benevolent
>observers who are not allowed to interfere with Earth culture.
>They are rarely described as abducting humans or performing
>experiments on them.

><http://tinyurl.com/fehtg>

Thanks John.

"On discerning the motives of extra-terrestrial beings by type of physical manifestation"; that might be a good title for the research paper.

I really didn't want to get onto this topic, because as objective as many Listers would claim to be, this is a "hot-button" issue, full of emotion and drama. Just review the UFO UpDates archives. This idea has had its review. It's an issue that will probably never be resolved here. How could anyone answer this anyway without the full cooperation of the beings themselves?

When was the last time you saw a Nordic on CNN explaining his "prime directive" of non-interference? Hidden agendas also go with secret societies, which never did any general good for humanity.

Comparing genies, fairies, leprechauns, pookas, and the fallen angels of Enoch, was just pointed out as another use of time, alternative to the points Mr. Barker was asserting.

Please, let's stick to my main point that religion and logic are not things you can mix together and from which you can expect good results.

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Enduring Still

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 12:42:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 08:39:44 -0400
Subject: Enduring Still

This is a tribute to John Velez. I hope it is well received.

For your consideration:

...Enduring Still...

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 14:45:21 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 08:42:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech -

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 13:23:00 -0600
>Subject: Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 15:18:01 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech

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>least the the mid-1980s - on assessment of techniques for mass
>production and weaponization of anti-matter. Their interest is
>not surprising... the annihilation of 1 ounce of antimatter
>yields the equivalent of about 1.25 megatons of TNT.

Hi Mike,

I'm guessing that experiments were conducted using atom sized
samples. I mean what would you put anti-matter in in order to
keep it from doing it's "thing"?

Reminds me of the King who had his Alchemist put to death for
claiming that the acid he had in a bottle dissolved everything.

Don

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Re: UFO/Paranormal Radio Shows? - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 11:28:21 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 08:43:49 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO/Paranormal Radio Shows? - Myers

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>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 21:27:02 EDT
>Subject: UFO/Paranormal Radio Shows?

>There are so many shows nowadays I would appreciate anyone with
>a list of them or if you would just add in your show and
>schedule.

>Must update media files.

>Thanks.

Just discovered The Paracast. The guys seem to be very no
nonsense.

<http://www.theparacast.com>

Available to download for free, easy to listen to with I-tunes
and the sound quality is excellent.

Regards,

Royce Myers
ufowatchdog.com

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

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Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 21:40:20 +0100
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>>If you are going to use the power poles as a constant, then why
>>not just ask someone at Pacific Gas Electric? They will have
>>records. Find out the height while you are at it which is likely
>>somewhere between 35-40 feet.

>This is exactly one of my concerns as I watch the Heflin photo
>analysts at work, often making lots of assumptions.

Dick,

Oh dear, and we were doing so well ;-) I believe you have this
entirely and stunningly back to front.

First, the sin is not in making assumptions; the sin is in
failing to test assumptions and/or persisting in assumptions
that fail when tested. And it is Don's assumptions which are at
fault here, as I - imitating as best I can a "photo analyst at
work" - shall prove in a moment by doing what you dislike and
"making assumptions" that follow from Don's claim and then
testing them.

Don tells us confidently how far apart the poles on Myford Rd in
1965 must be, based on what he recalls as the "norm" for power
poles, blithely assuming that estimates recorded by two earlier
investigators on the spot at the time must, because they
disagree with his "norm", be grossly in error by a factor of two
or three. He "assumes" that SSgt Dolyak, Marine G-2 Inspector,
did not "measure or pace out" the 300 ft distance as recorded
in black and white on the photo overlays he prepared (along with
several other measurements of the cab window, mirror, mirror
bracket etc.). He asks us to "assume", without any evidence but

his "norm", that Dolyak must have dreamed up this figure (and presumably the others as well?) by - what? - sticking a wet finger in the wind, or tossing dice?

You know that in any other context whatsoever you would fall on such an "assumption" like a ton of bricks.

You also know (or should know) that these poles have been identified by all past investigators not as dedicated power poles but as telephone poles, which may be one reason that Don's "norm" for power pole spacing conflicts dramatically with what investigators have estimated on the spot. There may be others. Norms are by definition merely normative, not exclusive of all exceptions.

But maybe this is not an expectation? Maybe. So let's test it. Let's look at Don's "norm". A 40 ft pole at 125 ft from the camera subtends $TAN\ 40/125 = \sim 18$ degs. What does this do to the angular scale of the photo? Well it means that the lateral FOV must be a minimum (since the JSE images are said by Viktor to be cropped) of about 96 degs! This is already proposterous. It is well over twice the angular scale of the scene as measured by Hartmann, Evers and Grey using Polaroid 101s and on-the-spot surveys, and apart from that would probably introduce visible distortion. It would make nonsense of NICAP claims that the UFO angular scale is consistent with Heflin's reported visual estimates of the UFO size and distance. It would also make all the cars on the freeway well over 30 ft long! (A convoy of stretch limos maybe.) Still want to back Don's "assumption"?

Don suggests looking for contemporary records. Great idea! Well we have records, from the Marine G-2 investigation, and from Hartmann, both on-the-spot. But oh dear - these investigators' estimates also disagree with one another. So what do we do? Throw them out completely, as Don suggests, "assume" his norm, and "assume" that Dolyak's on-the-spot survey was in error by as much as 240%? - that Hartmann's scale map drawn from investigation on-the-spot was also in error in the same direction as Dolyak by as much as 165 %? What theory do you have to account for these extraordinary inaccuracies?

You see, we do have to have a theory, don't we? If merely "throwing out" investigative records on the basis of a possibly-misapplied "norm" seems realistic to you then I would have to doubt your grasp of evidential reasoning. No, we need to investigate why these records and "norms" disagree with one another. This is what the photo analysis is for!

There may be official records to help in this as Don says. There will be old NICAP records as well, I'm sure you'll remind us. So where is the NICAP report pinpointing this crucial error in the Marine G-2 investigation (or in Hartmann's)? Distance calibration via poles and lines and optical focus at known distances was much discussed by early analysts. Dolyak's measurements were those forwarded by Capt. Reichmuth and used as the basis of the Air Force evaluation that the object was a nearby fake. The Air Force evaluation was fiercely discussed and criticised by NICAP analysts. Dolyak's report was well known and discussed among early NICAP analysts. Where is the corrected distance callibration based on spotting the glaring >200% error in Dolyak's survey? This would be an interesting "record" to get hold of.

There may be official records that will help us here if there are is no reliable NICAP source to cut the knot. Those on the spot in California will be well placed to search for them. But to denigrate the necessary process of trying out conjectures as "making a lot of assumptions" seems to me to be a stunning misconception of what is going on here, and of methodical reasoning in general. You assume we know a lot of things with clarity. Methodical analysis too often shows that we don't actually know these things at all, but rather have assumed them. This is exactly the point you and Don should reflect on.

Oh, and by the way, if you insist that Don is right whilst Dolyak/Hartmann were both grossly exaggerating the distance then you are forcing any distance callibration to produce the result that the object is much closer to the camera and much smaller. If you imagine this helps Heflin you are mistaken again.

>Which brings

>to mind the Drake Equation. You can make assumption after
>assumption after assumption, but unless your reasoning is
>grounded in established fact you are at serious risk of,
>falsely, concluding just about anything.

"I refer the honorable gentleman to the answer I gave a moment ago" (in-joke for old Hansard buffs)

>This is not directed at any one of the current analysts, but
>over time I have more than once seen technically trained
>analysts more or less assume their own conclusions. It's called
>circular reasoning.

I think we've heard of it. But is it possible that, unlike the rest of us, Dick is uniquely immune from succumbing to its seductions? Fortunately the above argument indicates that Dick is thankfully "one of us" and equally fallible :-)

>I agree with Don that the analysts should
>publish (or at least write and make available) full reports when
>they are done, for the historical record and for thorough peer
>review.

I agree 100%, and I think a complete historical case record should be assembled on-line, linked to the Blue Book documents, the Hartmann study, and all of the original NICAP work which needs to be assembled in one place for free access by future researchers.

>By the way, one of the unspoken assumptions of the hoax
>hypothesis is that Heflin was a liar and a fraud, deliberately
>misled both authorities and the public at large for many years,
>and pretty much laughed at everyone behind their backs in the
>process. Since our very thorough investigation and that of the
>authorities both found not the slightest evidence of a hoax and
>in fact found him to be of highly reputable character, this
>assumption is dubious on the face of it.

There is nothing "unspoken" about assuming that if the case is a hoax then Heflin was a fraud, except in the sense that the blindingly obvious is rarely spelled out! But never mind that. If there were not some reasons to think Heflin's story plausible "on the face of it" we would not be having this discussion at all, so this also falls into the category of the blindingly obvious. To aver that the face value is the real value remains an assumption. What we want to do is test the face value of the coin by assay, which means treating assumptions as scientific conjectures. In fact there are still two possible assumptions untested: One is that he was a fraud, the other is that he was not. Both are not only reasonable assumptions but absolutely essential ones. "What if?" Try out both of them in any way you can think of. The survivor wins.

Martin Shough

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>>Gary McKinnon Interview - May 10, 2006

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>A good interview and I hope this doesn't provide more evidence
>to keep you on your side of the Border when you try to attend
>another Conference in the U.S. The world is wound up too tightly
>right now to play games with Government agencies or their
>computer systems, and I think it's been shown that the U.S. has
>had a recent tendency to play hard ball these days.

>This will be an interesting case to watch.

Steve

I considered the effects it might have on my case, but the
ultimate motivator is to do something useful with my life.

My big fear is that the interview may cause Gary more trouble.
The McKinnon case is very sad in that we can see evil taking
place and there is very little we can do to help. I am trying
what I think might help, but I have found more and more that the
UFO community has little power and influence on the powers that
be.

Grant

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>>Marine should have measured the distance or at least paced it
>>off. Three hundred foot spacing for domestic powerline poles is
>>nonsense. 125 to 150 feet is the norm. There's a reason for this
>>spacing and that's the ability of the wire to sustain its own
>>weight over a distance while factoring in wind resistance snow
>>and ice loads [the last two not applicable here] grime
>>accumulation associated with moisture hardening on the
>>insulation and the aging of the insulative coating leading to
>>the wire's core deterioration or even tree branches slapping
>>against them or the whole tree falling across them for that
>>matter. The greater the spacing [as much as the power utility
>>would love to cut the numbers back to save money] the more
>>inevitable the likelihood of line failure. Greater spacing leads
>>to excessive line stretching. Additionally there is the pole's
>>ability to handle these lateral loads given the height, diameter
>>and make-up of the pole [cedar, douglas fir, concrete, steel,
>>aluminum etc.].

>><snip>

>Thanks Don, 300 ft. seemed too large simply by visual
>inspection, let alone the engineering issues you persuasively
>discuss. My extinction calculation was in normalized units
>(i.e., the unit of length was the pole spacing), so that
>analysis is still "valid", but when converted to absolute units
>the results would now seem to overpredict (by a factor ~2) the
>extinction relative to the value obtained from visibility of a
>horizon landmark. Both David Rudiak and Bruce Maccabee have
>pointed out mechanisms that could produce error in this
>direction, but I'm convinced the dominant source in my case is
>mixed (pole/sky) pixels at large distances. Wish I had a higher
>resolution image!

>In any case, the estimates of maximum range for the UFO I cited
>in my reply to David were based on extinction derived from the 1
>mi. visibility estimate, and they remain unaffected.

>It turns out the cognizant utility company in this case is
>Southern California Edison rather than PG&E. Their customer
>service agent has recommended contacting their planning office,
>which I will do Monday.

>Thanks again for the well-informed post.

Good for you Mike, speaking as an alien (the terrestrial kind) I really hope you can get this info for us - then we may indeed be "well informed". But if you do get an actual plan of the Myford Rd poles in 1965 I'd bet the distance shown is much greater than Don's 125-150 ft (at least the ~200 ft mapped by Hartmann and probably more) - and I'd also bet the pole heights are much less than 40 ft (probably near 30 ft). If the figures are close to those Don suggests then someone needs to explain how the angular FOV of the Polaroid 101 can be approaching 100 degrees wide, and how either Heflin's location (distance from the freeway) was very grossly mistaken by all early investigators and by Heflin himself and/or how there can have been a convoy of double-length cars on the freeway at the time (to accent one grotesque discrepancy just for the sake of illustration).

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>>>The A.F. estimate of ~1 mile horizontal visibility with
>>>visibility limited below 30 degrees seems pretty close to the
>>>mark.

>>The extinction coefficient can be estimated directly from the
>>horizontal visibility using the common convention that the
>>threshold of visibility is a 2% variation in intensity, which
>>leads to the relation $b = 3.912/V$, where b is the extinction
>>coefficient and V is the visibility. Using $V = 1$ mi., this
>>gives $b = 3.912/\text{mi.}$, or $.000741/\text{ft.}$ The value I get from the
>>pole data, based on a pole spacing of 300 ft., is $\sim.0008/\text{ft.}$,
>>fairly close.

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>Yes this is Dolyak's 1965 figure. It is the only explicitly
>stated figure I can find based on investigation on-site. There
>are other implied values, but as usual there is some
>confusion. If we were certain of the angular scale of
>course we would be able to sort this out, but this basic
>value is itself uncertain and can't be independently inferred
>from a single reliable value for the pole height. Here are the
>alternative constructions.

>Hartmann's scale map of the location (1967-8) disagrees with
>the Marine G-2 report (without any comment on the discrepancy)
>and shows the pole separation as approximately 206 ft. Also
>according to Hartmann the UFO in #1 can be calculated as 2.4
>degs across (again without comment on a small discrepancy with
>a prior NICAP figure). This establishes a total vertical angle
>of 32 degs for the JSE image and an angular height for the 1st
>pole of ~ 7.5 degs. (Approximating the base of the 1st
>photographed pole where obscured by vegetation, and assuming the
>camera to be approximately at the base of a pole, as is
>suggested by 1) the nearby crossbar shadow and 2) the fact that
>the ratio of the heights of poles #1 and #2 is almost exactly
>2:1;) At 206 ft this makes the pole ~ 27 ft high. Using the
>Marine figure of 300 ft we get 39.5 ft.

>According to NICAP photo consultant Ralph Rankow, aerospace

>engineers Grey and Evers (1965) found the angular width of UFO
>#1 as 2.55 degs. All else being equal a 6% difference from
>Hartmann's 2.4 degs would give pole heights of 28.6 and 41.9
>ft for the two inter-pole distances. This difference is not
>great, nevertheless it is unexplained.

>On the other hand Viktor Gulobik tells us that (according to
>Ann Druffel) the JSE images are cropped. If so they are
>cropped almost symmetrically on both axes to within a percent
>or two. He hasn't told us by how much they were cropped, but he
>did say he was assuming they show a horizontal FOV of about 30
>degs. This would make the UFO ~1.7 degrees across and first pole
>~5.6 degs high, figures over 30% smaller than the similar values
>obtained by Hartmann and Grey/Evers. With this angular scale
>the Marine report's 300 ft distance gives us a pole 29.4 ft
>high, whereas Hartmann's 206 ft distance gives 20.2 ft.

>Various figures between 22 and 40 ft have been given for
>likely pole height by Nick Balaskas (assuming phone poles) and
>Don Ledger (power poles). The crossbars do bear what look like
>insulators but recently someone (I can't find the reference
>now)said that they were phone poles piggy-backing power lines
>under a kind of rental agreement. Brad Sparks (off-List) gives
>30 ft with an 8 ft cross pole as the "known" size, but I don't
>have a primary source for this either.

>A _very_ rough internal check on angular scale is offered by
>the cars on the freeway. Say a typical 4-door saloon (sedan)
>is about 15 ft long: then Hartmann's map distance to the freeway
>(~1600 ft) indicates that the cars subtend in the region of
>0.45 deg, making the UFO about 1.8 degs wide; whilst Dolyak's
>"3/8 mile" (1980 ft) gives about 0.55 deg, making the UFO about
>2.2 degs wide. To allow the UFO to be ~ 2.5 degs wide, roughly
>as determined by Hartmann and Grey & Evers, the cars would be
>~15 ft long at a distance of ~1430 ft from the camera, or
>nearly 17 ft long at 1600 ft. Using Viktor's angular scale we
>could get the cars to be as big as about 14 ft long if we use
>Dolyak's 1980 ft distance to the freeway, but they would be only
>about 11 ft long using Hartmann's. It looks from this as though
>Viktor's suggested angular scale is under some strain as it
>only gives consistent values at the limits. But that's all that
>can be said.

Lack of firmly-established numbers has been one of the very
frustrating aspects of re-examing the Heflin photos. It seems
like an extremely simple matter to precisely determine the
angular width of the photos from test shots and from there to
calculate basics like the angular width of the UFO. Why there
should still be any disagreement about this remains a mystery.

Another important thing missing for proper scaling has been lack
of access to the fully _uncropped_ images. Hopefully this will
be rectified in the near future.

Assuming zero or almost zero cropping in the Heflin photos 1 & 2
from the Druffel et al JSE paper, I am currently getting the
following scaling from my 3D ray tracing reconstruction. At this
stage, these values should be accurate to +/- 10%. I might add,
that by pure luck I stumbled across a 1964 Ford Econoline van
just like Heflin's and got accurate measurements of such basics
as window size, height, angles, etc. This is one reason why I
feel pretty confident about these values:

Angular width of photo: 46.5 degrees

Angular width of UFO (photo 1): 2.85 degrees

Distance between power poles: 180-200 feet (generally 200 feet,
particularly in photo 1)

Power pole height: 31 feet (9 foot crossbar)

Of course, if tests shots should show a different photo angular
width, the model scaling would have to be revised.

This has been a more complicated and time-consuming process than
I originally thought it would be. E.g., the terrain isn't really
flat but rises gently to the east (since the road is facing NE,
the slope is slightly up to the right in photo 1 out the
windshield and slightly up to the left in photos 2 & 3). This
was entered into the model to get a more accurate horizon.

The van also isn't level. It was parked on the road embankment and is tilted about 4 degrees w.r.t. level along its width. It turns out that is the main reason, e.g., the power poles are strongly tilted to the left in photo 1. The camera is actually close to level from within the frame of reference of the van itself. This causes the rest of the world to tilt left in photo 1, including the horizon in addition to the poles.

I am currently getting almost exact perspective reproductions of the scene in photos 1-3, but am still tweaking things. I'll let people know of my findings once I feel confident that error has been reduced down to only a few percent. Right now I'm mainly concerned with the camera positions and the possible implications thereof.

David Rudiak

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UFO Symposium Speaker Shares His Family Secret

(CBS4) DENVER A man who says he saw wreckage from an extra-terrestrial aircraft and is writing a book on UFOs spoke with CBS4 on Sunday about this weekend's UFO Symposium.

Many years ago Jesse Marcel, Jr. said his father worked for the Air Force and was told to go clean up debris near Roswell, N.M. On his way back to the base he stopped at home to let his son look at the strange pieces of an aircraft.

"What I saw in the material... it was some very exotic material... there was a lot of foil," Marcel said. "There were some beams that had some strange writing on it and I realized right off the bat this was not anything I'd ever seen before."

When asked what the symbols on the beam looked like, Marcel said that "there were some mathematical symbols... geometric forms."

Marcel's father was then sent to Fort Worth, Texas, with the debris in a B-29 airplane.

"When he came back the next day from Fort Worth he sat my mother and myself down and said, 'Don't ever talk about this again,'" Marcel said.

Marcel spoke this weekend at the International UFO Symposium at the Marriot Denver in the Tech Center.

"It's a UFO gathering of interested people investigating UFO events because they're trying to get enough evidence out there to determine if these are really extra-terrestrial craft," Marcel told CBS4.

Marcel's book, titled Roswell: It Really Happened, is set to come out at the end of this year.

See interview with Jessie Marcel Jnr.:

<http://cbs4denver.com/video/?id=19261.nul>

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>Dr. Kelson and I are gratebul that the Heflin photos are
>receiving so much attention, but unfortunately the attention
>contains a flurry of uninformed speculation among the logical
>questions that are being asked.

>We want to be professional and scientific as Dr. Kelson
>completes his analysis of the originals. Those who have specific
>questions about the photos are welcome to send these to us, but
>they must be specific, and if these questions are something Dr.
>Kelson can address in his second paper he will do so.

>Releasing the original images or digital copies of same into the
>public arena at this time would not be constructive.

I'm somewhat puzzled by your post, Ann. It would seem to be to
your advantage that openly posted discussion on this topic is
on-going, allowing you to review and/or incorporate any new
insights into your own investigation as you please.

But since you have offered, I would like to submit a very
specific question:

On the high resolution scan of frame #1, what is the averaged
greyscale value across each of the utility poles, as well as the
background sky in the pole vicinity?

Thanks for any info, good luck with your analyses.

Regards

Mike

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A Ballooning In Sightings Of UFOs

Our story sparks more recollections from readers

After the Luton News reported the 50-year-old mystery of a UFO sighting over Ramridge Junior School it became clear that the town was not alien to the unusual.

Among the many people who made contact with the paper after our front page report were other Lutonians whose lives have never been quite the same since they saw something strange in the sky.

Steve Clark was three years below Bill Dillon at Ramridge Junior School in 1957 when they both witnessed a mysterious flying object in the Luton sky.

Even though they grew up living in the same street, it wasn't until 1982 that the men first met and compared stories, and it wasn't until Bill's version of events featured in the Luton News three weeks ago that Steve decided it was time to make his own story known to a wider public.

"There was something there that startled everybody that day," said Steve, 57.

"We were in the playing field of the school.

I never saw it arrive or leave, but what I do remember quite clearly was a woman teacher on my right and four or five other kids to my left, and I think we were playing rounders, and everybody just stopped.

"The teacher looked at us and she had a "what the hell's that" look on her face. She was a bit alarmed."

Steve said he could see a round object in the clear blue sky, appearing no bigger than a marble at arm's length to his naked eye, hovering in the distance.

The youngster's sighting was much shorter than Bill Dillon's and he said he never had a chance to see the UFO manoeuvre in any significant way.

And when the retired Lutonian first spoke to Bill in the 1980s about their experiences the older witness said he thought they were talking about two different events.

The main disagreement seemed to be over the shape of the inexplicable sight.

Bill said it was saucer-shaped and Steve described it as round, but UFO researcher John Hanson many years later told them it was much more likely they were both witnesses to the same phenomenon, whether alien, man-made or natural, despite their differing recollections.

One explanation offered at the time, and often used in UFO sightings, was that the Ramridge pupils and teachers all saw a weather balloon.

But Steve said he extensively researched weather balloons as an adult and none of them resembled what he saw.

He also explored the possibility that it was another man-made flying object, such as an airship.

"There had been a lot of airship activity in the town from 1919 until the industry packed up in 1990," he said.

"It could have been an airship coming down nose towards us or it could have been the underside of Bill Dillon's saucer-shaped object, but it's so long ago now no one is ever going to know.

"That day is something that's been in my memory all my life, the same as Bill Dillon, but I remain open-minded about what it was really

"Was it a UFO, was it a balloon?

"We're never going to know."

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Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I -

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 11:55:20 +0200
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 09:35:44 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I -

>From: Tom Horn <tomhorn.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 07:54:48 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 13:32:32 +0000
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>>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 07:45:42 -0400
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I

>>>Source: The Christian Worldview Network - St. Paul, Minnesota,
>>>USA

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>>>UFOs And The Gospel Of Christ - Part I
>>>Ralph Barker

>><snip>

>Pierre Guerin wrote that "...modern UFOonauts and the demons of
>past days are probably identical."

I knew Pierre Guerin well, and I can assure you that he did not have a religious viewpoint at all on UFOs. He was, to the contrary, a perfect exemple of a French rationalist scientist. He did compare UFOs and aliens to demons of old religions, but in the sense that demons might have been aliens! Personally, I would add angels as well - who knows what their real nature could be?

As for religious beliefs, it seems to me that it is another question. The idea that 'ancient astronauts' could have played a role of space missionaries, so to speak, is not necessarily antagonistic to religious faith, at a higher level. That's the opinion, for instance, of Rev. Barry Downing, I think.

BTW, in answer to a Vallee's argument against ETH: if aliens come from, or pass through other "dimensions", I don't see why they would no longer be aliens. Why not interdimensional aliens? But, as Guerin used to tell me, UFOs at close range are very much "nuts and bolts". He meant, very real, physical craft which have been manufactured somewhere, and are manned by very real beings.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Randle

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Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 08:45:31 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 09:38:03 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited - Randle

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 08:27:46 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 15:47:05 EDT
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 09:11:04 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>>>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 13:14:40 EDT
>>>>Subject: Re: UFO Hacker McKinnon Extradited

>><snip>

>>>>For
>>>>good or ill, Bush and Blair (in this case) were elected, and
>>>>then re-elected (the same is true for the MPs and Members of
>>>>Congress).

>>>>Mmmmmmmmm-no. It is quite clear that the US election machinery
>>>>was hi-jacked in both instances as was clearly shown in the exit
>>>>polls of those elections. This is without regard to other
>>>>problems extant in 2000 and 2004 election process. GB, and most
>>>>recently typified in Mexico, may have had their own problems.
>>>>Your point is rendered meaningless, Mr. Kimball, and merely a
>>>>reactionary support for tyranny and encroaching fascism. No
>>>>surprises here.

>>>>Well, there is no longer a need to hold elections. We'll just
>>>>take the polling data because we all know that is much more
>>>>reliable than actually holding the election.....

>>>>Now, might I suggest we leave the political musings to other
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>Dr. Randle;

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Good Morning, All -

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KRandle

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Re: 3D Crop Circle - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 09:43:16 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 09:53:50 -0400
Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle - Balaskas

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 16:30:53 -0400
>Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle

>>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 09:55:02 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle

<snip>

>>Sadly, no common satellites passed over these sites

>Sadly? I'm encouraged that nothing as primitive as 'microwave'
>can be 'proven' by common satellite passage. The world needs to
>know that technologies exist which are far beyond anything
>taught in today's universities (at least university programs
>which are publicly accessible.)

For information and pictures of a flying saucer-shaped aircraft powered by microwaves that never needs to come down and is intended to be used as a 'poor man's' satellite for surveillance or spying high above cities, I would be happy to forward these to all those interested. Yes, this saucer-shaped craft was also designed and built here in Toronto where other secret flying saucers were built and test flown since the end of WW II...

>>and the ones that did did not seem very powerful (you need a
>>laser beam or a tightly focused radar/microwave beam).

>Which can't weave wheat stalks anyway. Wilt them in random
>directions, maybe, but not in a tight, woven, uniform pattern.

Very observant Eleanor! Your deduction that a satellite or passing UFO could not have produced this 3-D formation leads one to the obvious conclusion that this latest crop circle must have been made by humans (or by many, fast-working ETs) on the ground moving in rectangular spiral paths using devices such as simple wooden boards with ropes attached. A satellite or UFO passing overhead would have quickly scanned-in this 3-D formation one line at a time much like images are produced on a TV rather than the more primitive and laborious technique on the ground described above - which does also produce the "woven" pattern noted in this 3-D formation.

As works of art, crop circles do inspire, but as something that may help us to solve the mystery of UFOs or answer questions about ET life or our place in the universe, they won't anymore than BLURFOS (images of 'UFOs' captured by film or video that had zero(!) eyewitnesses) and tea leaves/coffee grounds in your cup will.

Nick Balaskas

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Right... Well, Dr. Randle, forgetting for a moment you make it
abundantly clear which side of the bullhorn you are on with
regard to the issue - and don't worry Sir, I'm sure you have
company, _if_ dwindling - I'd suggest you let the moderator do
the moderating and just grin and bear it.

With regard to my lack of appreciation for the Bush & Co.
apostasy?

What's to love?

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Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech -

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Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 10:00:50 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 10:57:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech -

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 14:28:32 +0100
>Subject: Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech

>But is anybody thinking how to use this type of energy/fuel to
>get us through this global energy bottleneck, which is driving
>global warming, oil crises and war, underdevelopment and
>poverty, etc?

No, because it is way too inefficient to produce and unless we have a natural source of anti-matter nearby (hopefully not likely) then it doesn't pay to produce anti-matter to power the energy grid. It only makes sense for rockets and bombs - well, that makes only a little sense.

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 14:47:13 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 11:00:43 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Hall

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 21:40:20 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 14:12:15 +0000
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 14:36:41 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>>>[Thanks to Martin Shough for the 300 ft. pole spacing value,
>>>citing the Marine G-2 report. I must admit my visual impression
>>>is substantially less than this.]

>>>You would be best advised to throw out that measurement. The
>>>Marine should have measured the distance or at least paced it
>>>off. Three hundred foot spacing for domestic powerline poles is
>>>nonsense. 125 to 150 feet is the norm.

>><snip>

>>>If you are going to use the power poles as a constant, then why
>>>not just ask someone at Pacific Gas Electric? They will have
>>>records. Find out the height while you are at it which is likely
>>>somewhere between 35-40 feet.

>>This is exactly one of my concerns as I watch the Heflin photo
>>analysts at work, often making lots of assumptions.

>Dick,

>Oh dear, and we were doing so well ;-) I believe you have this
>entirely and stunningly back to front.

>First, the sin is not in making assumptions; the sin is in
>failing to test assumptions and/or persisting in assumptions
>that fail when tested. And it is Don's assumptions which are at
>fault here, as I - imitating as best I can a "photo analyst at
>work" - shall prove in a moment by doing what you dislike and
>"making assumptions" that follow from Don's claim and then
>testing them.

Martin,

Once again, you misunderstand my point. The sin is not in making
assumptions but in making chains of assumptions (I gave the
parallel example of the Drake Equation) and sometimes engaging
in circular reasoning or assuming one's own conclusions without
being aware of it. Further, I expressed this simply as a concern
that I have (a quite legitimate one) and specifically exempted
you and the other current analysts from this point. You are
substituting assumption for hypothesis, which is fine. Of course

you test hypotheses; that's what they are for.

>Don tells us confidently how far apart the poles on Myford Rd in
>1965 must be, based on what he recalls as the "norm" for power
>poles, blithely assuming that estimates recorded by two earlier
>investigators on the spot at the time must, because they
>disagree with his "norm", be grossly in error by a factor of two
>or three. He "assumes" that SSgt Dolyak, Marine G-2 Inspector,
>did not "measure or pace out" the 300 ft distance as recorded
>in black and white on the photo overlays he prepared (along with
>several other measurements of the cab window, mirror, mirror
>bracket etc.).

I think he was expressing a reasonable doubt here.

He asks us to "assume", without any evidence but
>his "norm", that Dolyak must have dreamed up this figure (and
>presumably the others as well?) by - what? - sticking a wet
>finger in the wind, or tossing dice?

No, I don't think he does what you accuse him of at all. He has
legitimate doubts about it, and I tend to agree with him. Surely
he, like me, was simply expressing doubts or concerns that would
be subject to further verification by actual fact determination.

>You know that in any other context whatsoever you would fall
>on such an "assumption" like a ton of bricks.

His was not an 'assumption.' It was a legitimate doubt based on
personal knowledge and experience, and therefore deserving of
respect. He may prove to be wrong, but that doesn't
invalidate the legitimacy of expressing his doubts.

You could say that I am assuming that Heflin was totally honest.
I would prefer to label it a logical premise based on extensive
empirical investigation and fact-finding.

>There may be official records to help in this as Don says. There
>will be old NICAP records as well, I'm sure you'll remind us. So
>where is the NICAP report pinpointing this crucial error in the
>Marine G-2 investigation (or in Hartmann's)? Distance
>calibration via poles and lines and optical focus at known
>distances was much discussed by early analysts. Dolyak's
>measurements were those forwarded by Capt. Reichmuth and used as
>the basis of the Air Force evaluation that the object was a
>nearby fake. The Air Force evaluation was fiercely discussed and
>criticised by NICAP analysts. Dolyak's report was well known and
>discussed among early NICAP analysts. Where is the corrected
>distance calibration based on spotting the glaring >200% error
>in Dolyak's survey? This would be an interesting "record" to get
>hold of.

I agree thoroughly and hope someone reliable finds these
records, I haven't seen the files for 40 years, so there is
little that I can add on these points.

>There may be official records that will help us here if there
>are is no reliable NICAP source to cut the knot. Those on the
>spot in California will be well placed to search for them. But
>to denigrate the necessary process of trying out conjectures as
>"making a lot of assumptions" seems to me to be a stunning
>misconception of what is going on here, and of methodical
>reasoning in general.

Sorry, Martin, but this is a totally false characterization of
my remarks and I won't sit still and let you get away with it. I
did not denigrate the process you and others are undertaking. I
merely expressed some concerns based on past experience. Surely
you can understand the difference. I have a very good
understanding of scientific method. Having observed
misapplications of it re: UFOs for 50 years I also have a good
understanding of where well-meaning people often can go wrong.

You assume we know a lot of things with
>clarity. Methodical analysis too often shows that we don't
>actually know these things at all, but rather have assumed them.
>This is exactly the point you and Don should reflect on.

>Oh, and by the way, if you insist that Don is right whilst
>Dolyak/Hartmann were both grossly exaggerating the distance then
>you are forcing any distance calibration to produce the result

>that the object is much closer to the camera and much smaller.
>If you imagine this helps Heflin you are mistaken again.

Talk about stunning misconceptions. You probably didn't mean it that way, but your remark is quite insulting when you assume (there's that word again) that my reasoning is all intended to "help Heflin." It is designed to help establish the truth, pure and simple.

>>This is not directed at any one of the current analysts, but
>>over time I have more than once seen technically trained
>>analysts more or less assume their own conclusions. It's called
>>circular reasoning.

>I think we've heard of it. But is it possible that, unlike the
>rest of us, Dick is uniquely immune from succumbing to its
>seductions? Fortunately the above argument indicates that Dick
>is thankfully "one of us" and equally fallible :-)

Well, I have no idea what you are talking about here.

>>I agree with Don that the analysts should
>>publish (or at least write and make available) full reports when
>>they are done, for the historical record and for thorough peer
>>review.

>I agree 100%, and I think a complete historical case record
>should be assembled on-line, linked to the Blue Book documents,
>the Hartmann study, and all of the original NICAP work which
>needs to be assembled in one place for free access by future
>researchers.

>>By the way, one of the unspoken assumptions of the hoax
>>hypothesis is that Heflin was a liar and a fraud, deliberately
>>misled both authorities and the public at large for many years,
>>and pretty much laughed at everyone behind their backs in the
>>process. Since our very thorough investigation and that of the
>>authorities both found not the slightest evidence of a hoax and
>>in fact found him to be of highly reputable character, this
>>assumption is dubious on the face of it.

>There is nothing "unspoken" about assuming that if the case is
>a hoax then Heflin was a fraud, except in the sense that the
>blindingly obvious is rarely spelled out! But never mind that.
>If there were not some reasons to think Heflin's story plausible
>"on the face of it" we would not be having this discussion at
>all, so this also falls into the category of the blindingly
>obvious. To aver that the face value is the real value remains
>an assumption. What we want to do is test the face value of the
>coin by assay, which means treating assumptions as scientific
>conjectures. In fact there are still two possible assumptions
>untested: One is that he was a fraud, the other is that he was
>not. Both are not only reasonable assumptions but absolutely
>essential ones. "What if?" Try out both of them in any way you
>can think of. The survivor wins.

You can sure make mountains out of molehills. Maybe you should have been a geologist. ;-)

Not one of you has explicitly stated in discussing the hoax hypothesis what it implies about Heflin's honesty and character. That was all that I meant by saying that it was unspoken. But to say that fraud and non-fraud are equally reasonable, legitimate, valid, essential assumptions (choose your own word) flies in the face, as I noted above, of extensive empirical investigation and fact-finding.

They clearly are not equally valid or reasonable assumptions. The strong preponderance of evidence right now supports non-fraud. Now I did not say that the hoax hypothesis should not be considered at all or that it should be totally ruled out without further study, so please do not put those words in my mouth.

- Dick

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>I'm guessing that experiments were conducted using atom sized
>samples. I mean what would you put anti-matter in in order to
>keep it from doing it's "thing"?

1) Use a magnetic bottle

2) Place the antiparticles (i.e. anitihydrogen) within a crystal
NON-antiparticle lattice. Pretty clever way to store it using
natural molecular forces to keep them from blowing up, if it can
be practically done.

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Re: Anti-Matter Fuels Hope For Star Trek Tech -

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Unlike, say, solar energy, where we are literally being showered in free energy (free in that the sun is doing all the work), there are no natural reservoirs of bulk anti-matter for us to draw from. That means we have to manufacture it, and you can't extract more energy from it than it took to produce it. Its attraction for rocketeers (and weaponeers) is its extremely low mass and volume per unit of energy.

Mike

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Re: 3D Crop Circle - Anderson

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 09:28:12 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 16:43:47 -0400
Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle - Anderson

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 10:39:14 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle

>Sadly because, regardless of the technology used, whether
>prosaic or alien level, if it correlated to any technology
>attached to a Earth spacecraft, then this goes a long way to
>explain the phenomena and source.

Again though... this does not explain formations going back several decades and even centuries, cases of which have been found in several countries, including here in Canada (by myself and others). The Canadian ones are in the archives on the CCCRN web site (see also the report regarding the native Indian account mentioned in the book "Thirty Indian Legends of Canada" published in 1912) as another example. This phenomenon must be viewed in a historical context, even if there are a lot of man-made formations around these days.

Canadian Crop Circle Research Network
<http://www.cccrn.ca>

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the weblog of the canadian crop circle research network
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Re: Maybe They Were Too Busy To Look - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 17:55:55 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 16:47:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Maybe They Were Too Busy To Look - Dickenson

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Jun 2006 08:19:36 -0400
>Subject: Maybe They Were Too Busy To Look

>Source: The Toronto Star - Ontario, Canada

><http://tinyurl.com/kskys>

>Jun. 10, 2006
>Maybe They Were Too Busy To Look
>Waiting for contact from outer space
>Jay Ingram

<snip>

>Now, some skeptical voices are being heard. In the May/June
>issue of the Skeptical Inquirer, political scientist Peter
>Schenkel takes issue with the optimistic numbers yielded by the
>Drake equation. I don't buy his first argument, that if they
>were really out there, we should have found them by now. (It's
>an old question. The legendary physicist Enrico Fermi actually
>asked, "Why haven't we heard from them?" back in the 1940s.) But
>the search is really just beginning.

<snip>

>But others suggest that the reason we haven't been in contact
>with others is that they're simply not interested in us.
>Schenkel finds this unbelievable, claiming that any species that
>calls itself intelligent must also have that drive and curiosity
>that leads humans to explore the Earth, travel into space and
>listen for the signs of others. (We began sending our own
>messages in the form of music, speech and symbols on spacecraft
>at least 30 years ago.)

<snip>

Hello List,

Just re-reading Lee Smolin's 'The Life of the Cosmos' (great
read - a 'book of books') and he's pretty scathing about Fermi's
Paradox.

First on p. 205 - "We do not really know that some other
intelligent civilization would want to explore the galaxy." and
"... thoroughly enough to visit this particular solar system."

Then on p. 206 - "If one tries to work out the time scale for
galactic tourism (which some authors do) it seems to come out on
the order of a hundred million years. Thus, we can only be
assured by the argument that if other intelligent life exists in
the galaxy, they have been here at least once in the last few
hundred million years." ... "We can only assert that they have
not been here if we are confident that we have looked for all
possible messages that might be designed to last for a hundred
million years and not found them."

He goes on to speculate that among the ways of leaving such a

message would be to place it in the DNA of species thought able to survive that long.

On p. 207 - "... it is amusing to mention that there is a great deal of extra DNA in most species, that does not appear to play any biological role at all. ... one of the puzzles of molecular biology. ... even more curious is that the amount of extra DNA varies enormously from species to species without apparent cause."

ending with

"... the point is, that the possibility of messages left in this way deflates the argument for the non-existence of other intelligent life in the galaxy."

That's about as far as I've got but seem to recall that later in the book he opines that a really advanced civilization could be visiting and we wouldn't have to know anything about it (which agrees with Stewart & Cohen's "Evolving the Alien" 2002), and that they (the majority?) would most likely be robotic.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: 3D Crop Circle - Anderson

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 10:00:23 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 16:49:47 -0400
Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle - Anderson

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 09:43:16 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle

>Very observant Eleanor! Your deduction that a satellite or
>passing UFO could not have produced this 3-D formation leads one
>to the obvious conclusion that this latest crop circle must have
>been made by humans (or by many, fast-working ETs) on the ground
>moving in rectangular spiral paths using devices such as simple
>wooden boards with ropes attached. A satellite or UFO passing
>overhead would have quickly scanned-in this 3-D formation one
>line at a time much like images are produced on a TV rather than
>the more primitive and laborious technique on the ground
>described above - which does also produce the "woven" pattern
>noted in this 3-D formation.

Re. the "weaving" I had already noted, a general pattern could
be traced by a satellite perhaps, but not complex weaving and
layering, which I've even seen, to an extent, in some of the
formations here in 10-foot tall cattle corn.

There is a closer shot now of the "weaving" in this formation
(about halfway down the page):

<http://tinyurl.com/mh9tc>

While some other formations have had more complex weaving
patterns, the "basket" from 1999 in particular for example, I
still don't see satellites doing this.

See also this recent formation with many raised bunches of crop
within each of the two circles:

<http://tinyurl.com/k2ydy>

If anything, I could more easily see people doing this than
satellites.

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Allen

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 18:13:41 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 16:54:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Allen

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Sent: Monday, July 17, 2006 2:21 PM
>Subject: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>Source: CBS4-TV, Denver, Colorado
>http://cbs4denver.com/topstories/local_story_197173551.html

>Jul 16, 2006

>UFO Symposium Speaker Shares His Family Secret

>(CBS4) DENVER A man who says he saw wreckage from an extra-
>terrestrial aircraft and is writing a book on UFOs spoke
>with CBS4 on Sunday about this weekend's UFO Symposium.

>Many years ago Jesse Marcel, Jr. said his father worked for
>the Air Force and was told to go clean up debris near Roswell,
>N.M. On his way back to the base he stopped at home to let his
>son look at the strange pieces of an aircraft.

<snip>

>"When he came back the next day from Fort Worth he sat my
>mother and myself down and said, 'Don't ever talk about this
>again,'" Marcel said.

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Despite this warning, Jesse Marcel jr seems to have made a habit
of talking about this story over & over again for nearly 3
decades. Why?

CDA

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 11:15:28 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 17:00:15 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Tarbell

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 23:51:30 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 12:35:39 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>In any case, the estimates of maximum range for the UFO I cited in
>>my reply to David were based on extinction derived from the 1 mi.
>>visibility estimate, and they remain unaffected.

>>It turns out the cognizant utility company in this case is Southern
>>California Edison rather than PG&E. Their customer service agent
>>has recommended contacting their planning office, which I will do
>>Monday.

>Good for you Mike, speaking as an alien (the terrestrial kind) I
>really hope you can get this info for us - then we may indeed be
>"well informed". But if you do get an actual plan of the Myford Rd
>poles in 1965 I'd bet the distance shown is much greater than Don's
>125-150 ft (at least the ~200 ft mapped by Hartmann and probably
>more) - and I'd also bet the pole heights are much less than 40 ft
>(probably near 30 ft). If the figures are close to those Don suggests
>then someone needs to explain how the angular FOV of the Polaroid 101
>can be approaching 100 degrees wide, and how either Heflin's location
>(distance from the freeway) was very grossly mistaken by all early
>investigators and by Heflin himself and/or how there can have been a
>convoy of double-length cars on the freeway at the time (to accent
>one grotesque discrepancy just for the sake of illustration).

Will be checking with SCE later this morning, but looking over
the topo first to get my ducks in a row. Keep your expectations
low as far as the depth of info I will get (if any), at least
initially.

In regard to Don's argument about pole spacing (and your more
detailed discussion of it in your reply to Richard Hall), I
cannot easily dismiss his points, which do have a ring of
engineering common sense. A heavy gauge conducting wire spanning
300 ft. would be under enormous tension, and the wind loading in
that vicinity (the well-known Santa Ana winds) can occasionally
be very substantial.

Another possible visual clue in the image is the "tightness" of
the catenary formed by the hanging wire, just barely visible
between the unseen pole and pole #1, which again would require
huge tension over such a span if the wire mass were significant.

Probably my greatest obstacle in accepting a figure like 300 ft.
is the intuitive disconnect I get viewing the image. Supposing
the poles are 30 ft. tall, can you imagine laying ten of them
lengthwise between poles? It just doesn't seem to fit, but I
can't rule out that some optical illusion is in effect.

Although it was satisfying to find that the extinction value

based on 300 ft. spacing was a good match to the visibility-based value, I'm finding anything larger than 200 ft. pretty hard to swallow. As others have pointed out, it is astonishing that such uncertainty still remains over such a fundamental parameter.

Mike

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 14:24:13 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 17:16:02 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Ledger

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 21:40:20 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 14:12:15 +0000
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 14:36:41 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>You would be best advised to throw out that measurement.
>>>The Marine should have measured the distance or at least
>>>paced it off. Three hundred foot spacing for domestic
>>>powerline poles is nonsense. 125 to 150 feet is the norm.

>><snip>

>>>If you are going to use the power poles as a constant,
>>>then why not just ask someone at Pacific Gas Electric?
>>>They will have records. Find out the height while you are
>>>at it which is likely somewhere between 35-40 feet.

>>This is exactly one of my concerns as I watch the Heflin
>>photo analysts at work, often making lots of assumptions.

>Oh dear, and we were doing so well ;-) I believe you have this
>entirely and stunningly back to front.

>First, the sin is not in making assumptions; the sin is in
>failing to test assumptions and/or persisting in assumptions
>that fail when tested. And it is Don's assumptions which are
>at fault here, as I - imitating as best I can a "photo analyst
>at work" - shall prove in a moment by doing what you dislike
>and "making assumptions" that follow from Don's claim and then
>testing them.

I'm not assuming anything, Martin. It's common practice. It's
straight engineering. The 40 foot poles would be used where the
poles were further apart at close to 200 feet, at best. The
lines start sagging from the time of installation. And it
doesn't much matter whether they are phone lines or power lines,
but the latter are more critical. If there were phone lines they
would be down at least 1/3rd of the way from the top and tied to
a "messenger" line. This is a heavy gauge, galvanized steel line
run from pole to pole to attach the phone lines to because the
phone lines will sag as well. Being further down the pole they
would sag closer to the ground, hence the tightly drawn or
tensioned messenger line which the phone lines are fixed to all
the way along.

>Don tells us confidently how far apart the poles on Myford Rd
>in 1965 must be, based on what he recalls as the "norm" for
>power poles, blithely assuming that estimates recorded by two
>earlier investigators on the spot at the time must, because

>they disagree with his "norm", be grossly in error by a factor
>of two or three. He "assumes" that SSgt Dolyak, Marine G-2
>Inspector, did not "measure or pace out" the 300 ft distance
>as recorded in black and white on the photo overlays he
>prepared (along with several other measurements of the cab
>window, mirror, mirror bracket etc.). He asks us to "assume",
>without any evidence but his "norm", that Dolyak must have
>dreamed up this figure (and presumably the others as well?) by
>- what? - sticking a wet finger in the wind, or tossing dice?

Fine , don't take my word for it. Check it out. Those values
would not be lost in some musty archive. they will probably
apply pretty closely today. I was the lineman, Dolyak a Marine
G-2 Inspector.

>You know that in any other context whatsoever you would fall
>on such an "assumption" like a ton of bricks.

>You also know (or should know) that these poles have been
>identified by all past investigators not as dedicated power
>poles but as telephone poles, which may be one reason that
>Don's "norm" for power pole spacing conflicts dramatically
>with what investigators have estimated on the spot. There may
>be others. Norms are by definition merely normative, not
>exclusive of all exceptions.

Doesn't matter what they are carrying, the lines still sag. Even
though the phone lines run/ran at about 35 volts DC the ring
impulse exceeded 90 volts DC and it was even higher over the
longer stretch due to line loss read resistance. The telephone
companies didn't want their lines killing anyone or anyone
damaging their lines.

>But maybe this is not an expectation? Maybe. So let's test it.
>Let's look at Don's "norm". A 40 ft pole at 125 ft

40 feet at 150 -175 feet would be more like it. There's no need
to string 125 feet of line on a 40 foot pole. But I believe I
mentioned 35 feet and the cross trees at times are 8 feet lower
than the top of the pole. Often the primary is run from the very
top of the pole on it's own insulator.

>from the
>camera subtends $TAN\ 40/125 = \sim 18$ degs. What does this do to
>the angular scale of the photo? Well it means that the lateral
>FOV must be a minimum (since the JSE images are said by
>Viktor to be cropped) of about 96 degs! This is already
>proposterous. It is well over twice the angular scale of the
>scene as measured by Hartmann, Evers and Grey using Polaroid
>101s and on-the-spot surveys, and apart from that would
>probably introduce visible distortion. It would make nonsense
>of NICAP claims that the UFO angular scale is consistent with
>Heflin's reported visual estimates of the UFO size and
>distance. It would also make all the cars on the freeway well
>over 30 ft long! (A convoy of stretch limos maybe.) Still want
>to back Don's "assumption"?

>Don suggests looking for contemporary records. Great idea!
>Well we have records, from the Marine G-2 investigation, and
>from Hartmann, both on-the-spot. But oh dear - these
>investigators' estimates also disagree with one another. So
>what do we do? Throw them out completely, as Don suggests,
>"assume" his norm, and "assume" that Dolyak's on-the-spot
>survey was in error by as much as 240%? - that Hartmann's
>scale map drawn from investigation on-the-spot was also in
>error in the same direction as Dolyak by as much as 165 % ?
>What theory do you have to account for these extraordinary
>inaccuracies?

Your own eyes should tell you that these poles are not 300 feet
apart. And they are not going to be 300 feet apart, nor probably
200 feet apart-my guess is 150 but that's aguess. I'm not trying
to rain on your parade, Martin, but there are engineering
standards in the stringing of power and telecommunication lines
that apply and must be abided by. I'm not making this stuff up.
>You see, we do have to have a theory, don't we? If merely
>"throwing out" investigative records on the basis of a
>possibly- misapplied "norm" seems realistic to you then I
>would have to doubt your grasp of evidential reasoning. No, we
>need to investigate why these records and "norms" disagree
>with one another. This is what the photo analysis is for!

>There may be official records to help in this as Don says.
>There will be old NICAP records as well, I'm sure you'll
>remind us.

You don't need NICAP records or Marine records, just get someone in that locale to go to the local PG&E or CE office and ask for someone in the engineering department. There will be handbooks and guidelines for that time period, possibly records for that road.

>So where is the NICAP report pinpointing this crucial error in
>the Marine G-2 investigation (or in Hartmann's)? Distance
>calibration via poles and lines and optical focus at known
>distances was much discussed by early analysts. Dolyak's
>measurements were those forwarded by Capt. Reichmuth and used
>as the basis of the Air Force evaluation that the object was a
>nearby fake. The Air Force evaluation was fiercely discussed
>and criticised by NICAP analysts. Dolyak's report was well
>known and discussed among early NICAP analysts. Where is the
>corrected distance callibration based on spotting the glaring
>>200% error in Dolyak's survey? This would be an interesting
>"record" to get hold of.

>There may be official records that will help us here if there
>are is no reliable NICAP source to cut the knot. Those on the
>spot in California will be well placed to search for them.
>But to denigrate the necessary process of trying out
>conjectures as "making a lot of assumptions" seems to me to be
>a stunning misconception of what is going on here, and of
>methodical reasoning in general. You assume we know a lot of
>things with clarity. Methodical analysis too often shows that
>we don't actually know these things at all, but rather have
>assumed them. This is exactly the point you and Don should
>reflect on.

>Oh, and by the way, if you insist that Don is right whilst
>Dolyak/Hartmann were both grossly exaggerating the distance
>then you are forcing any distance callibration to produce the
>result that the object is much closer to the camera and much
>smaller. If you imagine this helps Heflin you are mistaken
>again.

For my part, I was trying to help you and Dave and Tim, not Heflin. That's the whole idea here isn't it.

>>Which brings to mind the Drake Equation. You can make
>>assumption after assumption after assumption, but unless
>>your reasoning is grounded in established fact you are at
>>serious risk of, falsely, concluding just about anything.

>"I refer the honorable gentleman to the answer I gave a moment
>ago" (in-joke for old Hansard buffs)

>>This is not directed at any one of the current analysts, but
>>over time I have more than once seen technically trained
>>analysts more or less assume their own conclusions. It's
>>called circular reasoning.

>I think we've heard of it. But is it possible that, unlike the
>rest of us, Dick is uniquely immune from succumbing to its
>seductions? Fortunately the above argument indicates that Dick
>is thankfully "one of us" and equally fallible :-)

>>I agree with Don that the analysts should publish (or at
>>least write and make available) full reports when they are
>>done, for the historical record and for thorough peer review.

>I agree 100%, and I think a complete historical case record
>should be assembled on-line, linked to the Blue Book
>documents, the Hartmann study, and all of the original NICAP
>work which needs to be assembled in one place for free access
>by future researchers.

Well at least something is agreed upon. That's 4 so far for that request.

Don Ledger

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Secrecy News -- 07/17/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 13:48:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 17:24:56 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/17/06

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FORMER STATE OFFICIAL KEYSER REBUTS ESPIONAGE ALLEGATIONS

Former State Department China expert Donald Keyser last week firmly disputed allegations that he had engaged in espionage on behalf of Taiwanese intelligence.

"Mr. Keyser denies that he was ever an agent of Taiwan's intelligence agency," his attorneys said in a statement. They further denied that he had failed to comply with the terms of his plea agreement, as the government asserted earlier this month (Secrecy News, 07/14/06).

"Mr. Keyser disclosed no classified information to [Taiwanese intelligence official] Ms. Cheng or her superior, Mr. Huang, and his communications were all in furtherance of U.S. Government interests, even if he was answering questions that Ms. Cheng asked him," according to a July 14 motion filed by the defense.

The defense argued in its latest pleading that the government was improperly using the Classified Information Procedures Act to withhold vital information from the defense.

The new defense motion features a supporting declaration by Kent Harrington, a former CIA officer (and public affairs official), who warned the court against relying on isolated, unanalyzed scraps of foreign intelligence information such as Chinese government communications to draw legal conclusions about the Keyser case.

"When we acquire the communications of any foreign government agency..., there is a tendency to assume that the contents are unvarnished facts, but experience tells us otherwise," Mr. Harrington wrote.

"Such communications are just as prone as other forms of intelligence to manipulation and can also contain false or exaggerated statements designed to advance the career or the bureaucratic position of the author," he wrote.

See the July 14, 2006 defense pleading in the Keyser case, with

the attached Harrington declaration, here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/ops/ci/keyser071406.pdf>

Time Magazine reported on Saturday that Mr. Keyser's wife, a CIA officer detailed to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, was aware that Mr. Keyser had improperly stored classified records at home and had also done so herself.

See "A Steamy Spy Scandal at the State Department," Time, July 15:

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1214911,00.html>

The government allegations cited in the Time story are grossly misleading, Mr. Keyser emailed friends over the weekend. The Time story, he said, "lacks only a nocturnal descent of alien spacecraft, a documented Elvis sighting, and a cameo performance by Michael Jackson to qualify for enshrinement in The National Enquirer hall of fame."

See "Official at Center of Taiwanese Spying Probe Cries Foul" by Josh Gerstein, New York Sun, July 17:

<http://www.nysun.com/article/36134>

The Keyser case is before Judge T.S. Ellis, III, who also presides over the controversial case of two former officials of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee who are accused of improperly receiving and transmitting classified information. The trial in that case, which had been set for August 7, has been postponed until a new date which is to be set by the court on July 18.

CIA REPORT ON TERRORIST RECRUITMENT (2002)

A 2002 report prepared by the CIA Counterterrorist Center discusses how terrorists recruit members in prisons such as Guantanamo Bay.

"Terrorists groups, including al-Qa'ida, use incarcerated members to recruit and train new members, and in some cases run terrorist organizations and manage or facilitate terrorist attacks."

The classified CIA report was previously published on the web site The Smoking Gun (www.thesmokinggun.com).

See "Terrorists: Recruiting and Operating Behind Bars," CIA Counterterrorism Center, August 20, 2002:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/cia/product/ctc082002.pdf>

The last page of the document provides an extensive list of sources which are numbered -- "but the numbers aren't keyed to the text," noticed former CIA analyst Allen Thomson.

He recalled being puzzled by this practice more than two decades ago, and investigating the matter at the time.

"The list of sources wasn't kept for reasons of documenting the reasoning that went into publications," Mr. Thomson explained. "It was solely a security requirement so that, should somebody think that information had been published at too low a level of classification, the matter could be checked. Curiously, there was no master copy with the sources keyed to the text to aid in such security checking, so I suspect that checking was seldom done, if ever."

DOD DOCTRINE ON OPERATIONS SECURITY

"Operations security" (OPSEC) refers to the practice of identifying and controlling information that could be exploited by a hostile observer to discern intelligence about U.S. operations.

"OPSEC is a methodology that denies critical information to an adversary," according to a new Defense Department publication on the subject.

"Unlike security programs that seek to protect classified information, OPSEC measures identify, control, and protect generally unclassified evidence that is associated with sensitive operations and activities."

See "Operations Security," Joint Publication 3-13.3, June 29, 2006:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3_13_3.pdf

ODNI CASTS A WIDE NET TO HIRE STAFF

Many U.S. intelligence agencies as well as the congressional intelligence oversight committees hire their senior staff from a predictable, somewhat in-grown pool of personnel, which frequently includes those who have previously worked in the intelligence field since they can be immediately cleared.

But the Office of the Director of National Intelligence seems to be casting an unusually wide net as it seeks the best qualified staff it can find in academia and the public interest sector.

Historian Nancy Bernkopf Tucker, a China specialist at Georgetown University, became an Assistant Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Analytic Integrity in January 2006, and was appointed last month as the first ODNI "analytic ombudsman." (She also previously served in the State Department.)

In her new capacity, Dr. Tucker will be "a fact finder, mediator, and facilitator for intelligence analysts who desire to raise concerns regarding timeliness, politicization and objectivity in intelligence analysis without fear of reprisal," according to a June 16 ODNI news release.

Even more remarkably, Timothy H. Edgar, a prominent critic of Bush Administration national security policies with the American Civil Liberties Union, has joined the ODNI staff.

"I have recently taken a job as deputy to Alex Joel, the Civil Liberties Protection Officer in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence," he wrote in an email message to former colleagues last week.

"This was a position that Congress mandated in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and it reports directly to the DNI."

"The new job is challenging and I am looking forward to continuing to defend civil liberties within the government," Mr. Edgar wrote.

ANDORRA RATIFIES NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY

The tiny Western European nation of Andorra has become the latest country to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

On July 12, it became the 134th country to do so, according to a news release today from the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization in Vienna:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2006/07/ctbto071706.html>

On the same day, Armenia became the 133rd country to ratify the Treaty. The United States has not ratified it.

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Re: Enduring Still - Woods

From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 14:13:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 17:26:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Enduring Still - Woods

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 12:42:11 -0500
>Subject: Enduring Still

>This is a tribute to John Velez. I hope it is well received.

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><http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/2006/07/enduring-still.html>

Thank you, Alfred for saying outloud what those of us who know John think. I'd feel safer with him as a neighbor, up here in the Frozen North. And woe be the sorry fool who'd try anything against both of us in a dark alley.

Well spoken, sir, but what else would I expect from the Poet Laureate of Ufology?

Mike Woods

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 21:06:02 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 17:28:38 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 21:10:13 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 14 Jul 2006 14:36:41 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 10:19:42 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>>>[Thanks to Martin Shough for the 300 ft. pole spacing value,
>>>citing the Marine G-2 report. I must admit my visual impression
>>>is substantially less than this.]

>>You would be best advised to throw out that measurement. The
>>Marine should have measured the distance or at least paced it
>>off. Three hundred foot spacing for domestic powerline poles is
>>nonsense. 125 to 150 feet is the norm. There's a reason for this
>>spacing and that's the ability of the wire to sustain its own
>>weight over a distance while factoring in wind resistance snow
>>and ice loads [the last two not applicable here] grime
>>accumulation associated with moisture hardening on the
>>insulation and the aging of the insulative coating leading to
>>the wire's core deterioration or even tree branches slapping
>>against them or the whole tree falling across them for that
>>matter. The greater the spacing [as much as the power utility
>>would love to cut the numbers back to save money] the more
>>inevitable the likelihood of line failure. Greater spacing leads
>>to excessive line stretching. Additionally there is the pole's
>>ability to handle these lateral loads given the height, diameter
>>and make-up of the pole [cedar, douglas fir, concrete, steel,
>>aluminum etc.].

>>If you are going to use the power poles as a constant, then why
>>not just ask someone at Pacific Gas Electric? They will have
>>records. Find out the height while you are at it which is likely
>>somewhere between 35-40 feet.

>Don,

>I agree that 300 feet is much too much. Hartmann's map in the
>Condon Report had a pole spacing of about 220 feet. Pole height
>was placed at about 30 feet. Currently with my 3D ray- tracing
>reconstruction, I'm getting very good matches between
>reconstructed scenes and the photos with a 200 foot pole spacing
>and poles 31 feet high.

David

I got 206 ft for Hartmann's map originally which would be closer
to your reconstruction. But I checked my measurement and find
that I agree with your figure of 220 ft as an average over the

four poles shown, 10% greater than your best fit. But if Hartmann's map was based on a rough survey then an error of 10% is probably acceptable.

Even with a discrepancy reduced to 80 ft, Dolyak's 300 ft would remain an extraordinary mistake, given that he was clearly alive to the importance of measurement for photogrammetric purposes and annotated his overlays with this in mind. This is not really satisfactory. However 220 ft seems consistent with likely pole height and best evidence (so far) of angular scale.

To follow up my preliminary remarks on Don's much smaller spacing norm yesterday, here (pending actual experimental camera results and/or official records) are some more accurate limiting constructions for pole heights at different ranges in the JSE images at three different reported angular scales:

To be consistent with a print FOV of ~ 41 x 32 degs (from Hartmann's estimated angular scale) the approximate ht of the 1st pole (~8.6 degs) must be

r = 125 ft, ht = ~18 ft
r = 150 ft, ht = ~22 ft
r = 200 ft, ht = ~30 ft
r = 300 ft, ht = ~45 ft

To be consistent with a print FOV of ~30 x 23 degs (Viktor Gubolik's estimated angular scale) the approx ht (~6.3 degs) must be

r = 125 ft, ht = ~ 14 ft
r = 150 ft, ht = ~ 17 ft
r = 200 ft, ht = ~ 22 ft
r = 300 ft, ht = ~ 33 ft

To be consistent with a print FOV of ~ 44 x 34 degs (the Grey-Evers NICAP angular scale according to Rankow) the approx ht (~ 9.1 degs) must be

r = 125 ft, ht = ~ 20 ft
r = 150 ft, ht = ~ 24 ft
r = 200 ft, ht = ~ 32 ft
r = 300 ft, ht = ~ 48 ft

In all three cases the results seem inconsistent with Don's figures for normal power pole spacing and height. His 35 - 40 ft pole would in fact only be consistent with spacings in the extreme region (approaching 300 ft) that he tells us is impossible. This perhaps confirms earlier reports that the poles are phone poles.

Martin Shough

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Re: 3D Crop Circle - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 16:06:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 17:30:19 -0400
Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle - White

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 09:43:16 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle

<snip>

>>Which can't weave wheat stalks anyway. Wilt them in random
>>directions, maybe, but not in a tight, woven, uniform pattern.

>Very observant Eleanor! Your deduction that a satellite or
>passing UFO could not have produced this 3-D formation leads one
>to the obvious conclusion that this latest crop circle must have
>been made by humans (or by many, fast-working ETs) on the ground
>moving in rectangular spiral paths using devices such as simple
>wooden boards with ropes attached.

That's 180 degrees from the way I see it. The complexity,
accuracy, and size, and the fact that these glyphs appear over
one night, with no foot damage, tell me it is technology at the
same sophistication level as the reported UFO incidents.

To say that large areas could be woven by humans in one night,
so perfectly, without stumbling all over their creation, is not
practical or possible, in my view.

Your suggestion above seems to imply, or at least I infer, that
you consider all laws of physics to be known at this time. I
suggest that too, is not true, based both on UFO reports and my
own advanced technology experiences.

Eleanor White

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Re: Enduring Still - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 17:09:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 17:34:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Enduring Still - Velez

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 12:42:11 -0500
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Oh Alfred, you silver-tongued devil! You got me man, I wept like like a school-girl. Actually, that little pat on the back couldn't have arrived at a more propitious time. Due to a painful family crisis, I have been at an all-time emotional low of late. Your very kind and generous words opened my heart and gave me a little hope - for myself.

If I may. I want to take this opportunity to publicly declare my unabashed, non-sexual, man-love for the following individuals;

Errol Bruce-Knapp, Greg Sandow, Mike Woods (Woodsie) Dick Hall, Dave Furlotte, (#1 Papa Bubba down South a-ways,) ('Voctor', who we all miss,) and last, but certainly not least, my compadre and fellow mote/traveller in space/time, Alfred Lehmborg.

Forgive me for leaving some names out, I didn't want to get too crazy with the list. All are intelligent, decent, human beings who I deeply respect. I should also mention that I am as proud of the enemies I have made along the way, as I am of the friends. It takes both, friends and enemies, to truly and honestly define a man. Never wanted to be seen any other way.

I stand by all I have reported publicly. I have never lied about or embellished any of what I have shared with you all regarding my own UFO sightings and experiences. Take it for whatever it may be worth to you. I only cared about sharing the news that we are not alone in the Universe, or, more specifically, right here on terra-firma.

Warmest regards to all my old List-buddies,

John Velez
Abductee

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - McNatt

From: **Rand McNatt** <randmcnatt.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 14:30:14 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 17:45:22 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - McNatt

>From: Ann Druffel <Anndruffel.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 19:14:18 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 18:31:20 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 17:46:59 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Ledger

>From: Dr. Fred Bell <fredbell.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 10:31:33 -0700 (Pacific Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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Sure, Dr. Bell,

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Perhaps you could shoot some digital photos. Seems to me that Tim Shell was in that area and that it's now built up with high trees and large buildings.

Good luck.

Don Ledger

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 17:15:23 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 05:38:16 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shell

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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I was in the wrong spot, though. The Myford Road I was on was
renamed from the old Myford Road, which is now a pretty busy
road of some sort with multiple lanes, the telephone poles now
long gone. Here's an aerial/satellite photo of the location:

<http://img152.imageshack.us/img152/4853/myford7ee.jpg>

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 19:02:42 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 05:45:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 18:13:41 +0100
>Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Sent: Monday, July 17, 2006 2:21 PM
>>Subject: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>Source: CBS4-TV, Denver, Colorado

>>http://cbs4denver.com/topstories/local_story_197173551.html

>>Jul 16, 2006

>>UFO Symposium Speaker Shares His Family Secret

>>(CBS4) DENVER A man who says he saw wreckage from an extra-
>>terrestrial aircraft and is writing a book on UFOs spoke with
>>CBS4 on Sunday about this weekend's UFO Symposium.

>>Many years ago Jesse Marcel, Jr. said his father worked for
>>the Air Force and was told to go clean up debris near Roswell,
>>N.M. On his way back to the base he stopped at home
>>to let his son look at the strange pieces of an aircraft.

>><snip>

>>"When he came back the next day from Fort Worth he sat my
>>mother and myself down and said, 'Don't ever talk about this
>>again,'" Marcel said.

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>>habit of talking about this story over & over again for nearly
>>3 decades. Why?

Probably just to annoy you. He's a whistleblower and there was
no risk to his father. Besides, why not? Do you find it highly
suspicious?

Don

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 22:29:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 05:47:49 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Hall

>From: Rand McNatt <randmcnatt.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 14:30:14 -0700 (PDT)
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The short answer is no. As an author and editor I am pretty
familiar with copyright laws and practices. In the first place
the photo is were given freely to the newspaper and no copyright
was applied for. Once you give something away and it is widely
reproduced, copyright is pretty wellI an oxymoron.

I don't mean to insult your intelligence if you already know
this, but copyrights don't happen automatically by themselves;
you have to apply for them and register tham at the Library of
Congress Copyright Office. This did not happen, nor would it be
likely to occur to a county government.

- Dick

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 23:54:10 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 05:48:51 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Rimmer

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 18:31:20 -0300
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John Rimmer

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Re: 3D Crop Circle - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 19:03:04 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 05:49:53 -0400
Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle - Balaskas

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 16:06:32 -0400
>Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 09:43:16 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle

<snip>

>>>Which can't weave wheat stalks anyway. Wilt them in random
>>>directions, maybe, but not in a tight, woven, uniform pattern.

>>Very observant Eleanor! Your deduction that a satellite or
>>passing UFO could not have produced this 3-D formation leads one
>>to the obvious conclusion that this latest crop circle must have
>>been made by humans (or by many, fast-working ETs) on the ground
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>To say that large areas could be woven by humans in one night,
>so perfectly, without stumbling all over their creation, is not
>practical or possible, in my view.

Hello Eleanor!

Last Saturday I walked to the Academy of Realist Art near my home in Toronto with an artist friend who was visiting me from London, Ontario. I was shown 2-D images of hand drawn or painted on paper, canvas and boards that I could swear were 3-D objects floating in space! The incredible accuracy and the realistic details of these creations would put any ET crop circle artist to shame, if it is indeed ETs that made some of them.

>From my experiences living in Canada and travels around the world I have seen massive sand castles, enormous ice sculptures, widespread street art, football field paintings, etc. just to name a few large works of art that actually did take less than a day to complete - with no evidence of any foot damage either and with more attention to detail too! You have underestimated what humans can do and their ingenuity or technology that they have at their disposal.

Maybe we now have the answer to crop circles - the suspected ET artists are us!

With GPS technology and the ability to follow a pattern, even kids can create beautifully detailed designs in fields that are many acres in area in less time than those suspected ET artists can. Just because the first person to discover a newly formed crop circle never noticed it there before does not justify your assumption that it must have been formed overnight. If we allow

more time, much bigger and more detailed formations can easily be created by humans. There are such man-made crop formations near you that were created without anyone noticing them (most are flat at ground level and can really only be seen from the air) other than the farmer or the owner of the field that commissioned it from Earth companies such as MazePlay.com.

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>you consider all laws of physics to be known at this time. I
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>own advanced technology experiences.

Unlike my arrogant scientist friends who do consider that we already know everything and just have to work out the details to be able to explain things such as UFOs, I realize that we humans, arrogant scientists included, are trapped in a world of 3-dimensions of space and one dimension of time where we are also restricted to what we can detect with our five senses. Within these limitations, science does speak with knowledge and authority but if our universe is much vaster as theoretical scientists and theologians suggest, then we really don't know much about anything.

That said, I think it is safe to say with a high degree of certainty that because a direct connection between UFOs and crop circles has not been established (not that some are not trying hard to convince us otherwise), arguing that even one could have been made by ETs or some non-human intelligence is wishful thinking at this stage and only makes one seem foolish.

So far no one took me up on my earlier offer to send them photos of that high altitude microwave powered flying saucer shaped aircraft (attachments are not permitted in e-mails to the UFO UpDates list) that was designed, built and test flown in and around Toronto for the purpose of surveillance or spying on us.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: 3D Crop Circle - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 00:07:53 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 05:50:59 -0400
Subject: Re: 3D Crop Circle - Dickenson

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Hey Nick,

don't forget Clarke's 1st (& 3rd) Laws.

Our present science tells us what we can do just now.

It can't tell us what others can do, with other science.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Maybe They Were Too Busy To Look - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 01:05:09 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 05:53:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Maybe They Were Too Busy To Look - Dickenson

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 17:55:55 +0100
>Subject: Re: Maybe They Were Too Busy To Look

<snip>

>That's about as far as I've got but seem to recall that later in
>the book he opines that a really advanced civilization could be
>visiting and we wouldn't have to know anything about it (which
>agrees with Stewart & Cohen's "Evolving the Alien" 2002), and
>that they (the majority?) would most likely be robotic.

Sorry to call back so soon.

It's just that reading of things like Filiberto Caponi's
experiences (1993) has just reminded that we can be fooled by
our incapacibilities.

Those, and many South American reports, seem to indicate the use
of maybe engineered sub-species as 'expendable' agents in place
of robots.

Just because we can't do it - doesn't mean others can't, or
won't.

Cheers

Ray D

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UFO: The Greatest Story Ever Denied

From: Robert Whitehead <robwhiteheaduk.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 00:10:17 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 05:55:31 -0400
Subject: UFO: The Greatest Story Ever Denied

All

The contractual and technical issues which have delayed the release of Jose Escamilla's new movie UFO: The Greatest Story Ever Denied are near to resolution.

In the meantime, take a look at these new clips/trailers:

<http://www.theufomovie.com/clips.html>

Rob Whitehead
on behalf of LAPIS

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 23:31:20 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 06:02:35 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Kimball

>From: Ann Druffel <Anndruffel.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 19:14:18 -0400
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Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 10:05:43 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 06:04:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Bourdais

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 18:13:41 +0100
>Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Date: Monday, July 17, 2006 2:21 PM
>>Subject: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>Source: CBS4-TV, Denver, Colorado
>>http://cbs4denver.com/topstories/local_story_197173551.html

>>Jul 16, 2006

>>UFO Symposium Speaker Shares His Family Secret

>>(CBS4) DENVER A man who says he saw wreckage from an extra-
>>terrestrial aircraft and is writing a book on UFOs spoke
>>with CBS4 on Sunday about this weekend's UFO Symposium.

>>Many years ago Jesse Marcel, Jr. said his father worked for
>>the Air Force and was told to go clean up debris near Roswell,
>>N.M. On his way back to the base he stopped at home to let his
>>son look at the strange pieces of an aircraft.

>><snip>

>>"When he came back the next day from Fort Worth he sat my
>>mother and myself down and said, 'Don't ever talk about this
>>again,'" Marcel said.

>>Despite this warning, Jesse Marcel jr seems to have made a habit
>>of talking about this story over & over again for nearly 3
>>decades. Why?

In case you have forgotten... his father talked about it.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 10:36:03 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 07:01:49 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Hall

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 23:54:10 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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John,

No, just have a pint of Guinness, sit back in your arm chair,
and think about it.

Just imagine; we are talking about a real case which, if valid,
is of extraordinary significance rather than about off-the-wall
mass psychology theories (if they can be dignified as such).

- Dick

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Paul,

This is a cheap shot and entirely uncalled for. Ann Druffel is a very responsible person and has stated good reasons why they cannot comply with requests for copies of the originals at this time.

Further, she has made it plain that copies will be made available to qualified researchers once their article is published. What more can any reasonable person expect?

Furthermore, Ann is not a representative of any government, so that analogy makes no sense.

And finally, since she owns the rights to the photos, she is under no obligation whatsoever to satisfy the random and fickle curiosity of the masses. She and her colleagues are in the midst of a serious, scientific analysis that will be published and peer reviewed. They are acting scientifically and deserve respect for their efforts.

- Dick

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 06:15:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 07:46:09 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Lehmborg

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Great suffering and most baragrugous ZOT! Do wildly divergent
paradigms intersect in some kind of twilight zone of random
propensity for efficacious potentiality?!?

I'm beside myself <looks to the side>Yep! There I am!
Astonished... forgetting encouraged, appreciating, and
preferring.

This is a grasp at a straw I know but it somehow transcends
concerns invested in worrying whether or not the idiosyncratic
credit gained will be squandered eventually, you know? Is there
agreement? Is there consensus? Is it to be a bridge or a couple
of disjunctive piers?

Isn't there usually a synergy of some type probable with a
bridge... uh, before one or the other starts trying to
establish psychological real estate or prosecute advantage,
own it.

Perhaps we will be spared when, as I have been saying,
motivations are examined and we begin to perceive the flurry of
interest of late, as I do, largely as the concerted activity of
"some persons" to fallaciously dismiss in *microcosm* for the
express _purpose_ of invalidating the Ufological macrocosm.
Suspensions regretfully arise as you know they must.

So... Forget these single witness "is the picture a fake or not"
exercises where parsing and dicing the already re-hashed hash of
minimally available evidence removes any 'life' at all from what
cannot ever convince anyone anyway... who shall not be
convinced.

Rather, investigate what is going to have some meat on its
para-normal bones, friend... which is then laid out in graphs
and timelines, dots connected with non-stretched citations of
vetted, on the scene, first-person-interviewed recorded
history... a validated history made up of facts and figures and
descriptions of real- property loss used in support of another
(if inexplicable!) contentions, so always closer to the truth
... As we all know, the best lies are supported by the most
truth... not to mention human lives lost in unreported "lurid
duels of death" involved in non-admitted battles with an other

not of this earth as we understand it?

Could that have remotely happened? Could something as monstrous as that be remotely covered up? Well no.

The best that could be hoped for is to be able to push it away into some corner of plausible deniability of ridicule and derision... and anything can hide where it is desired that that thing should hide, eh? The 'mothman futility mechanism' in action.

More and more of that unmasked every day, eh?

Yes Sir... when are we to be respected enough to be relieved of our ignorance, and spared?

Never!

No, we must prosecute our ignorance like the jealous monster that it is and relieve our ignorance any way we can, even if it requires watering the tree of liberty.

"There are snakes on the plane"!

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From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 06:38:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 07:50:51 -0400
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Pardon me. Ms. Druffel is not your agent, is not elected even in
what passes for election of late, <pause to glare at Dr.
Randle> and does not work for you at all! Consequently, she is
not remotely required to answer your specious charge and even
dodgier apples and freaking oranges comparison.

She was entrusted by the principal to do as she's seen fit. You
were not.

Ms. Druffel has acted honorably in the past. I suspect she will
continue to act honorable in the future... but perhaps an 'Anne
Druffel Watch' WebLog is in order so her evil transgressions can
be more appropriately categorized and chronicled, after all.

Remove my endorsement!

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 08:22:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 08:22:22 -0400
Subject: List Off-Line

The annual break for this moderator has, finally, arrived.

The List is off-line, as of this post, until Thursday,
[July 27th] p.m.

Please hold submissions until next Thursday morning...

Thanks,

Errol Bruce-Knapp
UFO UpDates - Toronto

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List Back On-Line

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Jul 2006 18:15:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jul 2006 18:15:15 -0400
Subject: List Back On-Line

Back from the lake - rested and ready to go, again.

List-Mail will start flowing shortly - back filling
the last nine days to the appropriate dates.

Errol Bruce-Knapp
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>If some wants, we can go over to Myford Road and measure the
>distance between the poles. I believe they are still there.

Hi Fred

Yet following the questions raised in my post of Jul 10 it appears to be confirmed from satellite imagery and maps (RandMcNatt & Tim Shell, July 12) that the old Myford Rd does not exist any more. It now seems to be a 6-lane highway.

Are you really saying that the same old phone poles in the dirt beside the 2-lane are still there? If so I'd be amazed - but it would certainly wrap this one up.

Please do go and look.

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

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><snip>

>>>>>[Thanks to Martin Shough for the 300 ft. pole spacing value,
>>>>>citing the Marine G-2 report. I must admit my visual impression
>>>>>is substantially less than this.]

>>>>>You would be best advised to throw out that measurement. The
>>>>>Marine should have measured the distance or at least paced it
>>>>>off. Three hundred foot spacing for domestic powerline poles is
>>>>>nonsense. 125 to 150 feet is the norm.

>>><snip>

>>>>>If you are going to use the power poles as a constant, then why
>>>>>not just ask someone at Pacific Gas Electric? They will have
>>>>>records. Find out the height while you are at it which is likely
>>>>>somewhere between 35-40 feet.

>>>>>This is exactly one of my concerns as I watch the Heflin photo
>>>>>analysts at work, often making lots of assumptions.

>>Dick,

>>Oh dear, and we were doing so well ;-) I believe you have this
>>entirely and stunningly back to front.

>>First, the sin is not in making assumptions; the sin is in
>>failing to test assumptions and/or persisting in assumptions
>>that fail when tested. And it is Don's assumptions which are at
>>fault here, as I - imitating as best I can a "photo analyst at
>>work" - shall prove in a moment by doing what you dislike and
>>"making assumptions" that follow from Don's claim and then
>>testing them.

>Martin,

>Once again, you misunderstand my point. The sin is not in making
>assumptions but in making chains of assumptions (I gave the
>parallel example of the Drake Equation) and sometimes engaging

>in circular reasoning or assuming one's own conclusions without
>being aware of it.

Dick

With respect, I think I understand you alright. You, on the other hand, speak as though you do not understand what the process of debate is for or how it works. Arguments and measurements are offered, criticised, altered, conclusions refined, implications drawn and further subjected to criticism, alteration etc. It's in the nature of this process that participants start with different sets of presumptions, differently weighted, and different goals, and it's a messy process. There may be examples of people saying silly things, making mistakes, tripping over their own logic, and from time to time some people will appear to be less than perfectly objective. But it gets somewhere in the end. On the other hand it is relatively easy to make very sweeping generalised criticisms (and you do, see below) from the sidelines. If you are not a participant (and you do not regard yourself as a participant in "techie" matters) this does not mean that your criticisms need to be less specific to be effective, rather the opposite. You need to offer something that is amenable to being proved wrong.

You sound as though what you expect to see is an orchestrated text-book display by some logical aerobatics team, when what you should expect is what you get, a friendly dogfight from which everybody - including you - in the end learns something. The messiness is essential to it. What you need to show to prove your point is that there are systematic errors running through the whole process - runaway errors not subject to the self-correction of the process - equivalent to proving that instead of a dog-fight what we have is the whole formation flying straight into the ground. To do this you have to be specific about the chains of assumptions that we are wrongly trying out (I'm not interested in the Drake Equation), and give examples of how begging the question at issue produces systematic flaws, what those flaws are, why they are likely to prove poisonous to the whole enterprise. In short you need to demonstrate in a systematic way why and how the process of debate is not working, so that we can correct it in a specific way.

>Further, I expressed this simply as a concern
>that I have (a quite legitimate one) and specifically exempted
>you and the other current analysts from this point.

Er no, you most emphatically did not. You specifically attached the point to "the current analysts" as a group:

"I watch the Heflin photo analysts at work, often making lots of assumptions. Which brings to mind the Drake Equation. You can make assumption after assumption after assumption, but unless your reasoning is grounded in established fact you are at serious risk of, falsely, concluding just about anything . . . over time I have more than once seen technically trained analysts more or less assume their own conclusions. It's called circular reasoning."

The little ellipsis here is your get-out clause: "This is not directed at any one of the current analysts, but . . ." [my emphasis] which allows you to claim that you weren't aiming criticism at anyone in particular on the sophisticated grounds that you were criticising everyone in general. But it does not allow you to claim that you were criticising nobody. Your meaning is plain and your disavowal of it now is weasel wording. You accuse "us" collectively of prejudice leading to - or likely to lead to - childish errors in reasoning and method.

Now inasmuch as "we" do not in any way represent a collective view, and come to the case from very different positions, I speak only for myself. Specific and effective criticism is not only welcome, it is necessary. However, your input, as usual in this case, is to bemoan logical flaws too vaguely hinted at to identify whilst damning the reanalysis with the faintest of praise, and then to buttress these "concerns" solely by reiterating that some NICAP members formed the opinion that Heflin wasn't fibbing. This vague lamentation and hand-waving is not specific enough to be effective. You will of course claim the high ground (as usual) of having a grand overview of the case, informed by vast experience, unlike us myopic types lost

in a maze of details, and your past intimate involvement with those who worked on the case should indeed be invaluable. But what I would welcome from you - far more than another paean for the fine qualities of the NICAP investigation - is some substantial fact from it, some number from it, some robust syllogism directed at one of the specific issues under discussion.

>You are
>substituting assumption for hypothesis, which is fine. Of course
>you test hypotheses; that's what they are for.

>>Don tells us confidently how far apart the poles on Myford Rd in
>>1965 must be, based on what he recalls as the "norm" for power
>>poles, blithely assuming that estimates recorded by two earlier
>>investigators on the spot at the time must, because they
>>disagree with his "norm", be grossly in error by a factor of two
>>or three. He "assumes" that SSgt Dolyak, Marine G-2 Inspector,
>>did not "measure or pace out" the 300 ft distance as recorded
>>in black and white on the photo overlays he prepared (along with
>>several other measurements of the cab window, mirror, mirror
>>bracket etc.).

>I think he was expressing a reasonable doubt here.

Saying that original documented evidence is "nonsense" to be "thrown out" in favour of an untested opinion is not, in my opinion, "expressing reasonable doubt". But that is less the point here than is your readiness to highlight Don's post as eminent reason, to be contrasted with the "circular reasoning" from "lots of assumptions" being indulged in by those still actually testing said evidence against the photo evidence.

>>He asks us to "assume", without any evidence but
>>his "norm", that Dolyak must have dreamed up this figure (and
>>presumably the others as well?) by - what? - sticking a wet
>>finger in the wind, or tossing dice?

>No, I don't think he does what you accuse him of at all. He has
>legitimate doubts about it, and I tend to agree with him. Surely
>he, like me, was simply expressing doubts or concerns that would
>be subject to further verification by actual fact determination.

See above.

>>You know that in any other context whatsoever you would fall
>>on such an "assumption" like a ton of bricks.

>His was not an 'assumption.' It was a legitimate doubt based on
>personal knowledge and experience, and therefore deserving of
>respect. He may prove to be wrong, but that doesn't
>invalidate the legitimacy of expressing his doubts.

Respect is fine. Measurable facts are something else. Again see above.

>You could say that I am assuming that Heflin was totally honest.
>I would prefer to label it a logical premise based on extensive
>empirical investigation and fact-finding.

I, too, assume that Heflin was totally honest. This premise leads to certain implications you can think about critically. At the same time I assume that he was lying. This leads to certain different implications. You see, the reason why this superposition of states of mind is necessary - obviously - is that I don't know whether Heflin was lying or not. You, on the other hand, apparently do "know" in the sense that you would, from personal choice, not have wished to re-examine the case. Your opinion - it seems to me, based very largely on what you recall of the original (but now dispersed) NICAP LANS investigation - is that Heflin was so far from having the character of a hoaxer that this fact should loom large over, and act as a constraint on or a gauge of, all subsidiary efforts to study the hard evidence.

The problem is that you cannot marshal the soft evidence to convince me that your knowledge is soundly based. You tell us often about "extensive empirical investigation" and "fact" but you never demonstrate how a particular empirical fact unambiguously supports a particular conclusion. Of course there was the occasion when you assured us that rigorous NICAP investigation had never shown any evidence of a modelling hobby;

then there was the other occasion when you told us that NICAP investigators "practically lived with Heflin" who had been totally open about his well-known modelling hobby; and then there was the occasion when, after declining to respond to my pointing this out on-List, you conceded privately that you couldn't actually remember anything about it. I'm prepared to accept there is no evidence that Heflin tried to cover this up, so presumably it was common knowledge. But was it ever discussed? Did anyone check into this angle at the time? We don't know.

Now it may (as you tell us) be an empirical fact that Idabel Epperson or Ann Druffel (say) did form a very positive opinion about Heflin's character; this we are bound to accept. But it does not force me to accept that Heflin could not have been a hoaxer without a great deal more links in the chain of evidence leading these people to that opinion. We (or at any rate I) do not have this evidence. When pressed you will yourself admit that a hoax remains possible, but you are not motivated to try out the hypothesis. Left to yourself I believe you would be happy with the settled opinion that Heflin was "totally honest" and I don't think you really like it - understandably - when matters are being stirred up anew.

>>There may be official records to help in this as Don says. There >>will be old NICAP records as well, I'm sure you'll remind us. So >>where is the NICAP report pinpointing this crucial error in the >>Marine G-2 investigation (or in Hartmann's)? Distance >>calibration via poles and lines and optical focus at known >>distances was much discussed by early analysts. Dolyak's >>measurements were those forwarded by Capt. Reichmuth and used as >>the basis of the Air Force evaluation that the object was a >>nearby fake. The Air Force evaluation was fiercely discussed and >>criticised by NICAP analysts. Dolyak's report was well known and >>discussed among early NICAP analysts. Where is the corrected >>distance callibration based on spotting the glaring >200% error >>in Dolyak's survey? This would be an interesting "record" to get >>hold of.

>I agree thoroughly and hope someone reliable finds these >records, I haven't seen the files for 40 yaers, so there is >little that I can add on these points.

Well I'm trying to locate them. No luck so far, and in any case it would be difficult for me to access them from many thousands of miles away (assuming they are in the US). This is really a job for those who should already have some idea what happened to them, but I'll keep trying. And, as I will now mention for the third time, anyone who has access to the archive of the APS library in Philadelphia might try looking in the Condon Report papers. Hartmann used a number of NICAP sources for his analysis in 1967 including (as well as basic report materials) these:

File of miscellaneous documents 22 Sept through 17 December 1965
File of miscellaneous correspondence 24 Sept 1965 through 11 Jan 1966
Re-evaluation of shadow circumstances, 23 June 1966
Chronology of Events constructed from NICAP files 1965-67

Hartmann's own correspondence and telephone records (Ref. 7 a - h) may also be there.

Meanwhile I'm surprised that I cannot find any reference - not even a secondary reference - in any published source, that would indicate anyone in NICAP or out of it ever recognised that an inconsistency or inaccuracy in survey measurement even existed. When Hartmann made his own survey in Sept 1967 - with results widely differing from Dolyak's - he didn't mention it either, although he too was obviously very familiar with Dolyak's report and the angular scaling issues that had previously been discussed by Grey, Evers, Rankow and others. (He didn't mention the different angular scale he arrived at either or even explain how he arrived at it.) Can anyone point me to any NICAP critique of Hartmann's CR analysis that mentions these problems?

>>There may be official records that will help us here if there >>are is no reliable NICAP source to cut the knot. Those on the >>spot in California will be well placed to search for them. But >>to denigrate the necessary process of trying out conjectures as >>"making a lot of assumptions" seems to me to be a stunning >>misconception of what is going on here, and of methodical >>reasoning in general.

>Sorry, Martin, but this is a totally false characterization of
>my remarks and I won't sit still and let you get away with it. I
>did not denigrate the process you and others are undertaking.

Any recipient of your remarks would interpret them differently.

>I merely expressed some concerns based on past experience.
>Surely you can understand the difference. I have a very good
>understanding of scientific method. Having observed
>misapplications of it re: UFOs for 50 years I also have a good
>understanding of where well-meaning people often can go wrong.

So you keep saying. But I don't see any concrete application of
your concern, experience and understanding to the questions at
issue. Please explain, simply and directly, and with specific
reference to published arguments on-List, exactly where "the
photo analysts" are systematically "going wrong" or are at risk
of systematically going wrong.

>>You assume we know a lot of things with
>>clarity. Methodical analysis too often shows that we don't
>>actually know these things at all, but rather have assumed them.
>>This is exactly the point you and Don should reflect on.

>>Oh, and by the way, if you insist that Don is right whilst
>>Dolyak/Hartmann were both grossly exaggerating the distance then
>>you are forcing any distance callibration to produce the result
>>that the object is much closer to the camera and much smaller.
>>If you imagine this helps Heflin you are mistaken again.

>Talk about stunning misconceptions. You probably didn't mean it
>that way, but your remark is quite insulting when you assume
>(there's that word again) that my reasoning is all intended to
>"help Heflin." It is designed to help establish the truth, pure
>and simple.

Your reasoning appears designed to press your case, which is to
say the very same thing in terms that surely need not be
construed as insulting. That case (as far as I can tell) is that
the NICAP LANS conclusion about Heflin's truthfulness is
evidence so solid and so unambiguous as to be either swallowed
whole or spat out. I decline to swallow it whole and wish first
to chew on it and check for bones; you think this looks like me
preparing to spit it out. For you this early NICAP work
overshadows everything and cannot be overemphasised. I would
wish to give it due weight, but we have almost no substantive
information about it. For me it is one piece of the puzzle,
that's all, and no more immune from reinterpretation than
anything else - if we ever get any clear facts to reinterpret.

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>>>By the way, one of the unspoken assumptions of the hoax
>>>hypothesis is that Heflin was a liar and a fraud, deliberately
>>>misled both authorities and the public at large for many years,
>>>and pretty much laughed at everyone behind their backs in the
>>>process. Since our very thorough investigation and that of the
>>>authorities both found not the slightest evidence of a hoax and
>>>in fact found him to be of highly reputable character, this
>>>assumption is dubious on the face of it.

>>There is nothing "unspoken" about assuming that if the case is
>>a hoax then Heflin was a fraud, except in the sense that the
>>blindingly obvious is rarely spelled out! But never mind that.
>>If there were not some reasons to think Heflin's story plausible
>>"on the face of it" we would not be having this discussion at
>>all, so this also falls into the category of the blindingly
>>obvious. To aver that the face value is the real value remains
>>an assumption. What we want to do is test the face value of the
>>coin by assay, which means treating assumptions as scientific
>>conjectures. In fact there are still two possible assumptions
>>untested: One is that he was a fraud, the other is that he was
>>not. Both are not only reasonable assumptions but absolutely
>>essential ones. "What if?" Try out both of them in any way you
>>can think of. The survivor wins.

>You can sure make mountains out of molehills. Maybe you should
>have been a geologist. ;-)

>Not one of you has explicitly stated in discussing the hoax

>hypothesis what it implies about Heflin's honesty and character.

This is silly and untrue. I already said that this implication is blindingly obvious and to labour it any further would indeed be molehill orogeny of epic proportions! But if I have to spell it out:

I made a point of citing the positive character evidence reported by Heflin's superiors and colleagues, the Marine G-2, Air Force, NICAP, and Stephen Black.

I then set against this a list (for discussion) of a number of grey issues in the available documented circumstantial evidence relating directly to Heflin's character and honesty (his "avoiding" certain questions from Dolyak, the "discrepancies" noted by Reichmuth between his Marine G-2 and Air Force statements etc etc) pointing out both sides of the argument and suggesting interpretations where possible.

I've also made a point of highlighting Stephen Black's possibly-significant need to invent a remarkable psychiatric theory of long-term self-delusion just in order to explain away his own opinion that Heflin seemed to be sincere. I pointed out that this is constructive 'evidence against interest' from Black. I asked for discussion of the point and wondered if anyone knew of any comparable psychiatric example. I asked specifically for comment from those able to offer insight from knowing Heflin's character and behaviour.

A propos this, and indeed all of the other above issues I raised asking for discussion, all issues of circumstantial evidence going to the question of Heflin's plausibility, you (not alone I grant you) had precisely nothing to say. I do try, Dick. How this can be construed as not explicitly recognising the implications of evidence as to Heflin's character is beyond me.

Ah, but suddenly I see what you mean - by "not explicitly stating what the hoax hypothesis implies about Heflin's honesty and character" you really mean "not treating with reverence as established fact the opinion that Heflin did not have the character of a hoaxer".

Discussing implications does not seem to be what you want at all. If I say, "There are these really strong points in favour of Heflin's truthfulness," I may get a plaudit from you about how reasonable and objective I am; if I say, "But there are these possible inconsistencies that really need to be discussed," I probably don't hear from you at all; and if I say, "Here is some useful latent information we can extract from the photos that could be a test of Heflin's story," I draw down the warning that I am veering off into circular reasoning, assuming my own conclusions and making assumption after assumption after assumption (I believe was your phrase).

>That was all that I meant by saying that it was unspoken. But to >say that fraud and non-fraud are equally reasonable, legitimate, >valid, essential assumptions (choose your own word) flies in the >face, as I noted above, of extensive empirical investigation and >fact-finding.

These are fine phrases. Yes, people's personal opinions about Heflin do have some bearing on how the results of photo analysis are interpreted and weighed, but it should go without saying that evidentially this is not a symmetrical situation: No amount of good character references would counterweigh against (say) clearly anomalous photometry and photogrammetry consistent with a close model. This would be strong scientific evidence in favour of a hypothesis which has been proven often in the past: People can be mistaken in their judgments of others. (Of course we invest our own credibility in these judgments over the years, and we are naturally loath to let them go.)

At this point in previous arguments you have customarily berated people for ignoring the results of past research, pointing again and again to Robert Nathan's enhancements. But by now we have seen that these results are not easy to come by and appear only to exist in second-hand, unreferenced summary form. I don't know whether you ever made any attempt to follow this up after I first pointed out the problem? I did. I still am.

My only result so far is to get it from one of those "reliable

sources" (a major name known to everyone on this List) that "every time I've brought up the subject of UFOs with Nathan in meetings or phone calls the past decade or so he usually brings up Heflin and laughs about what a hoax it is." My source now apparently has difficulties getting in touch with Nathan to verify this and is protective of Nathan's privacy (of course I can't personally do more than relay this information; I'll leave it to the source to come forward and identify himself on-List if he wishes to). So far I have been unable trace for myself any contact information for Nathan, though I am now making inquiries through a gerontology foundation with which he is associated. The whole thing is ridiculously unsatisfactory. If anyone else has any information that might help locate this vital lost evidence then please let me know.

However it's also important to stress in any case that nothing we do "know" about Nathan's work on the Heflin photos suggests that he did any of the sort of photometric or photogrammetric analysis that has been discussed on-List. All we have heard about is image enhancement of the general type also done by others over the years, including Kelson in JSE I, looking for strings etc. All the study of parallax and camera movements etc stemming from Tim Shell's original "stereo coincidence", Mike Tarbell's extinction coefficient, David Rudiak's ray tracing and Viktor Gubolik's detailed physical/optical reconstruction etc etc are all different and parallel types of investigation into the consistency of the photo evidence with Heflin's testimony, and we have no evidence they have ever been properly done before. In fact they can't even be done properly now, because we only have copies or crude digital images to work with.

>They clearly are not equally valid or reasonable assumptions.
>The strong preponderance of evidence right now supports non-
>fraud. Now I did not say that the hoax hypothesis should not be
>considered at all or that it should be totally ruled out without
>further study, so please do not put those words in my mouth.

Well I think that for a start (I say it again) we need to see more evidence of this "strong preponderance". Who exactly were the NICAP people who "practically lived with" Heflin? Where and in what terms did they report their findings and where are those sources now?

Secondly, however strong the preponderance of evidence may be it can only justify treating the case "as if" it were not a fraud for the purposes of further testing that hypothesis. In other words, the soft evidence in favour of Heflin's honesty, combined with some circumstantial evidence, makes enough of a prima facie case that we can justify to ourselves the time spent looking for the photometric and photogrammetric cues that might test between a 30 ft object several hundred yards away and a train wheel outside the window.

And please, unless you can come up with referenced sources that we can read don't try to tell us again that all this work has been done before because there is absolutely no evidence that it has. Where is it? At the very start of this discussion the JSE paper was wheeled out (I forget by whom) as a "very complete" analysis of the whole case with state-of-the-art photo interpretation. Ann Druffel herself posted to assure us that it would "answer all questions". Nobody participating in this discussion now would defend JSE I as even remotely the answer to all questions, useful though it is in many ways - especially for stimulating more questions. Now Ann reassures us that JSE II will eventually "address all questions" (provided we ourselves submit them concisely on a postcard, that is) so there seems to be no argument that the present debate has at the very least opened up new directions of analysis that haven't been considered before. The case is still wide open and photo analysis might yet be the tool to close it.

Martin Shough

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>>>"When he came back the next day from Fort Worth he sat my
>>>mother and myself down and said, 'Don't ever talk about this
>>>again,'" Marcel said.

>>Despite this warning, Jesse Marcel jr seems to have made a habit
>>of talking about this story over & over again for nearly 3
>>decades. Why?

>In case you have forgotten... his father talked about it.

I recall seeing Jesse Marcel Sr. on camera talking about what he
saw and handled, and mainly insisting that the information must
be given to the people - who own it, according to the U.S.
founding documents.

Eleanor White

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18 July 2006

Hi, Dick, Ralph, Steve and all,

The video of which you recently informed me, supposedly of Rex Heflin and myself being interviewed near El Toro Marine Base (?), has been researched with the help of colleagues in the Los Angeles area. It is apparently from an unknown (unidentified) TV broadcast somewhere in the U. S. I have not been able to view it personally yet, but several local researchers watched it a few nights ago at a meeting at my request.

It is their collective opinion that the "interviewer" is a free-lance person who somehow managed to interview Heflin in his home on camera after the original photos had surfaced in the early 1990s. Heflin almost always declined invitations for interviews, and it might have been an unexpected request from this unidentified, free-lance person who somehow managed to interview him. Apparently Heflin is in his home, and nothing in the interview reveals that it was done "near El Toro Marine Base".

There are mistakes in the interview which point to a less than professional job of interviewing and filming: (1) As Heflin describes taking his Photo #1, his Photo #2 is displayed on the screen; (2) The interviewer and source of the video are unidentified, as is the "skeptic" who appears briefly, stating that the Heflin photos are "suspicious"; (3) there is no channel information, i.e., no source where the video first aired; (4) I was not present at the interview (as is being assumed by some inquirers). My simple statement to the effect that the Heflin photos are extremely important was snatched from some previous filmed interview I did somewhere else, in the 1990s or even earlier (I am shown in a completely different place than Heflin was); (5) the camera work is definitely second rate, definitely not professional. The camera wasn't even held straight at times. Our colleagues out here termed the filming a "middle-range quality job"; (6) from the quality of the filming, it possibly was taken off a videotape, acquired somewhere unknown. The end result (the video about which you inquire) was taken from a poor recording of a television image. Whoever posted it on the 'net probably got it off VHS copies and edited it themselves. If this person is "hybridcyborg" I have no idea who that might be.

I would have to view the video personally to try to determine where the so-called "interviewer" got my sound bite. Our colleagues out here were actually puzzled why this video is attracting so much attention. The video itself presents NO problem as to the validity of the Heflin photos. Please feel free to distribute the information in this email anywhere you like.

All best regards,

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Update Of FOTOCAT Project Blog

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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jul 2006 06:40:11 -0400
Subject: Update Of FOTOCAT Project Blog

The quarterly update of the FOTOCAT Project Blog - by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and the Anomaly Foundation is available at:

<http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

Amongst other issues, it contains the following:

- A critique of the book by Venda Jones, They Hover Above Us.
- UFO footage or science fiction movie? The series of January 12, 1972 in California.
- AVROCAR and the Argentinean pictures of July 23, 1968.
- Several UFO photos claimed to have been taken in Poland, January 8, 2006.

Open debate.

- Statistics: FOTOCAT by image mode (photograph, film, video).
- Rex Heflin photos in 3D.

And many more illustrative items on UFO photos and videos.

I hope it is an interesting reading to everybody. Cordially yours,

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Gates

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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jul 2006 06:42:58 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Gates

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 23:31:20 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Ann Druffel <Anndruffel.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 19:14:18 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>[Non-Subscriber post]

>>Hello, all:

>>Dr. Kelson and I are gratebul that the Heflin photos are
>>receiving so much attention, but unfortunately the attention
>>contains a flurry of uninformed speculation among the logical
>>questions that are being asked.

>>We want to be professional and scientific as Dr. Kelson
>>completes his analysis of the originals. Those who have specific
>>questions about the photos are welcome to send these to us, but
>>they must be specific, and if these questions are something Dr.
>>Kelson can address in his second paper he will do so.

>>Releasing the original images or digital copies of same into the
>>public arena at this time would not be constructive.

>And this response is different from stereotypical government
>responses how exactly?

>When Ms. Druffel does eventually let the photos out of her
>possession for the masses to look at without filtering questions
>through her, one can only wonder if she will have blacked
>out/whited out significant portions, just like the NSA.

>If anyone in the government responded to a request for
>information or documents like this, the howls from some
>ufologists about a conspiracy, and a lack of fairness, would be
>deafening.

>Perhaps Gary McKinnon can be prevailed upon to hack into Ms.
>Druffel's computer to try and discover the truth about the UFO
>phenomenon... or at least the Heflin photos.

Paul, Listers

I disagree. If you think about it, the entire Heflin thread is
a semi waste of time, effort and energy.

First off Ann Druffel and Dr Kelson have been and are conducting
their own analysis for a future article in JSE. Obviously Dr
Kelson's analysis is not complete yet. All tales and stories
aside, Ann rightfully controls the photos and access to them.
Not you, not me, not all the people conducting theoretical
analysis on the list has access, and perhaps they never will. I
don't have a problem with this, as its done all the time. I
didn't have access to the original Gulf Breeze photos, the

original Trent negatives, the original case files of cases I am interested in... nor would I expect to have the right to demand it and see them.

I would point out that these people conducting the analysis on this list are using, not an original, but a copy. Say what you want, but its not the original, so any analysis based off of copies of these photos could be and likely should be considered tainted.

Bottom line is that everybody will wait for the upcoming JSE article and Dr. Kelson's analysis, and may have to live with that, and that only... something I don't have a problem with.

Cheers,

Robert

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Jerry E. Smith?

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Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Jul 2006 18:48:12 -0400
Subject: Jerry E. Smith?

Dear folks:

Does anyone haave an E-mail address for author Jerry E. Smith, or any info on how to get in touch with him?

Best regards.

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UFO In The Mid North

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Subject: UFO In The Mid North

Source: Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Adelaide,
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<http://www.abc.net.au/sa/stories/s1692314.htm?backyard>

Thursday, 20 July 2006

UFO In The Mid North
Annette Marner

So was it a meteorite or space junk falling to earth? No one knows. But at 1.30pm in the afternoon of July 19, many people across the Mid North of South Australia - from Wirrabara Forest to Quorn and Hawker saw a large object moving across the sky.

One witness, John Teague was at Hawker in the Flinders Ranges. He was pumping tyres when something caught his eye.

"I thought it was a flare. It was the colour of mercury and had a tail and there were sparks coming from it. Then it seemed to break up and disintegrate." He said it was large, not as large as a full moon, "more like a cricket ball," he said.

About four minutes after it disappeared, John heard a "sonic boom". He said, "It was really loud, like thunder".

The seismographs at Hawker and Wilpena registered the boom as a disturbance. David Love, seismologist with the Department of Primary Industries and Resources in Adelaide confirmed that equipment "at Hawker and Wilpena recorded the same thing".

"What we've recorded is a soundwave coming somewhere south of Hawker, whether it's south west or south east is a bit hard to tell."

He said they haven't got enough case studies to compare this sound with a sonic boom from a jet. And this is complicated further because the disturbance detection instruments are in the ground.

So will property owners in the area during the weeks and months ahead find space junk or meteorite fragments? From what the seismographs indicated, David Love concluded, "If anything did hit the ground, it wasn't large".

So what was it? The United States Space Command in Colorado said "there was no scheduled re-entry of any spacecraft or satellite."

The CSIRO, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Australian Airforce at the Keswick Barracks, all said they knew nothing about it.

The Astronomical Society in South Australia is keen to hear from any witnesses so they can determine what it may have been. You can send your observations to mailtelescopes.nul

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Open Letter To Stephen Hawking

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Subject: Open Letter To Stephen Hawking

Open Letter to Stephen Hawking, peers, and all individuals interested in origin and evolution of our Universe, life, and intelligence, the tough future of humankind, Fermi paradox, SETI, UFOs... and why dinosaurs couldn't land on Moon 65 millions years ago.

by Alexander Popoff
July, 2006

Hello,

In a CNN interview, June 2006, Prof. Hawking states that the encounter with alien intelligence would be more like the film Independence Day than ET.

OK, a lot of people agree with this notion. There is every reason to believe in this warning. Humans should know more about the benefits and dangers result of extraterrestrial contact. But there is one more reason why researchers have to dwell on the problem with alien sentient life - the true resolution of the Fermi paradox could be a key to more correct understanding of the Universe, life, and intelligence which may be orchestrated by a vector: a genome-like structure and mechanism, inherited from many preceding universes back in time. Our genes made us. The vector made the Universe, life, and us.

The vector defines also the speed of evolution, the level of competition between the sentient species, the emerging and doom of life and intelligence...

Prof. Hawking, as a leading physicist of our time, interested also in SETI, survival of human race, the coming clash between AI and humans, is the person who could provide some right answers to these problems of tremendous importance for humankind in the near future.

But on his Internet web page (and also on the sites of others scientists) is written: "We have no facilities to deal with specific scientific enquiries, or theories... Please do not email us your scientific theories - although they may be valid."

I hope this open letter will reach him and other thinking individuals capable to answer these burning questions of huge consequences for all humankind.

The Hidden Alpha

There have been proposed numerous resolutions by both academic and independent researchers to the grand question of why there isn't hard evidence of the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence. The remarkable uniformity of the Universe supposes sustaining of a myriad of advanced space civilizations. The great number of proposed hypotheses which are flooding the pages of books, magazines, academic journals, newspapers, and the Internet indicate that there is still no satisfactory explanation of this major riddle.

Introduction: Fermi Paradox

Enrico Fermi was a major player in the Manhattan Project for producing the first atomic bomb. A team of scientists led by Enrico Fermi, Edward Teller, and J. Robert Oppenheimer developed a nuclear explosive device, and in 1945, south of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was successfully tested the first atomic bomb. The Nuclear Age had begun.

After the war, the United States and the Soviet Union captured many V-2s and used them in the research and development of their intercontinental ballistic missiles, capable of delivering nuclear arms at ranges of thousands of miles.

With these new technologies space exploration was already feasible and imminent. On October 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched the world's first artificial satellite, Sputnik 1. The Space Age had begun.

In the summer of 1947 in New Mexico, the famous Roswell crash incident occurred. Unusual debris from a downed object, supposedly an alien spaceship, was found on a ranch.

The press made a big fuss. The imagination of the public was already prepared for extraterrestrial spacecrafts due to the pulp science fiction magazines; some of them had huge print runs for the time. On the pages of numerous publications all kind of space civilizations were fighting.

Many ordinary people also believed in aliens. In 1938, a radio play based on a version of the science fiction novel War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells announced an assault on New Jersey by hostile Martian invaders. Thousands of panicked people in New York and New Jersey were not realizing that they were listening to a radio play and the announcements were only a simulation fled their homes, creating traffic jams in order to avoid imminent gas attack by the Martians. Dozens of them were sent to the hospital for shock, hysteria, and injuries.

The U.S. authorities were very concerned about the Roswell crash and the many flying saucer reports. What were they: Soviet new generation aircrafts spying around the American nuclear secrets, escaped Nazis with their secret flying saucers looking for revenge, alien space ships?

In 1950, President Truman approved the thermonuclear bomb project. A group of physicists, most veterans of the Manhattan Project, reassembled at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

During the lunches Enrico Fermi loved to ponder scientific questions. The Roswell crash and the flying saucer sightings were discussed as well.

The story goes that Fermi formulated his famous paradox in the summer of 1950 or 1951 during a luncheon conversation with Edward Teller, Emil Konopinski, Herbert York, and other companions.

Later, Edward Teller, a participant in the production of the first atomic bomb, and subsequently known as the "father of the hydrogen bomb" remembers that the conversation was only vaguely connected with astronautics. After the luncheon the talk continued. Teller recalls that the discussion had nothing to do with astronomy or extraterrestrial beings, but was some down-to-earth topic. In the middle of the conversation, Fermi asked quite unexpectedly, "Where is everybody?" The result of his question was general laughter, but everyone around the table seemed to understand that he was talking about extraterrestrial people.

Pondering the alien hypothesis, Enrico Fermi, one of the chief architects of the nuclear age and a well trained scientific mind (Nobel Prize winner) reasoned that all technological civilizations will discover nuclear reactions, and with rockets based on this relatively simple technology, they could travel across interstellar distances at 10 percent of the speed of light; thus, the space civilizations could theoretically colonize our Galaxy. So, if there are extraterrestrials, why haven't they come to Earth? "Where are they?"

2. Humans are the first or the only sentient beings in our Universe;
- 3 We are protected species in a cosmic zoo or sanctuary; we live in some sort of artificial planetarium, simulation, or cosmic nursery;
4. The aliens are not interested in space traveling and communication;
5. Singularity or transcendent hypothesis states that mature species move to another plane of being or into another dimension;
6. Interstellar travel is impossible;
7. Catastrophic galactic and planetary events are so common that complex life rarely has the time to evolve; for example, powerful gamma-ray bursts periodically sterilize the galaxies;
8. The extraterrestrials are here, but they are hiding;
9. The Universe and the mature civilizations are quite different than we can imagine;
11. The Universe is filled with killer robots (berserkers) looking for life to destroy it;
12. Rare Earth hypothesis states that Earth is unique and complex life is uncommon in the Universe;
13. Interstellar travel is very slow, too costly, and technologically complicated, which is why extraterrestrial civilizations still haven't reached us;
14. Only a few civilizations develop science and technologies enabling them to travel into space;
15. Advanced civilizations have strong ethical codes against interfering with primitive creatures like us;
16. The other alien races have become energy blobs;
17. The advanced space civilizations communicate with some unknown form of radiation that is non-electromagnetic or are using a communication technology based on principles of physics of the future;
18. The aliens have moved somewhere, shielded from us;
19. Alien civilizations prefer to study Earth and humans via nanomachines;
20. The Solar system is located in the less desirable geographic region of the Galaxy;
21. The aliens run out of resources.

There is still no truly satisfying theory explaining the obvious absence of hard evidence of extraterrestrial civilizations.

Pondering the Fermi paradox, the true question is why they haven't arrived on Earth and why they don't roam the Galaxy, because for advanced civilizations, which are millions of years ahead of us, there wouldn't be any technological problem to travel across space. Why we can't detect alien signals or radio leakage (called also the Great Silence) is a secondary question, not the main one.

The proposed hypotheses suppose that intelligent species are emerging at a constant rate, which seems quite reasonable, because there are billions of stars much older than our Sun, and they could have Earth-like planets able to sustain life.

The popular equation, formulated by Frank Drake in 1961, has seven multiplicative factors (yearly rate of star formation within the Galaxy, percentage of stars with planets, number of planets suitable for origin of life, fraction of planets with life, proportion of planets on which intelligent life evolved, fraction of planets with civilizations capable of interstellar communication, longevity of the technological phase of such

civilizations), which estimate the number of the supposed civilizations in our Galaxy, the Milky Way.

Since the estimates for each of the seven factors can vary widely, the ET buffs often formulate a very large number of extraterrestrial sentient species, but for the skeptics (most of the scholars believe that skepticism is at the heart of science), it is equally easy to calculate a very small number of alien civilizations.

The Drake equation also supposes that space intelligences arise at a constant rate because stars are forming continuously, and many of them have planets which are capable of sustaining life and can develop sentient beings. But where are these older civilizations?

What could be the reason for such an equal start of intelligence?

All life in our Universe is based on hard competition in order for Nature to accelerate evolution, thus providing (bio)diversity, quality, and quantities of civilizations. The intelligent races in space can compete, cooperate, and progress successfully only if they are at about the same level of development. The later-emerging civilizations could hardly survive real competition with sentient beings which are millions of years ahead of them.

Accurate timing is of crucial importance for complex systems, because instead of universe filled to the brim with fit intelligent races, there could be only one or a few of them which would never reach the high level of development than in the case of legion hard-competing civilizations.

The equal start hypothesis supposes a factor or factors providing such an equal start. It could be something that "forbids" the emergence of sophisticated life before a certain point in time, like frequent gamma-ray explosions or other devastating events on a universal scale.

But there is also a more complex explanation. There are clues and evidence that life in our Universe is orchestrated.

The idea that the cosmos was invented by some creative conscious artificer is very ancient. Hindu tradition sees the Universe as a vast dream of God who is playing with the world and its inhabitants. Throughout human history were created varied images of God(s)=97as shepherd, ruler, father, alien visitor, dreamer, craftsman, playing child, dancer, old wise man, supernatural being, harsh demiurge, and so on. An a priori argument for the existence of God is asserting that as existence is perfection through evolution, and God inevitably is the most perfect being, it follows that God must exist. He is the Supreme Being, ergo the Supreme Ruler.

But for now, there are only three primary groups of plausible theories on that controversial subject=97Genesis and Control of Universe and Intelligence:

1. A supreme agent (consciousness, intelligence, some kind of force, or sentient being=97natural or artificial) created the Universe through manipulation of physical matter and energy, and it is still in control. That external agency is assisting the development of life and intelligence;
2. Universe, life, and intelligence are a result of chance events and evolution by natural selection;
3. According to some recent ideas, the situation may be a combination of the previous two groups of theories: matter, life, and intelligence are subjects of some creative, external guiding agency, chance events, and of evolution through natural selection.

In my view, the developing universes inherit from previous universes a vector, from Latin vector, "carrier": a natural structure and mechanism which organizes all living and non-living structures in the cosmos. The vector is a vehicle for new universes to receive characteristics and models of development from preceding universes. The previous evolutions, which

happened billions and billions of times, left evolutionary patterns in the vector; the development of the humans before us is written in our genome. Our genes make us. The vector makes the Universe, life, and us.

The vector and our space-time are one inseparable entity, just like humans and their genes are inseparable.

The Universe is developing strictly to a model written in the vector. Humans are developing strictly to a blueprint written in their genome.

The vector is a very sophisticated structure, and sometimes it seems to us to be a living creature. But being placed in the timeless extensions (extra dimensions) of our space-time, it can't have all characteristics of a living creature=97it is not living but not dead, because it has features of an intelligent entity: creates, organizes, and controls everything in our Universe.

The vector contains information for the future development of the species in our Universe, memorized during previous evolutions. Creation and natural selection go hand in hand. Our ontological and biological future is the past of previous evolutions.

The models of future development are countless, and the vector chooses only one which then becomes our reality. There are strict rules: do not disturb the natural laws (only sometimes); keep close to the memorized model from previous evolutions; be conservative, but faster and better than before, etc.

Not everything is carved in stone. There are constant small variations and errors throughout time which should benefit the evolution.

The Universe with a capital "U" is the Universe in which we live. Universe with small "u" is any other universe besides our universe=97in the past, the present, and in the future, including the predecessors and descendants of our Universe.

False or quantum vacuum is a medium in which the universes exist and from which they originate. It is like an ocean of a primordial form of energy.

Every universe is born from this energy ocean, and almost everything turns eventually into energy.

The Big Bang theory works well only for the period after the Big Bang. Now many scientists are inflating the universes instead of "Big-Banging" them. In the Andrei Linde model for emerging universes, an eternal oscillating scalar field in the false vacuum is loosing energy, giving it up in the form of elementary particles which form the initial matter of the future universe.

According to the vector model, an instantaneous ripple in the ever-fluctuating quantum vacuum causes loosing of energy, giving it up in the form of a chaos of vibrating energy strings and particles which are forming the initial matter/energy of the new universe. Matter and energy are interchangeable: $E=3Dmc^2$. The new universe just pops into existence enormously huge; it doesn't become bigger and bigger as an inflating balloon. The universe starts as matter only, there is still no space and no time, and familiar terms like slow, instantaneous, huge, etc. could be very misleading.

But what initiates the loosing of energy into matter in the primary energy ocean? The irregularities (fluctuations) of the quantum vacuum are amplified by an external agent=97the vector.

After the initial genesis of matter, the vector tells the Nature fundamental laws and runs them: the speed of light, the strength of magnetism, of gravity, the masses of the elementary particles, etc. It defines also the speed of evolution, the level of competition between the sentient species, the emerging and doom of life and intelligence.

It determines the very essence of the Universe. There is no need for big crunches or eternal inflation. The universes just dematerialize again into primordial energy. This is not an instantaneous but instead a relatively long process.

The vector runs the Universe through all phases of its natural life=97from birth to death. The entropy of the unfolding Universe is increasing. That means that more and more energy becomes unavailable for conversion into work. The Universe is "running down." It is a nonreversible mechanism; our world has limited resources and a limited lifetime. After the normal life period of the Universe is over, it turns again into energy.

After one life cycle is over a new one begins, and the supposed end product of the Universe=97a superbeing, a great number of grand civilizations, or something else=97has to move into another universe in order to survive. The adopting universe should have different natural laws which are more suitable for such advanced beings.

The key question here is: why don't they=97superior megaintelligences from previous evolutionary cycles of our Universe, from other universes, from the supposed other dimensions, or from wherever they are hiding=97contact us officially? Why don't they give us a helping hand, saving billions of human lives from diseases, crimes, wars, and other calamities=97man-made or natural? They have their good reasons for not doing what we would expect from them.

The universes are like the legendary phoenix which lives 500 years, burns itself on the funeral pyre, and rises alive from its ashes to live another period; with every new life cycle the unfolding universes are becoming more sophisticated and are producing more advanced offspring.

The new paradigm provides a rational basis for interpreting many phenomena located around the fringes of modern science: precognition (knowledge of future events, mainly through extrasensory means), telepathy, UFOs, levitation, teleportation, miracles, impossible coincidences, telekinesis, shaman healing, etc. All of these are manifestations of a natural, inheritable structure from many universes back, named by me the vector.

The novel paradigm also makes clear why human history and the lives of many individuals often look like "...a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." (William Shakespeare, Macbeth)

Many roads lead to the vector. A quest for the Hidden Alpha which is governing my life, your life, all matter, and all life forms in this Universe is a must. If you think, you are in control of your life, after reading of this text, think again.

Dinosaurs On The Moon

Dinosaurs could have landed on the Moon 65 million years ago, if they have not been wiped out by a gigantic asteroid. This seems to contradict the equal start hypothesis.

Ian Crawford, astronomer in the department of physics and astronomy at University College London, states in his article Where Are They? Maybe we are alone in the galaxy after all, published in Scientific American, July, 2000, that without their extinction, a result of a chance event, evolutionary history on Earth would have been very different.

Dr. Dale Russell of the National Museum of Natural Sciences in Ottawa, Canada, coined the word dinosauroid, an intelligent creature that evolved from the dinosaurs. He claims that some dinosaurs had all the ingredients of success that we see later in the development of the apes, and were well on their way to becoming sentient species. Dr. Russell even sculpted a catchy model of the supposed brainy dinosauroid. It depicts what may have happened if Troodon, a dinosaur species, had not died out at the end of the Cretaceous but had instead continued to evolve.

Several dinosaur species were very manlike: they stood around two meters high on their two hind legs, had a relatively large braincase, stereoscopic vision, and hands with opposable thumbs; their forelegs with slender flexible fingers were ready for use as hands. They were well organized, hunted in groups, and coordinated their attacks.

Some dinosaurs were nearly warm-blooded, an important step toward intelligence.

It is often speculated that several bipedal dinosaurs were in a good position to develop intelligence, civilization, and sophisticated technologies, enabling them to start exploring the Galaxy 65 million years before us, if they haven't been killed off by some natural disaster. It is supposed also that dinosaur-like creatures on other planets were not wiped out by a chance event, and they have been traveling all across the Galaxy for many millions of years now and are already colonizing it.

It is interesting to note that some dinosaurs bear a striking resemblance to descriptions of aliens given by witnesses during UFO encounters: had large, elongated eyes, absence of ears, long, clawlike fingers, reptilian nostrils and skin. The "reptoids" are the most common alien species after the so-called Grays. There are researchers who assume that the reptilian/dinosaurian visitors from outer space are not extraterrestrial in origin but survived descendants of an intelligent race of dinosaurs which roamed the Earth during the Cretaceous or Jurassic period. According to this belief, the hypothetical dinosaur civilization could have started on Earth during the Cretaceous and would have had at least 65 million year head start on humans.

Dr. Michael Magee coined the term *anthroposaurus sapiensis* for intelligent dinosaurs. They are also called *dinomen*, *saurornithoides*, lizard men, *dinosauroids*, *reptoids*, *humanoid dinosaurs*, *dinosauro-pods*, *dinosaur hominids*, *draco*, *dinosaur men*, and so on.

In recent years, the idea that without the extinction of the dinosaurs, life history on Earth would have been much different has become a very popular belief. But did the dinosaurs have all of the attributes considered necessary for intelligence in the intelligent mammal? Was it really possible for dinosaurs to outsmart mammals, dominate our planet, and start colonizing the Galaxy 65 million years ahead of us? According to many recent articles and books written by academic scientists, independent researchers, and nonprofessionals=97yes!

The typical reptilian reproduction model is oviparous=97the eggs are hatched outside the maternal body.

The principal disadvantages of dinosaur reproduction to mammalian are:

1. The nutrients inside the egg are very limited compared to the continuous supply the mammals receive inside the womb;
2. The oxygen supply is much lower as well;
3. The temperature of the reptile embryo is not constant like the mammalian fetus;
4. The dinosaur newborns don't get the mammalian high-nutritious food=97milk.

There is a small group of modern and extinct reptiles which are almost viviparous (live-bearing), but their embryos still develop in shells. They are nourished only by the egg yolk. Such reptiles retain the eggs in the body for most of the developmental period. Hatching occurs shortly after the eggs are laid.

A few MODERN reptiles have developed a simple placenta, a structure similar to the placenta of mammals: several Australian snakes and lizards, the common European viper, and some lizards.

The developing sophisticated brain needs more oxygen, more nutrients, constant temperature, and more time.

The mammalian fetus develops inside the maternal body and can receive the continuous, generous supply of oxygen and nutrients needed to build a complex brain. The milk of mammals contains all essential nutrients, important antibodies, and white blood cells. This is perfect food for infants and for their energy-hungry developing brains.

Mammals are born in a much more advanced state than reptilians;

along with the other factors, it is also a result of longer gestation period.

Eggs hatch between 60 and 105 days after they are laid. The human fetus develops about 266=96270 days. The mammalian brain develops from three to four and a half times longer, in a much better inner environment than the dinosaur brain, and the mammalian fetus and newborns get high-nutritious food for their growing unfolding brains.

In short, the brain of live birth mammalian animals is evolutionarily higher than the brain of animals reproducing through the hatching of eggs and is far more sophisticated. The dinosaurs laid eggs, and their brains couldn't develop enough to outsmart mammals. Thus, the dinosaurs couldn't land on the Moon in the Cretaceous.

But as a matter of fact, the reptiles evolved intelligence, a great civilization, and now they are investigating the Solar System via robotic probes and manned spacecrafts. Therapsids are reptiles of Permian and Triassic time (from 286 to 208 million years ago). They are considered ancestors of mammals, and thus humans. So we are the survived "reptoid-men" who are exploring the Solar System and are planning to colonize the Galaxy.

The Cretaceous mammals were evolutionarily higher species than the dinosaurs and their successors. They had much bigger potential, and life on Earth proved that.

Even if the dinosaurs survived the Cretaceous extinction, it would not make much difference to humans. Most dinosaurs were already declining 65 million years ago. There were left only a limited number of dinosaur species, and they were much smaller. The surviving dinosaurs developed into modern birds. Scientists agree that present-day birds are smarter than most of the Cretaceous dinosaurs.

Window Of Opportunity

In 1987, R. Cann, M. Stoneking, and A. Wilson published the article Mitochondrial DNA and Human Evolution in Nature, reporting their discovery of the common matriarchal ancestor of all humans. Their theory is based on the use of DNA from the mitochondria to trace all human genetic diversity back to one female, hence the name "Mitochondrial Eve." She originated in Africa about 200,000 years ago. Mitochondrial Eve, thus the emergence point of modern man, is one-time evolutionary event. Why animals which are fit candidates to become intelligent species don't do that? This is one of the biggest mysteries of biological evolution. According to the Darwinian theory, appropriate lesser species should constantly evolve and turn into sentient beings. But after the emergence of humans it is as if evolution stopped producing other intelligent species. Why? The environmental conditions were, and still are, suitable, and there are enough appropriate animal species=97apes, monkeys, dolphins, and others.

Life on Earth has a very long evolutionary history, long before the origin of our home Universe. That's why life on our planet seems so incredibly successful and beyond evolution governed by chance events. Life appeared on Earth as soon as the environment became stable enough to make it possible. After the death of our Universe a new one will start, and our evolutionary history, together with the previous ones, will be a basis for new life and intelligence. The past of the previous evolutions is, in general, our future.

All 26 phyla=97these are classes of organisms that have the same body plan=97came into existence on our planet simultaneously at the beginning of the Cambrian Period. The sudden Cambrian explosion around 580 million years ago is an example of a window of mass replacement of old species with new ones. This can't be done without previous evolutionary experience stored somewhere. All structural blueprints of all different species appeared suddenly and simultaneously, and since then no essential changes have taken place, no new types ever were added; there are no transitional forms. This is not compatible with Darwinism, neo-Darwinism, or any natural selection-based evolution theory.

But what would be the evolutionary benefit for Nature of such windows of opportunities?

The biological life and all human history on Earth are actually a story of hard competition and struggle for survival: between the Cro-Magnons and the Neanderthals, between cells, states, companies, species, languages, individuals... Nothing and no one can escape it.

Homo sapiens have had no rivaling species since the extinction of the Neanderthals, kept in reserve to serve as a substitute in case the Cro-Magnons couldn't make it. Now humans are competing amongst themselves, divided into many varieties of competitive groups: sport teams, family clans, sexes, political parties, countries, social movements, art movements, and so on.

The scale of competition is going up. In the early days of humans it was between the tribes, now it's between the states, tomorrow it goes into the space between the civilizations inhabiting the Universe.

The ideas of fast development and fitness are central to evolutionary biology. The hard competition between the civilizations in the Universe is among the major factors which guarantee numerous cosmic offspring of high quality for the shortest possible time period.

The space civilizations can compete successfully only if they are at about the same level of development. The means to success is competition (and cooperation) between equals. Too big differences in the development levels mean destroying of the late-emerging civilizations.

Thus, there is a relatively limited window of opportunity for starting intelligence in the Universe, and the space civilizations emerged at about the same time in order to provide diversity, quality, and quantities of sentient species.

Direct Panspermia, published in Icarus, issue 19. They presented the hypothesis that life was exported to Earth by an extraterrestrial source as a deliberate act of an extraterrestrial society. The microorganisms were delivered in unmanned spacecrafts designed with adequate protection to keep them alive during the long journey.

Professor Frank Tipler has the idea of space probes that carry artificial wombs in which human fertilized cells are placed, and the babies to be raised by surrogate parents. Both proposals, made by scientists, look like a perfect way to colonize the Galaxy, but what would happen if in the Solar System and on Earth probes begin to arrive with all sorts of alien viruses, bacteria, cells, quasi-alive nanobots, genetically engineered microorganisms, and they all begin to reproduce themselves fabricating lots of natural and artificial organisms; or DNA reproduction machines and artificial wombs start producing legion of extraterrestrial creatures? The answer is only and inevitably one=97a total catastrophe for life and all humans!

The technological means for such "controlled seeding" of life and intelligence are very simple for advanced civilizations. We should expect that alien professors would have similar bright ideas concerning artificial panspermia and colonization of the Galaxy.

In War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells, the Martian invaders died out, because they couldn't resist the germs on Earth. But can we resist alien microorganisms, engineered germs, quasi-alive nanomachines, or ordinary alien microfauna that normally would live in the spacecrafts and in the bodies of the extraterrestrial intelligent beings?

In 1995, the British Health Secretary stated that there is no conceivable risk of BSE (mad cow disease) being transmitted from cows to people. And we know the results: dead people and huge losses for the British economy. Both species, humans and cows, have been living side by side for thousands of years. Domestic animals seem harmless to us, but sometimes they aren't, even after all these years of living together. Diseases communicable from animals to man are called zoonoses=97from New Latin zo- + the Greek nosos for disease. Concerns with diseases that afflict animals date from the earliest human contacts with them. More

than 150 such diseases are known: rabies, brucellosis, plague, salmonellosis, leptospirosis, the deadly herpes B virus, trichinosis, encephalitis, anthrax, staphylococcosis, streptococcosis, tuberculosis, etc. AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) also appears to have been transmitted from animals (monkeys) to humans. By now AIDS has claimed more than 30 million lives worldwide.

Some future politicians, scholars, or meeting committees might issue public statements that it is perfectly safe to meet our space brothers because they are no threat to people. Should we trust them? Yes, if we are naive enthusiasts.

Our bodies and our environment are teeming with microorganisms. It is normal to expect that the bodies of alien beings are also teeming with microbes (a diverse group of minute, simple life forms that include bacteria and viruses)=97harmless for their hosts but some could be deadly for us. The alien ones (exonoses) are diseases communicable from extraterrestrial creatures=97sentient beings and animals=97to humans under natural conditions. They will be the subject of (near) future medicine=97shortly after the first contacts with alien creatures.

Normal flora are microbes living in and on the body of the humans; usually, there are no harmful effects for us, their hosts. Many billions of microbes live harmlessly on our skin and in the gut; we breathe them in and out. Numbers of aerobic and anaerobic bacteria reside in certain human anatomical regions: lower intestine=97approximately 100 billion microorganisms per gram of fecal matter; mouth=97approximately 1 billion microorganisms per ml. of saliva; nose=97approximately 20,000 microorganisms per ml. of nasal washing; skin=97approximately 100,000 to 1 million microorganisms per cm², dependent upon the tested skin surface. After puberty, the vagina is colonized by *Lactobacillus aerophilus*. One or more of the herpes viruses infect nearly 100% of the adult population.

Over 400 distinct species of microorganisms inhabit the various regions of the human digestive tract, making up nearly 2 kg. (approx. four pounds) of every individual's total body weight. This vast population of microorganisms far exceeds the number of tissue cells that make up the human body. We have about 10¹³ cells in our bodies and 10¹⁴ microbes.

Normal flora fills almost all of the available ecological niches in the human body, and produces defensins, bacteriocidins, cationic proteins, and lactoferrin which are working to destroy other bacteria that compete for their niche in the body. If this ecosystem is functioning properly, it guards the body against harmful bacteria, yeast, and viruses. It also stimulates the function of the entire digestive system and produces essential vitamins, such as vitamin K and some of the B vitamins, and regulates their levels, maintaining the body's vital chemical and hormonal balance.

Researchers have detected retroviruses in the genome of every mammal they have examined. The retroviruses spend most of their time asleep; they are present only as extra segments inserted here and there in the DNA. Humans are harboring more than a thousand retroviruses, many of which have hitchhiked with us for well over 30 million years. In placenta and fetal tissues, a select handful of retroviruses awake, commanding the cells to produce proteins and assemble them into retroviruses. The placenta and the unborn baby of a healthy pregnant woman are teeming with viruses as well. This is a normal part of every pregnancy. These endogenous retroviruses are actually encoded in the DNA of every mammal.

The human body can't be fully sterilized because soon after that such a specimen would die=97some of these microorganisms take part in vital biological processes, others keep our immune system fit.

Alien and human astronauts would suffer microbic shock upon return to their home planets after adjusting to fewer microorganisms in the spacecraft, responding negatively to renewed contact with potentially pathogenic microbes that were absent during the space flight. Space travelers have to keep their immunocompetence by carrying in the cabins microorganisms native to their home environment.

The inclusion of plants, animals, and bioreactors in spacecrafts facilities in order to provide life support requirements would significantly increase the numbers of microorganisms. There are many millions of bacteria per gram dry weight of plant roots. Fungi are important for baking breads and fermenting wines, beers, and vinegars. Many medicines are produced with the help of bacteria and fungi, most notably, the antibiotics, like penicillin, streptomycin, tetracycline, etc.

The failure to detect on Earth alien microorganisms or alienoses (diseases transmitted from alien creatures to peoples) is a very strong argument against extraterrestrial visitations.

There are reported every year hundreds of thousands of UFO sightings, abductions of people by alien crews, medical examinations of humans in nonterrestrial spaceships, sexual relations with aliens, accidents, autopsies on alien corpses, and other contacts with extraterrestrial creatures.

There are many reports from all around the world describing men and women taken aboard flying saucers and having sexual intercourse with various alien races, even space babies were born. Microbes are transmitted by the direct transfer of bodily fluids, such as blood and blood products, semen, and other genital secretions from one person to another; they can enter the body through the lining of the vagina, penis, rectum, or mouth. The microbes also can be transmitted across the placenta.

Every day millions of samples of human blood, tissue, saliva, urine, feces, etc. are collected and sent to labs to be analyzed. Not even a single researcher, physician, or medical technician has ever reported an alien microorganism or alienosis.

There are persistent rumors that among the debris of the supposed UFO which crashed near Roswell there were found dead bodies of ET astronauts. In 1947, Colonel Philip J. Corso claims to have seen the corpse of a dead alien in a wooden crate; it was supposedly one of the creatures that had been killed in the crash. Grady "Barney" Barnett, a government engineer, told friends and his son that he was one of the first to reach the crash site. He saw a disc-shaped object and dead bodies of aliens. Dr. Weisberg, university physics professor, said he examined the disc. According to him, the interior was badly damaged and there were six occupants; an autopsy on one of them revealed that they resembled humans.

Rescue, military, and medical personnel reported dead alien corpses at Roswell and other crash sites. Many have been given autopsy examination. Witnesses claim that they saw in an underground base a room full of canisters where bodies of dead aliens were stored. There are also reported graves of extraterrestrial beings. According to researcher Leonard Stringfield, the U.S. has recovered a total of more than thirty bodies from crashed alien space crafts. The UFOlogist Timothy G. Beckley supposes that about 110 extraterrestrial spaceships have crashed around the globe.

Since 1995, hundreds of televisions all around the world have broadcast an alien autopsy film. Ray Santilli, a London-based film producer, claims to have bought it from a cameraman who had taken the footage in 1947 at the crash site near Roswell.

There are dozens of autopsy reports on alien cadavers recovered from various crash sites.

Glenn Dennis had been the Roswell mortician in 1947. According to him, he had seen debris of the crashed flying saucer and had been told about corpses of smallish extraterrestrials by a friend. On the evening that the alien bodies had been recovered, he "blundered" into the Roswell Army Hospital. A nasty officer confronted him, and Dennis had been warned that if he ever told anyone about the crash or the alien bodies, "they will be picking your bones from the sand."

There are interviews with several medical doctors who did autopsies on ET bodies.

Jamie Shandera, documentary moviemaker and UFOlogist, claims that he anonymously received a packet which contained two rolls of undeveloped 35-mm film. He developed the film, which appeared

to be part of a briefing report to the newly elected President Dwight D. Eisenhower, describing details of the Roswell flying saucer crash. According to these film reports, four alien corpses were among the debris of the downed extraterrestrial spacecraft; they had been mutilated by desert scavengers and were heavily decomposed due to exposure to the elements.

Such decomposing alien corpses at the crash sites, their blood, urine, feces, saliva, etc. are for sure source of extraterrestrial contamination. The healthy nonterrestrial astronauts are dangerous, too. They could cause deadly alienoses. The autopsies and the preservation of alien bodies after WWII were not safe enough to modern standards, and contamination with ET microorganisms was inevitable. In any manned alien space ship there should be food, canisters with samples of tissues and microbes, medicines, drinks, breathing air, plants, hardware, all kind of supplies, and so on which are all sources of microbial contamination. The governments on Earth could hide alien corpses, but they are not in the position to hide microorganisms left by extraterrestrial visitors. It's just impossible. No government (official, shadowy, secret, mythical, mystical, or whatever), organization, or individual on our planet has the technology to do that.

Where are all of the microbes left by the supposed aliens? It is highly improbable that the extraterrestrial microfauna is identical to these on Earth. Only one surviving bacterium or virus could multiply into billions in no time. There are many billions of microbes just in one body (dead or alive).

What could be worse for space travelers than a catastrophic breach in their high-tech protective spacesuits, which provide life-saving flow of breathing air and protecting against alien germs? According to numerous alien encounter reports, humans were in close contact with extraterrestrial astronauts which are depicted to breath terrestrial air, drink water, eat human food, and so on, and most of them don't even wear adequate protective suits and helmets, but only some fancy skin-tight suits, silver suits, yellow ski suits, jump suits, even Nazi military uniforms. Some aliens were dressed like humans or in some sort of mocking space suits, but many of them were actually naked during the contacts.

Millions of humans are reported to enter alien spaceships and none of them were wearing protective suit. Germ contamination is equally dangerous for humans and extraterrestrials.

Researchers still haven't detected extraterrestrial microorganisms on Earth, and one can conclude that there aren't any manned visitations (now and in the past) by extraterrestrial civilizations or if there are any, they are very limited by number and activities and are under strict control.

In 1347 an outbreak of deadly bubonic plague occurred in China and spread throughout Asia and to Europe. The plague mostly affected rodents, but fleas could transmit the disease to people, too. Once people were infected, they infected others very rapidly. For five years, 25 million people, one-third of Europe's population, were dead due to the Black Death. The disease killed with terrible speed. Boccaccio, the author of the Decameron, said that its victims in many cases "ate lunch with their friends and dinner with their ancestors in paradise."

About 50 percent of the native inhabitants of the Polynesian and the Hawaiian Islands died as a result of imported microbes by foreign seamen.

During the Spanish conquest of Mexico, smallpox and other diseases killed millions of Native Americans which had no natural resistance to these infections. Smallpox killed three of every four Hopis and later the epidemics reduced them to a few hundred. Chicken pox and measles, which are common and rarely fatal among Europeans, often proved fatal to Native Americans.

The 40=9650 million deaths incurred in World War II make it the bloodiest military conflict as well as the largest war in human history. Tiny microorganisms can be as deadly as grand-scale wars. The Spanish influenza epidemic was among the most devastating epidemics in human history. In 1918=961919, between 30 and 50 million people throughout the world were killed by the Spanish Influenza. The effect of the pandemic was so severe that

the average life span in U.S. was depressed by 10 years.

Now modern science still can't stop AIDS, and the global epidemic is larger and more far-reaching than epidemiologists believed possible a decade ago. Scientists predict that in the next 20 years, 70 million people will die of AIDS.

And these are domestic germs. Extraterrestrial microbial contamination could set back the human development for centuries or even wipe out all of us.

Humans, like all extraterrestrial civilizations, should create a reliable space-based surveillance and reconnaissance system able to detect, quarantine, or destroy any alien life form which could be dangerous for the terrestrial flora and fauna.

The human immune system protects the body from pathogens, foreign substances, malignant, and infected cells by destroying them. We should create similar protective system in the Solar System in order to survive.

Humans are still alive because they aren't here: the extraterrestrials and their alien microbes.

For their own good the space civilization are separated by huge interstellar distances, but inevitably will come the phase of contacts and competition.

The space civilizations will closely encounter each another when most of them are in a position to survive such contacts.

Von Neumann Machines

Extraterrestrial Intelligent Beings Do Not Exist is the title of an article by Frank Tipler. In his view, older or more advanced civilizations would use self-replicating probes to explore, control, and colonize the Galaxy in a very short time compared with its age of about 13.7 billion years. In his article, he concludes that if intelligent beings exist, their probes should already be here=97but there is no evidence of extraterrestrial robotic spacecrafts: ergo, such beings do not exist. Tipler's argument is actually a version of the Fermi paradox.

Self-replicating robotic spacecrafts, called von Neumann probes after John von Neumann who established the mathematical laws of self-replicating systems, are considered an economical method of exploring and colonizing space. The notion is that they utilize local materials to build numerous exact copies of themselves which would be launched to the nearest stars, where the process would be repeated.

The impressive idea for robotic colonization of the Galaxy through von Neumann probes has two major disadvantages:

1. Soon after the self-replicating probes are set out across space, they would already be outdated because science and technology are developing very quickly, and the space distances are too vast. Year after year the technological civilizations should send into deep space more and more probes, for the previous ones are already outdated antiques of limited use, if any. According to their flight plans, the robotic spacecrafts should travel many thousands and even millions of years.

The problem with the quick outdateding of robotic probes could be solved partially by reprogramming the replicators via radio signals. The billions spent on setting up a gigantic radio network would be money wasted because: first, such a method of communication and reprogramming is very slow and highly unreliable=97the radio signal carrying sophisticated instructions should travel many thousands of years (about 120,000 years in order to cross the Milky Way Galaxy) via numerous relay stations; and second, many of the self-replicating machines would turn into useless trash or, more importantly, into dangerous idiots because of mistakes due to computers or intelligent species, to all kind of technical failures, errors, viruses, software and hardware mutations, inevitable accidents, electromagnetic noise, jokes (some "intelligent" guys have an unsuspected and nasty sense of humor), hostile activities, and so on, and so on.

Imagine what would happen if only a single autonomous self-

replicating probe touch down somewhere in the Solar System, and following its program begins to reproduce itself on the Moon, on Mars, on thousands of asteroids, on the satellites of planets... Soon we would detect the launching of millions and millions of probes which would be landing on all possible space bodies around the Earth. These machines would arrive on our planet, too, millions of them. The unwelcomed high-tech visitors on Earth would be only a small part of the countless swarms of self-replicators roaming the Solar System, looking for local materials in order to utilize them. They would infest our entire home star system. But would they be just harmless robotic probes with sophisticated artificial intelligence which would stop to replicate and leave the Solar System after detecting life and intelligence? Maybe some of them would try to communicate with us and send back signals to their creators; some might continue to replicate ignoring humans; some might even wage a war against the intruders=97us. They would consider the Solar System their home territory. These machines would not be malicious, they would just be following simple program instructions to survive and replicate themselves, with deadly consequences for us.

Von Neumann machines could also be used as deadly weapons in wars or by terrorists on Earth or in space. The self-replicating robotic berserkers would destroy everything they encounter in the enemy space. People most often imagine these killing machines to be huge metal bastards creaking loudly and throwing flares and missiles; as a matter of fact, they might also be tiny or even (almost) invisible, but highly dangerous.

Humans still don't have the recourses to beat off encroaching self-replicating machines.

Popoff Machines

The personal matrix significantly enhances the mind capacity and productivity. It accelerates the thinking process; there is no limitation of memory storage, provides instantaneous access to all human knowledge, etc. The human/matrix structure posses both the advantages of the human brain and of artificial intelligence; thus the machine intelligence could not dominate people, because, through the matrix, humans would have all of the qualities of the machines and the artificial intelligence. In that way machines couldn't outsmart the human race=97a major concern of scholars, futurists, writers, etc.

The matrices could be made an integral part of the human brain through a microchip implant, feeding impulses directly into the brain and giving commands with our thought. But to use the power of the matrix, it is not required to have an implant. A good computer is enough, too. The implant just makes the operating much easier, quicker, comfortable, and much more effective.

The second necessary element to be added is instantaneous communication through channel based on quantum entanglement (or some other novel technology). The laws of modern physics limit the speed of material objects, but not of information. Such channels would be reliable, high secured, and cost-efficient.

The instantaneous info channels and the matrix enabled robotic equipment would provide high-performance telepresence: this is the ability to experience in real time another locale or another world via remote robotic "eyes" to see, "feet" to move, and "hands" to manipulate. The experience of "being there," "amusing oneself there," or "working there" would no more require one physically to be there=97even if the place of residence is many star systems away.

The instantaneous data channels and the matrix resolve the disadvantages of uncontrolled self-replication and quick outdateding of the interstellar robotic probes: one could update the software and the hardware on a regular basis. There is no need of an autonomous computer with intelligence close to the human level and of self-replicating units.

The new space probes could trace a huge network of instantaneous data channels and spread out huge amounts of machines into the cosmos which are managed and controlled through quantum channels and personal interface software; from local materials they would be able to manufacture robotic factories, power plants, all kinds of production machines, new space probes, robots, elements of defense systems, and so on.

Humans could control robots, artificial intelligence, and devices through this technology (robotic telepresence based on instantaneous communication and matrices) not only in remote real environment, but also in hazard areas and situations like bomb disposal, mining, military operations, subsea works, rescue of victims from fire, dangerous radiation, toxic atmospheres, or even hostage situations. The applications are practically countless: remote surgery, entertainment, education, and so further. They can also be used to a change in scale, where for an example a surgeon may use micromanipulator technology to conduct surgery on a microscopic level; for construction of incredibly small nanodevices, etc.

It is inevitable humans to face both properly functioning and damaged von Neumann machines (robotic self-replicating devices and spacecrafts controlled by autonomous artificial intelligence) and machines postulated by Popoff (matrix enabled robotic machines providing telepresence which are operated over instantaneous data channels).

In order to survive, all space civilizations should be able to stop alien ships, self-replicating machines, Popoff machines, or probes from entering their habitat (their solar system at this stage of development) and have the technological and military power to destroy them, if necessary.

Back To Fermi Paradox And Equal Start Hypothesis

Sound hypotheses answering the Fermi paradox have to satisfy two major requirements: first, the universe should be teeming with life and intelligence, and second, most of the sentient beings still haven't contacted each other, radio wave leakage hasn't been detected, or other hard evidence proving the existence of alien civilizations.

Such hypothesis should also meet some basic principles:

1. Occam's razor advises us to keep things simple;

The Fermi paradox, the problems with the dangerous self-replicating von Neumann machines and the Popoff machines, and the space germ contamination are closely connected. They are part of a bigger but simple concept=97a Universe teeming with fit civilizations. So the equal start of intelligence is a must. The late-emerging space races are doomed.

The creatures in our Universe live in a world of limited resources: oil, nice partners of the opposite sex, good salaries, champion cups, best quality whisky, etc. If the resources we need, or believe we need, are abundant, there would be no competition, hence very slow or almost no evolution of the life forms and the intelligence.

We live in a world guided by models which are stimulating the evolution through competition. Eden is a place of perfect happiness; there is no place for rivalry between two or more persons or groups for an object desired in common, usually resulting in a victor and a loser, often involving the destruction of the latter or the both. The doctrines of paradise, eternal peace and love, of golden ages of the past when people lived in harmony and brotherhood, or of some future golden ages are impossible myths, because in such societies the evolution is too slow or nonexistent. The healthy, eternal (or at least very long-living) members of such a utopian world would enjoy life, fully satisfied in a perfectly safe environment. But there aren't enough stimuli to change anything or themselves=97evolution means constant changes.

As a matter of fact, paradise, perfect happiness, infinite life, resurrection from the dead of our beloved ones or famous historical personages, eternal youth, creating a copy of someone who died in an accident, and other similar wonders are perfectly possible. That model of desired world or of a person could be materialized by the vector, and we would live in supreme bliss, forever in Eden. But our world is guided by another model which requires growth, evolution, progress, a huge number of competing individuals and civilizations, countless births and deaths.

The speed of evolution should be defined very well.

If the competition is too hard, the death rate as a result of rivalry (wars, crime, all sorts of accidents, jealousy, and so on) becomes too high and the development eventually slows down=97human, industrial, financial, infrastructural, and other losses are turning into stopping factors; people are becoming highly demotivated. This is especially important when intelligent species develop self-destructing technologies like nuclear, chemical, biological, and other weapons of mass destruction; devastation and havoc could be so huge that such civilizations might not recover in a reasonable period of time; they would be assimilated or destroyed by their competitors.

The refusal to compete and evolve means certain death to any civilization.

MEGAINTELLIGENCE (M.I.)

But why don't these almighty creatures show up? Why don't superior intelligences contact us in an open manner or officially? They have their good reasons for that. Hoping for more clarity and a better solution, I consider the Fermi paradox in two aspects:

1. Why don't we have hard evidence for intelligent life inhabiting our Universe?
2. Why don't the megacivilizations outside of our Universe show up? They have the technological means to do that.

Debating the Fermi paradox, only the first aspect of it is usually taken into account=97why don't we have solid evidence for intelligent life inhabiting our Universe? The equal start hypothesis is a possible answer.

I often asked myself one simple question: Why are there in the Universe intelligent creatures at such a low level of evolution like humans, considering first, the enormous time since the beginning of the All=97not only these humble 13.7 billion years since the origin of our Universe, but the countless time before that; and second, taking into account the incredible vastness of the Being=97our Universe is only one of numerous worlds? It seems obvious to us that evolution should produce much higher intelligence during this immense time period.

Humans patently aren't the pinnacle of development of all matter, life, intelligence, or whatever. The anthropic principle is a very self-misleading hypothesis.

Anthropocentric ideas regard humans as a central fact of the Universe and assume that Homo sapiens are the final aim and end of the All. It views and interprets everything in terms of human values and experience.

The simplest form of the anthropic principle claims that God created the Universe for us, humans; however, some religions and lores accept that there are many worlds in the All, inhabited by various creatures; hence, they reject the anthropocentric approach when interpreting universal principles.

The anthropic cosmological principle states that the natural laws, constants, and basic structures of our Universe are not completely arbitrary=97instead, they are constrained by requirements that allow the existence of humans. The word anthropic derives from the Greek anthr\$pi\$ which means human.

Humans are puffed up with imaginary self-importance. Most of the scholars can=92t give up the term anthropic. Now, there are several anthropic principles: weak anthropic principle, strong anthropic principle, final anthropic principle, individual anthropic principle, participatory anthropic principle, etc. Researchers coined the term "observer," realizing that humans can=92t be final aim and the end of the Universe; hence, adding the word anthropic to some ultimate universal principle is hugely misleading (actually totally wrong).

Bitter facts are better than self-misleading illusions or doctrines if one is going to explore the world. Comforting lies have nothing to do with research.

We still don't have enough knowledge about the evolution of Matter, Life, and Intelligence to get a clear picture about the future of the Universe and can't draw realistic scientific conclusions about ultimate or final universal principles. We can only speculate.

The most probable answer to the seemingly simple question "Why are there in the Universe intelligent creatures at such a low level of evolution like humans?" could be that Matter, Life, and Intelligence develop in cycles and are arranged in suitable agglomerates. Now we are at the low stages of such a cycle of development in our present agglomerate, the Universe. We can access only our agglomerate. The creatures inhabiting more advanced agglomerates can access the lower ones and are guiding them to some extent.

The development of our Universe is the longest evolutionary cycle we know. According to modern science, it would last up to one hundred billion years. The developing universes might be subjected to an endless series of evolutionary cycles.

What's the point of development in cycles? Why is Mother Nature repeating itself periodically? Can we observe such cycles on Earth?

Cycles are an inevitable part of evolving Matter, Life, and Intelligence. A cycle can last the whole life of a universe, but there are also a great number of shorter cycles: year, day, biological cycles of the human body, etc. Everything (matter or living creatures) is subject to cycles. Humans are also exposed to many individual cycles, but the most important one (from an evolutionary point of view) is: birth, life in competitive environment in order for the specimens to develop as much as possible, transferring the gathered information to the genetic one through the DNA; the acquired practical and scientific knowledge through education to the next generation, and death. Generations and universes are following the same pattern. Generation after generation humans are becoming more developed and sophisticated. Cycle after cycle the universes are producing more advanced intelligences.

The megacivilizations from previous evolutionary cycles are superbeings in comparison to us, but they still can't change the established global process of creation and evolution. Our Universe is like some kind of gigantic womb reproducing megaintelligences. Maybe in the future there will be other means of reproduction and evolution of intelligent beings, but the main principles will remain the same, at least for a very long time.

But why don't the megacivilizations show up? Because they want to get offspring from our Universe healthy, intelligent, competitive. The megacivilizations must play their competitive games, too: among them there should also be winners and losers. Leaving their dying universes, the megaintelligences don't enter some sort of paradise, but another competitive world which shows no mercy when it comes to evolution.

World War I, World War II, the Cold War, and many wars back in time stimulated very much the development of science and technologies. There are enough studies on the subject. Believe it or not, like it or not, wars are one of the main motors of evolution and the development of sciences and technologies. They are the highest degree of competition. But we don't like wars, no matter how productive they are. We want to live in peace and in good health as long as possible. If the mighty megacivilizations show up, we would ask them to stop the wars, which would actually reduce the level of competition. But this is against the interests of the megaintelligences, because evolution becomes much slower and the end product of the Universe actually the offspring any M.I. is waiting for would develop below expectations.

Maybe the megacivilizations are guided as well, and there might be some sort of multilevel creation and control.

Humans are still alive because they aren't here: the extraterrestrials from our Universe, their robotic probes, and the alien microbes. In order to produce huge numbers of sound space civilizations, the vector keeps them separated by huge

cosmic distances. The equal start of advanced sentient life forms in such a great developing Universe gives these species the chance for survival and progress.

When potentially dangerous manned spacecrafts, von Neumann probes, Popoff machines, or alien life forms come into the Solar System, a reliable space defense system would be a matter of life and death.

The lifesaving immune system is a complex network of interacting cells, cell products, and cell-forming tissues protecting the living body from pathogens and other foreign substances. It destroys infected and malignant cells and removes them. There is no other way for the living organism to survive. Seconds after the immune system stops working, the body begins to decompose.

In the near future, humans should begin to build up a reliable space defense system—a complex network of interacting humans, software, and machines, protecting our present habitat, the Solar System, from pathogens, quasi-alive forms, machines, and any alien life forms which could pose a threat to the terrestrial life or would change our environment. There is no other way to survive.

With much wisdom comes much sorrow,
The more knowledge, the more grief.
=97Ecclesiastes
circa 350 B.C.

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EVOLUTION OF THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT

The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, the 1978 law that is supposed to govern surveillance of foreign intelligence targets within the U.S., has had an unusually dynamic legislative history. It has been modified in a hundred ways on at least a dozen occasions.

Despite the demonstrated adaptability of this statute, the Bush Administration chose to conduct its NSA Terrorist Surveillance Program outside of the legally binding FISA framework and has not sought to amend it.

"Abiding by FISA does not mean clinging to [an obsolete] 1978 structure," emphasized Rep. Jane Harman, ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee at a hearing this week. "FISA has been modernized."

"Each time the Administration has come to Congress and asked to modernize FISA, Congress has said 'yes'," she recalled.

"Congress extended the time for obtaining emergency warrants so that surveillance can begin 72 hours before the government obtains a warrant. Congress expanded the authority to conduct 'trap and trace' surveillance on the Internet. Congress expanded the ability to get 'roving John Doe' wiretaps for terrorists who switch cell phones."

"The surveillance the President wants to do can and must be done completely under the current FISA system," Rep. Harman concluded.

She asked the Congressional Research Service to provide a listing of prior amendments to the FISA, which turned out to be a 29 page tabulation.

See "Amendments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), 1994-2006," Congressional Research Service, July 19:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/intel/m071906.pdf>

The prepared testimony from a July 18 House Intelligence

Committee hearing on "Modernization of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act" is here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_hr/index.html#fisa

The Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled a hearing on "FISA for the 21st Century" on July 26.

COURT DENIES STATE SECRETS CLAIM IN WIRETAPPING CASE

In a rare judicial denial of an official "state secrets" claim, a federal court yesterday rejected a government assertion that a lawsuit against AT&T alleging illegal wiretapping should be dismissed because it would place state secrets at risk.

In May, Director of National Intelligence John Negroponte formally asserted the state secrets privilege in support of a motion to dismiss the lawsuit brought by the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

But instead of simply deferring to the executive branch, Judge Vaughn R. Walker did his own analysis of the matter.

"The first step in determining whether a piece of information constitutes a 'state secret' is determining whether that information actually is a 'secret'," he wrote.

He went on to conclude, based on public statements by the President and other officials, that the state secrets privilege was inapplicable in this case.

"Because of the public disclosures by the government and AT&T, the court cannot conclude that merely maintaining this action creates a 'reasonable danger' of harming national security."

"It is important to note that even the state secrets privilege has its limits. While the court recognizes and respects the executive's constitutional duty to protect the nation from threats, the court also takes seriously its constitutional duty to adjudicate the disputes that come before it.... To defer to a blanket assertion of secrecy here would be to abdicate that duty...."

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/statesec/hepting072006.pdf>

The court's rejection of unconditional judicial deference is noteworthy. Although the executive branch's assertion of the state secrets privilege has been denied on at least four occasions in the past, those denials seem to have been based on technical defects or procedural failings rather than a substantial judicial assessment of the merits of the claim.

SEEKING TRANSPARENCY IN FEDERAL FUNDING

A new legislative initiative would require the government to disclose and to publish online all federal contracts, grants, and other forms of spending.

"I like to think of this bill as 'Google for Government Spending'," said Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK).

"The concept behind the bill is really quite simple: Put information on government spending out there for all to see and greater accountability will follow. It will also change the expectations of those receiving funds that they will know in advance that the information will be public," he said.

The bill has neatly circumvented the usual partisan divisions and has won bipartisan support and co-sponsorship from the likes of Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) and Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), and endorsements from Greenpeace and the Heritage Foundation.

A July 18 Senate hearing on the proposal (S. 2590) featured statements from Senators Coburn, Obama and McCain, and testimony from Gary D. Bass of OMB Watch and Mark Tapscott of the Washington Examiner and the blog Tapscott's Copy Desk. See their prepared statements here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2006/index.html#ffa>

The Los Angeles Times editorialized on the bill in "Googling the Feds," July 21:

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-ed-coburn21jul21,0,4134575.story>

DOD DOCTRINE ON MILITARY DECEPTION

The role of deception in military operations is illuminated and elaborated in a new Department of Defense doctrinal publication.

Military deception refers to "those actions executed to deliberately mislead adversary decision makers as to friendly military capabilities, intentions, and operations, thereby causing the adversary to take specific actions (or inactions) that will contribute to the accomplishment of the friendly mission."

The principles of deception and their execution are described in some detail in the 79 page publication.

Some types of deception are "perfidious" and are prohibited by the laws of war.

"Acts of perfidy include, but are not limited to: feigning surrender or waving a white flag in order to lure the enemy into a trap; misuse of protective signs, signals, and symbols in order to injure, kill, or capture the enemy;" and so on.

Even when properly executed, a deception operation or cover story "may fail for many reasons. It is possible that the target will not receive the story, not believe the story, be unable to act, be indecisive even if the story is believed, act in unforeseen ways, or may discover the deception."

Furthermore, the document explains, one must assume that the enemy is also engaged in deception, creating the need for "counterdeception" programs, both defensive and offensive.

Offensive counterdeception "focuses on forcing an adversary to expend resources and continue deception operations that have been detected by reinforcing the perception that friendly forces are unaware of them."

The new publication concludes with a series of maxims summarizing central lessons of experience in the field, and a suggested reading list.

See "Military Deception," Joint Publication 3-13.4, July 13, 2006:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3_13_4.pdf

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CIA v. The 'UFO Press'

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== CIA v. The 'UFO Press' ==

By Larry W. Bryant

Ever since its inception 40 years ago, the U. S. Freedom of Information Act has served as a nuisance to such agencies as the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency. Now, can you imagine this: any federal agency's using taxpayer funds to thwart the spirit and/or letter of this venerable open-access statute aimed at serving the informational needs and interests of the nation's taxpayers (especially since some of those funds were used to generate the records in question)?

Well, fellow FOIAphiles, that's what we now have in the upcoming federal lawsuit of Bryant v. CIA. By his July 19, 2006, letter to me (quoted below), CIA FOIA chief Scott Koch has thrown down the gauntlet -- tossing me back into the FOIA briar patch, where I'm shaking hands with a similar victim, called the National Security Archive. For you see, this public-interest organization housed at the George Washington University in Washington, D. C., has once again filed suit against the CIA FOIA folks because of the Agency's refusal to honor the Archive's requester status as a "representative of the news media." (See a copy of the Archive's June 14, 2006, complaint at <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20060614/complaint/pdf>).

It so happens that I, as a columnist for the newsstand monthly periodical "UFO," share the same requester status as the Archive's. But no, says Koch & Co. I, like the Archive, must get on my knees and justify my existence under some arbitrary and capricious criteria not envisioned by the intent of Congress.

But there's a slight variation on the theme here. I notice that the Archive's complaint neglects to cite the organization's rights under the freedom-of-the-press clause of the First Amendment. Nowhere does that clause's language confine its protection to those who own a printing press, publish literature, and distribute (for example) entertainment media. Hence, individuals like me also enjoy the clause's protective scope in the matter of government-related oversight, editorial criticism, citizen-directed debate, and the eternal ideals of free access/inquiry and public accountability. In particular, the most self-revealing statement expressed by Mr. Koch -- "The July 1947 crash [near Roswell, N.M.] is not a current event, and the UFO press is not the general public" -- plants a red herring right at the feet of judicial determination in, at least, the Court of Public Opinion.

As with the Archive's case, Koch errs in trying to manipulate the definition of "news" to serve his agency's censorial proclivity. Understand this, sir: the term "news" constitutes whatever a publisher/editor/reporter/broadcaster/archivist and his/her readership deem it to be -- NOT what any federal agency might deem it to be. By levying unauthorized records-search fees upon any representative of the news media, you're imposing a de facto, inhibitory licensing fee upon those who'd dare exercise their freedom-of-the-press rights. First Amendment case law rejects that official policy/practice. Note: Koch's singling out the UFO press for disdain and disregard also violates the U. S.

constitution's equal-protection-of-the-laws provision.

I therefore encourage all producers, content providers, and consumers of such media as UFO magazine, FATE magazine, the MUFON UFO Journal, the myriad of UFO-related web sites/blogs, and all UFO-oriented book publishers, along with the various UFO-related TV documentarians, to express to the CIA director their objections to this unfair, illegal, and dangerous policy; your doing so via your congressmen might result in an actual response from the Agency.

Text Of Mr. Koch's 19 July 06 Letter To L.W.B.:

Dear Mr. Bryant:

Reference: F-2006-01045

We received your 5 June 2006 letter seeking to change your fee status from "all other" to "news media." As we noted in our 20 May 2006 letter to you, a request must satisfy ALL of the criteria set forth in our published regulations to receive preferential fee treatment as a representative of the news media. The records being requested must:

- * concern current events;
- * interest the general public;
- * enhance the public understanding of the operations or activities of the U. S. Government; and
- * be disseminated to a significant element of the public at minimal cost.

You write: "Corso's role as a Pentagon-based intelligence/R&D analyst in helping exploit the advanced technological artifacts retrieved from the July 1974 crash-landing of a 'flying saucer' near Roswell, N. M., reverberates, to this day, in the UFO press." The July 1947 crash is not a current event, and the UFO press is not the general public.

In addition, as you know, you have an outstanding fee balance of \$30.00 for request F-2006-01956. Please remit a check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of the United States citing F-2006-01956 to ensure credit to your account.

Before we can process your requests, we must receive your check or money order for \$30.00 for request F-2006-01956, and we must receive your commitment to pay fees in the "all other" fee category for F-2006-01045.

Meanwhile, we will hold your request in abeyance for 45 days from the date of this letter. If we do not receive your commitment to pay fees in the "all other" fee category within that time, we will assume that you are no longer interested in pursuing this request, and we will close this case.

Sincerely,

Scott Koch
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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>>Source: CBS4-TV, Denver, Colorado
>>http://cbs4denver.com/topstories/local_story_197173551.html

>>Jul 16, 2006

>>UFO Symposium Speaker Shares His Family Secret

>>(CBS4) DENVER A man who says he saw wreckage from an extra-
>>terrestrial aircraft and is writing a book on UFOs spoke
>>with CBS4 on Sunday about this weekend's UFO Symposium.

>>Many years ago Jesse Marcel, Jr. said his father worked for
>>the Air Force and was told to go clean up debris near Roswell,
>>N.M. On his way back to the base he stopped at home to let his
>>son look at the strange pieces of an aircraft.

<snip>

>>"When he came back the next day from Fort Worth he sat my
>>mother and myself down and said, 'Don't ever talk about this
>>again,'" Marcel said.

>>Despite this warning, Jesse Marcel jr seems to have made a habit
>>of talking about this story over & over again for nearly 3 decades.

>>Despite this warning, Jesse Marcel jr seems to have made a habit
>>of talking about this story over & over again for nearly 3
>>decades. Why?

>CDA

Good Morning CDA, List, All -

Because his father talked of it and that was Jesse's tacit
permission to speak of it. Had his father not told, then Jesse,
Jr. wouldn't have said anything either.

KRandle

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NASA's Changing Mission

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/07/22/science/22nasa.html?th&emc=th>

July 22, 2006

NASA's Goals Delete Mention of Home Planet
By Andrew C. Revkin

From 2002 until this year, NASA's mission statement, prominently featured in its budget and planning documents, read: "To understand and protect our home planet; to explore the universe and search for life; to inspire the next generation of explorers... as only NASA can."

In early February, the statement was quietly altered, with the phrase "to understand and protect our home planet" deleted. In this year's budget and planning documents, the agency's mission is "to pioneer the future in space exploration, scientific discovery and aeronautics research."

David E. Steitz, a spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said the aim was to square the statement with President Bush's goal of pursuing human spaceflight to the Moon and Mars.

But the change comes as an unwelcome surprise to many NASA scientists, who say the "understand and protect" phrase was not merely window dressing but actively influenced the shaping and execution of research priorities. Without it, these scientists say, there will be far less incentive to pursue projects to improve understanding of terrestrial problems like climate change caused by greenhouse gas emissions.

"We refer to the mission statement in all our research proposals that go out for peer review, whenever we have strategy meetings," said Philip B. Russell, a 25-year NASA veteran who is an atmospheric chemist at the Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif. "As civil servants, we're paid to carry out NASA's mission. When there was that very easy-to-understand statement that our job is to protect the planet, that made it much easier to justify this kind of work."

Several NASA researchers said they were upset that the change was made at NASA headquarters without consulting the agency's 19,000 employees or informing them ahead of time.

Though the "understand and protect" phrase was deleted in February, when the Bush administration submitted budget and planning documents to Congress, its absence has only recently registered with NASA employees.

Mr. Steitz, the NASA spokesman, said the agency might have to improve internal communications, but he defended the way the change was made, saying it reflected the management style of Michael D. Griffin, the administrator at the agency.

"Strategic planning comes from headquarters down," he said, and

added, "I don't think there was any mal-intent or idea of exclusion."

The line about protecting the earth was added to the mission statement in 2002 under Sean O'Keefe, the first NASA administrator appointed by President Bush, and was drafted in an open process with scientists and employees across the agency.

In the National Aeronautics and Space Act, which established the agency in 1958, the first objective of the agency was listed as "the expansion of human knowledge of the earth and of phenomena in the atmosphere and space."

And since 1972, when NASA launched the first Landsat satellite to track changes on the earth's surface, the agency has been increasingly involved in monitoring the environment and as a result has been immersed in political disputes over environmental policy and spending, said W. Henry Lambright, a professor of public administration and political science at Syracuse University who has studied the trend.

The shift in language echoes a shift in the agency's budgets toward space projects and away from earth missions, a shift that began in 2004, the year Mr. Bush announced his vision of human missions to the Moon and beyond.

The "understand and protect" phrase was cited repeatedly by James E. Hansen, a climate scientist at NASA who said publicly last winter that he was being threatened by political appointees for speaking out about the dangers posed by greenhouse gas emissions.

Dr. Hansen's comments started a flurry of news media coverage in late January; on Feb. 3, Mr. Griffin issued a statement of "scientific openness."

The revised mission statement was released with the agency's proposed 2007 budget on Feb. 6. But Mr. Steitz said Dr. Hansen's use of the phrase and its subsequent disappearance from the mission statement was "pure coincidence."

Dr. Hansen, who directs the Goddard Institute for Space Studies, a NASA office, has been criticized by industry-backed groups and Republican officials for associating with environmental campaigners and his endorsement of Senator John Kerry in the 2004 presidential election.

Dr. Hansen said the change might reflect White House eagerness to shift the spotlight away from global warming.

"They're making it clear that they have the authority to make this change, that the president sets the objectives for NASA, and that they prefer that NASA work on something that's not causing them a problem," he said.

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Buzz Aldrin "We Saw A UFO"

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24 July 2006

Man On Moon: We Saw A UFO
Astronauts' close encounter
By Mike Swain

The first men to walk on the Moon reported seeing a UFO, a new TV documentary reveals.

Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, the second man to walk on the Moon's surface after Neil Armstrong, says space agency bosses covered up their sighting.

And the Apollo 11 astronauts were also careful not to talk about it openly.

He said: "There was something out there, close enough to be observed, and what could it be?"

"Now, obviously the three of us weren't going to blurt out, 'Hey, Houston, we've got something moving alongside of us and we don't know what it is, you know?"

"Can you tell us what it is?"

"We weren't about to do that, because we knew that that those transmissions would be heard by all sorts of people and somebody might have demanded we turn back because of aliens or whatever the reason is."

The documentary, tonight on Five, also reveals that the astronauts had to repair the lunar module with a ballpoint pen after the historic landing in July 1969.

In the cramped conditions, someone's bulky spacesuit had snapped off a circuit breaker essential for starting up the engine.

To this day, Aldrin treasures the everyday object that saved their lives.

He said: "I used a pen, one of several that we had on board that didn't have metal on the end, and we used that to push the circuit breaker in."

The programme also draws on classified documents made public for the first time.

[See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/sep/m28-027.shtml>

for a transcript of an Aldrin UFO statement --ebk]

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Petition To End CIA's Denial Of Search-Fee Waivers

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Online Petition to Help End the CIA's Illegal Denial of Records-
Search-Fee Waivers to Journalistic FOIA Requesters!

By Larry W. Bryant

This online petition was posted, on July 24, 2006, at the
following web page:

<http://www.petitiononline.com/ciafoia/petition.html>

We, the undersigned People, hereby (1) declare our collective and individual support for all those "representatives of the news media" (including journalists, independent writers, online "bloggers," and public-interest-group content providers) who have incurred the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency's illegal denial of their applications for records-search-fee waivers in the course of submitting various freedom-of-information requests to the Agency; (2) urge the U. S. Congress to swiftly pass remedial legislation for countering and preventing the Agency's abuse of regulatory authority in this matter; and (3) tender this petition as affirmation of the public's stakeholderhood in any related current/future litigation occurring within the federal court system.

BACKGROUND: Since its inception 40 years ago, the U. S. Freedom of Information Act has remained a thorn in the side of such federal agencies as the Central Intelligence Agency, which recently has taken it upon itself to defy the Act's sharply defined provision that "representatives of the news media" are entitled to have their various FOIA requests receive a waiver of all processing fees (other than those for the cost of duplicating records).

On June 14, 2006, a principal, serial victim of the CIA defiance - the George Washington University-based National Security Archive in Washington, D. C. - filed suit in U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia to reverse and enjoin the Agency's unfair, illegal, and dangerous policy/practice - see:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20060614/index.htm>

Another recent victim - petitioner Larry W. Bryant, a columnist for the monthly newsstand periodical UFO Magazine

<http://www.ufomag.com>

- is retaining legal counsel to assure his FOIA rights as an independent writer, along with his freedom-of-the-press right and equal-protection-of-the-laws right under the U. S. Constitution. In CIA FOIA chief Scott Koch's July 19, 2006, fee-waiver-denial letter to Bryant, the Agency singles out the UFO press for disdain and disregard, using these words: "The July 1947 crash [near Roswell, N. M.] is not a current event, and the UFO press is not the general public."

Whereas, the CIA FOIA chief has a statutory obligation not to apply arbitrary and capricious rules for granting records-

search-fee waivers to "representatives of the news media";

Whereas, such independent writers like Larry W. Bryant are being discriminated against by this illegal, hostile CIA scheme of non-compliance with established FOIA/constitutional ideals, principles, case law, and the stated intent of Congress; and

Whereas, in a FOIA-released, UFO-research-related memorandum dated Aug. 14, 1973, a CIA official stated the Agency's self-fulfilling prophecy that "[censored], in their telephone conversation, suggested that we had not heard the last from Mr. Bryant" -

We hereby intend that our signatures (1) affirm Mr. Bryant's FOIA-requester status as a "representative of the news media" and (2) demand immediate, permanent cessation of any and all CIA interference with his and with other similarly classed requesters' statutory and constitutional rights. Our demand fully and unequivocally endorses Mr. Bryant's and others' quest for prompt and wide-ranging remedial action - whether that remedy be legislative, litigative, or both.

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UFOs In Puerto Rico

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UFOs in Puerto Rico
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Independent reporter, paranormal investigator and abductee

<http://www.cnn.com/2005/WORLD/americas/09/28/ufo.strip.ap/>

10/10/05

Efforts to Build a UFO Landing Port in Lajas, Puerto Rico Get
International Attention

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.

A bright green sign along a lonely country road in southwestern Puerto Rico proudly displays a silhouette of a flying saucer and two words: "Extraterrestrial Route."

Most Puerto Ricans laughed when a horse farmer installed the sign on his property at the request of Reynaldo Rios, a local elementary school teacher who says he's been communicating with alien visitors to this U.S. territory since he was a child.

Rios, a 39-year-old with a goatee and a shock of dark hair, won't be ignored. With the blessing of a local government desperate for tourist dollars, he's dedicated himself to building the UFO landing strip.

"I can't say exactly when they will come, but I know it will happen," Rios said. "I want to keep believing in my dreams."

Lajas Mayor Marcos Irizarry's support for the idea has provoked outrage among islanders who complained it would be a waste of money at a time when the government is encouraging thousands of employees to shorten their work week to cope with a staggering fiscal deficit.

"What nonsense," said Luis Arocho, 47, sipping coffee with friends in a cafe in historic Old San Juan. "This country is in crisis, and since politicians are incapable of creating jobs, they create fantasies."

Irizarry quickly clarified that his municipal government would not invest in the project. Instead, he has promised to help Rios get the proper building permits.

UFO beliefs widely held The mayor insists his goal is to attract tourists to his small town.

But he is also among Lajans who believe they have seen UFOs in the area.

"It's a very mysterious place," said Irizarry, who says he once saw red lights zigzagging above the hills. "A lot of people have seen things."

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. He and Rios estimate the project could cost up to \$100,000 and are looking for money from private companies.

Negron, a soft-spoken grandfather, has applied for a permit to build a road to Indian Hill, the chosen site for the strip. Negron and others say a UFO crashed on the hill in 1997. They claim they heard a boom and saw the hill go up in flames.

Rios, who leads a group called "UFO International" that holds nighttime vigils to search for signs of alien life, lets Negron worry about details like investment costs and permits while he envisions the design. The landing strip would be 80-feet (24-meters) long and have pyramids as control towers because aliens are attracted to the shape.

The mayor hopes that UFO enthusiasts will flock to Lajas as they have to Roswell, New Mexico, the site of a supposed UFO crash in the 1940s. Hundreds of visitors have come to check out the Extraterrestrial Route since the sign went up, Irizarry said.

Puerto Rico is known for its Arecibo Observatory and its 1,000-foot (304-meter) parabolic receiver that astronomers really do use to search for extraterrestrial life. The huge dish, in northern Puerto Rico, made a cameo appearance in the 1997 film "Contact," starring Jodi Foster as an astronomer who picks up a signal from extraterrestrials.

What's blimp looking for? But it's a little-known aerostat off the Extraterrestrial Route that inspires UFO lore in Lajas. The U.S. military uses the aerostat, a tethered blimp with a radar system, to detect low-flying drug smuggling planes.

But many Lajas don't believe that. Even Irizarry has suggested that the aerostat's true purpose is to detect UFOs.

A paved road leading to the blimp curves out of sight between two hills. Two signs warn against trespassing. Rios claims he was once briefly detained while trying to see the aerostat.

The school teacher says he first encountered aliens at 13. He says white lights burst into his bedroom, entered his body and cured him of a back injury he had received during a basketball game.

In Lajas, people who have grown up hearing reports of UFO sightings seem more open to his scheme.

"If we have the technology to reach the moon, there could be others who have the technology to come here," said Ronaldo Barea, 26, a sandwich shop owner

REPORT FROM REINALDO

The Mayor of Lajas in Puerto Rico, Irizarry Marcos, Supports to 100 % this UFO Airport, where the next Saturday 24 of September the first maneuvers of a landing was made UFO. And a permanent monitoring by Professor Reinaldo Rios who has I throw a call to all the people whom they love to attend this so important event, in search of UFO sightings.

Reinaldo Rios the UFO Airport creator and the Lajas, Mayor, Mr. Marcos Irizarry

This project that possibly initiated in the 2006 where come tourism, many uses where Reinaldo Rios was in charge of the administrative part since wrath to its east name project. They have scientific areas and the runway that sera innacesible to the people like a legacy to the existence of the extraterrestrial ones. A place destined for them if they wish to land. The Government has seen with good eyes this work in all Puerto Rico comments on this historic event of acceptance of the Municipal Government of the extraterrestrial life thank to the work in that place for Reinaldo Rios.

This it could be the beginning of a new time where the humans we will be able to travel to other planets and being visited by beings come from the stars a dream that we think that reality can be done already we we took the first step, with this new ovni puerto, de which we presented/displayed a drawing of how it

will be. Hoping that other countries do the own thing and in a future not very distant to try to establish a direct bonding with these visitors of the universe in good of the humanity.

An idea about the first part of an Ufo Airport

Letter of the Mayor approved and participate in the project of the UFO Airport

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Intergalactic Service With A Smile
Niren Tolsi

Rule one when going to a planned UFO sighting: don't be too hopeful of being whisked away by giant, gently glowing, triple-breasted or amply hung aliens. Rule two: carry a handy tab of some hallucinogenic substance, in case of disappointment.

Alas, both mind-altering psychedelics and nubile extraterrestrials were in short supply on the farm in KwaZulu-Natal's Kamberg Valley visited by the Mail & Guardian this week.

There, dedicated ufologists unsuccessfully attempted to summon Ayling, the son of local woman Elizabeth Klarer and her alien paramour, Akon, from the planet Meton.

Until her death in 1994, Klarer insisted that after much telepathic chatting up, she had been visited and seduced by Akon, a tall Aryan type. In 1956, she says, she spent four months with him on Meton, a planet circling the nearest star to Earth, Alpha Centauri, where she gave birth to a galactic cross-breed.

The idea of extraterrestrial sex holds a strange fascination for humankind, as can be seen from the proliferation of sci-fi porn since the mid-20th century and repeated claims of men and women being abducted by aliens for scientific/sexual purposes.

Klarer's account, alongside that of Brazilian Antonio Vilas Boas -- who claimed that, in 1957, he was forced aboard a UFO, tested, injected with a serum (Venusian Viagra?) and then rogered by an insatiable, statuesque blonde alien for several hours -- is among the most widely quoted by ufologists and alien contactees.

The Kamberg Valley community, hoping that Ayling may still be kerb-crawling the galaxy, turned out its finest male-bait to entice the 50-(Earth)-year-old.

Past the gathering of farmers and other Kamberg luminaries sipping gluwain, coffee and local ale, swans Vera Sutherland (n=E9e Johns), a Miss South Africa pageant-winner in 1975 and now stud-farmer. So, too, do a range of Miss Fertiliser Bag winners and runners-up. "The second question the judges asked me was sooo hard," squeals one, who seemed to have recycled a kunsmissak (fertiliser bag) into a two-piece swimsuit. "Whether I preferred harrowing or deep riding," she giggles.

The sense that I may, indeed, be surrounded by alien life-forms

begins to germinate.

To the left of the gathering a landing strip shimmers for Ayling, while farmer George Armstrong, who owns the land and has lived in the area for 60 years, points to Flying Saucer Hill on the right. It is on this eminence that Klarer maintained her encounter of the third kind occurred as a seven-year-old.

"Is that where they shagged?" I ask. Armstrong laughs: "Why do it in a cold, wet field when you have a comfortable flying saucer?"

I ponder the question: novelty, farm fetishism, or so that orgasmic cries of "Who's your mother ship?" don't carry through the thin walls of the UFO?

Armstrong says that many of the younger generation in Kamberg and surrounds no longer remember Klarer the astral traveller, and that with time, her story has evolved into a good-natured myth.

It appears that local black people are especially sceptical: the Ayling reception party is as pale as the Milky Way.

It becomes increasingly apparent that the romance of Elizabeth and Akon is now being used as a gimmick to draw tourists to the area.

Yet there is a mystery at the heart of the Madame Klarer saga: she was a Cambridge-trained meteorologist, and her story was technically convincing in its description of the UFO, the mother ship and the planet Meton.

Klarer, who worked for South African air force intelligence during World War II, delivered a paper at the 11th International Congress of UFO Research in Germany in 1975 and addressed the United Kingdom's House of Lords in 1983, at a time when Britain's Ministry of Defence had officially declared that UFOs did exist.

Many cite her intelligence and lucidity as proof that she was not a crackpot.

Yet what is one to make of claims that Venusians, forced to abandon their planet, left a section of their civilisation on Earth to look after it and "advance the mentality and consciousness of the indigenous people"?

Why is it that alien abductors are always such hunks? And why should an interstellar traveller from such a high civilisation find a down-home gal from the Midlands so irresistible? Rough trade?

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** FAS WINS FOIA LAWSUIT OVER NRO BUDGET DOCUMENTS
** SELECTED CRS REPORTS

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In a rare victory for public access to intelligence agency records, a federal court yesterday ordered the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) to process its FY 2006 budget request for release under the Freedom of Information Act.

Judge Reggie B. Walton of the D.C. District Court granted a motion filed by the Federation of American Scientists to compel the NRO to comply with the FOIA.

FAS had requested disclosure of unclassified portions of the NRO budget request. Such records have been released to FAS in the past.

But the NRO, the agency which develops U.S. intelligence satellites, rejected the request with the novel claim that the budget documents were exempt from the FOIA under the exemption for highly sensitive "operational files."

Operational files at the NRO are those records that "document the means by which foreign intelligence or counterintelligence is collected through scientific and technical systems." Such files are exempt from search and review under the FOIA pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 432a.

Similar operational file exemptions to the FOIA are held by other intelligence agencies including CIA, NSA, NGA, and DIA. Never before had any agency (including NRO) denied a request for budget records by claiming that they were "operational."

If the operational file exemption were permitted to cover routine administrative documents such as budget records, then an enormous swath of unclassified government records could be unilaterally removed from the reach of the FOIA simply by designating them "operational."

In this case, Judge Walton ruled, the exemption does not apply. He ordered the NRO to process the requested budget records under the FOIA.

"The Court ... finds that the CBJB [i.e., the NRO Congressional Budget Justification Book] is not protected by [the operational files] exemption from the FOIA's search and review requirements,

and the defendant [NRO] must therefore perform these tasks and disclose those parts of the CBJB which must be released under [the FOIA]," he concluded.

See Judge Walton's July 24 ruling in Steven Aftergood v. National Reconnaissance Office, D.C. District Case No. 05-1307:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/nro-cbjb/rbw072406.pdf>

Judge Walton's narrowly crafted opinion did not resolve the question of whether or not the budget documents can actually be considered "operational" files.

Instead, he ruled that even if they are operational, the exemption for operational files does not apply in this case because the budget records have been disseminated outside of their original file location. Under the terms of the statute, such dissemination nullifies the exemption.

In particular, he cited the NRO's own admission that the "CBJB was disseminated to the DNI for approval and for inclusion in the President's budget."

The effectiveness of Judge Walton's ruling may be short-lived, however, if legislation now pending in the Senate version of the 2007 intelligence authorization act is enacted into law.

That Senate bill would dictate that "protected operational files provided by elements of the Intelligence Community to the Office of the DNI carry with them any exemption such files had from Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requirements for search, review, publication, or disclosure" (Senate Report 109-259 on section 411 of S. 3237). In other words, dissemination of exempted NRO operational records to the DNI would no longer nullify the exemption, if the Senate language is adopted.

The FAS lawsuit against the NRO benefitted from a masterful amicus brief written by Meredith Fuchs, general counsel at the National Security Archive, in which she discussed the legislative history of the operational files exemption and the proper limits of its application. Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) wrote a letter attesting to the fact that the requested NRO budget records had been disseminated to Congress.

Those and other selected case files can be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/nro-cbjb/index.html>

A prior release of unclassified NRO budget request records from FY 1998 is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/nro/fy98/index.html>

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New reports from the Congressional Research Service, not readily available to the public, include these:

"Intelligence Issues for Congress," July 12, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL33539.pdf>

"Israel-Hamas-Hezbollah: The Current Conflict," July 21, 2006:

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Fireball Crosses Skies Over Tacna Peru

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PERU: FIREBALL CROSSES SKIES OVER TACNA

A strange fireball similar to a comet crossed the skies over Tacna on Monday afternoon before the startled eyes of dozens of onlookers.

According to the National Meteorology and Hydrology Service (SENAMHI), it could be an unidentified flying object (UFO).

Astonished spectators noted that the "object" crossed the sky slowly until it vanished in the horizon.

The event took place at approximately 17:00 hrs. on Monday over the Monte Verde sector of the Heroic City. In this regard, Guadalupe Miranda, director of SENAMHI in Tacna, dismissed the possibility that it could be a comet or meteorite. "Given its flashing characteristics, brilliance and slow movement, it could be a UFO."

Readers should recall that this is not the first report on possible UFOs in the south of the country. On June 8, a Civil Defense official took a photo of a strange object that flew over the Libinas Volcano in Moquegua. On that occasion it could not be ascertained if the object was or was not a UFO.

Anthony Choy, a researcher of anomalous aerial phenomena, maintains that a relationship exists between UFO manifestations and natural or man-made catastrophes.

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

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>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>I'm not assuming anything, Martin. It's common practice.

I understand what you are telling us about common practice, Don. 125-150 feet tops, you said, based on common practice with power line poles. Your stated assumption was that G-2 inspector Dolyak neither measured the pole interval nor even paced it off approximately, and so pulled 300 ft out of the air. Based on your expectation of common practice. Whether the truth is 300 ft or not isn't the point. My criticism of your logic stands: With due respect to your experience, "common practice" with power poles (not necessarily universal practice with all poles - and were these power or phone poles, for example?) can't be a strong enough basis to throw out evidence. We may discover that Dolyak measured badly, but we will find that out from investigation and we'll test "common practice" as well. Both may be wrong.

We have one independent test already. You told us that the spacing could not be more than 125 or 150 ft at most, common practice being (you assume) universal. But lo, a second survey at the scene, by Hartmann, also contradicts your expectation from common practice, and tells us the spacing was over 200 ft. By implication you are assuming that Hartmann's figure too is "nonsense". It certainly disagrees with Dolyak, hence (as I said) the actual surveyed separation is only known to lie probably somewhere in the range of these figures. There is an uncertainty here, but it is not going to be resolved by insisting on common practice of 125-150 ft.

>>Let's look at Don's "norm". A 40 ft pole at 125 ft

>40 feet at 150 -175 feet would be more like it.

Would it? Where did 175 ft come from? What happened to common practice of 35 - 40 ft poles at 125 - 150 ft intervals?

>It's straight engineering. The 40 foot poles would be used where the poles were further apart at close to 200 feet, at best.

So now we're up to 200 ft. This is getting just about realistic.

<snip>

>Your own eyes should tell you that these poles are not 300 feet apart. And they are not going to be 300 feet apart, nor probably >200 feet apart - my guess is 150 but that's a guess.

Guesses and common practice are just not good enough Don. I can

see why you look at the photo and think "300 ft? No way!" Michael Tarbell recently looked at them and thought similarly. I agree with this also. In fact I would never guess that they were anything like 150 ft even, by simply looking. But I'm afraid simply looking is unreliable. The relative angular sizes of the poles does not give you any distance information. (see my other post to Mike).

On the other hand, your 35 ft-minimum pole (common practice again, I guess) at your maximum common-practice distance of 150 ft would make the cropped print lateral FOV (the JSE images) about 70 degrees wide. This is the most favourable combination from your range of figures. (Even a 30 ft pole at 150 ft would make the cropped FOV about 60 degs wide.) The uncropped original FOV would be greater (* note) so 70 degs is a minimum, and this is approaching twice the angular scale measured by a number of individuals who did their surveying on the very spot when the poles were still there. Of course this assumes the camera is near the base of a pole, as has been stated. Judging from the shadow geometry this might not be right. Let's assume the nearby invisible pole is 20 ft away, with the first visible pole at 170 ft from the lens, then the angular scale is still over 1/3 too big.

Plainly something has to give. Hartmann, Gray and Evers maybe pulled their independent angular scale measurements out of the air, that's one answer. We could always throw them out I suppose. Smaller and smaller poles is another answer. If you don't like those the other possibility is a greater distance. And this happens also to be what was measured by individuals on the spot. Crudely correcting by applying the above proportionality we get about 230 ft for the distance to the first pole and deducting the 20 ft we added for the distance to the nearby pole this gives us an interval of about 210 ft. Hartmann's actual measurement was about 206 ft.

This is enough to cast doubt on "common practice", and for this reason I object to throwing out any measurements on the basis of it.

>I'm not trying
>to rain on your parade, Martin, but there are engineering
>standards in the stringing of power and telecommunication lines
>that apply and must be abided by. I'm not making this stuff up.

Of course not, but neither do I believe Hartmann was making stuff up. Nor, in fact, do I believe that Dolyak was making stuff up (there has to be a good explanation for a discrepancy between his measurement and Hartmann's) and I'm not going to just "throw out" any recorded datum on the basis solely of common practice which evidence suggests may not apply in this particular case. I want to know what is going on in these photos of that actual place and in the investigation of them.

Engineering standards are one thing; geometrical-optical standards are another. You are asking us to accept that John Gray (aerospace engineer, NICAP's chief investigator), Ed Evers (another NICAP aerospace engineer) and Bill Hartmann (CR photo analyst) all made on-the-spot surveys and experiments with the identical camera and estimated the photo angular scale wrongly by getting on for a factor of two. It's hard to come up with a theory that would make sense of that.

But let's suppose we can.

You are still asking us to accept that the three sedan cars on the freeway, which, on the smallest angular scale consistent with your "common practice" figures (35 ft @ 150ft), would subtend ~ 1.02 deg, are all at least 27 ft long (difficult to explain sensibly); or alternatively that not only did Hartmann (like Dolyak) get the separation of the poles dramatically too great, everybody on the spot - including Dolyak, Hartmann and Heflin himself, who was professionally familiar with these roads and had training as a surveyor - also got the distance to the freeway dramatically exaggerated by a factor (in Hartmann's case) of about 160%.

I don't buy any of this without strong reason, and common practice is not strong enough.

So do we have a sensible hypothesis (by a sensible hypothesis I

do not mean just throwing it out as nonsense) as to where Dolyak's 300 ft comes from - one which allows that this Marine G-2 Inspector did indeed estimate the pole interval conscientiously, either by direct measurement or at least by pacing it out? Well here's one possibility: He scribbled down "200 ft" in his notebook on-site, and this was transcribed again by hand (either by himself later or somebody else back at USMC El Toro) onto the photo overlay as "300 ft". We'll never prove it, but it makes a theory that is logically and photogrammetrically consistent with Hartmann's better-documented on-site survey. And who knows, given uncommon practice even Dolyak's measurement may still possibly tell us something. Throwing it away as mere nonsense without thinking any of this through is unproductive. At least, I see that difference.

>You don't need NICAP records or Marine records, just get someone
>in that locale to go to the local PG&E or CE office and ask for
>someone in the engineering department. There will be handbooks
>and guidelines for that time period, possibly records for that
>road.

Well by the same standards you don't need "common practice" either. You can search out these records, more effectively than me. Fortunately Mike Tarbell is pursuing this. As I said, if a distance of 125 - 150 ft can be proved I'll be astonished and bewildered.

>>Oh, and by the way, if you insist that Don is right whilst
>>Dolyak/Hartmann were both grossly exaggerating the distance
>>then you are forcing any distance callibration to produce the
>>result that the object is much closer to the camera and much
>>smaller. If you imagine this helps Heflin you are mistaken
>>again.

>For my part, I was trying to help you and Dave and Tim, not
>Heflin. That's the whole idea here isn't it.

Certainly. I apologise if that shot ricocheted in your direction

<snip>

>>>I agree with Don that the analysts should publish (or at
>>>least write and make available) full reports when they are
>>>done, for the historical record and for thorough peer review.

>>I agree 100%, and I think a complete historical case record
>>should be assembled on-line, linked to the Blue Book
>>documents, the Hartmann study, and all of the original NICAP
>>work which needs to be assembled in one place for free access
>>by future researchers.

>Well at least something is agreed upon. That's 4 so far for that
>request.

I'm hopeful that the "lost" NICAP files have at last been located. With luck by the time this is posted I'll know for sure where they are and roughly what is in them. Although I am far from the action I'm willing to do the work of transcription on these documents, if that can be arranged, so they can be made widely available. There may be copyright issues I suppose. Anyway I'll let the List know what transpires.

Martin Shough

* Note: With deference to Victor who tells us that the JSE photos are significantly cropped, possibly by as much as 25% laterally (41 degs down to 30 degs), I'm not so sure about this any more (well I never was). I've not found any other published images anywhere that are as complete as these. The poor copies in the BB file are good enough to show that they are not as complete as the JSE images. The Marine G-2 inspector's overlays with outlines drawn from the _original_ prints do not appear to show anything at all outside the area of the JSE images (although oddly enough the axial ratio is not quite the same).

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>>Perhaps someone can tell me if this has been broached before
>>now.

>>According to the JSE Reanalysis of the 1965 Heflin UFO Photos,
>>"Heflin was never asked for permission to print the photos, and
>>even though they were subsequently published widely in journals
>>and magazines throughout the world, he never copyrighted them or
>>asked for any remuneration for their use for 30 years."

>>However, Heflin was, by all accounts including his own, on duty
>>for Orange County at the time the photos were made, sitting in a
>>county-owned van, using a county-supplied camera and county-
>>purchased film to make those photos.

>>Wouldn't any copyrights, as well as the actual physical prints
>>themselves, belong to Heflin's employer and the citizens of
>>Orange County?

>The short answer is no. As an author and editor I am pretty
>familiar with copyright laws and practices. In the first place
>the photo is were given freely to the newspaper and no copyright
>was applied for. Once you give something away and it is widely
>reproduced, copyright is pretty wellI an oxymoron.

>I don't mean to insult your intelligence if you already know
>this, but copyrights don't happen automatically by themselves;
>you have to apply for them and register them at the Library of
>Congress Copyright Office. This did not happen, nor would it be
>likely to occur to a county government.

Dick, and Rand

I partly disagree. I think the short answer to the part of
Rand's question about the physical prints themselves could well
be Yes. This would be a distinct issue from the intellectual
property rights issue.

Just to add to Dick's comments on the latter, the present US
copyright law, as I understand it, is essentially the same as
ours here in the UK since the US adhered to the Berne Convention
in about 1978 (following the Copyright Act 1976). After that
date copyright subsists in all works from the moment of their
creation in "a fixed form" and is a transferrable but
inalienable property of the creator. This is absolutely
automatic. There is no requirement to apply or to register or to
display a copyright notice or to publish. Registration can be
advantageous when prosecuting for infringement, but it has no
bearing at all on the existence of copyright which is provided
automatically and instantaneously under law.

In 1965 however the US still operated by the Copyright Act of 1909. Under that Act copyright was secured either by the act of publication (not creation) with notice of copyright (i.e. displayed copyright symbol or equivalent), or by the act of registration of copyright (as Dick describes) which was available for certain unpublished work. The 1976 Act was retrospective and attempted to bring all works created and/or published before, as far as possible, under the provisions of the new Act; but this would have to be subject to other laws affecting the ownership and transfer of rights. So a lawyer might (I suggest) think the situation is a little more interesting.

The following is my very amateur take on the situation, just because I think this is all fascinating stuff. Perhaps a knowledgeable lawyer on the List can pick the bones out of it.

Based on these musings I also finally offer a speculation, for discussion, about the disappearance of the Polaroids in 1965 and their reappearance in 1993.

For certain purposes mere distribution of copies can be construed as publication. This used to be known as investive publication. Although Heflin did not actively distribute copies (at least initially - apparently this was initially done by friends without his express instruction) he might be held to have published the photos as soon as he permitted copies to be made and distributed, prior to any newspaper interest. But whether this would be true or not, he did not assert any notification of copyright at this time, so his claim would still have been incomplete under the 1909 Act. As such it could only have had the minimal protection of common law. It had no federal protection.

On the other hand the 1976 Act restores retrospectively Heflin's automatic ownership of copyright even in the absence of notification. But it surely does not undo any transfer of rights to a third party. It couldn't restore a right that Heflin had sold for example. As Dick says, he apparently did not sell his right in 1965, or expressly transfer it; but neither did he assert it or establish it under law in the first place. So could he be held to have constructively transferred it by permitting publication of the photos by a third party, and by not legally challenging that party's own assertion of copyright in them? I think this is possible (copyright lawyers please show mercy!)

Publication certainly did occur with the first newspaper printing of the 3 UFO shots by the Register on Monday Sept 20, and if the newspaper notified copyright on its own behalf, then under the 1909 Act perhaps the paper legally asserted copyright ownership in 1965. We could make out that the paper published the photos tacitly on Heflin's behalf, but this would be what was known as divestive publication, i.e. it would merely remove even the protection of common law that was previously enjoyed under investive publication. At this stage Heflin would need specific notification of copyright in his name to retain any rights.

Checking the scans of newspaper cuttings from the BB file I can't anywhere see any notification of copyright in the name of Rex Heflin (though it might be there - maybe someone has more complete copies?), or any other evidence that would suggest Heflin sought to assert copyright. On the other hand it is very likely that somewhere in the Sept 20 issue of the Santa Ana Register was a routine copyright notice reserving all rights in contents to the publisher (again this is usual but could be checked if anyone has access to old copies of the newspaper). If that were the case then the retrospectiveness of the 1976 Act would presumably not protect Heflin, it would (redundantly) protect the Santa Ana Register.

Heflin's retrospective right is still possibly protected by the fact that the photos were sent first to Life Magazine, who did not publish. Distributing or offering to distribute for further distribution by sale, rental, lease or lending is held to constitute publication under the 1976 Act (Heflin did not do this himself directly, but a friend did it with his consent). Possibly this would be sufficient to assert prior publication for the purposes of the present Act, but once again the friend very likely did not submit the photos to Life with an explicit

notification of copyright (as still required in 1965 by the 1909 Act to complete the claim to copyright by publication), so if the Register did notify copyright then the retrospective embrace of the 1976 Act might not protect Heflin.

So maybe it isn't quite clear if the 1976 Copyright Act allows Heflin's heirs and direct assignees to assert title to the images or not. All of which raises the question of the terms under which custody of the photos passed to Ann Druffel, i.e. the question of intellectual property rights (to the use of the images) versus physical property rights (to possession of the original Polaroids). And that question in turn leads back to the intriguing disappearance of the photos in 1965.

Now Rand McNatt raises the question of Heflin's employer's rights. It seems unlikely that Heflin's employment contract would have contained anything about intellectual property rights, but the original Polaroid film itself would certainly have been the property of the Orange County Highways Department. Yes, they could surely have asserted a right to the original photos (the chattels, as distinct from the intellectual property) as these materials were Orange County govt property. But apparently they did not. Well, why would they?

Interesting question when you think about it. We do know that there was some concern among Heflin's employers about the impact of publicity and information-seekers on the Department during the hours of work. After the UPI story broke Heflin was required to keep his cab radio switched off so as not to interrupt his work, and arrangements for out-of-hours calls or visits were fielded by the Road Dept office. According to Reichmuth the Dept was "swamped" with phone calls and these arrangements were put in place with Heflin's agreement on Sept 22.

My suspicious mind discerns here a possible motive for Heflin wanting the original Polaroids conveniently lost. What if his employers insisted on asserting their right to their own property and asked him to surrender the photos? Or maybe nothing was said, perhaps Heflin merely saw the trouble he was causing at work and could see this coming? Suggestively, the very day the Dept instituted its radio silence policy and required Heflin to deal with the matter only outside work hours (as they told Capt. Reichmuth) was the same day (Sept 22) the original Polaroids disappeared. That night, Heflin said, the mysterious "NORAD visitor(s)" arrived and took the photos, leaving Heflin only with copies.

In about 1980 Heflin seems to have left the Highway Dept for health reasons, with serious breathing problems and lead poisoning of the bone marrow due to 30 years of traffic smog, moving from OC to the clearer air of Anaheim in 1985. The info in JSE I and elsewhere isn't completely clear, but it seems that Heflin was now not working and was in reduced circumstances, unable to claim health insurance.

Can we infer that he was, until pensionable age, dependant on a sickness benefit from his (former) employer? JSE I says that he was still in receipt of "funds" from Orange County, other than a pension, at this time, so the answer seems to be Yes. When he reached retirement aged 65 in about 1993 (I think this was then retirement age for men in the US?) such a benefit might disappear. Apparently he did still have an occupational pension to look forward to, but according to JSE I this was cut-off as well because Orange County was in bankruptcy!

The upshot is that Heflin now needed money, and the legal owner of the original Polaroids was suddenly receding from his life (which to him was starting to look short, as it unfortunately proved to be). Perhaps now he judged that the "lost" photos could safely reappear and any benefit he could gain from them would be of help to him in the absence of medical insurance?

Another thing : If effective copyright in the images had been established by the Register in 1965 (by publication with notification, as was then the sufficient action in law) Heflin himself would not be able legally to benefit from the images during the copyright term. My research indicates that that term, for publications dated between 1964 - 1977, would have been 28 years (extendable only by application). So 1993 would also have been the date of expiry of a first term of copyright on the images, which could either be a coincidence or another factor in

Heflin deciding it was now a good time to "rediscover" the originals.

Possibly consistent with this is that the fourth smoke ring photo never disappeared, and this was the one photo that Heflin did not show openly or describe explicitly to his employers at this time. It was also the one photo not published by the Register in Sept 1965. So the County presumably could not have asked him to hand over a photo they didn't know existed. (The first written mention of what Heflin referred to as his "ace in the hole" occurs in an internal NICAP letter written three days after the NORAD visit. I don't yet know when and where #4 was eventually published.) But these are weak points on their own because the very fact that Heflin was cagey about #4 means we can argue that it was a special case on other grounds.

Previously (June 29) I was puzzled by why Heflin would make up the NORAD story (if he did). What did he have to gain from hiding the photos? Concealing the originals from too-close inspection because of support strings (more fugitive on copies perhaps) is one theory; but there are at least two problems with this:

- 1) He had already freely lent the original Polaroids to the USMC G-2 office at El Toro for study, and in fact only got them back from SSgt Dolyak that day.
- 2) Why make them public again in 1993 when he must know that any such strings would be ten times more likely to be detected than was the case in 1965? And there is (so far at least) no strong evidence that such a tell-tale exists on them anyway.

The present theory suggests a rational motive. It's just a conjecture of course, but it makes some sense of the suspicions of Hartmann, McDonald and many other people that the NORAD story may be dodgy.

And one other point - It also tends to imply that Heflin understood the situation in copyright law and property law, but appears to have made no effort to assert copyright between Aug 3 and Sept 20 (or indeed thereafter), indicating that he was less concerned about pecuniary advantage in 1965 than he was about possession of the original photos. This suggests that the original Polaroids themselves may have had an importance to Heflin, possibly sentimental, beyond any value of the images. Arguably this is not consistent with a scam or a joke that got out of hand, but it is consistent with the photos being genuine.

BTW - I should add that I shared these these inferences from circumstantial evidence off-List with Dick Hall, who rubbished them out of hand (whilst also completely dismissing all criticism of his personal vision of copyright law) as just "a ton of ungrounded speculation". This seemed to me an odd inversion of his usual mantra that background and character and circumstance are where the truth is to be found (e.g. List post June 23) in preference to the assumptions and circular reasonings of technical analysis which, he says, can end up proving any old thing (July 15). Possibly only inferences of a certain kind are desirable? "One can speculate and assume almost anything," he offered helpfully, adding that I should go and ask Ann Druffel who would alone be able to "respond meaningfully". Certainly if anyone at all - including Ann - feels a meaningful response coming on, I'd be overjoyed.

Martin Shough

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 22:34:37 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 20:29:32 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 11:15:28 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 23:51:30 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 12:35:39 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>Good for you Mike, speaking as an alien (the terrestrial kind) I
>>really hope you can get this info for us - then we may indeed be
>>"well informed". But if you do get an actual plan of the Myford Rd
>>poles in 1965 I'd bet the distance shown is much greater than Don's
>>125-150 ft (at least the ~200 ft mapped by Hartmann and probably
>>more) - and I'd also bet the pole heights are much less than 40 ft
>>(probably near 30 ft). If the figures are close to those Don suggests
>>then someone needs to explain how the angular FOV of the Polaroid 101
>>can be approaching 100 degrees wide, and how either Heflin's location
>>(distance from the freeway) was very grossly mistaken by all early
>>investigators and by Heflin himself and/or how there can have been a
>>convoy of double-length cars on the freeway at the time (to accent
>>one grotesque discrepancy just for the sake of illustration).

<snip>

>Probably my greatest obstacle in accepting a figure like 300 ft.
>is the intuitive disconnect I get viewing the image. Supposing
>the poles are 30 ft. tall, can you imagine laying ten of them
>lengthwise between poles? It just doesn't seem to fit, but I
>can't rule out that some optical illusion is in effect.

I agree it is very difficult to imagine distance from viewing.
In fact I'd go so far as to say it is geometrically impossible.
The relative angular sizes of the foreshortened row of poles are
consistent with an indefinite number of different regular height
: interval combinations. It's insensitive to the actual ratio.
The angular sizes will always follow the series 1, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4
1/n where the first visible pole = 1. This is what you see.
Without extraneous size or distance cues the absolute angular
scale is just impossible to tell.

>Although it was satisfying to find that the extinction value
>based on 300 ft. spacing was a good match to the visibility-
>based value, I'm finding anything larger than 200 ft. pretty
>hard to swallow. As others have pointed out, it is astonishing
>that such uncertainty still remains over such a fundamental
>parameter.

I agree 300 ft will probably (but not certainly) turn out to be
an explainable error and some nonlinear artefact may be
responsible for inflating your extinction distance. Based on the
pretty consistent Hartmann and NICAP estimates of angular scale
I'd be more confident that it will come in around >200 ft. This

gives sensible maxima for the lengths of the cars on the freeway consistent with Heflin's probable position. It seems to sit well with David's ray tracing also.

Martin

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Golubik

From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Jul 2006 10:08:38 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jul 2006 20:50:20 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Golubik

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 16:13:48 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 15 Jul 2006 17:48:27 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>>On the other hand Viktor Golubik tells us that (according to
>>Ann Druffel) the JSE images are cropped. If so they are
>>cropped almost symmetrically on both axes to within a percent
>>or two. He hasn't told us by how much they were cropped, but he
>>did say he was assuming they show a horizontal FOV of about 30
>>degs. This would make the UFO ~1.7 degrees across and first pole
>>~5.6 degs high, figures over 30% smaller than the similar values
>>obtained by Hartmann and Grey/Evers. With this angular scale
>>the Marine report's 300 ft distance gives us a pole 29.4 ft
>>high, whereas Hartmann's 206 ft distance gives 20.2 ft.

>>Various figures between 22 and 40 ft have been given for
>>likely pole height by Nick Balaskas (assuming phone poles) and
>>Don Ledger (power poles). The crossbars do bear what look like
>>insulators but recently someone (I can't find the reference
>>now)said that they were phone poles piggy-backing power lines
>>under a kind of rental agreement. Brad Sparks (off-List) gives
>>30 ft with an 8 ft cross pole as the "known" size, but I don't
>>have a primary source for this either.

>>A _very_ rough internal check on angular scale is offered by
>>the cars on the freeway. Say a typical 4-door saloon (sedan)
>>is about 15 ft long: then Hartmann's map distance to the freeway
>>(~1600 ft) indicates that the cars subtend in the region of
>>0.45 deg, making the UFO about 1.8 degs wide; whilst Dolyak's
>>"3/8 mile" (1980 ft) gives about 0.55 deg, making the UFO about
>>2.2 degs wide. To allow the UFO to be ~ 2.5 degs wide, roughly
>>as determined by Hartmann and Grey & Evers, the cars would be
>>~15 ft long at a distance of ~1430 ft from the camera, or
>>nearly 17 ft long at 1600 ft. Using Viktor's angular scale we
>>could get the cars to be as big as about 14 ft long if we use
>>Dolyak's 1980 ft distance to the freeway, but they would be only
>>about 11 ft long using Hartmann's. It looks from this as though
>>Viktor's suggested angular scale is under some strain as it
>>only gives consistent values at the limits. But that's all that
>>can be said.

Martin, David,

My estimate on angular width of field was just that: a low number that once I established how the film size/crop/focus affected the final form images, it would grow from there. Ann recently had responded to my inquiry in the affirmative stating that the JSE images were cropped. Since the Horizontal FOV may be as low as 36-37 degrees, I just assumed the lowest possible camera setting and cut about 2-3 degrees off from both sides.

As I was trying to convey back then, the captured vs calculated FOV for the lens can be vary considerably; Both the focus setting and film size can affect the outcome.

>Lack of firmly-established numbers has been one of the very
>frustrating aspects of re-examing the Heflin photos. It seems
>like an extremely simple matter to precisely determine the
>angular width of the photos from test shots and from there to
>calculate basics like the angular width of the UFO. Why there
>should still be any disagreement about this remains a mystery.

>Another important thing missing for proper scaling has been lack
>of access to the fully uncropped images. Hopefully this will
>be rectified in the near future.

I had asked Ann some time ago for low resolution copies of her uncropped photos. She has not yet responded. This all goes back to Heflin having given up (?) the originals and the earlier investigators having faced similar problems. It is my speculation that the photos are currently undergoing new scans (per our recommendations) and that the cropped images in JSE may not be by accident: Cropped images have been a long standing problem. Therefore, one would think they would have, instead, been eager to publish them for the first time.

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Richard Hall's Journal of UFO History Vol I

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Jul 2006 13:34:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jul 2006 20:58:45 -0400
Subject: Richard Hall's Journal of UFO History Vol I

The Fund for UFO Research is proud to announce the release of the Journal of UFO History, Volume I - March 2004 to February 2005. This is the first six months of Richard's highly regarded Journal and should be in everyone's library.

You can find the listing on the Fund's web site:

http://www.fufor.com/item20060727_JUH1.htm

Steve

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Ultimatum On CIA FOIA Appeal Letter

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Jul 2006 16:18:05 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 09:07:37 -0400
Subject: Ultimatum On CIA FOIA Appeal Letter

To: Mr. Scott Koch
Information and Privacy Coordinator
U.S. Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

From: Larry W. Bryant
3518 Martha Custis Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302

Date: July 27, 2006

Mr. Koch:

Your letter to me of July 19, 2006, neglects to acknowledge the CIA FOIA-Records Agency Release Panel's receipt of (and action upon) my June 29, 2006, notice letter (copy enclosed) challenging your rejection of my FOIA-requester status as a representative of the news media.

My letter enclosed a check in the amount of \$30 (with the annotated proviso "PAID UNDER PROTEST"). As of today's date, I have yet to acquire any evidence that your agency has cashed my check. This lack of CIA action continues to hold hostage my appeal letter of June 5, 2006.

I therefore ask that you promptly track down the check's whereabouts, provisionally cash it, and thereby restore my appeal rights as demanded in my June 5 and June 29 letters. You have 10 days from the date of your receipt of this letter to comply with my request. Your non-compliance will leave me no recourse but to file suit in U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia to compel cessation of all your illegal actions in this matter.

Ironic, isn't it, Mr. Koch, that your illegality here is causing (and will continue to cause) far more expense to the taxpayer than would be the case were you to simply quit interfering with my FOIA-requester status as a representative of the news media? Such egregiously poor managerial judgment should draw the full attention of those Congress members currently weighing measures for improving FOIA efficiency, agency accountability, and user-friendliness toward those public-interest stakeholders known as FOIA requesters.

By snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

Larry W. Bryant
Columnist for UFO Magazine

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 07:00:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 09:10:32 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shell

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 22:29:01 +0000
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>The short answer is no. As an author and editor I am pretty
>familiar with copyright laws and practices. In the first place
>the photo is were given freely to the newspaper and no copyright
>was applied for. Once you give something away and it is widely
>reproduced, copyright is pretty wellI an oxymoron.

>I don't mean to insult your intelligence if you already know
>this, but copyrights don't happen automatically by themselves;
>you have to apply for them and register tham at the Library of
>Congress Copyright Office. This did not happen, nor would it be
>likely to occur to a county government.

Well, Dick, all I can say is that I was completely flabbergasted
to read these statements coming from someone who is as generally
well-informed as you are.

Copyright does, in fact, happen automatically. Any work is
copyrighted the moment it is created and no registration or
anything else is required.

Registration is purely optional. However, if you don't register
you are limited to collecting actual damages in court. If you
register you can collect legal fees and court costs as well.
Registration must be within 90 days of publication for this to
apply, but you can register any time, even years later.

The USA signed the Berne Copyright Convention, an international
accord on copyright law. However, the US Library of Congress
charges us a fee to register, a fee that just went up to \$ 45,
even though the Berne Convention specifically forbids
registration fees.

I've done a lot of research on copyright in the last four years,
and have an ongoing copyright suit over some of my photos.

Best,

Bob Shell

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Re: Jerry E. Smith? - Harrison

From: Diane Harrison <auforn06.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 21:41:11 +1000
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 09:14:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Jerry E. Smith? - Harrison

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 20 Jul 2006 18:08:12 -0300
>Subject: Jerry E. Smith?

>Does anyone haave an E-mail address for author Jerry
>E. Smith, or any info on how to get in touch with him?

Jerry Smith?

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Warmest Regards,

Diane Harrison/Frola

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Gang-Stalking FAQ

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 07:53:05 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 09:18:07 -0400
Subject: Gang-Stalking FAQ

The following link is provided in an attempt to warn ufologists and researchers about a phenomena that is sweeping the nation.

The phenomena in question is known as "Gang Stalking".

Many Ufologists have reported harassment and abuse which seemed to be designed at driving them crazy. This is a specific goal of Gang Stalking, mainly to discredit an individual.

As a victim of Gang Stalking, I have spent hours researching this criminal phenomena and can assure the individual that victim's face an uphill battle when it comes to reporting the abuse. Due to the ignorance of the public, Stalkers are allowed to practically get away with destroying lives.

Gang-Stalking FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions):

<http://tinyurl.com/lvv6k>

What is so unnerving about the abuse, is that many innocent victims, unknowingly decide to help the Stalkers in their task. For example, I recently passed out the exact same FAQ to a next door neighbor, one Kate Yandell, and she believed it to be proof of insanity on my part. She turned around and gave it to a neighbor who, unknowingly to me, was an FBI Agent and claimed she feared for the safety of her family. She claimed that because her husband is an R.N., he is able to diagnose mental disorders. I decided not to inform her that any belief that R.N.'s can diagnose mental disorders, is in itself, "crazy-talk". I should emphasize that she didn't fear any Stalkers, instead she feared what a "crazy" person might decide to do to her family. Because of her actions, I am now forced to procure a Lawyer, and file an official Police Report, something which I was putting off in an attempt to gather sufficient evidence of harassment/abuse. Specifically, the type of evidence that is admissible in a court of law. I do not think she had anything to do with the group of stalkers who are harassing me. Instead, I think she is simply a paranoid busy-body, however, she might as well sign up to be a stalker as her actions are just as harmful. Ironically, I have now received information from neighbors that this isn't the first time Mrs. Yandell has made a false allegation or contacted authorities over a false report.

To top things off, Mrs. Yandell has decided to take it upon herself to see if I have any criminal background. She advised my family that she researched my name on-line to see if I was a registered sex-offender as well as checked with the local police department to see if I had a record. Again, this is the type of battle an individual will face, should they become a victim as well as dare to report the abuse.

Please be very cautious. The phenomena of Gang-Stalking is not only quite real, it is designed to destroy your life and reputation.

- Jason Gammon

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>I agree 300 ft will probably (but not certainly) turn out to be
>an explainable error and some nonlinear artefact may be
>responsible for inflating your extinction distance. Based on the
>pretty consistent Hartmann and NICAP estimates of angular scale
>I'd be more confident that it will come in around >200 ft. This
>gives sensible maxima for the lengths of the cars on the freeway
>consistent with Heflin's probable position. It seems to sit well
>with David's ray tracing also.

The ray trace I've been able to generated, (one aspect of my
objective) also confirms a value obtained from match-up with an
independent source... a number that hovers just around, or
slightly above, 200 feet.

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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoUpdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 22:34:30 +0100
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>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 22:29:01 +0000
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Rand McNatt <randmcnatt.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 14:30:14 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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>>And one other point - It also tends to imply that Heflin
>>understood the situation in copyright law and property law, but
>>appears to have made no effort to assert copyright between Aug 3
>>and Sept 20 (or indeed thereafter), indicating that he was less
>>concerned about pecuniary advantage in 1965 than he was about
>>possession of the original photos. This suggests that the
>>original Polaroids themselves may have had an importance to
>>Heflin, possibly sentimental, beyond any value of the images.
>>Arguably this is not consistent with a scam or a joke that got
>>out of hand, but it is consistent with the photos being genuine.

<snip>

I haven't followed this thread too closely. So please forgive me if I'm merely restating past points...

I think as the situation evolved and scrutiny intensified, any manner of thinking could have swayed a reasonable person, of heightened awareness and in possession of the truth, to act in accordance with the preservation of their circumstances regardless of the observance of copyright law.

Copyright laws are often overlooked by either ignorance, a reluctance to pursue, an unwillingness to investigate consequences, or a simple lack of money. In this particular situation, I simply feel that these photographs belong to and act on behalf of the general public welfare; hinging on their implied or expressed covenant with the carrying forth of their generated and concerning wishes. As such, I feel that these photos may simply belong to the public domain as already uncontested and fulfilled. Ownership is often a neglected responsibility to ones neighbors. Accordingly, they don't belong to any one individual and should be granted immediate availability to all mindfully befallen requesters.

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>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 19 Jul 2006 03:48:49 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 23:31:20 EDT
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>>When Ms. Druffel does eventually let the photos out of her
>>possession for the masses to look at without filtering questions
>>through her, one can only wonder if she will have blacked
>>out/whited out significant portions, just like the NSA.

>>If anyone in the government responded to a request for
>>information or documents like this, the howls from some
>>ufologists about a conspiracy, and a lack of fairness, would be
>>deafening.

>>Perhaps Gary McKinnon can be prevailed upon to hack into Ms.
>>Druffel's computer to try and discover the truth about the UFO
>>phenomenon... or at least the Heflin photos.

>Paul, Listers

>I disagree. If you think about it, the entire Heflin thread is
>a semi waste of time, effort and energy.

>First off Ann Druffel and Dr Kelson have been and are conducting
>their own analysis for a future article in JSE. Obviously Dr
>Kelson's analysis is not complete yet. All tales and stories
>aside, Ann rightfully controls the photos and access to them.
>Not you, not me, not all the people conducting theoretical
>analysis on the list has access, and perhaps they never will. I
>don't have a problem with this, as its done all the time. I
>didn't have access to the original Gulf Breeze photos, the
>original Trent negatives, the original case files of cases I am
>interested in... nor would I expect to have the right to demand
>it and see them.

Robert

I wouldn't quarrel with you, either about Ann's decision to
retain the polaroids, or about Eric Kelson's decision to retain
his high-resolution scans of them (just to remind everyone that
these are separate matters). It's frustrating, but there is work
in progress and these materials are in their possession and
that's that. However your disagreement with Paul's opinion about
freedom of access is one thing. Your next statement, that all
inquiry by anyone else is a waste if time, is an extraordinary
non sequitur.

>I would point out that these people conducting the analysis on
>this list are using, not an original, but a copy. Say what you
>>want, but its not the original, so any analysis based off of
>copies of these photos could be and likely should be considered
>tainted.

You do realise I suppose that all of the work done on the Heflin photos previously by NICAP photoanalysts like Ralph Rankow, by the Air Force, by Robert Nathan at JPL, Spaulding's infamous GSW computer enhancements, Saino's re-analysis etc., was all done on copies, or copies of copies, or digital scans of copies, not on the originals, which disappeared on Sept 22 1965? Did you, prior to 1993, dismiss all of this study as a waste of time? I doubt it.

What we are now studying, thanks to JSE I, are digital scans of the original polaroids. What Eric Kelson is studying in JSE I is also digital scans of the original polaroids. His work in JSE II will also, we expect, be based on studies of these same digital scans. What we do not have access to are the complete high-res scans of the whole polaroids. We have only seen high-resolution detail scans of the area of the object made from the original polaroids. So we are not working with all of the best data, but your assertion that we only have "copies" is totally misrepresentative of the situation.

However, the main point is that we are not just discussing photos. We are discussing many issues connected with the photos, with the past analyses of them (including JSE I) and with many detailed aspects of past field investigations, witness statements, maps, photogrammetry, psychology, circumstantial evidence, theories and interpretations, all interlinked with one another and with the photos but not necessarily dependent on the "quality" of "copies" in the way you seem to have in mind. The point of all this is to work out what we don't know, what we need to know, and how we might best go about getting to know it. One possible result will be to improve JSE II.

These discussions have brought up a number of issues that everyone now realises need to be addressed, but which were not necessarily understood or explicitly recognised before. Some of these issues have arisen from consideration of issues addressed in JSE I, some have arisen from realising that some issues were not addressed in JSE I, others have nothing directly to do with JSE I. Many of these issues were not among those advertised in the original prospectus for JSE II. Recognising this the authors, through Ann, now invite specific recommendations for issues that should, if possible, be tackled in JSE II.

Some of them may be, but Eric Kelson does not (I am sure he would agree) know everything, or have access to untapped secret sources of historical information. Other issues will inevitably still fall outside of the widened remit of JSE II because they are not answerable without specialist types of investigation other than computer photo analysis (such as Victor's optical and line-of-sight reconstruction experiments etc, historical detective work, close textual and contextual analysis, etc) which we have no right to expect any one author or group of coauthors to complete definitively for all time.

>Bottom line is that everybody will wait for the upcoming JSE
>article and Dr. Kelson's analysis, and may have to live with
>that, and that only... something I don't have a problem with.

No this is not the bottom line. If you don't want to think about it then that's up to you, you have the option (I won't say the right) to sit there and benefit passively from everybody else's efforts. We acn't all take an active interest in every case. But active discouragement on spurious grounds is not reasonable or helpful.

Martin Shough

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>From: Ann Druffel <Anndruffel.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 18:45:33 EDT
>Subject: Heflin Video Discussion On UFO UpDates

>The video of which you recently informed me, supposedly of Rex
>Heflin and myself being interviewed near El Toro Marine Base
>(?), has been researched with the help of colleagues in the Los
>Angeles area. It is apparently from an unknown (unidentified) TV
>broadcast somewhere in the U. S. I have not been able to view it
>personally yet, but several local researchers watched it a few
>nights ago at a meeting at my request.

I don't think the video purports to be an interview near El
Toro. No reference to the Marine Base occurs in it. The voice-
over does mention (incorrectly) that Heflin saw the UFO "near El
Toro Air Force Base". This error appears to be the source of the
secondary error made by your informant(s).

>It is their collective opinion that the "interviewer" is a free-
>lance person who somehow managed to interview Heflin in his home
>on camera after the original photos had surfaced in the early
>1990s. Heflin almost always declined invitations for interviews,
>and it might have been an unexpected request from this
>unidentified, free-lance person who somehow managed to interview
>him. Apparently Heflin is in his home, and nothing in the
>interview reveals that it was done "near El Toro Marine Base".

See above.

>There are mistakes in the interview which point to a less than
>professional job of interviewing and filming: (1) As Heflin
>describes taking his Photo #1, his Photo #2 is displayed on the
>screen; (2) The interviewer and source of the video are
>unidentified, as is the "skeptic" who appears briefly, stating
>that the Heflin photos are "suspicious"; (3)

In response to my query about this a couple of weeks ago, the
individual has been identified by Dick Hall (tentatively) and by
Santiago Ytturia Garza (confidently) as Robert Nathan. He is not
presented as a "sceptic" and does not say that the photos are
"suspicious". This word is not used in any context. What he says
is that the circumstances of the reappearance of the photos
"raise questions". Again I'm afraid your informants are
misleading you.

>I would have to view the video personally to try to determine
>where the so-called "interviewer" got my sound bite.

I think that would be helpful. Here is the URL again:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNBZC1Ccklo>

>Our
>colleagues out here were actually puzzled why this video is
>attracting so much attention. The video itself presents NO
>problem as to the validity of the Heflin photos.

I don't know that the video has attracted much attention. A

handful of comments on UpDates, all pertinent to the very issues mentioned above. Not an excess surely? In any case it is interesting for people who may never have known Heflin to see him talking on film.

Martin Shough

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TWO REPORTS DETAIL HALTING PROGRESS ON INTEL REFORM

Some intriguing new details of U.S. intelligence policy were disclosed in two reports on the implementation of the Intelligence Reform Act of 2004 that were issued yesterday by the House Intelligence Committee and by the Director of National Intelligence.

Beyond broad conclusions on the status of intelligence reform, each report voiced numerous passing observations of interest, both favorable and critical.

The report of the House Intelligence Committee noted the following, for example:

** "Many of the major acquisition programs at the National Reconnaissance Office, the National Security Agency, and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency have cost taxpayers billions of dollars in cost overruns and schedule delays." (p. 14)

** "The National Intelligence Council is... making more use of external experts from academia and think tanks to prepare certain parts of a National Intelligence Estimate." (p. 16)

** "The National Counterterrorism Center ... advised that out of the universe of information available on terrorist targets, the National Counterterrorism Center, the CIA's Counterterrorism Center and the Defense Intelligence Agency's Joint Intelligence Task Force - Counterterrorism were all analyzing approximately the same ten percent." (p. 17)

** A newly established Analytic Resources Catalog provides "the names and other identifying information such as home agency and areas of expertise for all analysts in the Community." (p. 19) The DNI report added that "The Catalog contains information on 17,000 IC analysts throughout the IC, including current assignment, professional experience, academic background, language ability, and other biographical information." (DNI, p. 5)

** "We are concerned that individuals with [key] skill sets are

not being hired because they may not conform to current hiring policy and standards. Subcommittee members and staff heard startling accounts of very qualified applicants being turned away because their diverse backgrounds do not permit them to successfully complete the rigid and antiquated applicant processing model of a 'Cold War' era." (p. 24)

** "The Open Source Center is in the midst of a major acquisition for a large-scale internet exploitation capability.... So far this year, there has been a significant increase in open source entries that have been included in the President's Daily Brief." (p. 34)

The report also provided new information on developments in intelligence analysis, intelligence reform at the FBI, the production of the President's Daily Brief, and more. See the full report of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Subcommittee on Oversight here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_rpt/hpsci072706.pdf

The report of the Director of National Intelligence addressed many of the same topics, though without the criticism or frustration expressed in the House report, and with some additional details.

For example, the DNI has established what sounds like a knock-off of the JASON defense advisory group:

** "One new ODNI-sponsored external outreach event is the Summer Hard Problem Initiative, a series of intensive summer studies that will bring together outside experts to address challenging analytic problems." (p. 5)

And changes to national security classification policy in intelligence may be on the horizon:

** "Several new ODNI classification policies are currently in the final stages of review, but more significant shifts may be required. If so, the DNI's classification and declassification authorities may require strengthening. The ODNI is currently engaged with the NSC in examining the possibility of broader change." (p. 8)

See the full DNI report here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/prog072706.pdf>

SEEKING RECIPROCITY IN SECURITY CLEARANCE POLICY

Reciprocity in security clearances -- meaning the acceptance by one agency of a security clearance granted by another agency, and vice versa -- has been an elusive security policy goal for well over a decade. But lately it has become the subject of increased attention.

"The Director [of National Intelligence] has done little to ensure the reciprocal recognition of security clearances within the [Intelligence] Community," the House Intelligence Committee complained in its new report.

"It def[ies] common sense... that it takes months to transfer clearances for an individual who will work in the exact same space but transfer from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency to the CIA," the House report said.

A July 17 memo from the Office of Management and Budget addresses the problem of reciprocity in highly restricted "special access programs," and provides a checklist of permitted exceptions to reciprocity. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/reciprocal071706.pdf>

The Department of Defense and Department of Energy have each issued new directives lately on reciprocal recognition of security clearances.

HOUSE HEARING ON FOIA POLICY

The Freedom of Information Act "continues to be a valuable tool for citizens to obtain information about the operation and decisions of the federal government," the Government Accountability Office reported at a July 26 House hearing.

"Since 2002, agencies have received increasing numbers of requests and have also continued to increase the number of requests that they process. In addition, agencies continue to grant most requests in full. However, the rate of increase in pending requests is accelerating," the GAO concluded in its testimony, which provided substantial new data on individual agency FOIA practices.

Critical assessments of FOIA policy were also presented by Patrice McDermott of OpenTheGovernment.org and by Tonda Rush of the Sunshine in Government Initiative. Dan Metcalfe presented the viewpoint of the Department of Justice at the hearing, which also featured Senator Patrick Leahy, Sen. John Cornyn, and Rep. Brad Sherman.

See the prepared statements from "Implementing FOIA-- Does the Bush Administration's Executive Order Improve Processing?" hearing before the Subcommittee on Government Management of the House Government Reform Committee, July 26:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2006/index.html#foia>

On July 24, a federal court told the National Reconnaissance Office that it could not use the "operational files" exemption to withhold its Congressional Budget Justification Book from processing under the FOIA (Secrecy News, 7/25/06).

But on July 25, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency denied a FOIA request for a copy of its Congressional Budget Justification Book. Why? Because, NGA said, it is an "operational file" that is exempt from FOIA processing. Sigh. An appeal was filed explaining that this claim has been found unlawful.

Secrecy News neglected to acknowledge the contribution of attorney Matthew Archer-Beck, who helped prepare the superb amicus brief filed by the National Security Archive in the FAS lawsuit seeking disclosure of the NRO budget documents. Our thanks to Mr. Archer-Beck, who is now an associate at the law firm Sidley Austin.

And see, relatedly, "Judge: Spy satellite budget can be FOIA-ed," by Shaun Waterman, United Press International, July 27:

<http://tinyurl.com/meeo3>

DOD MANUAL ON TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE

The Department of Defense has published a new manual on the conduct of "technical intelligence" operations, or TECHINT.

Technical intelligence here refers to the collection, analysis and exploitation of captured enemy materiel and documentation. TECHINT serves to maintain U.S. technological advantage on the battlefield and helps to counter adversary weapons systems and operations.

TECHINT roles and missions are described in a new inter-service manual. A copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "TECHINT: Multi-Service Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Technical Intelligence Operations," FM 2-22.401, 9 June 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm2-22-401.pdf>

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>>>On the other hand Viktor Golubik tells us that (according to
>>>Ann Druffel) the JSE images are cropped. If so they are
>>>cropped almost symmetrically on both axes to within a percent
>>>or two. He hasn't told us by how much they were cropped, but he
>>>did say he was assuming they show a horizontal FOV of about 30
>>>degs. This would make the UFO ~1.7 degrees across and first pole
>>>~5.6 degs high, figures over 30% smaller than the similar values
>>>obtained by Hartmann and Grey/Evers. With this angular scale
>>>the Marine report's 300 ft distance gives us a pole 29.4 ft
>>>high, whereas Hartmann's 206 ft distance gives 20.2 ft.

>>>Various figures between 22 and 40 ft have been given for
>>>likely pole height by Nick Balaskas (assuming phone poles) and
>>>Don Ledger (power poles). The crossbars do bear what look like
>>>insulators but recently someone (I can't find the reference
>>>now)said that they were phone poles piggy-backing power lines
>>>under a kind of rental agreement. Brad Sparks (off-List) gives
>>>30 ft with an 8 ft cross pole as the "known" size, but I don't
>>>have a primary source for this either.

>>>A very rough internal check on angular scale is offered by
>>>the cars on the freeway. Say a typical 4-door saloon (sedan)
>>>is about 15 ft long: then Hartmann's map distance to the freeway
>>>(~1600 ft) indicates that the cars subtend in the region of
>>>0.45 deg, making the UFO about 1.8 degs wide; whilst Dolyak's
>>>"3/8 mile" (1980 ft) gives about 0.55 deg, making the UFO about
>>>2.2 degs wide. To allow the UFO to be ~ 2.5 degs wide, roughly
>>>as determined by Hartmann and Grey & Evers, the cars would be
>>>~15 ft long at a distance of ~1430 ft from the camera, or
>>>nearly 17 ft long at 1600 ft. Using Viktor's angular scale we
>>>could get the cars to be as big as about 14 ft long if we use
>>>Dolyak's 1980 ft distance to the freeway, but they would be only
>>>about 11 ft long using Hartmann's. It looks from this as though
>>>Viktor's suggested angular scale is under some strain as it
>>>only gives consistent values at the limits. But that's all that
>>>can be said.

>Martin, David,

>My estimate on angular width of field was just that: a low
>number that once I established how the film size/crop/focus
>affected the final form images, it would grow from there. Ann

>recently had responded to my inquiry in the affirmative stating
>that the JSE images were cropped. Since the Horizontal FOV may
>be as low as 36-37 degrees, I just assumed the lowest possible
>camera setting and cut about 2-3 degrees off from both sides.

>As I was trying to convey back then, the captured vs calculated
>FOV for the lens can be vary considerably; Both the focus
>setting and film size can affect the outcome.

Hi Viktor

OK, I understand the conservative motivation, and it's good that you got this definite cropping statement from Ann. But the car test does tend to support the Hartmann and Gray & Evers angular scales, don't you agree? And since this would make the JSE lateral FOV in excess of 41 degrees there seems to be a tight constraint emerging on the amount of cropping that could have been done. Can you tell us from experiment by how much the maximum practical FOV is likely to have exceeded this?

I mention elsewhere that the Marine G-2 photo overlays drawn from the originals before they were "lost" do not appear to show anything outside the area of the JSE images (though as I also said this is complicated by the oddity that the axial ratio of these drawings is different). Neither the BB copies nor indeed any other published images seems to be as complete as the JSE images.

I'm not asserting that the latter are not cropped, since Ann has stated definitely that they are. I'm just reserving my position, indicating circumstantial evidence, consistent with the above quantitative evidence, that there seem to be tight constraints on how much they can have been cropped.

Martin Shough

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>>>But if you do get an actual plan of the Myford Rd poles in
>>>1965 I'd bet the distance shown is much greater than Don's
>>>125-150 ft (at least the ~200 ft mapped by Hartmann and
>>>probably more) - and I'd also bet the pole heights are much
>>>less than 40 ft (probably near 30 ft).

<snip>

See the update below, such as it is.

><snip>

>>Probably my greatest obstacle in accepting a figure like 300 ft.
>>is the intuitive disconnect I get viewing the image. Supposing
>>the poles are 30 ft. tall, can you imagine laying ten of them
>>lengthwise between poles? It just doesn't seem to fit, but I
>>can't rule out that some optical illusion is in effect.

>I agree it is very difficult to imagine distance from viewing.
>In fact I'd go so far as to say it is geometrically impossible.
>The relative angular sizes of the foreshortened row of poles are
>consistent with an indefinite number of different regular height
>: interval combinations. It's insensitive to the actual ratio.
>The angular sizes will always follow the series 1, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4
>1/n where the first visible pole = 1. This is what you see.
>Without extraneous size or distance cues the absolute angular
>scale is just impossible to tell.

I agree that the absolute distance and angular scale cannot be deduced without other information. However, assuming the poles are of equal height, have uniform spacing, and are colinear, then the spacing in terms of normalized units (say, the pole length) should be available by inspection, with better or poorer accuracy depending on the observers aspect angle.

Here is some follow-up on Heflin-related topics that were under discussion before the break.

(1) Pole Info from Southern California Edison - In the opinion of the director of the SCE planning office for that region,

based on the relative size/placement of the cross member, location of insulators, etc., these probably were power (vs. telephone) poles. However, they have likely been replaced since then, and if so, there wouldn't be any records (at least at their office) of the placement or spacing of the original poles. Nor would these data have been recorded with the county (only the location/size of the utility easement itself).

In regard to pole spacing it was asserted that 150-200 ft. would have been typical, but in a rural setting 300 ft. would not be unheard of. It was further considered unlikely that the poles would be less than 40 ft. tall.

(2) Atmospheric Visibility - Ann Druffel was kind enough to confirm (while pointing out that she was not speaking for Dr. Kelson) that the apparent low hill on the horizon (left-of-center in photo #1) is not an artifact in the published image, but in fact does appear in the original photo.

If David Rudiak's recent estimate of the angular width of the photo (46.5 deg) is in the ballpark, then there is a limited set of candidate landforms that could account for this feature, and none of them are closer than ~2.2 miles, which would then represent the lower limit of visibility. See the topography at

<http://img205.imageshack.us/img205/4246/heflintopographyoy8.png>

In my opinion (again based on the David's angular scale), a better match to the apparent angle subtended vertically by the hill is obtained from even more distant landforms (Panorama or Cowen Heights at ~4.3 miles), but the hill image is too indistinct to be confident in this.

In any case, previously considered visibility values of 1 mile or less would seem to be untenable. The camera location is about 70 ft. above sea level, and within a 1.5 mile radius the terrain is very gradually sloping, never exceeding 150 ft. in altitude.

(3) Maximum Range Constraint on UFO - The extinction coefficient obtained previously based on 1 mile visibility was of sufficient magnitude that it was possible to place a firm (and problematic) constraint on the maximum range of the UFO, independent of its surface properties (i.e., even if it were a perfect radiation absorber). The effect of a higher visibility value is to relax this constraint, and in light of (2) above it would now appear that there is no blatant problem with the claimed size/range, certainly not if the dark region is a perfect absorber. A constraint based on a less exotic surface (say, dull metallic) might well raise concern again, but would require a more sophisticated radiation transport calculation.

Until I can produce something more quantitative, I offer as mere opinion that, for the stated size and range, the shadowed portion of the UFO seems very dark, and must be inherently much darker than the utility poles. The latter is not necessarily of great concern, but it seems at odds (opinion again) with the appearance of the illuminated surface, assuming that the surface properties are uniform.

Mike

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Re: Gang-Stalking FAQ - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 13:20:16 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 15:45:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Gang-Stalking FAQ - Gammon

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 07:53:05 EDT
>Subject: Gang-Stalking FAQ

>The following link is provided in an attempt to warn ufologists
>and researchers about a phenomena that is sweeping the nation.

>The phenomena is question is known as "Gang Stalking".

>Many Ufologists have reported harassment and abuse which seemed
>to be designed at driving them crazy. This is a specific goal of
>Gang Stalking, mainly to discredit an individual.

>As a victim of Gang Stalking, I have spent hours researching
>this criminal phenomena and can assure the individual that
>victim's face an uphill battle when it comes to reporting the
>abuse. Due to the ignorance of the public, Stalkers are allowed
>to practically get away with destroying lives.

>Gang-Stalking FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions):

><http://tinyurl.com/lvv6k>

<snip>

The above link might be down from time to time, as "myspace" has
been having a lot of technical difficulties as of late.

If anyone would like a word-document version of the
Gang-Stalking FAQ let me know and I will be happy to oblige.

- Jason Gammon

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catja90024.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 12:09:29 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 15:48:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Kasten

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 22 Jul 2006 12:20:02 EDT
>Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>Good Morning CDA, List, All -

>Because his father talked of it and that was Jesse's tacit permission to speak of it. Had his father not told, then Jesse, Jr. wouldn't have said anything either.

Kevin:

You are a military officer. If you were required to take a security oath and you took it seriously, would you have dropped by the family home to discuss a secret government mission you were on? Please try to be honest.

It is my opinion that Jesse Marcel, Sr. did not share anything of importance with his family and kept his security oath; i.e., he was an honorable, serious-minded, intelligence officer.

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I have interacted with intelligence officers (even so-called retired intelligence officers) and know that - if they honor their country, they honor their oath - they would not share details/specifics/any part of their mission with anybody not in the loop. The boy, Marcel, Jr., must have been mistaken about the matter.

KK

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 17:19:43 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 19:05:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Friedman

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>the matter.

When Jesse senior went out, he surely didn't know what he was
getting into. Presumably the reason he was told to take a CIC
guy with him was the concern with who might be spying on the
military activities. Don't forget that the people who have
spoken out, at least initially, on request, were people who were
mentioned in the press coverage. That includes JM Sr, Walter
Haut, TJ Dubose etc. They could hardly deny they were involved.

John Allan who told me about Jesse in the first place at the
Baton Rouge TV station had read about Jesse in the Times
Picayune newspaper. Later on when, as a ham radio operator, he
asked Jesse about it, he was told nothing other than "I cannot
talk about it".

DuBose was told by General McMullen not to talk about it. None
of these people had the inside scoop on the composition of the
material, its measured physical properties, the presence of
bodies etc.

People who learn about classified material are not updated on

security status. More than 30 years is a very long time. Even the breaking of the German codes was only maintained for 25 years.

I think that Colonel Marcel is a very rational person and is certainly not smearing his father and has demonstrated his own ability to keep secrets... current ones. No official swore him to secrecy about Roswell.

Stan Friedman

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Re: NASA's Changing Mission - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 17:47:30 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 06:25:40 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA's Changing Mission - Balaskas

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 23 Jul 2006 10:22:58 +0100
>Subject: NASA's Changing Mission

>Source: The New York Times, New York, USA

><http://www.nytimes.com/2006/07/22/science/22nasa.html?th&emc=th>

>July 22, 2006

Dropping the phrase "to understand and protect our home planet" in NASA's mission statement can be interpreted by some as the U.S. Government's desire (for political reasons?) not to fund projects that will improve our understanding of the Earth and possibly resolve the debate on the role that greenhouse gas emissions from natural sources and human activity have in global warming or climate change.

It can also be interpreted in other ways too. For example, to avoid costly duplication of efforts with the secret and much better funded U.S. military/intelligence space program. Before NASA got their Hubble Space telescope to explore the universe, the same people who built it told me over lunch at a Optical Society of America meeting in 1981(?) that they already had an identical one in orbit for the secret U.S. space program, except that this space telescope was looking downwards towards Earth.

Interestingly, the phrase "to explore the universe and search for life" has been retained as NASA's funding for astrobiology/exobiology continues to increase - a subject with nothing to study (officially at least)! Also, the search for ET life certainly does not have the urgency or immediate benefit for all mankind as, for example, climate change research does.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 17:20:40 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 06:32:09 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Ledger

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 22:34:26 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 14:24:13 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 21:40:20 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>I'm not assuming anything, Martin. It's common practice.

>I understand what you are telling us about common practice,
>Don. 125-150 feet tops, you said, based on common practice with
>power line poles. Your stated assumption was that G-2 inspector
>Dolyak neither measured the pole interval nor even paced it off
>approximately, and so pulled 300 ft out of the air. Based on
>your expectation of common practice. Whether the truth is 300 ft
>or not isn't the point. My criticism of your logic stands: With
>due respect to your experience, "common practice" with power
>poles (not necessarily universal practice with all poles - and
>were these power or phone poles, for example?) can't be a strong
>enough basis to throw out evidence. We may discover that Dolyak
>measured badly, but we will find that out from investigation and
>we'll test "common practice" as well. Both may be wrong.

>We have one independent test already. You told us that the
>spacing could not be more than 125 or 150 ft at most, common
>practice being (you assume) universal. But lo, a second survey
>at the scene, by Hartmann, also contradicts your expectation
>from common practice, and tells us the spacing was over 200 ft.
>By implication you are assuming that Hartmann's figure too is
>"nonsense". It certainly disagrees with Dolyak, hence (as I
>said) the actual surveyed separation is only known to lie
>probably somewhere in the range of these figures. There is an
>uncertainty here, but it is not going to be resolved by
>insisting on common practice of 125-150 ft.

>>>Let's look at Don's "norm". A 40 ft pole at 125 ft

>>40 feet at 150 -175 feet would be more like it.

>Would it? Where did 175 ft come from? What happened to common
>practice of 35 - 40 ft poles at 125 - 150 ft intervals?

>>It's straight engineering. The 40 foot poles would be used
>>where the poles were further apart at close to 200 feet, at best.

>So now we're up to 200 ft. This is getting just about realistic.

><snip>

>>Your own eyes should tell you that these poles are not 300 feet
>>apart. And they are not going to be 300 feet apart, nor probably

>>200 feet apart - my guess is 150 but that's a guess.

>Guesses and common practice are just not good enough Don. I can
>see why you look at the photo and think "300 ft? No way!"
>Michael Tarbell recently looked at them and thought similarly. I
>_agree_ with this also. In fact I would never guess that they
>were anything like 150 ft even, by simply looking. But I'm
>afraid simply looking is unreliable. The relative angular sizes
>of the poles does not give you any distance information. (see my
>other post to Mike).

<snip>

Martin,

I wasn't assuming anything re. the distances between power poles.
It is derived from standards due to the strength of the wires
used [circa 1964] and the distances spanned. Just the difference
in temperatures between day and night can cause sagging as much
as a foot or more.

I live in Nova Scotia and where I worked [Halifax]which I'm
betting is 10 degrees further south than where you do in the UK
but I'm about 10 degrees north of LA, so our standards are going
to be close over that spread of 20 degrees. Power pole frequency
will govern the safety of those lines for the public against the
cost to the companies and the time they can safely leave them
before replacement.

In Halifax icing conditions are a concern, but very rarely.
Trees falling on the lines are more of a nuisance than ice
build-up which is not of great concern in LA or Pasadena. But
line expansion and contraction is. Everyone uses these standards
- at least in industrial societies - if they don't want their
wires sagging close to the ground where they will endanger the
public. If anything the poles would have been closer in 1964
then they are now due to new fibers incorporated in the
insulation to make them stronger and the aluminum and or steel
transmission wire being used now.

I'm sorry if this messes up your calculations but my experience
is what I've stated and yet you state this further down in this
submission:

"Guesses and common practice are just not good enough Don. I can
see why you look at the photo and think "300 ft? No way!"

But you are using this 300 foot measurement yourself, Martin, to
do your calculations and with no verification that these poles
are 300 feet apart, which I will guarantee you they aren't.

How come that's good for you, yet experience isn't?

Someone in California must know a lineman or could go to one of
the local offices and ask; or barring that the library probably
has a lineman's handbook or a book of engineering tables. It's
as simple as that but they should make sure its the codes and
standards of 1964 not 2006. They will be different.

I won't be dragged any further into this argument. I made an
observation from my experience; throw it out if that's what you
want. But until you nail down those distances you aren't going
to get the correct answers.

Don Ledger

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UFO Experts Meet As Mezokomarom Mystery Deepens

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Subject: UFO Experts Meet As Mezokomarom Mystery Deepens

Source: Pestiside.Hu - Budapest, Hungary

<http://tinyurl.com/k4gen>

July 28, 2006

[Images & Links at site]

UFO Experts Meet As Mezokomarom Mystery Deepens

The normally-normal northern city of Salgotarjan is buzzing today with talk of aliens and other paranormal phenomena.

According to index.hu, the "26th National Sci-Fi Convention" opened yesterday, and will run until Sunday, featuring workshops, meetings with writers, movie screenings and discussions on topics such as shamans and witches, as well as the annual board-meeting of the League of Hungarian U.F.O. Research (RYUFOR). But while this is likely to be engrossing and fun for all the participants, the meeting's venue is more than 100 kilometers from the real paranormal action in Hungary, which continues to be centered on the small Fejer county town of Mezokomarom.

As we reported last week, a giant set of crop circles has been found in a field between Mezokomarom and the equally dinky Lajoskomarom. A report this week in the Fejer Megyei H=EDrlap says that no one can plausibly explain how or why the circles came to be made. The paper says that none of the stalks of the affected wheat appeared to be broken, while the site would make an odd location for a stunt, as it is far from any roads and hard to spot.

Landowner Bela Szullo said that while he doubts there were UFOs on his land he also doesn't think someone came under cover of night just to make the two giant circles. Meanwhile, Bence Grell of RYUFOR investigated the circles and found that they are actually slightly oval. He said this would suggest that they are in fact of alien origin, as human-made circles tend to be perfectly round, being made with a rope and stick.

RYUFOR will continue its investigation on Monday, with a measurement of radiation in the area. Until then we urge everyone to remain calm, unless of course you are a UFO nut and stranded up in Salgotarjan.

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Polish UFO Visits Stopped By Opposition Party

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Source: The Polish Outlook - Warszawa, Poland

<http://www.masterpage.com.pl/outlook/200607/alien.html>

28 July 2006

UFO Visits To Poland Are Stopped By Polish Government Opposition Party

No UFO Pictograms in Poland

The Polish newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza reports that there have been no UFO landings in Poland this summer. There has been a definite lack of pictograms that are created by the aliens when they land in the wheat fields in Poland.

Wylatowo, Poland is known for those pictograms. Every year farmers' wheat fields in Wylatowo are damaged when the aliens create pictograms. The farmers are always very angry but the town is UFO heaven and a lot of tourists come to see a UFO.

The newspaper ran a survey to try and find out why the aliens have stopped visiting Poland.

Here on the results of this survey

It's too hot - 2%

People don't feel like making them many more - 35%

It's the Civic Platforms fault - 63%

Since the Polish government ruling coalition party Law and Justice has been blaming the Civic Platform for any unpopular decisions or moves that the Law and Justice Party makes, it only stands to follow that it is the Civic Platform's fault that the aliens are no longer visiting Poland. And it is Civic Platform's fault that income is down in Wylatowo because tourists are not coming to see the pictograms.

It's the Civic Platforms fault!

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USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 21:49:14 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 06:57:29 -0400
Subject: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request

To: haffoia.workflow.nul

To: Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor, Jr.
Surgeon General of the Air Force
Headquarters, Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1000

From: Larry W. Bryant
3518 Martha Custis Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302

Date: July 28, 2006

On his "Coast-to-Coast AM" radio talk show of July 27-28, 2006, program host George Noory featured one of his regular guests: Linda Moulton Howe, a science reporter whose work is summarized at her web site:

<http://www.earthfiles.com>

The program focused on Howe's revelation that, back in 1975, a retired USAF flight surgeon had confided in one of his employees (Ohio resident Ronald SeCoy) that the flight surgeon, when a Colonel back in the late 1940s, had witnessed (and helped document) part of an autopsy performed by certain pathologists at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

According to the Colonel's oral testimony to Mr. SeCoy, the autopsy's subjects were two humanoids (one badly burned) whose alien features included layered eye membranes, lack of noticeable sex organs, slender frame of about four feet in height, insectoid innards, and long, slender fingers with pads at their tips - the Colonel's conclusion being that these two creatures had been retrieved from one or more spacecraft of extraterrestrial origin. The Colonel's testimony mentioned that motion-picture/still photography was being conducted during his presence at the autopsy.

As the general public awaits receipt of further such whistleblower-derived evidence that certain elements of the federal government have been perpetuating a systematic, behind-the-scenes policy of denial, deception, and obfuscation regarding insider accounts of retrieved alien spacecraft and their crews, you can be sure that these first and second-hand accounts would be welcomed by, and admissible to, an in-depth investigation by a grand jury impaneled for that purpose.

As I and others work toward achieving that long-overdue forensic development, I hereby submit this letter as a formal freedom-of-information request that you search for, and release to me, all USAF-generated and USAF-received records pertaining to the above-described autopsy - to include the following material:

- (1) The Colonel's original notes produced during the autopsy;
- (2) The formal autopsy report;
- (3) The roster of all personnel assigned to conduct, monitor,

and report upon the autopsy;

(4) The non-disclosure agreement that these personnel (including the Colonel) executed in accordance with demands of at least three USAF generals on site;

(5) All photographic and audio-visual recordation of the autopsy (including medical diagrams and laboratory reports);

(6) Mortuary files revealing the current whereabouts of the autopsied corpses.

(7) Intelligence analyses of the corpses' planet of origin, and of their cultural artifacts.

If, since 1947-49, these records have been transferred to the custody of another government agency, please forward this FOIA request to that agency for processing and direct response to me. Owing to their priceless historical, scientific, and sociopolitical value, the sought-for records would be considered as PERMANENT RECORDS by any records-management official; hence, if, for any reason, any of them have incurred destruction, please furnish me a copy of all records relating to that destruction. Note: apparently, none of the requested records ever became part of the UFO-related USAF Project Blue Book files now housed at the National Archives and Records Administration. You therefore needn't refer me to the custodian of those files.

Since I submit this request as a representative of the news media (focusing on national-security affairs), I ask that you waive all records-search fees incident to your fulfilling this request.

By snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

Larry W. Bryant
Columnist for UFO Magazine (<http://www.ufomag.com>)

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USAF 96th Air Base Wing
Eglin Air Force Base, FL 32542-5498

From: Larry W. Bryant
3518 Martha Custis Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302

Date: July 28, 2006

Based on your command's customary practice of previewing any controversial advertisements proposed for publication in your installation's weekly newspaper, the Eglin Eagle, I hereby submit the following classified advertisement for your prepublication review/clearance.

Please promptly notify me of the results of your review so that I may have the ad published by the end of August.

By snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

Thank you for this coordination.

Larry W. Bryant

Text Of My Proposed Advertisement

"Alien Autopsy": Looking Behind the Curtain

Based on recent findings and analysis about a 1947-'49-era autopsy conducted on two extraterrestrial biological entities at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio as reported by the web site at:

<http://www.earthfiles.com>

I'm seeking corroboration of a 1975 account of that event by a retired USAF flight surgeon who'd been ordered to help document the autopsy. If you (or someone you know) can provide me with further leads, insider-derived documentary material, and witnesses' deathbed confessions about this aspect of the Deepest Secret, please contact me as follows:

Larry W. Bryant;
3518 Martha Custis Drive,
Alexandria, VA 22302;
e-mail: overtci.nul

Please let me know your willingness to testify before a special grand jury being sought to investigate, and report upon, all the official abuse of authority and other violations of the public trust in this case. Your submitted evidence also will facilitate fulfillment of my related freedom-of-information request recently sent to USAF headquarters.

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Re: Gang-Stalking FAQ - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 21:03:43 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 07:05:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Gang-Stalking FAQ - Nielsen

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 13:20:16 EDT
>Subject: Re: Gang-Stalking FAQ

>>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 07:53:05 EDT
>>Subject: Gang-Stalking FAQ

>>The following link is provided in an attempt to warn ufologists
>>and researchers about a phenomena that is sweeping the nation.

>>The phenomena is question is known as "Gang Stalking".
>>Many Ufologists have reported harassment and abuse which seemed
>>to be designed at driving them crazy. This is a specific goal of
>>Gang Stalking, mainly to discredit an individual.

>>As a victim of Gang Stalking, I have spent hours researching
>>this criminal phenomena and can assure the individual that
>>victim's face an uphill battle when it comes to reporting the
>>abuse. Due to the ignorance of the public, Stalkers are allowed
>>to practically get away with destroying lives.

>>Gang-Stalking FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions):

>><http://tinyurl.com/lvv6k>

<snip>

>The above link might be down from time to time, as "myspace" has
>been having a lot of technical difficulties as of late.

>If anyone would like a word-document version of the
>Gang-Stalking FAQ let me know and I will be happy to oblige.

Thanks Jason (and Eleanor White, et al) for your work.

I can't say I have personal experience with this form of
stalking because I am personally unaware of any. I'm also not
ready to assign blame for this, given that it occurs.

However, I believe I can offer some possible insights into the
current technologies used and lawful uses of these technologies
in the US criminal justice/law enforcement realms to "combat
terrorism, foster safe communities, prevent youth violence, help
victims of crime, uphold civil rights and civil liberties, help
apprehend fugitives and locate missing persons, assist Americans
with disabilities, promote dispute resolution, halt domestic
violence, investigate fraud, manage prisons and inmates and
probationers, and combat trafficking in persons". This response
will have a USA focus, because I'm familiar with that from my
work.

Most of the information is readily available at sites like those
that follow. People who take the time to look at these sites
will notice a consistency in philosophy and an overlap of
information. This is to be expected: governments keep secrets in
their implementation of force to maintain status quo, even if

status quo has to become a "new normal" due to new and unforeseen influences. No paranoia intended. Governments are less interested in brevity or efficiency than in policy.

Here are some generally helpful websites:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/>

<http://www.fbi.gov/>

<http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/>

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/>

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/>

Here are just two sites, of many, that deal with the lawful uses of technology, per current US policies. I highly recommend the publications listed at the second site below:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/topics/technology.htm>

<http://www.ojp.gov/nij/sciencetech/welcome.html>

Everyone communicating in any way should be aware that they can be heard by those unknown to them. The best kept secrets are the ones uncommunicated, right?

Lastly, even though I'm still not sure how 'gang stalking' relates to UFOlogy, I applaud your use of a personal attorney. One skilled attorney is always better than the best evidence or the most credentialed mental health professional, even when the defendant looks guilty to everyone. (Need I allude to the recent Yates murder trial?)

I sincerely hope this helps those in need.

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 11:16:33 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 07:08:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

Dear List,

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 13:23:15 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 10:24:03 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Hall

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List,

A brief update on Martin's brief update. Apparently he forgot to mention that he was also told, quite specifically, where in California a large collection of original Heflin case materials were very likely to be found. This particular location hadn't occurred to me, but sounds highly plausible. Martin shouldn't be too surprised that after 40 years all the material isn't conveniently in one place and easily accessible.

The ball is in your court, Martin. I will await the results of your research (and that of the other case reviewers) with keen interest. But Don Ledger is right: first you have to get some basic facts in place and not rely overly on assumptions or chains of inference. I know you don't like to hear that, but c'est la Vie.

And meanwhile, please drop your prosecuting attorney tone toward me and others who dispute or debate some of your methodology and/or reasoning. Indeed, I have mis-spoken once or twice in my haste to post something, but that doesn't warrant some of your legalistic assaults. Some of this has been private and off-List, and some on-List.

- Dick

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 09:52:57 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 10:28:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Randle

>From: Kathy Kasten <catja90024.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 12:09:29 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 22 Jul 2006 12:20:02 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>Good Morning CDA, List, All -

>>Because his father talked of it and that was Jesse's tacit
>>permission to speak of it. Had his father not told, then Jesse,
>>Jr. wouldn't have said anything either.

>Kevin:

>You are a military officer. If you were required to take a
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First, I resent the implication in your comment, "Please try to be honest", which suggests that I would be less than honest in my response to you. I would ask that you point out any occasions where I have knowingly been dishonest. Mistaken, yes. Just look at Frank Kaufmann. Yes, I changed his name, at his request, and that was a mistake, but it was not an attempt to be dishonest. I think of dishonesty as, oh, I don't know, telling people that your partner was a government agent planted on you when there is no evidence of that and you know it's a lie.

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Given the circumstances, I might have just done the same thing... though I would have thought twice about awakening my wife early in the morning to show her a box filled with debris, not to mention her irritation at me bringing it into the house.

>It is my opinion that Jesse Marcel, Sr. did not share anything
>of importance with his family and kept his security oath; i.e.,
>he was an honorable, serious-minded, intelligence officer.

Which is all well and good except that Jesse Sr. told the story of taking the stuff home himself. Therefore your conclusion is in error. Not to mention that Jesse Sr. is the one who told his friends about it, told Stan and Len Stringfield about it, talked in front of cameras about it, and provided the details about his picking up pieces of the metallic debris.

>That Jesse Marcel, JR. would think it was okay to - basically -
>smear his father's service record by claiming to have seen part
>of a secret mission and telling anybody who will listen about it
>does a disservice to his father, Marcel, Sr.

So, at the time Marcel took the debris home, it was not any sort of secret mission. Jesse Jr. didn't talk about it until his father told others about it, and at that point realized that he was no longer obligated to keep the secret. You are off-base here.

>I have interacted with intelligence officers (even so-called
>retired intelligence officers) and know that - if they honor
>their country, they honor their oath - they would not share
>details/specifcifs/any part of their mission with anybody not in
>the loop. The boy, Marcel, Jr., must have been mistaken about
>the matter.

Well, I have been an intelligence officer and know that we all respect the oaths we took, but I also know that there are times when it is no longer necessary to keep the secrets... such as when they have been declassified. But, since Jesse Sr. talked of his role in the recovery and since Jesse Jr. was never under "oath=E2=80=9D to keep the secret (he was told by his father not to mention it), it seems to me that Jesse Jr. is not mistaken.

And, BTW, you can actually retire from the intelligence field with no obligations (other than not talk about classified material you might have seen). This idea that once an intelligence officer, always an intelligence officer makes for great films, but doesn't have a basis in reality.

KRandle

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 16:34:23 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 12:35:40 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 17:20:40 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 22:34:26 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 14:24:13 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 21:40:20 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>>I'm not assuming anything, Martin. It's common practice.

>>I understand what you are telling us about common practice,
>>Don. 125-150 feet tops, you said, based on common practice with
>>power line poles. Your stated assumption was that G-2 inspector
>>Dolyak neither measured the pole interval nor even paced it off
>>approximately, and so pulled 300 ft out of the air. Based on
>>your expectation of common practice. Whether the truth is 300 ft
>>or not isn't the point. My criticism of your logic stands: With
>>due respect to your experience, "common practice" with power
>>poles (not necessarily universal practice with all poles - and
>>were these power or phone poles, for example?) can't be a strong
>>enough basis to throw out evidence. We may discover that Dolyak
>>measured badly, but we will find that out from investigation and
>>we'll test "common practice" as well. Both may be wrong.

>>We have one independent test already. You told us that the
>>spacing could not be more than 125 or 150 ft at most, common
>>practice being (you assume) universal. But lo, a second survey
>>at the scene, by Hartmann, also contradicts your expectation
>>from common practice, and tells us the spacing was over 200 ft.
>>By implication you are assuming that Hartmann's figure too is
>>"nonsense". It certainly disagrees with Dolyak, hence (as I
>>said) the actual surveyed separation is only known to lie
>>probably somewhere in the range of these figures. There is an
>>uncertainty here, but it is not going to be resolved by
>>insisting on common practice of 125-150 ft.

>>>>Let's look at Don's "norm". A 40 ft pole at 125 ft

>>>>40 feet at 150 -175 feet would be more like it.

>>Would it? Where did 175 ft come from? What happened to common
>>practice of 35 - 40 ft poles at 125 - 150 ft intervals?

>>>It's straight engineering. The 40 foot poles would be used
>>>where the poles were further apart at close to 200 feet, at best.

>>So now we're up to 200 ft. This is getting just about realistic.

>><snip>

>>>Your own eyes should tell you that these poles are not 300 feet
>>>apart. And they are not going to be 300 feet apart, nor probably
>>>200 feet apart - my guess is 150 but that's a guess.

>>Guesses and common practice are just not good enough Don. I can
>>see why you look at the photo and think "300 ft? No way!"
>>Michael Tarbell recently looked at them and thought similarly. I
>>_agree_ with this also. In fact I would never guess that they
>>were anything like 150 ft even, by simply looking. But I'm
>>afraid simply looking is unreliable. The relative angular sizes
>>of the poles does not give you any distance information. (see my
>>other post to Mike).

><snip>

>Martin,

>I wasn't assuming anything re. the distances between power poles.
>It is derived from standards due to the strength of the wires
>used [circa 1964] and the distances spanned. Just the difference
>in temperatures between day and night can cause sagging as much
>as a foot or more.

<snip>

>I'm sorry if this messes up your calculations but my experience
>is what I've stated and yet you state this further down in this
>submission:

>"Guesses and common practice are just not good enough Don. I can
>see why you look at the photo and think "300 ft? No way!"

>But you are using this 300 foot measurement yourself, Martin, to
>do your calculations and with no verification that these poles
>are 300 feet apart, which I will guarantee you they aren't.

I am? This is completely incorrect. I have no idea where you get
this from.

>How come that's good for you, yet experience isn't?

You plainly haven't really read and/or understood a word of what
I said. I'm reminded of a marvellous radio programme here in the
UK a few years ago when Melvin Bragg - who deserves great kudos
for almost single-handedly propping up thoughtful popular
science broadcasting in this country - hosted a discussion on
quantum theory. There was a long discourse by some professor on
the ontological status of the 'many worlds' interpretation with
its infinite branching futures, at the end of which the great
and sainted Melvin summed up with "OK, so where _are_ all these
planets then?" There was a stunned silence in the studio.

>Someone in California must know a lineman or could go to one of
>the local offices and ask; or barring that the library probably
>has a lineman's handbook or a book of engineering tables. It's
>as simple as that but they should make sure its the codes and
>standards of 1964 not 2006. They will be different.

Well actually it isn't so simple. See Mike Tarbell's report on
his attempt to do just this by checking directly with SCE. They
don't have any records. But they did offer some opinions.

>I won't be dragged any further into this argument. I made an
>observation from my experience; throw it out if that's what you
>want. But until you nail down those distances you aren't going
>to get the correct answers.

What a laugh! You were the one talking about "throwing out" a
figure as you well know. You also know I don't agree with that.
What we need to do is factor in your relevant experience
(weighting it appropriately), alongside the reported on-the-spot
measurements (weighted appropriately), the inferences we can
make from photogrammetry etc (weighted appropriately), and
historical information from the installing/maintaining authority
(weighted appropriately because even SCE may not know
everything). Well it turns out that SCE don't know, so instead
of "nailing it down" we have another opinion, but oh dear it
isn't the same as your opinion, Don. Instead of your original

125 - 150 ft maximum based on "experience" (quietly inflated, under pressure, through 150 - 175 ft to "close to 200 ft at best") SCE say "150 - 200" as a norm with 300 ft not out of the question. So it's "as simple as that" eh? I'm afraid it isn't. It almost never is!

Martin Shough

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Cheyenne Mountain Shutting Down?

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 11:50:52 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 12:37:16 -0400
Subject: Cheyenne Mountain Shutting Down?

Does anyone have an opinion of the recent disclosure that the Government is shutting down the Cheyenne Mountain instillation?

Does this have any ramifications toward Ufology, especially any evidence that the complex may have gathered relating UFO's?

- Jason

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Hall Medical Condition

From: **Richard Hall** <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 16:11:08 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 12:38:23 -0400
Subject: Hall Medical Condition

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Re: Hall Medical Condition - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 10:11:10 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 15:50:11 -0400
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I wish you good health and a speedy recovery! Your commentary
will be missed. But only temporarily, right? You definitely won't
make the Lord High Executioner's list!

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Re: Hall Medical Condition - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 12:11:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 15:51:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Hall Medical Condition - Lehmborg

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My absolute best wishes, Sir.

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 18:22:59 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 15:56:11 -0400
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>in error. Not to mention that Jesse Sr. is the one who told his
>friends about it, told Stan and Len Stringfield about it, talked
>in front of cameras about it, and provided the details about his
>picking up pieces of the metallic debris.

>>That Jesse Marcel, JR. would think it was okay to - basically -
>>smear his father's service record by claiming to have seen part
>>of a secret mission and telling anybody who will listen about it
>>does a disservice to his father, Marcel, Sr.

>So, at the time Marcel took the debris home, it was not any sort
>of secret mission. Jesse Jr. didn't talk about it until his
>father told others about it, and at that point realized that he

>was no longer obligated to keep the secret. You are off-base
>here.

>>I have interacted with intelligence officers (even so-called
>>retired intelligence officers) and know that - if they honor
>>their country, they honor their oath - they would not share
>>details/specifics/any part of their mission with anybody not in
>>the loop. The boy, Marcel, Jr., must have been mistaken about
>>the matter.

>Well, I have been an intelligence officer and know that we all
>respect the oaths we took, but I also know that there are times
>when it is no longer necessary to keep the secrets... such as
>when they have been declassified. But, since Jesse Sr. talked of
>his role in the recovery and since Jesse Jr. was never under
>"oath=E2?=?9D to keep the secret (he was told by his father not to
>mention it), it seems to me that Jesse Jr. is not mistaken.

>And, BTW, you can actually retire from the intelligence field
>with no obligations (other than not talk about classified
>material you might have seen). This idea that once an
>intelligence officer, always an intelligence officer makes for
>great films, but doesn't have a basis in reality.

I wonder how much of Jesse Marcel jr's testimony should be taken literally. When he first supposedly saw the debris he was about 11 years old. Assuming he was (as he has claimed many times since 1979) truly astounded by the pieces his dad brought home, and assuming that it all made a great impression on him, is it not natural that he would have told his school friends and playmates all about it? Kevin tells us that at the time Marcel jr first saw and handled the stuff, nothing about it was classified. Classification only came later, perhaps a day later, perhaps two days later, we don't really know. In the meantime an 11-year old boy would have been quite free to tell his friends all about this remarkable debris, whatever it was. Yet he appears never to have done so.

Even if his dad told him not to speak of it to anyone (I doubt such words were ever used), if this stuff was truly extraordinary, it would still be highly tempting for an 11-year old to spread the tale about it. Would he have obeyed his dad's warning? I wonder.

In short, if the wreckage/debris from this aerial craft was so 'out of this world' (as he has often claimed) it is very hard to believe Marcel jr would have held his tongue during all his boyhood and teenage years. In fact I simply don't believe it.

The other possibility is that the debris was nothing unusual to him at the time, and Marcel jr was unimpressed. Maybe he only became impressed by the stuff after the Roswell affair achieved publicity and his story appeared in The Roswell Incident (1980). Before then he had scarcely given it a thought.

One phrase Marcel jr used is "Dad said that the speed of impact was not in keeping with any type of aircraft we had at that time". Nobody ever saw the crash but Marcel sr, amazingly, was able to determine the impact speed by putting together a zillion small fragments. Was Marcel sr really that clever, or is this another piece of the Roswell legend?

We should recall that in this book Marcel jr tells about a patio being built at the Marcel home at about that time. He surmises that when the large amount of debris was swept out of the kitchen it might have become embedded in the liquid concrete. If so, this patio now contains, or contained, classified material! Therefore anyone wanting to dig it up and lay a new patio would have to seek clearance from the USAF beforehand, just in case they came across this highly classified Roswell debris. A unusual scenario indeed, but given the complexity of the case, a plausible one?

CDA

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Re: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request -

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 18:37:45 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 15:58:05 -0400
Subject: Re: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request -

>From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 21:49:14 -0400
>Subject: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request

>To: haffoia.workflow.nul

>To: Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor, Jr.
>Surgeon General of the Air Force
>Headquarters, Department of the Air Force
>The Pentagon
>Washington, DC 20330-1000

>From: Larry W. Bryant
>3518 Martha Custis Drive
>Alexandria, VA 22302

>Date: July 28, 2006

>On his "Coast-to-Coast AM" radio talk show of July 27-28, 2006,

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

>The program focused on Howe's revelation that, back in 1975, a
>retired USAF flight surgeon had confided in one of his employees
>(Ohio resident Ronald SeCoy) that the flight surgeon, when a
>Colonel back in the late 1940s, had witnessed (and helped
>document) part of an autopsy performed by certain pathologists
>at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

>According to the Colonel's oral testimony to Mr. SeCoy, the
>autopsy's subjects were two humanoids (one badly burned) whose
>alien features included layered eye membranes, lack of
>noticeable sex organs, slender frame of about four feet in
>height, insectoid innards, and long, slender fingers with pads
>at their tips - the Colonel's conclusion being that these two
>creatures had been retrieved from one or more spacecraft of
>extraterrestrial origin. The Colonel's testimony mentioned that
>motion-picture/still photography was being conducted during his
>presence at the autopsy.

Please, I beg you, spare us another alien autopsy. We have all
had a bellyful with the Santilli one and want a complete rest
from such things.

Linda Moulton Howe's 'revelations' are best summarised in one 8-
letter word (or is it two 4-letter ones?).

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Re: Hall Medical Condition - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 12:44:16 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 15:59:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Hall Medical Condition - Groff

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 16:11:08 +0000
>Subject: Hall Medical Condition

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Best of luck to you and best of skill to your surgeon.

Terry

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Golubik

From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 14:11:52 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 16:02:36 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Golubik

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 17:42:31 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 27 Jul 2006 10:08:38 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 16 Jul 2006 16:13:48 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

<snip>

>>Martin, David,

>>My estimate on angular width of field was just that: a low
>>number that once I established how the film size/crop/focus
>>affected the final form images, it would grow from there. Ann
>>recently had responded to my inquiry in the affirmative stating
>>that the JSE images were cropped. Since the Horizontal FOV may
>>be as low as 36-37 degrees, I just assumed the lowest possible
>>camera setting and cut about 2-3 degrees off from both sides.

>>As I was trying to convey back then, the captured vs calculated
>>FOV for the lens can be vary considerably; Both the focus
>>setting and film size can affect the outcome.

>Hi Viktor

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>you got this definite cropping statement from Ann. But the car
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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 20:07:29 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 16:04:39 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 13:23:15 +0000
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 11:16:33 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>A brief update re the NICAP investigation papers: I indicated
>>before Errol's well-earned holiday that I had hopes of learning
>>the whereabouts and contents of some or all of the extant NICAP
>>files, but it was not to be.

>>Mark Rodeghier kindly undertook to search the CUFOS archive
>>where he was fairly confident they had some Heflin material from
>>the NICAP collection.

>>Last weekend he was able to do this, but sadly there is
>>apparently nothing there. It is possible that some researcher
>>has these papers on private loan, unknown to Mark - apparently
>>the audit trail for such borrowings is not terribly rigorous -
>>but also in Mark's opinion at least some of this material may
>>have been "liberated" by individuals before the NICAP collection
>>was taken over by CUFOS.

>>In short we still have no idea where - or even if - there exists
>>a coherent body of original investigative records on this case.
>>Apparently what there is has been dispersed and maybe only
>>fragments now exist in private hands.

>List,

>A brief update on Martin's brief update. Apparently he forgot to
>mention that he was also told, quite specifically, where in
>California a large collection of original Heflin case materials
>were very likely to be found. This particular location hadn't
>occurred to me, but sounds highly plausible. Martin shouldn't be
>too surprised that after 40 years all the material isn't
>conveniently in one place and easily accessible.

Who says I am surprised? No I'm not surprised that this
material, like the material on Nathan and other things, is
difficult of access and dispersed. It became obvious very early
on that this was the case.

Now Dick refers, it would appear, to an e-mail I had from Ann
Druffel some 72 hours ago (presumably bcc'd or forwarded to
Dick) in response to my question about the Idabel Epperson
private collection. Ann was kind enough to send me the postal
address of the late Ms. Eperson's daughter who, she said,
probably still has this in her possession "so far as I know".
Well if this is so then it might contain copies of some or most
(or even all - who knows?) of the old NICAP material - plus
personal correspondence and other acquisitions of interest
possibly. We don't know. I've written to the lady in LA and can
do no more than that. Dick, you will be the first to know what I
find out. But until I hear to the contrary, this source, if it

still does exist, remains what I accurately described as material in private hands which may yet be only fragmentary.

>The ball is in your court, Martin. I will await the results of
>your research (and that of the other case reviewers) with keen
>interest.

Well, balls bounce I'm afraid. I am -what?- seven thousand miles or more from what you say is a "highly plausible" source of the information you have been urging us to get at for weeks. I'll do what I can. I "found" it for us. I doubt that Marilyn Epperson is going to be willing to send masses of photocopies half way around the world to me, but as I say I have written, and if access can be arranged - perhaps for you, or some trustworthy agent of yours, or anybody else on this List who can get to LA - I'm more than willing as I said before to do work of transcription etc and start getting the material in an accessible form for open web access. Of course if you choose to "recuse yourself" (I think I've heard this on Law and Order!) totally from the case then I think we will all understand.

>But Don Ledger is right: first you have to get some
>basic facts in place and not rely overly on assumptions or
>chains of inference. I know you don't like to hear that, but
>c'est la Vie.

It occurs to me that you can't see the process of critical analysis around uncertain evidence as being about facts because to you "the facts" are things fixed and written, either you have them or you don't, if you don't have them you go and fetch them, and if they aren't there well forget it. What you don't get is that facts are made. As some wit said, "You see, that's the damned trouble with science, it's always changing! With religion you know what the truth is, it's always the same!"

>And meanwhile, please drop your prosecuting attorney tone toward
>me and others who dispute or debate some of your methodology
>and/or reasoning. Indeed, I have mis-spoken once or twice in my
>haste to post something, but that doesn't warrant some of your
>legalistic assaults. Some of this has been private and off-List,
>and some on-List.

What you call my prosecuting attorney tone is what I call precise and thorough-going argument on the point, and it sometimes seems that nothing less than conscientiously tracking every dodgy syllogism to its last gasp will serve to get a point across. I'm not happy that you are upset by it, but neither am I happy that it should be necessary. You have of course the perfect defence available: Refute me.

Martin Shough

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Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 21:06:57 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 16:14:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Hall Medical Condition - Shough

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
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From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 16:41:59 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Hall

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Viktor,

According to Martin your work is automatically copyrighted. But
maybe you don't have the same access to the Copyright Fairy that

he has . ; -)

- Dick

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Thanks Martin. No hard feelings. I have pretty thick skin;
they'll have to use a sharp scalpel on me. I don't have much
more to offer on the Heflin case anyway after 40 years unless I
can find another folder/file that has been eluding me.

However, I am surprised about the lack of material in the CUFOS
files. I suspect a possible explanation for that in terms of a
former NICAP employee who fancied himself the world's greatest
photo case expert in the post Keyhoe/Hall era of NICAP. He may
have kept the Heflin case file and other photo files.

- Dick

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Re: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request -

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catja90024.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 13:40:32 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 09:25:13 -0400
Subject: Re: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request -

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 18:37:45 +0100
>Subject: Re: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request

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>from such things.

>Linda Moulton Howe's 'revelations' are best summarised in one 8-
>letter word (or is it two 4-letter ones?).

Dear List:

I tried siting through the interview on Coast-to-Coast - I really did, but 1) this was a second-hand story, not even an "eye witness";

2) remembrance of a couple of conversations that happened at least 25 years ago;

3) the name of the flight surgeon was not provided, nor were any other names of the people involved - this should be a red flag for any serious investigator;

4) it is time in the cycle for another outrageous "eye witness" testimony to be perpetrated on a group of people who care about these things.

KK

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catja90024.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 14:06:22 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 09:34:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Kasten

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 09:52:57 EDT
>Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catja90024.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 12:09:29 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 22 Jul 2006 12:20:02 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>First, I resent the implication in your comment, "Please try to
>be honest", which suggests that I would be less than honest in
>my response to you. I would ask that you point out any occasions
>where I have knowing been dishonest. Mistaken, yes. Just look at
>Frank Kaufmann. Yes, I changed his name, at his request, and
>that was a mistake, but it was not an attempt to be dishonest. I
>think of dishonesty as, oh, I don't know, telling people that
>your partner was a government agent planted on you when there is
>no evidence of that and you know it's a lie.

>But your question leaves out an important point. At the time
>that Jesse Sr., dropped by the house, there are no indications
>that the materials he had were considered to be classified and
>therefore no reason for him not to share the discovery with his
>family. There is nothing to suggest that this debris would have
>been majically (pun intended) classified. Jesse Jr., has said
>that his father was excited and wanted the family to see it
>before he took it out to the base.

>Given the circumstances, I might have just done the same
>thing... though I would have thought twice about awakening
>my wife early in the morning to show her a box filled with
>debris, not to mention her irritation at me bringing it into
>the house.

>>It is my opinion that Jesse Marcel, Sr. did not share anything
>>of importance with his family and kept his security oath; i.e.,
>>he was an honorable, serious-minded, intelligence officer.

>Which is all well and good except that Jesse Sr. told the story
>of taking the stuff home himself. Therefore your conclusion is
>in error. Not to mention that Jesse Sr. is the one who told his
>friends about it, told Stan and Len Stringfield about it, talked
>in front of cameras about it, and provided the details about his
>picking up pieces of the metallic debris.

>>That Jesse Marcel, JR. would think it was okay to - basically -
>>smear his father's service record by claiming to have seen part
>>of a secret mission and telling anybody who will listen about it
>>does a disservice to his father, Marcel, Sr.

>So, at the time Marcel took the debris home, it was not any sort
>of secret mission. Jesse Jr. didn't talk about it until his

>father told others about it, and at that point realized that he
>was no longer obligated to keep the secret. You are off-base
>here.

>>I have interacted with intelligence officers (even so-called
>>retired intelligence officers) and know that - if they honor
>>their country, they honor their oath - they would not share
>>details/specifcifs/any part of their mission with anybody not in
>>the loop. The boy, Marcel, Jr., must have been mistaken about
>>the matter.

>Well, I have been an intelligence officer and know that we all
>respect the oaths we took, but I also know that there are times
>when it is no longer necessary to keep the secrets... such as
>when they have been declassified. But, since Jesse Sr. talked of
>his role in the recovery and since Jesse Jr. was never under
>"oath=E2=80=9D to keep the secret (he was told by his father not to
>mention it), it seems to me that Jesse Jr. is not mistaken.

>And, BTW, you can actually retire from the intelligence field
>with no obligations (other than not talk about classified
>material you might have seen). This idea that once an
>intelligence officer, always an intelligence officer makes for
>great films, but doesn't have a basis in reality.

Nice attempt at a 'save'. But, at least admit that Marcel Sr.
did know that what he was participating in was a "mission". Or,
at least a crime scene investigation which in military parlance
can mean the same thing. Let's give him credit at least for that
judgment call. That, if he discussed anything with his family,
he was in fact knowingly violating his secrecy oath.

It would seem to be, from your answer, that it was your personal
policy to feel free to discuss whatever you wanted with whoever
you wanted. And, no, keeping one's oath is not just part of a
movie script. Perhaps, you are confusing your own personal
policy with what is expected of an intelligence officer? That is
your choice, and because I am someone who has interacted with
the intelligence community I do know what the policy is and know
what you are saying is a personal choice that goes against
policy.

The bottomline? Marcel Sr. told people exactly what he wanted
them to hear and showed his family exactly what he wanted them
to see. Which wasn't much - ie., I have read both your books and
Friedman's attempting to discover what is claimed to be Marcel
Sr.'s testimony. If there was anything more Marcel Sr. had said,
all of you should have recorded it In the meantime, all we have
is what you wrote.

BTW: it appears I offended you by asking you for honesty. Please
accept my apology.

KK

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Re: Hall Medical Condition - Golubik

From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 17:59:46 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 09:47:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Hall Medical Condition - Golubik

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 16:11:08 +0000
>Subject: Hall Medical Condition

>As of July 28 I have been diagnosed with a medical condition
>that requires immediate surgery. Although it is categorized as
>'major surgery' the procedure has become fairly routine, so I am
>optimistic about a favorable outcome. But I will be out of
>commission for about two months. I will be lurking whenever time
>permits.

I will continue to pray for your speedy recovery. All the best.
If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to call me. I
can be there in an hour. Received your materials in the mail a
few days ago... thanks... no hard feelings :)

Vik

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 19:24:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 09:49:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - White

>From: Kathy Kasten <catja90024.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 12:09:29 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

<snip>

>It is my opinion that Jesse Marcel, Sr. did not share anything
>of importance with his family and kept his security oath; i.e.,
>he was an honorable, serious-minded, intelligence officer.

Well, he sure shared some things of importance when I saw him on TV some years ago.

>I have interacted with intelligence officers (even so-called
>retired intelligence officers) and know that - if they honor
>their country, they honor their oath - they would not share
>details/specifics/any part of their mission with anybody not in
>the loop.

I was a U.S. military officer too, and believe me, if I had handled UFO debris, and spent 30 years watching a government I was supposed to be loyal to lie and obfuscate about something so hugely important as UFOs, and I had my younger days behind me, I would not hesitate to tell the truth to the public. Ending your days in prison would be a small price to pay.

Such a government does not deserve my loyalty. And the 30 years certainly gave them the chance to come clean, so no guilt there.

The only thing I would have done differently from Jesse Marcel Sr. would have been to covertly build a huge pile of documentation, and tried to find ways of disseminating it world wide, as simultaneously as possible, on the day I came out of the closet.

The U.S. government does not own any UFOs, UFO debris, or alien bodies. The taxpayers own those things, and as Jesse Marcel Sr. said on TV, "Give it [the objects and information] to 'em!", meaning to the public.

I consider Jesse Marcel Jr. and Sr. United States heroes for speaking out! Ditto Buzz Aldrin and other astronauts who speak out.

Eleanor White

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Re: NASA's Changing Mission - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 19:25:05 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 09:50:57 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA's Changing Mission - White

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 23 Jul 2006 10:22:58 +0100
>Subject: NASA's Changing Mission

<snip>

>In the National Aeronautics and Space Act, which established the
>agency in 1958, the first objective of the agency was listed as
>"the expansion of human knowledge of the earth and of phenomena
>in the atmosphere and space."

<snip>

>Dr. Hansen's comments started a flurry of news media coverage in
>late January; on Feb. 3, Mr. Griffin issued a statement of
>"scientific openness."

Hey, great! This means they can start investigating and
reporting to the public on UFOs, right away!

Eleanor White

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Re: Hall Medical Condition - Resta

From: Dr. Peter Resta <spr100.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 23:28:25 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 09:55:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Hall Medical Condition - Resta

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 16:11:08 +0000
>Subject: Hall Medical Condition

Dick:

Best of luck & please take care of your self - you are one of
the few contributors worth reading here! Any absence from the
List would be our loss!

Peter

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Hutchinson

From: **Bruce Hutchinson** <webmaster.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 01:16:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 10:00:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Hutchinson

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 09:52:57 EDT
>Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

Kevin, List;

>But your question leaves out an important point. At the time
>that Jesse Sr., dropped by the house, there are no indications
>that the materials he had were considered to be classified and
>therefore no reason for him not to share the discovery with his
>family. There is nothing to suggest that this debris would have
>been majically (pun intended) classified. Jesse Jr., has said
>that his father was excited and wanted the family to see it
>before he took it out to the base.

And yet, according to the generally accepted story, the veil of Very Top Secret was immediately cast over the debris as soon as Jessie brought it to the RAAFB. If the fact that any news of the "saucer" had to be ruthlessly clamped down was so obvious to Blanchard that he acted immediately - why was it not obvious to Marcel? After all, in his story to you, he said that it was during his inspection of the debris at the Foster ranch that he knew that it was not of earthly origin.

Jessie, as ranking Intellegence officer, did not have to wait for someone else to bring out the Top Secret stamp. If the debris was as strange as Jessie has related, then I would think that his immediate reaction, as a highly trained military officer, would be to clamp full security on the site, the debris, and any witnesses. He surely had that authority, and surely he was competent enough that he did not need to be ordered to do the obvious

So his bringing the stuff to the house to show it off is more than strange, it would seem to have been a rather gross violation of Basic Security 101. So why was he not reprimanded?

>Given the circumstances, I might have just done the same
>thing...

Assuming that we are talking about the debris that the Marcells described, somehow I don't think that you would have required someone else's opinion. And somehow I don't think that you would have needed orders from above to know that showing and/or talking about this to your family would have been a serious breach of your secrecy oath.

It's just that the activity you described - full emergency security clamp down, detention of Brazel, elaborate PR, threats, etc - over material that Marcel apparently gave so little importance to that he casually showed it off to his family, just doesn't quite square up. It is one of the stranger events in the Roswell Saga.

Bruce Hutchinson

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Re: Cheyenne Mountain Shutting Down? - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 02:17:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 10:02:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Cheyenne Mountain Shutting Down? - Goldstein

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 11:50:52 EDT
>Subject: Cheyenne Mountain Shutting Down?

>Does anyone have an opinion of the recent disclosure that the
>Government is shutting down the Cheyenne Mountain instillation?

>Does this have any ramifications toward Ufology, especially any
>evidence that the complex may have gathered relating UFO's?

Aloha Jason,

I have not heard anything about this alleged disclosure. What
was your source of information?

Josh Goldstein

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 08:43:52 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 10:06:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Randle

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 18:22:59 +0100
>Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>I wonder how much of Jesse Marcel jr's testimony should be taken
>literally. When he first supposedly saw the debris he was about
>11 years old. Assuming he was (as he has claimed many times
>since 1979) truly astounded by the pieces his dad brought home,
>and assuming that it all made a great impression on him, is it
>not natural that he would have told his school friends and
>playmates all about it? Kevin tells us that at the time Marcel
>jr first saw and handled the stuff, nothing about it was
>classified. Classification only came later, perhaps a day later,
>perhaps two days later, we don't really know. In the meantime
>an 11-year old boy would have been quite free to tell his
>friends all about this remarkable debris, whatever it was. Yet
>he appears never to have done so.

Morning' CDA, List, All -

Untrue. I have talked to a couple of people (young in 1947) who
remember young Jess telling them about the debris in the day or
so after it was brought home. Why not report this when I learned
of it? These people were more second-hand witnesses to the event
and added nothing to our knowledge about what might have been
brought into the house. Do we really need the testimony of more
second-hand witnesses in a case already cluttered with such
testimony or worse?

>Even if his dad told him not to speak of it to anyone (I doubt
>such words were ever used), if this stuff was truly
>extraordinary, it would still be highly tempting for an 11-year
>old to spread the tale about it. Would he have obeyed his dad's
>warning? I wonder.

Yes, he would. There are other examples of young Jess being told
things by his father that he wouldn't talk about at the time.
What this demonstrates is a strong bond and a trusting
relationship between the two. Older Jess knew that he could
trust his son with things and the stories would not be told in
school.

>In short, if the wreckage/debris from this aerial craft was so
>'out of this world' (as he has often claimed) it is very hard to
>believe Marcel jr would have held his tongue during all his
>boyhood and teenage years. In fact I simply don't believe it.

Believe or not believe... that is irrelevant. We know that young Jess told some friends and once his father told him not to talk about it, he stopped. A youngster obeying the wishes of a parent... go figure.

>The other possibility is that the debris was nothing unusual to
>him at the time, and Marcel jr was unimpressed. Maybe he only
>became impressed by the stuff after the Roswell affair achieved
>publicity and his story appeared in The Roswell Incident (1980).
>Before then he had scarcely given it a thought.

Speculation not built on anything other than supposition.

>One phrase Marcel jr used is "Dad said that the speed of impact
>was not in keeping with any type of aircraft we had at that
>time". Nobody ever saw the crash but Marcel sr, amazingly, was
>able to determine the impact speed by putting together a zillion
>small fragments. Was Marcel sr really that clever, or is this
>another piece of the Roswell legend?

Guesswork by the older Marcel based on his experience as an intelligence officer and participant in aircraft accidents? The layout of the wreckage, among other factors, can produce an indication of speed... It might also be that it looked as if the object hit at high speed and Marcel based his comment on that. Nothing really out of the ordinary here. What we must remember that Marcel's guess might have been nothing more than that and something that someone might have said after seeing the results of an auto accident... "Wow, the one car was really traveling fast..." I just don't think we need to add weight to what might have been little more than an off-hand comment.

>We should recall that in this book Marcel jr tells about a patio
>being built at the Marcel home at about that time. He surmises
>that when the large amount of debris was swept out of the
>kitchen it might have become embedded in the liquid concrete.
>If so, this patio now contains, or contained, classified
>material! Therefore anyone wanting to dig it up and lay a new
>patio would have to seek clearance from the USAF beforehand,
>just in case they came across this highly classified Roswell
>debris. A unusual scenario indeed, but
>given the complexity of the case, a plausible one?

No. I'm not sure how much debris might have been swept out the kitchen door to be buried under the patio, or, that if that patio still existed that we could break it up to find anything hidden in it... However, having been inside that house, I know one thing that most do not. The patio is now under the dining room. The house has been expanded in size from it's 1947 floor plan and you now walk through the kitchen and rather than exit, you enter a dining room and then on into a family room. So, it's not just a matter of tearing up a concrete patio, but taking down part of the house on a quest that probably would yield nothing of value. A better course would be to search the field, identified by Bill Brazel and others, where they either saw the craft or found small bits of debris. (And yes, there have been two planned searches of the area and it has yet to yield anything of value in our discussion.)

KRandle

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Re: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request -

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 08:51:50 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 10:09:19 -0400
Subject: Re: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request -

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 18:37:45 +0100
>Subject: Re: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request

>>From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 21:49:14 -0400
>>Subject: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request

>>To: haffoia.workflow.nul

>>To: Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor, Jr.
>>Surgeon General of the Air Force
>>Headquarters, Department of the Air Force
>>The Pentagon
>>Washington, DC 20330-1000

>>From: Larry W. Bryant
>>3518 Martha Custis Drive
>>Alexandria, VA 22302

>>Date: July 28, 2006

>>On his "Coast-to-Coast AM" radio talk show of July 27-28, 2006,

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

>>The program focused on Howe's revelation that, back in 1975, a
>>retired USAF flight surgeon had confided in one of his employees
>>(Ohio resident Ronald SeCoy) that the flight surgeon, when a
>>Colonel back in the late 1940s, had witnessed (and helped
>>document) part of an autopsy performed by certain pathologists
>>at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

>>According to the Colonel's oral testimony to Mr. SeCoy, the
>>autopsy's subjects were two humanoids (one badly burned) whose
>>alien features included layered eye membranes, lack of
>>noticeable sex organs, slender frame of about four feet in
>>height, insectoid innards, and long, slender fingers with pads
>>at their tips - the Colonel's conclusion being that these two
>>creatures had been retrieved from one or more spacecraft of
>>extraterrestrial origin. The Colonel's testimony mentioned that
>>motion-picture/still photography was being conducted during his
>>presence at the autopsy.

Oh, my Lord, another second-hand witness to an autopsy at Wright
Field...

I think we have been burned enough by the second-hand witnesses.
Yes, they sometimes provide us with clues to the first-hand
source, but too often they have misunderstood a comment (I spent
months chasing down a story about a man who had been one of the
pilots of Air Force One under Kennedy who had seen the alien
bodies... Yes, he had been a pilot, briefly, on Air Force One,
yes, he had spoken to Kennedy. Yes, he had seen an alien...
living, in a UFO near his fighter aircraft but had nothing to do
with bodies or Kennedy) or are embellishing a story to make it
more interesting. We need the Colonel and not SeCoy.

>Please, I beg you, spare us another alien autopsy. We have all
>had a bellyful with the Santilli one and want a complete rest
>from such things.

>Linda Moulton Howe's 'revelations' are best summarised in one 8-
>letter word (or is it two 4-letter ones?).

Oh, my Lord, again. I have to agree with CDA...

KRandle

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 09:56:03 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 10:13:19 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Ledger

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 16:34:23 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 17:20:40 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>I won't be dragged any further into this argument. I made an
>>observation from my experience; throw it out if that's what
>>you want. But until you nail down those distances you aren't
>>going to get the correct answers.

>What a laugh! You were the one talking about "throwing out" a
>figure as you well know. You also know I don't agree with
>that. What we need to do is factor in your relevant experience
>(weighting it appropriately), alongside the reported
>on-the-spot measurements (weighted appropriately), the
>inferences we can make from photogrammetry etc (weighted
>appropriately), and historical information from the
>installing/maintaining authority (weighted appropriately
>because even SCE may not know everything). Well it turns out
>that SCE don't know, so instead of "nailing it down" we have
>another opinion, but oh dear it isn't the same as your
>opinion, Don. Instead of your original 125 - 150 ft maximum
>based on "experience" (quietly inflated, under pressure,
>through 150 - 175 ft to "close to 200 ft at best") SCE say
>"150 - 200" as a norm with 300 ft not out of the question. So
>it's "as simple as that" eh? I'm afraid it isn't. It almost
>never is!

Go with what you want, Martin. I was just offering my limited 40
year old experience and you are trying to turn this into me being
some kind of fool.

That how you normally do business?

300 feet beside a public highway with 40 foot poles - a good ten
feet higher than was originally guessed and where's that in your
argument? - is nonsense. I measured the poles on the gravel road
out in the country outside my house. Even in 2006 they are
spaced 150 feet apart and are 40 feet high.

That's it for me. Insult me all you want, you won't get more
from me.

Don

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Re: Cheyenne Mountain Shutting Down? - Sawyer

From: **Steve Sawyer** <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 06:21:59 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 10:25:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Cheyenne Mountain Shutting Down? - Sawyer

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 11:50:52 EDT
>Subject: Cheyenne Mountain Shutting Down?

>Does anyone have an opinion of the recent disclosure that the
>Government is shutting down the Cheyenne Mountain instillation?

>Does this have any ramifications toward Ufology, especially any
>evidence that the complex may have gathered relating UFO's?

Jason

The Cheyenne Mountain complex is not being shut down. It is being renamed, as part of an apparent reorganization and reassignment of some personnel to locations at nearby Peterson Air Force Base.

For further details, see:

http://www.northcom.mil/newsroom/news_release/2006/072806.htm

"The Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center becomes the Cheyenne Mountain Directorate as part of an ongoing effort to improve the operational effectiveness of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, according to NORAD and USNORTHCOM officials."

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Re: Cheyenne Mountain Shutting Down? - Sawyer

From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 06:57:00 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 10:28:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Cheyenne Mountain Shutting Down? - Sawyer

Upon a further net search for data, I found I may have been too hasty in my prior email.

Part of the confusion comes from the press release noted below, which was unclear on the matter and did not explicitly say that, apparently, over the next 12-18 months, according to an article from the Colorado News Gazette, posted on the MSNBC website:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/14076584/>

that the Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center will be put on "warm standby", since it duplicates many functions already being conducted via NORAD HQ and Northern Command facilities at Peterson AFB, Colorado.

Steve

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 09:19:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 10:30:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Lehmborg

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 19:24:34 -0400
>Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catja90024.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 12:09:29 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

><snip>

>>It is my opinion that Jesse Marcel, Sr. did not share anything
>>of importance with his family and kept his security oath; i.e.,
>>he was an honorable, serious-minded, intelligence officer.
>Well, he sure shared some things of importance when I saw him on
>TV some years ago.

>>I have interacted with intelligence officers (even so-called
>>retired intelligence officers) and know that - if they honor
>>their country, they honor their oath - they would not share
>>details/specifics/any part of their mission with anybody not in
>>the loop.

>I was a U.S. military officer too, and believe me, if I had
>handled UFO debris, and spent 30 years watching a government I
>was supposed to be loyal to lie and obfuscate about something so
>hugely important as UFOs, and I had my younger days behind me, I
>would not hesitate to tell the truth to the public. Ending your
>days in prison would be a small price to pay.

>Such a government does not deserve my loyalty. And the 30 years
>certainly gave them the chance to come clean, so no guilt there.
>The only thing I would have done differently from Jesse Marcel
>Sr. would have been to covertly build a huge pile of
>documentation, and tried to find ways of disseminating it world
>wide, as simultaneously as possible, on the day I came out of
>the closet.

>The U.S. government does not own any UFOs, UFO debris, or
>alien bodies. The taxpayers own those things, and as Jesse
>Marcel Sr. said on TV, "Give it [the objects and information] to
>'em!", meaning to the public.

>I consider Jesse Marcel Jr. and Sr. United States heroes for
>speaking out! Ditto Buzz Aldrin and other astronauts who speak
>out.

Right freaking on, ma'am! We agree!

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Re: Hall Medical Condition - Sanchez-Ocejo

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <ufomiami.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 19:04:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 12:08:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Hall Medical Condition - Sanchez-Ocejo

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 16:11:08 +0000
>Subject: Hall Medical Condition

>As of July 28 I have been diagnosed with a medical condition that requires immediate surgery. Although it is categorized as 'major surgery' the procedure has become fairly routine, so I am optimistic about a favorable outcome. But I will be out of commission for about two months. I will be lurking whenever time permits.

Hoping its only a short time out. We'll be waiting for your come back.

Best wishes,

Virgilio

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 13:28:29 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 14:26:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Friedman

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <webmaster.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 01:16:29 -0400
>Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 09:52:57 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>Kevin, List;

>>But your question leaves out an important point. At the time
>>that Jesse Sr., dropped by the house, there are no indications
>>that the materials he had were considered to be classified and
>>therefore no reason for him not to share the discovery with his
>>family. There is nothing to suggest that this debris would have
>>been majically (pun intended) classified. Jesse Jr., has said
>>that his father was excited and wanted the family to see it
>>before he took it out to the base.

>And yet, according to the generally accepted story, the veil of
>Very Top Secret was immediately cast over the debris as soon as
>Jessie brought it to the RAAFB. If the fact that any news of the
>"saucer" had to be ruthlessly clamped down was so obvious to
>Blanchard that he acted immediately - why was it not obvious to
>Marcel? After all, in his story to you, he said that it was
>during his inspection of the debris at the Foster ranch that he
>knew that it was not of earthly origin.

>Jessie, as ranking Intellegence officer, did not have to wait
>for someone else to bring out the Top Secret stamp. If the
>debris was as strange as Jessie has related, then I would think
>that his immediate reaction, as a highly trained military
>officer, would be to clamp full security on the site, the
>debris, and any witnesses. He surely had that authority, and
>surely he was competent enough that he did not need to be
>ordered to do the obvious

>So his bringing the stuff to the house to show it off is more
>than strange, it would seem to have been a rather gross
>violation of Basic Security 101. So why was he not reprimanded?

>>Given the circumstances, I might have just done the same
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>have needed orders from above to know that showing and/or
>talking about this to your family would have been a serious
>breech of your secrecy oath.

>It's just that the activity you described - full emergency
>security clamp down, detention of Brazel, elaborate PR, threats,
>etc - over material that Marcel apparently gave so little
>importance to that he casually showed it off to his family, just
>doesn't quite square up. It is one of the stranger events in the
>Roswell Saga.

Bruce, you have been watching too much CSI. Who says Blanchard immediately clamped down TOP SECRET? If he did, he might have had all kinds of instructions to which Jesse (Not Jessie) was not aware when he went out the day before.

The Marcells were a military family who knew there were high security activities on base. Jess Jr. was an only child.

Blanchard sent Marcel and CIC guy Cavitt out because he did not know what the situation was out at the Foster Ranch. Spying was of major concern.

It may well be that Blanchard, having access to what Brazel brought in, contacted his management chain who knew about other strange activities. Whatever the case Marcel, was not a policeman.

This is out in the middle of nowhere.

I once went with a batch of Japanese Journalists to the site. For 54 miles we saw not a soul or a vehicle.

He had very strange wreckage and knew there was a lot more out there. But no electronic components or anything conventional. Unique... Showed his son at home late.

Next day he goes to the base and gets instructed to fly with the stuff to Wright Field location, where captured enemy technology was to be brought. The Ft. Worth stop was on the way.

Obviously communications were going on from Blanchard upward to Ramey to McMullen who called the shots to Dubose to Ramey.

You will note that no pieces were kept by Jesse. His role was over before he even got back from Ft. Worth.

You really ought to look at the interviews in, for example, Recollections of Roswell (UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958 105 Minutes, 27 witnesses, \$15.00 including S.H. VHS) and other videos that have been made.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 17:20:23 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 14:29:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Allan

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>From: Kathy Kasten <catja90024.nul>
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>>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 12:09:29 -0700 (PDT)
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>The U.S. government does not own any UFOs, UFO debris, or
>alien bodies. The taxpayers own those things, and as Jesse
>Marcel Sr. said on TV, "Give it [the objects and information] to
>'em!", meaning to the public.

I wonder if you are correct here. Are there any laws in the US,
or other countries, stating who owns a downed UFO? I doubt that
such things are covered in the legislation.

As a comparison, what is the situation regarding meteorites?
Who owns those?

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Re: Gang-Stalking FAQ - Cammack

From: **Diana Cammack** <cammack.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 17:37:38 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 14:31:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Gang-Stalking FAQ - Cammack

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 07:53:05 EDT
>Subject: Gang-Stalking FAQ

>The following link is provided in an attempt to warn ufologists
>and researchers about a phenomena that is sweeping the nation.

>The phenomena is question is known as "Gang Stalking".

>Many Ufologists have reported harassment and abuse which seemed
>to be designed at driving them crazy. This is a specific goal of
>Gang Stalking, mainly to discredit an individual.

>As a victim of Gang Stalking, I have spent hours researching
>this criminal phenomena and can assure the individual that
>victim's face an uphill battle when it comes to reporting the
>abuse. Due to the ignorance of the public, Stalkers are allowed
>to practically get away with destroying lives.

>Gang-Stalking FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions):

><http://tinyurl.com/lvv6k>

>What is so unnerving about the abuse, is that many innocent
>victims, unknowingly decide to help the Stalkers in their task.
>For example, I recently passed out the exact same FAQ to a
>next door neighbor, one Kate Yandell, and she believed it to
>be proof of insanity on my part. She turned around and gave
>it to a neighbor who, unknowingly to me, was an FBI Agent
>and claimed she feared for the safety of her family. She
>claimed that because her husband is an R.N., he is able to
>diagnose mental disorders. I decided not to inform her that any
>belief that R.N.'s can diagnose mental disorders, is in itself,
>"crazy-talk". I should emphasise that she didn't fear any Stalkers,
>instead she feared what a "crazy" person might decide to do
>to her family. Because of her actions, I am now forced to
>procure a Lawyer, and file an official Police Report, something
>which I was putting off in an attempt to gather sufficient
>evidence of harassment/abuse. Specifically, the type of evidence that
>is admissible in a court of law. I do not think she had anything
>to do with the group of stalkers who are harassing me. Instead,
>I thing she is simply a paranoid busy-body, however, she might
>as well sign up to be a stalker as her actions are just as
>harmful. Ironically, I have now recieved information from neighbors
>that this isn't the first time Mrs. Yandell has made a false allegation
>or contacted authorities over a false report.

>To top things off, Mrs. Yandell has decided to take it upon
>herself to see if I have any criminal background. She advised my
>family that she researched my name on-line ot see if I was a
>registered sex-offender as well as checked with the local police
>department to see if I had a record. Again, this is the type of
>battle an individual will face, should they become a victim as
>well as dare to report the abuse.

>Please be very cautious. The phenomena of Gang-Stalking is not
>only quite real, it is designed to destroy your life and
>reputation.

In the olden days, 'gang stalkers' used the authorities, the law and church, and had social deviants burnt as witches. Later they called them communists and silenced them or forced them to move overseas...

Historically, threats to the hegemonic ideology, or fear of new idea(l)s and innovation has driven most of this abuse. Its not new, just a new form...

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From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 13:37:57 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 14:37:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Friedman

>From: Kathy Kasten <catja90024.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 14:06:22 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 09:52:57 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

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>The bottomline? Marcel Sr. told people exactly what he wanted
>them to hear and showed his family exactly what he wanted them
>to see. Which wasn't much - ie., I have read both your books and
>Friedman's attempting to discover what is claimed to be Marcel
>Sr.'s testimony. If there was anything more Marcel Sr. had said,
>all of you should have recorded it In the meantime, all we have
>is what you wrote.

Kathy, we have much more than what Kevin and I wrote. Try
Recollections of Roswell, 105 minutes VHS and several other
tapes on which Jesse's testimony appears with that of 26 other
first-hand witnesses.

Jesse's primary job was worrying about security clearances for
new people and briefing aircrews for a number of training and
practice missions. I talked to a crewman who said his briefings
were excellent.

It would be very nice to find out what Cavitt said and did when
he returned. His chain of command was through CIC, not
Blanchard.

I doubt if we will ever find out though I know several of us
have tried. Second guessing is easy.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 13:59:26 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 14:46:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Ledger

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <webmaster.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 01:16:29 -0400
>Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
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>threats, etc - over material that Marcel apparently gave so
>little importance to that he casually showed it off to his
>family, just doesn't quite square up. It is one of the
>stranger events in the Roswell Saga.

Bruce, both you and Kathy have stated that, as a security officer, Marcel breached security by sharing information with his family.

First, he had no authority to designate material as Top Secret. That is done after assessment by higher authority later on.

Second, why should the possibility of some "alien manufactured" material found in the desert be automatically assumed to be a security concern and be declared Top Secret?

Don Ledger

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Are UFOs Alive?

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 13:15:36 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 14:48:42 -0400
Subject: Are UFOs Alive?

There has been many suggestions from researchers that UFOs may represent a previously unknown, arial life-form. I, for one, do not subscribe to this belief but I do feel that this line of thought does have some merrit.

What I am intersted in, is the 'brainstorming' of the mechanics of an interplanetary or deep-space vehicle.

I personally believe that if UFOs are indeed extraterrestrial craft, they are almost assuredly "part-living", meaning living, organic tissue is a component of the craft itself. This may sound odd at first, until one realizes that standard wiring is something problematic for advanced vehicles. Fortunately, biology has designed a system that superbly meets the challenges superbly, mainly through the form of the human nervous-system.

Imagine a vehicle possessing a living nervous-system in place of standard wiring. Such crafts would have the ability to self-repair, a.k.a. heal on their own, without requiring a technician. Such systems would have drawbacks, however. For example, since such craft would be alive, they would also be vulnerable to weaponry designed to kill such life, especially with regard to bio-engineered weapons such as viral agents.

Such drawbacks might also explain why certain UFOs have crashed. If a craft's living components were to become infected, sicken or even die, this would create sever malfunctions within the craft, leading to system failure.

I admit that until the time comes when researchers are allowed access to any such vehicles covertly recovered, there is little chance of finding proof to verify such beliefs.

- Jason

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Re: Cheyenne Mountain Shutting Down? - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 14:15:39 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 15:06:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Cheyenne Mountain Shutting Down? - Gammon

>From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 02:17:43 -0700
>Subject: Re: Cheyenne Mountain Shutting Down?

>>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 11:50:52 EDT
>>Subject: Cheyenne Mountain Shutting Down?

>>Does anyone have an opinion of the recent disclosure that the
>>Government is shutting down the Cheyenne Mountain instillation?

>>Does this have any ramifications toward Ufology, especially any
>>evidence that the complex may have gathered relating UFO's?

>Aloha Jason,

>I have not heard anything about this alleged disclosure. What
>was your source of information?

An AOL news story which appeared on my welcome screen a couple
of days ago. The news story has now been replaced and I am
unable to locate the copy.

Here's are a few similiar links:

Norad Mountail Complex Faces Closure

http://www.postchronicle.com/news/original/article_21231103.shtml

Air Force will Close Cheyenne Mountain

<http://www.gateworld.net/news/2006/07/airforcewillclosecheyennem.shtml>

Cheyenne Mountain Shutting Down?

<http://influencepeddler.blogspot.com/2006/06/cheyenne-mountain-shutting-down.html>

- Jason

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We Are All Journalists Now

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 17:23:55 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 15:11:29 -0400
Subject: We Are All Journalists Now

Source: Michael Geist.Ca

<http://tinyurl.com/kafck>

Appeared in the Toronto Star on June 5, 2006 as

'We Are All Journalists Now'
by Michael Geist

[Extract Begins]

"Just over a week ago, a California appeals court took a major step toward eliminating any legal distinction in a case involving Apple Computer and two online news sites.

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The California court examined the state of online journalism and found that it too deserves the legal protections crafted for the press.

<snip>

In doing so, it has extended those protections to everyone, effectively stating that we can all play a role in keeping our leaders accountable. We are all journalists now."

[Extract Ends]

Cheers

Ray D

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From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 20:17:04 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jul 2006 06:44:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Allan

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 08:43:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 18:22:59 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

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>>I wonder how much of Jesse Marcel Jr.'s testimony should be
>>taken literally. When he first supposedly saw the debris he was
>>about 11 years old. Assuming he was (as he has claimed many
>>times since 1979) truly astounded by the pieces his dad brought
>>home, and assuming that it all made a great impression on him,
>>is it not natural that he would have told his school friends and
>>playmates all about it? Kevin tells us that at the time Marcel
>>Jr. first saw and handled the stuff, nothing about it was
>>classified. Classification only came later, perhaps a day later,
>>perhaps two days later, we don't really know. In the meantime an
>>11-year old boy would have been quite free to tell his friends
>>all about this remarkable debris, whatever it was. Yet he
>>appears never to have done so.

>Untrue. I have talked to a couple of people (young in 1947)
>who remember young Jess telling them about the debris in the day
>or so after it was brought home. Why not report this when I
>learned of it? These people were more second-hand witnesses to
>the event and added nothing to our knowledge about what might
>have been brought into the house. Do we really need the
>testimony of more second-hand witnesses in a case already
>cluttered with such testimony or worse?

>>Even if his dad told him not to speak of it to anyone (I doubt
>>such words were ever used), if this stuff was truly
>>extraordinary, it would still be highly tempting for an 11-year
>>old to spread the tale about it. Would he have obeyed his dad's
>>warning? I wonder.

>Yes, he would. There are other examples of young Jess being
>told things by his father that he wouldn't talk about at the
>time. What this demonstrates is a strong bond and a trusting
>relationship between the two. Older Jess knew that he could
>trust his son with things and the stories would not be told in
>school.

>>In short, if the wreckage/debris from this aerial craft was so
>>'out of this world' (as he has often claimed) it is very hard to
>>believe Marcel Jr. would have held his tongue during all his

>>boyhood and teenage years. In fact I simply don't believe it.

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Sorry Kevin, but I do not buy this. It is a case of you talking to two people 40 years afterwards (when the Roswell story was by then highly public) and for them to relate to you that Marcel Jr., as a boy, told them all about the strange Roswell fragments in 1947. There is always the chance that this indeed happened, but the point is that there is no contemporary record of it. You are relying on stories built upon stories. Who is to say whether these people really knew, or cared, about Roswell in 1947, or whether they in fact pieced together, and embellished, things they had read and heard about during the 1980s?

No we certainly do not need more second-hand witnesses, but consider this: the Roswell Daily Record of July 8 contains a number of local people's opinions of 'flying discs'. Marcel's wife, Marcel Jr., or in fact anyone at all who saw or handled that debris had ample opportunity to contact the newspaper that day, or the day after, and relate their story of seeing or handling that extraordinary stuff. None of them did so.

The two boys who Marcel Jr. told the story to could likewise have contacted the press. Boys of 11 or 12 are old enough to read newspapers, especially when an extraordinary local event has taken place and that event is all over the papers. Where are the comments of these people? I put it to you that the comments are not there because there was nothing remarkable about the debris and therefore it was not worth commenting about. It is as simple as that.

And no, I do not believe that there was any security attached to the stuff Marcel brought home, none whatever. Consider all the other civilians who handled it, some even going out to the ranch. All sworn to secrecy? You must be kidding. Each and every one of those persons had the opportunity to 'tell the world' at the time. Not one did so.

>>One phrase Marcel Jr. used is "Dad said that the speed of impact was not in keeping with any type of aircraft we had at that time". Nobody ever saw the crash but Marcel Sr., amazingly, was able to determine the impact speed by putting together a zillion small fragments. Was Marcel Sr. really that clever, or is this another piece of the Roswell legend?

>Guesswork by the older Marcel based on his experience as an intelligence officer and participant in aircraft accidents? The layout of the wreckage, among other factors, can produce an indication of speed... It might also be that it looked as if the object hit at high speed and Marcel based his comment on that. Nothing really out of the ordinary here. What we must remember that Marcel's guess might have been nothing more than that and something that someone might have said after seeing the results of an auto accident... "Wow, the one car was really traveling fast..." I just don't think we need to add weight to what might have been little more than an off-hand comment.

Come off it. If Marcel Sr. uttered those words, it shows that he simply did not know what he was talking about. It is poppycock, and for him to say such a thing must devalue his other testimony. For one thing the UFO was (in some versions of the story) supposed to have exploded in the air. Therefore it was in fragments before it even struck the earth! Yet Marcel Sr., expert in aviation and atomic bombs, was (according to his son) still able to assert that its impact speed was far in excess of anything made in the US. From the myriad of fragments he gathered, Marcel Sr. could still pronounce this amazing fact. Naturally I have my doubts over whether he ever said this, but that is what Moore & Friedman heard from Marcel Jr.. Do you know whether it crashed or whether it exploded? Does anybody know?

And Marcel Sr., we are told, was so clever that he could also

determine from examining the scattered wreckage on the ranch, that the object was extra-terrestrial. Oh really? Again, he never hinted at any such thing in 1947, but at some point (c.1978) must have been 'converted', as was his son, plus of course numerous others. All these people, as I have said, missed their great chance to tell their story to the local newspaper at the time. Yet this was supposedly the story of the century (or even the millennium).

That, in a nutshell, is why I am inclined to take Dr Jesse Marcel's current version of the Roswell story with a pinch of salt.

CDA

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 15:37:56 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jul 2006 06:47:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Boone

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 13:28:29 -0300
>Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <webmaster.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 01:16:29 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 09:52:57 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

<snip>

>>Jesse, as ranking Intellegence officer, did not have to wait
>>for someone else to bring out the Top Secret stamp. If the
>>debris was as strange as Jesse has related, then I would think
>>that his immediate reaction, as a highly trained military
>>officer, would be to clamp full security on the site, the
>>debris, and any witnesses. He surely had that authority, and
>>surely he was competent enough that he did not need to be
>>ordered to do the obvious

>>So his bringing the stuff to the house to show it off is more
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>>Roswell Saga.

<snip>

>The Marcells were a military family who knew there were high
>security activities on base. Jess Jr. was an only child.

<snip>

>You really ought to look at the interviews in, for example,
>Recollections of Roswell (UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730->0958
>105 Minutes, 27 witnesses, \$15.00 including S.H. VHS)and other
>videos that have been made.

With all due respect to all parties...

This is the one outpoint to the Marcel Sr. story that always
bugged me.

Why would he bring unknown materials to his wife and child?

If the materials were unknown, the sheep not touching it, the properties of said materials remarkable, why risk your wife and child's lives with possible contaminants? I've forgotten if Maj. Marcel Sr. and Cavitt used a Geiger Counter on the debris but if they didn't even so, not knowing the origin of the material, it's manufacturing processes would make me even hesitant to touch the stuff much less cart it inside the house at night to show my beloved kin.

I'm aware of the mindsets of those days when everyone pitched in to help out, same as when I was a kid and people would stop by the house or drag me out to the hills to figure out 'unusual' stuff found. (I was one of those bright kids who knew things about weird things).

So I can understand if the situation was one of desperation and it was a community effort to figure out things but it has always bothered me about that one thing, an intelligence officer of the only atomic bomb wing in the world brings debris of an unknown craft home for his wife and child to see.

Again, with respect to all.

Best,

Greg

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Re: We Are All Journalists Now - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 15:50:32 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jul 2006 06:50:28 -0400
Subject: Re: We Are All Journalists Now - Boone

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 17:23:55 +0100
>Subject: We Are All Journalists Now

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>effectively stating that we can all play a role in keeping our
>leaders accountable. We are all journalists now."

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>Cheers

>Ray D

Uh oh! With protections also come the liabilities.

Do we think the average mug can follow the ethics of journalism?

No.

That means you'll see more lawsuits probably as people who
shouldn't be anywhere near a computer much less a message board
or List will start getting busted for all sorts of errors and
transgressions.

You've got to have the bitter with the sweet is a common saying
from several cultures if I'm correct.

Back up that source. Three sources confirmed before declaration
of statement and what stylebooks are the people supposed to
follow? How many even know AP has a stylebook?

This is going to be interesting to follow.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 14:51:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jul 2006 06:53:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Lehmborg

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 13:59:26 -0300
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>>Assuming that we are talking about the debris that the Marcells
>>described, somehow I don't think that you would have required
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>>and/or talking about this to your family would have been a
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>Bruce, both you and Kathy have stated that, as a security
>officer, Marcel breached security by sharing information with
>his family.

>First, he had no authority to designate material as Top
>Secret. That is done after assessment by higher authority later
>on.

>Second, why should the possibility of some "alien manufactured"
>material found in the desert be automatically assumed to be a
>security concern and be declared Top Secret?

That's right Don. Moreover he may have presumed that this was
going to be something outside the purview of mundane security
concerns and that it was going to change the world in its
entirety, so, perhaps the world would likely be informed in its
regard. A subsequent press release did go out the next day,
after all. I imagine he was pleased and proud to be the one to
let his son in on the most important revelation that can be

conceived.

Finally, the opposition in this thread seems perfectly ludicrous and patently specious in extremis... intellectualizing delinquents jerking gym-shorts through the crack 'twixt locked door and casement and persons decidedly unable to tease 'cloth' out, at all, even with their unthinking coat-hangers and duller pocket knives.

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Re: We Are All Journalists Now - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 14:52:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jul 2006 06:55:11 -0400
Subject: Re: We Are All Journalists Now - Lehmborg

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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Three cheers for that California Court!

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Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 16:44:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jul 2006 06:57:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - White

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 13:59:26 -0300
>Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

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>Second, why should the possibility of some "alien manufactured"
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Particularly now, after some decades of publicly declaring
UFOs a non-issue, no concern to the military.

Eleanor White

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Re: Gang-Stalking FAQ - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 16:58:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jul 2006 06:59:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Gang-Stalking FAQ - White

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 17:37:38 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gang-Stalking FAQ

<snip>

>Historically, threats to the hegemonic ideology, or fear of new
>idea(l)s and innovation has driven most of this abuse. Its not
>new, just a new form...

It's new in one way, highly invasive, silent, totally deniable
through-the-wall electronic weapons. Significant upping of the
ante there. However, the perpetrators exercise a really amazing
amount of restraint in the rate at which new targets are
selected, presumably so they don't show their hand prematurely.

My personal opinion is that you are more likely to be enrolled
as a lifetime target if you have 'ticked someone off who is well
connected in the community' as opposed to simply being a UFO
researcher. (For example, a hostile divorce or inheritance
situation where the stakes are medium to high.)

Having said that, I do know of two (whom I won't identify) radio
show hosts who have covered some UFO material in southern
Ontario, and who report the classic symptoms, though. Not Errol.

Eleanor White

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Re: Are UFOs Alive? - Gammon

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 15:43:46 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jul 2006 07:01:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Are UFOs Alive? - Gammon

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 13:15:36 EDT
>Subject: Are UFOs Alive?

>There has been many suggestions from researchers that UFOs may
>represent a previously unknown, arial life-form. I, for one, do
>not subscribe to this belief but I do feel that this line of
>thought does have some merrit.

Jason,

I've often wondered if some UFOs were invisible, living organisms within the upper atmosphere. Reference the Rods. Have you ever experienced a drop of what you think is water hit your skin on a cloudless day with the sun shining? A collision of a Rod, perhaps? <G>

Wendy

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Re: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request -

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 15:46:39 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jul 2006 07:04:26 -0400
Subject: Re: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request -

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 08:51:50 EDT
>Subject: Re: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 18:37:45 +0100
>>Subject: Re: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request

>>>From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 21:49:14 -0400
>>>Subject: USAF 'Alien Autopsy' 1947-49 FOIA Request

<snip>

>Oh, my Lord, another second-hand witness to an autopsy at Wright
>Field...

>I think we have been burned enough by the second-hand witnesses.
>Yes, they sometimes provide us with clues to the first-hand
>source, but too often they have misunderstood a comment (I spent
>months chasing down a story about a man who had been one of the
>pilots of Air Force One under Kennedy who had seen the alien
>bodies... Yes, he had been a pilot, briefly, on Air Force One,
>yes, he had spoken to Kennedy. Yes, he had seen an alien...
>living, in a UFO near his fighter aircraft but had nothing to do
>with bodies or Kennedy) or are embellishing a story to make it
>more interesting. We need the Colonel and not SeCoy.

>>Please, I beg you, spare us another alien autopsy. We have all
>>had a bellyful with the Santilli one and want a complete rest
>>from such things.

>>Linda Moulton Howe's 'revelations' are best summarised in one 8-
>>letter word (or is it two 4-letter ones?).

>Oh, my Lord, again. I have to agree with CDA...

Wow. Another anonymous supposed military witness who told
someone about alien bodies. Good for radio ratings and selling
website subscriptions.

Though, I was shocked to see that Howe wasn't charging for this
story.

Howe's usual MO is to hype up a story saying it can be found at
her website. You go to website, click on link to story, and are
then greeted with, "New reader? Click here to subscribe."

This story of yet another supposed witness doesn't prove
anything. One could easily say the person interviewed claiming
to have been privy to this info is drawing upon the widely
available UFO literature. Of course, I can't prove the event
really happened, but it certainly cannot be proved that it did.
Anecdotal evidence is just that.

Calling this story "1940s USAF Flight Surgeon's Account of E. T. Autopsy" is, at best, ridiculous and misleading. At worst it amounts to sensationalism.

Hey, did I tell you that my barber used to cut the hair of a guy who had an uncle who knew a grocery store clerk who told the bagboy that he once heard from his grandpa who heard it from a guy in the next-door bathroom stall that the plumber's father knew a guy who said he heard that an alien was autopsied once?

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
ufowatchdog.com
"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind"

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From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 21:42:48 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jul 2006 07:13:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Randle

>From: Kathy Kasten <catja90024.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 14:06:22 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 09:52:57 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catja90024.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 12:09:29 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Sat, 22 Jul 2006 12:20:02 EDT
>>>>Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

<snip>

>>>I have interacted with intelligence officers (even so-called
>>>retired intelligence officers) and know that - if they honor
>>>their country, they honor their oath - they would not share
>>>details/specifics/any part of their mission with anybody not in
>>>the loop. The boy, Marcel, Jr., must have been mistaken about
>>>the matter.

>>Well, I have been an intelligence officer and know that we all
>>respect the oaths we took, but I also know that there are times
>>when it is no longer necessary to keep the secrets... such as
>>when they have been declassified. But, since Jesse Sr. talked of
>>his role in the recovery and since Jesse Jr. was never under
>>"oath", to keep the secret (he was told by his father not to
>>mention it), it seems to me that Jesse Jr. is not mistaken.

>>And, BTW, you can actually retire from the intelligence field
>>with no obligations (other than not talk about classified
>>material you might have seen). This idea that once an
>>intelligence officer, always an intelligence officer makes for
>>great films, but doesn't have a basis in reality.

>>Nice attempt at a 'save'. But, at least admit that Marcel Sr.
>>did know that what he was participating in was a "mission". Or,
>>at least a crime scene investigation which in military parlance
>>can mean the same thing. Let's give him credit at least for that
>>judgment call. That, if he discussed anything with his family,
>>he was in fact knowingly violating his secrecy oath.

He was on a "mission"? It was, at least, a crime scene
investigation? Where do you get this stuff? Make it up after
watching television? Marcel went out to see what Brazel (that's
Mack, not Bill who is Mack's son) was complaining about. But who
would be the classifying authority? Was that Marcel? Or, when he
went out there, there was no thought of classification, so that
when he came home, he didn't have to worry about violating any
oaths. The real point is that you have accepted your own
speculation as fact and inferred from that that Marcel violated

his oath. In fact, nothing was classified at the moment and though he might have suspected that it would be (so now we must read his mind nearly sixty years after the fact), he still wanted the family to see it. He thought it of sufficient importance that he woke them up. That, in and of itself should tell you something.

Not to mention that Blanchard, Marcel's superior even told the radio and newspapers about the find. Wouldn't Blanchard be the classifying authority here? Yet he told the media about it until higher authority, in Fort Worth and in Washington, D.C. classified the material.

>It would seem to be, from your answer, that it was your personal
>policy to feel free to discuss whatever you wanted with whoever
>you wanted. And, no, keeping one's oath is not just part of a
>movie script. Perhaps, you are confusing your own personal
>policy with what is expected of an intelligence officer? That is
>your choice, and because I am someone who has interacted with
>the intelligence community I do know what the policy is and know
>what you are saying is a personal choice that goes against
>policy.

Well, I have interacted with intelligence officers... oh, wait, I was one. I was reacting to your comment about so-called retired intelligence officers which I deduced to mean that you believe in this once an intelligence officer, always an intelligence officer nonsense. I said nothing about keeping the oaths and protecting classified information as being part of a movie script. And you know nothing of my attitudes about revealing classified information. But please, do not subject me or anyone else to your beliefs based on your interactions with intelligence officers, and please read what I wrote carefully.

>The bottomline? Marcel Sr. told people exactly what he wanted
>them to hear and showed his family exactly what he wanted them
>to see. Which wasn't much - ie., I have read both your books and
>Friedman's attempting to discover what is claimed to be Marcel
>Sr.'s testimony. If there was anything more Marcel Sr. had said,
>all of you should have recorded it In the meantime, all we have
>is what you wrote.

Again, you make assumptions that are not in evidence... We have much more than what I wrote, or Stan wrote about what Marcel Sr., saw and did. Maybe you should look at some of it before you begin making assumptions.

And finally, I notice that you prefaced some of your remarks by saying that it was your opinion... well, opinions are not facts.

KRandle

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Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jul 2006 07:16:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Randle

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <webmaster.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 01:16:29 -0400
>Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2006 09:52:57 EDT
<>Subject: Re: Jessie Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>Kevin, List;

>>But your question leaves out an important point. At the time
>>that Jesse Sr., dropped by the house, there are no indications
>>that the materials he had were considered to be classified and
>>therefore no reason for him not to share the discovery with his
>>family. There is nothing to suggest that this debris would have
>>been majically (pun intended) classified. Jesse Jr., has said
>>that his father was excited and wanted the family to see it
>>before he took it out to the base.

>And yet, according to the generally accepted story, the veil of
>Very Top Secret was immediately cast over the debris as soon as
>Jessie brought it to the RAAFB. If the fact that any news of the
>"saucer" had to be ruthlessly clamped down was so obvious to
>Blanchard that he acted immediately - why was it not obvious to
>Marcel? After all, in his story to you, he said that it was
>during his inspection of the debris at the Foster ranch that he
>knew that it was not of earthly origin.

Bruce, List, All -

Actually, it wasn't classified immediately at the Roswell Army
Airfield (RAAF) because, remember, Blanchard ordered the press
release. It wasn't until later, after Marcel had gotten to Fort
Worth, and some of the debris had been taken on to Washington,
D.C. (as mentioned by Thomas DuBose) that the veil of secrecy
slipped down. So, Blanchard, who was Marcel's superior and who
had overall responsibility for everything that happened on his
base, had his PIO tell the newspapers and the radio stations
that they had found a flying saucer.

As an aside, I never talked to Jesse Sr., but have spent time
with Jesse, Jr. I did find some video tape of Jesse Sr. that had
not been seen for a while. Stan, Len Stringfield and many others
talked to Jesse, Sr. before his death.

>Jessie, as ranking Intellegence officer, did not have to wait
>for someone else to bring out the Top Secret stamp. If the
>debris was as strange as Jessie has related, then I would think
>that his immediate reaction, as a highly trained military
>officer, would be to clamp full security on the site, the
>debris, and any witnesses. He surely had that authority, and
>surely he was competent enough that he did not need to be
>ordered to do the obvious

True enough and I have actually classified material based on the
source and the importance of it, which made me the
classification authority. However, in most cases, it would be

the commanding officer who retains that authority. But, then, Blanchard assumed that it didn't need to be classified and told the world about it.

>So his bringing the stuff to the house to show it off is more
>than strange, it would seem to have been a rather gross
>violation of Basic Security 101. So why was he not repremanded?

See above...

>>Given the circumstances, I might have just done the same
>>thing...

>Assuming that we are talking about the debris that the Marcells
>described, somehow I don't think that you would have required
>someone else's opinion. And somehow I don't think that you would
>have needed orders from above to know that showing and/or
>talking about this to your family would have been a serious
>breach of your secrecy oath.

>It's just that the activity you described - full emergency
>security clamp down, detention of Brazel, elaborate PR, threats,
>etc - over material that Marcel apparently gave so little
>importance to that he casually showed it off to his family, just
>doesn't quite square up. It is one of the stranger events in the
>Roswell Saga.

Your assumption is that Marcel thought the material was of so little importance. It was just the opposite. He thought it of great significance, but also knew that, at the precise moment it wasn't classified, so he showed his son. Had it been if little importance, he would have driven on out to the base, rather than go home and wake the family.

In the final analysis you must remember that Blanchard did much the same thing. He thought the find important enough to alert the local media and it wasn't until hours later that the situation changed. Without that little breakdown, we wouldn't be having this discussion.

KRandle

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Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jul 2006 07:18:16 -0400
Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos - Shough

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 28 Jul 2006 10:47:21 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 22:34:37 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Truth About the Heflin Photos

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>Here is some follow-up on Heflin-related topics that were under
>discussion before the break.

>(1) Pole Info from Southern California Edison - In the opinion
>of the director of the SCE planning office for that region,
>based on the relative size/placement of the cross member,
>location of insulators, etc., these probably were power (vs.
>telephone) poles. However, they have likely been replaced since
>then, and if so, there wouldn't be any records (at least at
>their office) of the placement or spacing of the original poles.
>Nor would these data have been recorded with the county (only
>the location/size of the utility easement itself).

>In regard to pole spacing it was asserted that 150-200 ft. would
>have been typical, but in a rural setting 300 ft. would not be
>unheard of. It was further considered unlikely that the poles
>would be less than 40 ft. tall.

>(2) Atmospheric Visibility - Ann Druffel was kind enough to
>confirm (while pointing out that she was not speaking for Dr.
>Kelson) that the apparent low hill on the horizon (left-of-
>center in photo #1) is not an artifact in the published image,
>but in fact does appear in the original photo.

>If David Rudiak's recent estimate of the angular width of the
>photo (46.5 deg) is in the ballpark, then there is a limited set
>of candidate landforms that could account for this feature, and
>none of them are closer than ~2.2 miles, which would then
>represent the lower limit of visibility. See the topography at

><http://img205.imageshack.us/img205/4246/heflintopographyoy8.png>

>In my opinion (again based on the David's angular scale), a
>better match to the apparent angle subtended vertically by the
>hill is obtained from even more distant landforms (Panorama or
>Cowen Heights at ~4.3 miles), but the hill image is too
>indistinct to be confident in this.

Hi Mike

Re the faint hill outline in #1, it might help in fitting this
to the topography to look at Hartmann's Plate 47 in the Condon
Report, a Polaroid shot of the same skyline taken from Heflin's
position in much better visibility.

Martin

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Colombian Raelian Family Builds UFO 'Runway'

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Subject: Colombian Raelian Family Builds UFO 'Runway'

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Date: Sunday, July 30, 2006

Colombia: Family Builds UFO "Runway"

A Colombian family attached to the Raelian faith explained that its purpose is to offer hospitality to any extraterrestrials willing to visit them.

A Colombian family built a runway for Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) in a ranch they own in the northwestern department of Antioquia, according to local media.

The family, made up by Oscar Orozco, his wife Beatriz and his four children, all of them members of the "Raelian" faith, explained thta its purpose is to offer hospitality to any extraterrestrials willing to visit them.

The runway is a white, circular structure built near the house occupied by these adepts of the Raelian Movement, founded by Claude Vorilhon, who claims to have been contacted by a UFO in 1973 and later assumed the name "Rael".

In statements to the El Tiempo newspaper, Orozco said that he designed the runway himself, directed the pouring of cement and raised the circular adobe structure, which measures 40 meters in diameter. He admitted having some problems with his neighbors, not only on account of his beliefs, but because the family is wont to wander naked around their property. "They said they were going to lynch us and on two occasions called the authorities on me for scandal, but in the end, the scandal was taking place within our own property," notes Orozco.

He adds that the landing center is still provisional, because the real UFO landing strip should be 150 meters in diameter, according to the measurements of the so called "temple of Ezekiel."

This Raelian family hopes that the Colombian goverment will grant it the extra-territorial nature held by foreign embassies and that it will relocated the Jose Maria Cordova airport, which serves the city of Medellin, in order to avoid accidents.

According to Raelian belief, humanity was created by aliens 25 million years ago when they visited earth and set off evolution by means of DNA. The followers of "Rael" are atheists and science is their only religion. They believe in accepting responsibility for their own actions, believe in non-violence, profess absolute respect for human life and sexual tolerance.

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Strange Phenomena in La Pampa Argentina

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Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jul 2006 10:22:59 -0400
Subject: Strange Phenomena in La Pampa Argentina

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The following was received this morning from Argentinean journalist and UFO researcher Quique Mario, director of the Centro de Estudios UFO (CEUFO) group and one of his country's foremost experts in cattle mutilations and the enigmatic disappearance of large quantities of water from pools, water towers and other locations during "saucer flaps". We hope you'll find this of interest - Ed.

Greetings - I'm bringing to your attention two episodes that took place in La Pampa this weekend.

The first one was recorded at 19:10 hrs. and was witnessed by a resident from the locality of Macach=EDn who was traveling toward Carhu=E9, Province of Buenos Aires. He was driving his vehicle in a west to east direction when he saw a "strange flash" through the rear view mirror.

At first he thought it was another vehicle but when he lost it from sight, he pulled over and got out of the car. On doing so, he saw an astonishing sight: heading in a N-S direction at 30 degrees, was a white-colored object having the relative size of "a tennis ball". Seconds later, the strange light divided into three spheres - two of them reddish - which continued along the same trajectory until they vanished altogether.

The second episode: Yesterday, Sunday, July 30, 2006 at 20:05, after putting my car in the garage, I was walking in a S-N direction toward my house when I saw a strange sphere that suddenly 'blazed' in the sky at 45 degrees to my left. The sky was clear in advance of the tremendous ice storm that fell in early hours of the morning (temperatures recorded at -10 Centigrade). The sighting lasted only a few seconds; I had barely recovered from the surprise when it repeated once more for another few seconds. I asked a neighbor walking along the path if he'd seen anything, but he replied no. Evidently, my penchant for looking skyward rewarded me in this case.

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'UFOs' Explode Over Nogales Mexico

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Subject: 'UFOs' Explode Over Nogales Mexico

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Source: Diario Nuevo Dia (Mexico) and Ana Luisa Cid
Date: 07.29.06

Mexico: UFOs Explode Over Mascarenas

In the early hours of July 13, two unidentified flying objects exploded, lighting up the sky with powerful lights.

Terror spread among the population upon seeing that the UFOs, understood in the strictest meaning of the acronym and not as spacecraft from another planet, fell to earth leaving a wake of fire and multiple colors in the sky.

The event was recorded northwest of the city of Nogales, Sonora, in the vicinity of the Mascarenas communal farm. The first explosion was reported to this newspaper at 04:00 hours and around 20 minutes later, some of this newspaper's employees were able to see the second explosion, believed to correspond to something similar to a space rocket.

Witnesses to the first explosion remarked that the second object, before exploding into thousands of pieces, was static, in a parallel position to the first object.

They likewise indicated that the initial explosion was much more intense than the second one and that a fireball could be seen around the object, but at no time was any sound heard.

"The objects, or whoever was manning them, were making an effort to avoid a powerful impact," remarked an eyewitness.

These people could not believe the spectacle they were seeing, and their eyes reflected bewilderment and terror.

At the close of this edition, neither local authorities nor those of the neighboring country were able to account for these objects, nor where their remains may have fallen.

[Note from Prof. Cid: The Mascarenas communal farm belongs to Nogales, Sonora, located in the north of the Mexican Republic, bordering the United States. A person has agreed to provided me with the photos published in the newspaper. As soon as I have them I will share them with you.]

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Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Shough

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Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jul 2006 10:30:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview - Shough

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 20:17:04 +0100
>Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2006 08:43:52 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Jesse Jnr.'s Denver TV Interview

>One phrase Marcel Jr. used is "Dad said that the speed of
>impact was not in keeping with any type of aircraft we had at
>that time". Nobody ever saw the crash but Marcel Sr., amazingly,
>was able to determine the impact speed by putting together a
>zillion small fragments. Was Marcel Sr. really that clever, or is
>this another piece of the Roswell legend?

>>Guesswork by the older Marcel based on his experience as an
>>intelligence officer and participant in aircraft accidents? The
>>layout of the wreckage, among other factors, can produce an
>>indication of speed... It might also be that it looked as if the
>>object hit at high speed and Marcel based his comment on that.
>>Nothing really out of the ordinary here. What we must remember
>>that Marcel's guess might have been nothing more than that and
>>something that someone might have said after seeing the results
>>of an auto accident... "Wow, the one car was really traveling
>>fast..." I just don't think we need to add weight to what might
>>have been little more than an off-hand comment.

>Come off it. If Marcel Sr. uttered those words, it shows that he
>simply did not know what he was talking about. It is poppycock,
>and for him to say such a thing must devalue his other
>testimony. For one thing the UFO was (in some versions of the
>story) supposed to have exploded in the air. Therefore it was in
>fragments before it even struck the earth! Yet Marcel Sr., expert
>in aviation and atomic bombs, was (according to his son) still
>able to assert that its impact speed was far in excess of
>anything made in the US. From the myriad of fragments he
>gathered, Marcel Sr. could still pronounce this amazing fact.
>Naturally I have my doubts over whether he ever said this, but
>that is what Moore & Friedman heard from Marcel Jr.. Do you know
>whether it crashed or whether it exploded? Does anybody know?

Chris

I certainly don't, I don't even know that anything did either.
But I agree with Kevin that your criticism of the remark "Dad
said that the speed of impact was not in keeping with any type
of aircraft we had at that time" is far too literal and relies
on being able to detect unrealistic nuances of interpretation
through the filters of memory. Your parry ("Come off it...")
misses the point of Kevin's defence entirely.

However let's allow that the remark was substantially as
recalled. You say Marcel Sr. was talking about the speed with
which "the UFO" crashed. But actually he is talking about the
speed with which planes crash. The narrow range of speeds at
which planes crash in 1947 is presumably related to a certain

proportionately narrow range of length scales in the distribution of debris. If the Roswell debris field was (let us suppose) rather more widespread than was characteristic of crashing aircraft in 1947, then Marcel's remark is perfectly sensible.

To see this, just shift a couple of words:

"Dad said that the impact was not in keeping with the speed of any type of aircraft we had at that time".

Martin Shough

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