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This New Year marks ten years of UFO UpDates on the Net and Web.

With 68,463 Messages archived since its Web inception in December 1996, literally millions of reads over the past ten years and thousands of subscribers, the List has more than fulfilled its mandate.

To contributors past and present, my thanks for making the List informative, useful and rewarding to moderate.

To Archive readers, on behalf of List-posters, our thanks for your interest, encouragement and growing awareness that there is indeed something very strange happening around the planet.

May 2007 bring us more indications that we, mere citizens of Earth, are not alone in our interest. May science and government publicly acknowledge what you know to be a fact of life, and invest as much time and energy as you.

A peaceful, happy, prosperous and better-informed 2007,

Errol Bruce-Knapp  
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## Re: Mac Tonnies' The Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis

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Fwd Date: Mon, 01 Jan 2007 08:53:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mac Tonnies' The Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 30 Dec 2006 16:07:27 EST  
>Subject: Re: Mac Tonnies' The Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 29 Dec 2006 18:09:08 -0400  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Subject: Re: Mac Tonnies' The Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis

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>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 29 Dec 2006 14:14:54 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Mac Tonnies' The Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis

>>>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Thu, 28 Dec 2006 15:33:33 -0400  
>>>>Subject: Re: Mac Tonnies' The Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis

>><snip>

>>You obviously haven't considered the statement below.  
>>"When radar picked us up, we were at 38,000 feet and the U-2 was  
>>directly above us at 72,000 feet."

>>Who said it was a U-2? Where did this information come from?

>And you obviously didn't read Lieut. Col. Bailey's account very  
>closely. On the first line he makes it clear that his RB-47 was  
>flying a joint mission with the U-2, i.e. his crew knew exactly  
>where the U-2 was, and what it was - as opposed to the F-102s,  
>which did not.

>Before you criticize, you should make sure you've read these  
>things closely.

Well it appears that I boo-booed there as did you [neither one  
of us can read apparently] below. I didn't go back far enough in  
the sentence before chopping the text. My bad.

<snip>

>>You seem to want to settle for minimal accuracy.

>When in a glass house, Don...

Good view though. But neither of us is perfect.

>See my comments above again, and my comments about reading  
>things closely (i.e. accuracy). It was the F-102s who did the  
>averaging, not the RB-47 crew. Once again, Bailey's crew knew  
>exactly where the U-2 was, and what it was.

It was the ground controller (accuracy) who did the averaging  
not the F-102 fighters according to the above and he vectored  
the F-102s to the bogus 55,000 foot altitude.

Also you mentioned to Martin the following:

On the flip side, Bruce was nice enough to talk at some length with me about his own RB-47 sighting, distinct from the classic 1957 case investigated by James McDonald, but with almost all of the same characteristics, except for the length (The crew's sighting in Bailey's case was about ten minutes long).

According to the text-which I've re-read more thoroughly - the RB-47 crew didn't see anything, it was the F-102 pilots who eventually had the visual when the "U-2" descended to ~55 grand.

>However, I'm no expert on the U-2, or the F-102, or any of this  
>stuff, nor do I pretend to be. Accordingly, I'll refer your note  
>to Lieut. Col. Bailey and see what he has to say about it, if  
>anything.

Or send it to a pilot who was flying the U-2. Bailey was flying B-47s though he was probably not aware of the U-2s flight envelope and its abilities only that which affected his exercise. He was need-to-know perhaps only where it affected his being able to work with the U-2 but likely wasn't privy to all of the U-2s specifications and abilities. But he could look them up on the internet now.

The whole problem with this indent is with the F-102 pilots' claims (according to Col.Bailey) in the following.: "The U-2 pilot heard all that and stood the U-2 on its tail (impossible) and began climbing at an unbelievable rate(again impossible). The two F-102 pilots were flying our latest and greatest interceptor and were barely hanging in the air at that altitude. Then that unknown plane, which was still well above them, climbed away nearly straight up (again, impossible for the U-2).

This sounds like one of those cases where the mundane and the anomalous were occurring at the same time.

Do you have a more fully developed text for this case or had you published all that you have?

Best,

Don

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by  
Jon Hilkevitch

United Airlines denies its workers filed reports about saucerlike object hovering at O'Hare

It sounds like a tired joke - but a group of airline employees insist they are in earnest, and they are upset that neither their bosses nor the government will take them seriously.

A flying saucerlike object hovered low over O'Hare International Airport for several minutes before bolting through thick clouds with such intense energy that it left an eerie hole in overcast skies, said some United Airlines employees who observed the phenomenon.

Was it an alien spaceship? A weather balloon lost in the airspace over the world's second-busiest airport? A top-secret military craft? Or simply a reflection from lights that played a trick on the eyes?

Officials at United professed no knowledge of the Nov. 7 event - which was reported to the airline by as many as a dozen of its own workers - when the Tribune started asking questions recently. But the Federal Aviation Administration said its air traffic control tower at O'Hare did receive a call from a United supervisor asking if controllers had spotted a mysterious elliptical-shaped craft sitting motionless over Concourse C of the United terminal.

No controllers saw the object, and a preliminary check of radar found nothing out of the ordinary, FAA spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory said.

The FAA is not conducting a further investigation, Cory said. The theory is the sighting was caused by a "weather phenomenon", she said.

The UFO report has sparked some chuckles among controllers in O'Hare tower.

"To fly 7 million light years to O'Hare and then have to turn around and go home because your gate was occupied is simply unacceptable," said O'Hare controller and union official Craig Burzych.

Some of the witnesses, interviewed by the Tribune, said they are upset that neither the government nor the airline is probing the

incident.

Whatever the object was, it could have interfered with O'Hare's radar and other equipment, and even created a collision risk, they said.

The Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (the term that extraterrestrial-watchers nowadays prefer over Unidentified Flying Object) was first seen by a United ramp worker who was directing back a United plane at Gate C17, according to an account the worker provided to the National UFO Reporting Center.

The sighting occurred during daylight, about 4:30 p.m., just before sunset.

All the witnesses said the object was dark gray and well defined in the overcast skies. They said the craft, estimated by different accounts to be 6 feet to 24 feet in diameter, did not display any lights.

Some said it looked like a rotating Frisbee, while others said it did not appear to be spinning. All agreed the object made no noise and it was at a fixed position in the sky, just below the 1,900-foot cloud deck, until shooting off into the clouds.

Witnesses shaken by sighting

"I tend to be scientific by nature, and I don't understand why aliens would hover over a busy airport," said a United mechanic who was in the cockpit of a Boeing 777 that he was taxiing to a maintenance hangar when he observed the metallic-looking object above Gate C17.

"But I know that what I saw and what a lot of other people saw stood out very clearly, and it definitely was not an [Earth] aircraft," the mechanic said.

One United employee appeared emotionally shaken by the sighting and "experienced some religious issues" over it, one co-worker said.

A United manager said he ran outside his office in Concourse B after hearing the report about the sighting on an internal airline radio frequency.

"I stood outside in the gate area not knowing what to think, just trying to figure out what it was," he said. "I knew no one would make a false call like that. But if somebody was bouncing a weather balloon or something else over O'Hare, we had to stop it because it was in very close proximity to our flight operations."

Some joke, others research

The databases of various UFO-watching groups are full of accounts filed by pilots about sightings of unknown aircraft and anomalies that affected navigational equipment onboard planes.

Whether any of the UFO incidents are real or merely the result of individual perceptions, some experts say the events pose a potential safety risk to pilots and their passengers.

"There have been documented cases where safety appears to have been implicated, and more and more we are coming to the point of view that we are dealing with an intelligent phenomenon," said Richard Haines, science director at the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena, a private agency.

"We must be proactive before an aircraft goes down," said Haines, a former chief of the Space Human Factors Office at NASA's Ames Research Center.

Haines is investigating the O'Hare incident. He said he has determined that no weather balloons were launched in the vicinity of O'Hare on Nov. 7.

"It's absurd that the military would be conducting aerial test flights" near the airport, Haines said.

All the witnesses to the O'Hare event, who included at least

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several pilots, said they are certain based on the disc's appearance and flight characteristics that it was not an airplane, helicopter, weather balloon or any other craft known to man.

United denies UFO report

They're not sure what was hanging out for several minutes in the restricted airspace, but they are upset that no one in power has taken the matter seriously.

A United spokeswoman said there is no record of the UFO report. She said United officials do not recall discussion of any such incident.

"There's nothing in the duty manager log, which is used to report unusual incidents," said United spokeswoman Megan McCarthy. "I checked around. There's no record of anything."

The pilots of the United plane being directed back from Gate C17 also were notified by United personnel of the sighting, and one of the pilots reportedly opened a windscreen in the cockpit to get a better view of the object estimated to be hovering 1,500 feet above the ground.

The object was seen to suddenly accelerate straight up through the solid overcast skies, which the FAA reported had 1,900-foot cloud ceilings at the time.

"It was like somebody punched a hole in the sky," said one United employee.

Witnesses said they had a hard time visually tracking the object as it streaked through the dense clouds.

It left behind an open hole of clear air in the cloud layer, the witnesses said, adding that the hole disappeared within a few minutes.

The United employees interviewed by the Tribune spoke on condition of anonymity.

Some said they were interviewed by United officials and instructed to write reports and draw pictures of what they observed, and that they were advised by United officials to refrain from speaking about what they saw.

Federal agency backtracks

Like United, the FAA originally told the Tribune that it had no information on the alleged UFO sighting. But the federal agency quickly reversed its position after the newspaper filed a Freedom of Information Act request.

An internal FAA review of air-traffic communications tapes, a step toward complying with the Tribune request, turned up the call by the United supervisor to an FAA manager in the airport tower, Cory said.

Cory said the weather might have factored into what the witnesses thought they saw.

"Our theory on this is that it was a weather phenomenon," she said. "That night was a perfect atmospheric condition in terms of low [cloud] ceiling and a lot of airport lights. When the lights shine up into the clouds, sometimes you can see funny things. That's our take on it."

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Your great tolerance for ambiguity and very hard work are very much appreciated. May they both continue.

Stan Friedman

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Paradigm Research Group

Press Release  
December 29, 2006  
Re: New PRG Website Features

Washington, DC - Paradigm Research Group, a national advocate for ending a government imposed truth embargo of the facts surrounding an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race, has added substantial new features to its website, [www.paradigmresearchgroup.org](http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org). First published to the Web in 1997, the PRG website is particularly aimed toward reporters, editors, government officials and political leaders who want to quickly assess the scope and depth of the issues behind extraterrestrial-related phenomena and the politics of embargo and disclosure.

Video Links

[www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/video-audioarchive.htm](http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/video-audioarchive.htm)

PRG reviewed thousands of video clips and has archived links to the most relevant. Clips are filed under: Phenomenology, Researchers/Activists, Witness Testimony and Exopolitics.

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[www.paradigmclock.com/newsitems2006.html](http://www.paradigmclock.com/newsitems2006.html)

A partial archive of print media coverage dealing with extraterrestrial-related phenomena and exopolitics. This archive is limited to reportage in the mainstream media only - newspapers and websites, no tabloids or paranormal press. The archive is representative of English language coverage since 1947. In most instances links are to the full article at the source. Some links are to previews of archived articles and require purchase for the full text. The balance is linked to text copies. It is a sampling. The total mainstream coverage, all countries, since 1947 can only be guessed, but likely extends to many tens of thousands of articles. This is far and away the largest archive of its kind on the internet.

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[www.paradigmclock.com/QuotesPage.html](http://www.paradigmclock.com/QuotesPage.html)

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>lights shine up into the clouds, sometimes you can see funny  
>things. That's our take on it."

Hi List

Well, a number of ground staff and pilots as witnesses to a low-  
altitude daylight object over a major airport has to add up to  
one of the most intriguing cases I've heard for a while. I hope  
references to any follow-up investigations get posted here.

I won't be losing any sleep waiting for any FAA investigation

though if their spokeswoman's "theory" is anything to go by.  
Airport lights shining on low clouds at night?

"The sighting occurred during daylight, about 4:30 p.m., just  
before sunset."

This is consistent, sunset would have been about 4:38 pm and  
even though gloomy in the overcast it would still have been  
daylight.

"All the witnesses said the object was dark gray and well  
defined in the overcast skies. They said the craft, estimated by  
different accounts to be 6 feet to 24 feet in diameter, did not  
display any lights."

So it was a dark gray object, with no lights, seen in daylight,  
and was caused by airport lights shining up upward at night?

Martin Shough

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## Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 01 Jan 2007 07:42:33 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 07:36:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Warren

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 10:28:53 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007!

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>>Date: Monday, January 01, 2007 9:36 AM  
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007!

>>This New Year marks ten years of UFO UpDates on the Net and Web.

><snip>

>Your great tolerance for ambiguity and very hard work are very  
>much appreciated. May they both continue.

>Stan Friedman

Errol,

Congratulations! Your efforts are acknowledged and very much appreciated. The fruits of your labor, have been and continue to be one of the best assets in Ufology!

I have often described "Updates" as the "UFO bar" in the "electronic void" where like-minded (and others) can sit and 'chew the UFO fat'... but it is so much more!

Reviewing the archives should be recommended, nay mandatory reading for abecedarians looking into Ufology!

Here's to wishing you all the best in this New Year and to another ten years of enlightenment, collaboration, debate, meeting of the minds, ratiocination provocation, and the examination of some very strange days - indeed!

Cheers,

Frank

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## Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007!

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 10:43:01 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 07:38:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007!

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>With 68,463 Messages archived since its Web inception in  
>December 1996, literally millions of reads over the past ten  
>years and thousands of subscribers, the List has more than  
>fulfilled its mandate.

>To contributors past and present, my thanks for making the  
>List informative, useful and rewarding to moderate.

>To Archive readers, on behalf of List-posters, our thanks for  
>your interest, encouragement and growing awareness that there  
>is indeed something very strange happening around the planet.

And we thank you for a service well performed.

>A peaceful, happy, prosperous and better-informed 2007,

Here's to a Happy UFO Year!  
"A loaf of bread, a jug of wine and THEM!"  
(Let's hope they're friendly.)

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## Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Balthaser

From: **Dennis Balthaser** <[truthskr.nul](mailto:truthskr.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 08:07:28 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 07:42:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Balthaser

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>Date: Monday, January 01, 2007 6:36 AM  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007!

>This New Year marks ten years of UFO UpDates on the Net and Web.

<snip>

Congratulations from Roswell and Happy New Year.

Dennis Balthaser

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## Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO? -

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 11:02:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 07:46:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO? -

>Source: The Chicago Tribune - Illinois, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/yn8krl>

>Published January 1, 2007

>In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?  
>by  
>Jon Hilkevitch

>United Airlines denies its workers filed reports about  
>saucerlike object hovering at O'Hare

>It sounds like a tired joke - but a group of airline employees  
>insist they are in earnest, and they are upset that neither  
>their bosses nor the government will take them seriously.

>A flying saucerlike object hovered low over O'Hare International  
>Airport for several minutes before bolting through thick clouds  
>with such intense energy that it left an eerie hole in overcast  
>skies, said some United Airlines employees who observed the  
>phenomenon.

<snip>

>The sighting occurred during daylight, about 4:30 p.m., just  
>before sunset.

>All the witnesses said the object was dark gray and well defined  
>in the overcast skies. They said the craft, estimated by  
>different accounts to be 6 feet to 24 feet in diameter, did not  
>display any lights.

>Some said it looked like a rotating Frisbee, while others said  
>it did not appear to be spinning. All agreed the object made no  
>noise and it was at a fixed position in the sky, just below the  
>1,900-foot cloud deck, until shooting off into the clouds.

<snip>

>All the witnesses to the O'Hare event, who included at least  
>several pilots, said they are certain based on the disc's  
>appearance and flight characteristics that it was not an  
>airplane, helicopter, weather balloon or any other craft known  
>to man.

>United denies UFO report

<snip>

>The object was seen to suddenly accelerate straight up through  
>the solid overcast skies, which the FAA reported had 1,900-foot  
>cloud ceilings at the time.

>"It was like somebody punched a hole in the sky," said one  
>United employee.

>Witnesses said they had a hard time visually tracking the object  
>as it streaked through the dense clouds.

>It left behind an open hole of clear air in the cloud layer, the  
>witnesses said, adding that the hole disappeared within a few  
>minutes.

>The United employees interviewed by the Tribune spoke on  
>condition of anonymity.

>Some said they were interviewed by United officials and  
>instructed to write reports and draw pictures of what they  
>observed, and that they were advised by United officials to  
>refrain from speaking about what they saw.

>Federal agency backtracks

>Like United, the FAA originally told the Tribune that it had no  
>information on the alleged UFO sighting. But the federal agency  
>quickly reversed its position after the newspaper filed a  
>Freedom of Information Act request.

>An internal FAA review of air-traffic communications tapes, a  
>step toward complying with the Tribune request, turned up the  
>call by the United supervisor to an FAA manager in the airport  
>tower, Cory said.

>Cory said the weather might have factored into what the  
>witnesses thought they saw.

>"Our theory on this is that it was a weather phenomenon," she  
>said. "That night was a perfect atmospheric condition in terms  
>of low [cloud] ceiling and a lot of airport lights. When the  
>lights shine up into the clouds, sometimes you can see funny  
>things. That's our take on it."

This is the sort of 'analysis' that makes my brain boil over. I  
was at first going to say that this is a perfect example of  
'junk science'. Then I realized that it doesn't even rise to the  
level of junk science. There is no science in suggesting,  
without any details, that "atmospheric conditions... low cloud  
ceiling and a lot of airport lights" could explain the sighting:  
"When the lights shine up into the clouds sometimes you can see  
funny things. That's our take on it."

Lights reflected from the clouds are hardly visible if at all  
during the daytime (4:30 PM before sunset). And light reflected  
from the clouds would not look like a greyish colored, well  
defined object which, itself, had no lights. And, of course, the  
only type of light reflected from the clouds which could move  
would be the light from a moving spotlight... which would appear  
as a bright area in the clouds, not as "dark grey". It would  
have been more "scientific" for Cory to simply say he didn't  
know what it was than to propose an off-the-wall explanation  
that makes no sense.

Only a person of 'low intellect' or a debunker type (or the  
government) would accept such a ridiculous explanation.

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### Re: Mac Tonnies' The Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 31 Dec 2006 12:13:51 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 07:49:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mac Tonnies' The Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis

#### Convergent Evolution & Ancient Civilizations

Every August several Hummingbird moths visit my wife's flower garden. Their resemblance to actual hummingbirds is remarkable and when they are feeding, hovering and humming, it's difficult to make the distinction. These unexpected commonalities between insect and a bird are the result of convergent evolution. When unrelated species occupy the same niche, they are shaped by that particular physical environment and similar physical characteristics evolve in response to the selective pressures each organism encounters.

"Scientists refer to organisms arriving at a similar evolutionary "solution", even though not related, when faced with similar environmental requirements in behavior and function as having performed 'convergent evolution'. It's really an impressive concept and you'll see examples of this over and over again in the natural world once you know it exists. Convergent evolution can take the form of similar behaviors, or similar form and function. So, in a sense, convergent evolution can be viewed as different animals traveling down an evolutionary "road" that converges with another very different animal. No, these animals are not now closely related, it's just that they both came up with similar "solutions", if you will, to a similar environment".

<http://www.enaturalist.org:80/unit/193/fr>

Another example is the African pygmy hippo and the South American rodent called Capybara. They both occupy swampy tropical forests and are semi-aquatic but to do so, the hippo has gotten much smaller and the capybara is the world's largest rodent. They also look very similar and have round ears, and short necks and square faces and almost no tail.

The same evolutionary mechanism created humans and is possibly responsible for other human-like creatures (hominoids). A reptilian or monotreme hominoid is certainly conceivable, if not probable. There are no rules in modern biology that prevent anyone from considering the notion that ancient civilizations could have evolved and created technologies and civilizations. Once tool use, our niche, develops, it could be only a matter of time before we develop flying machines and telephones.

Humans are living proof that this niche can be exploited and we may be "traveling down an evolutionary road that converges with another very different animal".

Isn't it a basic tenet of the scientific method that nothing is "special." Humans aren't special, either. Very little is known about the early history of mammals which stretches across a time span of one hundred and forty million years. This is enough time for many civilizations to have come and gone and never to have left a scrap of evidence that they existed. These civilizations could have developed the same technologies that we've mastered, and much more. They also may have gone about it in a different way.

Mac is not the first person to consider the possibility that

ancient earth civilizations might be responsible for the crafts we see flying in our sky. I've been suggesting this possibility for many years and was influenced by the research and speculations of Ivan Sanderson who wrote "Invisible Residents" in 1970.

Mac's hypothesis is a work in progress as are my theories. All we're asking is that ancient crypto-hominoid civilizations be considered as a possible explanation for UFO, on an equal basis with the ETH, and that these ideas not be rejected before they can be thoroughly explored.

Ed

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## Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Watts

From: David Watts <[davidw.watts.nul](mailto:davidw.watts.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 11:59:03 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 07:53:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Watts

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>Date: Monday, January 01, 2007 8:36 AM  
>Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007!

Hi Errol

I am just a plain ordinary old man of 77 who has wondered for the last twenty or thirty years about the existance of life on other planets. I had a dream (or I think it was a dream) in the mid-sixties and have not been able to satisfy myself about it since then.

I am an avid reader of this List and it is starting to help me understand. Thank you very much for the time you take in doing this.

Dave Watts

BTW - I have yet to see a UFO but it does not deter me in the least.

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## Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007!

From: Jeri xxxxxx <[xxxxx.nul](mailto:xxxxx.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 11:34:09 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 07:59:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007!

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Dear Mr. Bruce-Knapp,

Thanks for your dedication and hard work! I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the Archive (every day since I found it), and the podcast, which I only just discovered.

BTW, the Chicago Tribune article today about the UFO over the United terminal was front-page and above the fold. I knew about the story from your List about a month ago, and I didn't expect to hear about it in the newspaper - especially on the front page.

Thanks again,

Jeri xxxxxx  
Chicagoland

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## Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 13:45:18 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 08:04:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Boone

>This New Year marks ten years of UFO UpDates on the Net and  
>Web.

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Thanks Errol for a great service!

I think every subscriber should send Errol \$10 as a tribute to  
his first ten years.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Mac Tonnies' The Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 15:21:02 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 08:28:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mac Tonnies' The Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis

>From: Paul Kimball <[TheRobieShark.nul](mailto:TheRobieShark.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 27 Dec 2006 16:25:50 EST  
>Subject: Re: Mac Tonnies' The Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Dec 2006 19:05:46 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Mac Tonnies' The Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis

>>>From: Paul Kimball <[TheRobieShark.nul](mailto:TheRobieShark.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 24 Dec 2006 22:22:06 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Mac Tonnies' The Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis

>>>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Sat, 23 Dec 2006 21:18:59 -0400  
>>>>Subject: Re: Mac Tonnies' The Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis

<snip>

>>Therefore what has been observed in those investigated cases  
>>that survive careful examination are manifestations of alien  
>>civilization or civilizations.

>Now that is the question. Your conclusion that aliens have >and continue  
>to visit us. Everything you wrote before that, >however,doesn't make it  
>so.

Not when you want to toss out the trace cases, the abductions,  
the multiple witness radar visual observations.

>>>>We have, so far as I can judge from this discussion, not seen  
>>>>any evidence of the existence of ultraterrestrial or  
>>>>cryptoterrestrial beings. This doesn't mean we have established  
>>>>that they don't exist. We do know of many observations of the  
>>>>flight, landing, take off of highly maneuverable manufactured  
>>>>craft that move up up and away and sometimes are seen in the  
>>>>company of very very large airborne craft.

>>>>None of which proves that any of these sightings are of an  
>>>>intelligently controlled, extraterrestrial spacecraft, which is  
>>>>what you assert as a fact.

I assert that the evidence is overwhelming that some of these  
are indeed ET craft. They were built somewhere at great cost and  
with a great deal of sophistication. If they had been built  
here, the costs would have been borne by governments. The  
purpose would have been for military utilization . There have  
been a number of wars since WW 2. None have shown such craft in  
use.

>>We deduce that if they are not from here, they are from  
>>somewhere else. Therefore intelligently controlled ET spacecraft

>Stan, this is false reasoning.

Just because you say so doesn't make it true.

>You're the one doing the deducing, but you can't show  
>definitively that they're not from here. You say that we can't  
>to the things that UFOs have been observed doing? How do you  
>know? As you yourself say, the black budget is huge. Unless  
>you're working for the government, a la Bill Moore, only much  
>further up the food chain, I assume you don't know what they're  
>working on - what they might have, and might not have. After  
>all, technological progress comes from doing things differently  
>- maybe there are other people working for the government in  
>industry who were doing different things than you were "back in  
>the day", and maybe those things were even more successful and  
>more advanced than the nuclear rocket program?

Sorry, Paul, but you, of all people, neglecting history? I didn't work on any black budget program and the nuclear rocket program was funded by NASA and the Atomic Energy Commission and not for military purposes, but for upper stage for outer space applications. The GE Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion department for which I had worked years earlier was funded by the USAF and AEC and definitely for military purposes. But observations of sophisticated high performance metallic vehicles occurred before we had even gone supersonic. They were observed during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. If they had originated on Earth can you imagine any reason why they weren't used in Terran wars? The Manhattan Engineering District program was funded by a government and used for a military application.

<snip>

>Who knows how many cases like this were reported, or how many  
>things we have up there, like the U-2, of which even our top fighter  
>pilots have been and remain unaware?

The story is hardly relevant, though interesting, since if taken at face value, as you do (though no proof beyond a reasonable doubt is presented) it merely establishes that you were wrong when you said no body can say what any UFOs are. In fact many are IFOs. The CIA also tried to use such reports as evidence that there were no UFOs that couldn't be explained. Of course U-2s, and SR-71s (with much more spectacular speed and altitude capabilities) cannot make right angle turns or hover or silently land and take off from places not much larger than themselves out in the boondocks. They did not exist prior to 1950 and were used for military purposes.

>Or, maybe it really is extraterrestrials, or cryptoterrestrials, or  
>ultraterrestrials, time travellers, or monkeys with super-  
>large brains (okay, I'm just kidding about that last one)...  
>The point is - what proof is there that it has to be aliens from  
>another world?

><snip>

>>>>We further know that the development of our advanced flying  
>>>>craft has been done for military purposes and at enormous  
>>>>costs. We Earthlings have a long history of developing craft  
>>>>and spying >on other countries to see what their capabilities are  
>>>>along lines that we would either have to defend against or  
>>>>copy.

>Er... thanks. See above.

><snip>

>>>>They don't have to Stan. The burden of proof lies on the party  
>>>>making the assertion of fact, which in this case is you, as you  
>>>>assert that some UFOs are intelligently controlled alien  
>>>>spacecraft. I don't assert that they are not - I merely state  
>>>>that we can't say for sure what any UFOs are.

>>Of course we can say for sure what many UFOs are: some are  
>>Venus, some are meteors, some are searchlights on clouds,  
>>some are balloons, are high performance military craft, some  
>>are a whole host of other relatively conventional phenomena  
>>perhaps seen under unconventional circumstances.

>Indeed.

>>You are indeed asserting that no UFOs are alien spacecraft.

>Nope. Again, that's an old debater's trick, designed to distract  
>people's attention from the real issue. It's also false, and  
>unworthy of you - I never said any such thing. Ever.

>For the final time, I simply said that we can't prove they are  
>ET spacecraft. Big, gigantic, huge, Yukon-UFO sized difference.

>>Something you not only have not established but which assertion  
>>is clearly contradicted by the evidence that some are.

>A. I have never said it, so I don't have to establish it. The  
>burden of proof is one you, because you're the one trying to  
>establish a positive proposition, i.e. that some UFOs are >indeed  
>intelligently controlled alien spacecraft.

>B. You have not presented any evidence to support that proposed  
>fact.

The fact that flying saucers have not been used by any Terran  
civilization in any of the many extensive, extensive military  
activities that have happened on the this planet for 60 plus  
years means that these sophisticated high performance airborne  
craft were built someplace else.

>>>Your stance reminds me a lot of the Billy Meier defenders - they  
>>>tell everyone who calls the photos/films into question to prove  
>>>that they are frauds. That's not required - the Meier-ites have  
>>>to prove that they are real, not the other way around. Ditto you  
>>>and the ETH as the ETF.

>>>Anything less is intellectually dishonest.

>>>>They were, therefore, produced by intelligent beings from  
>>>>somewhere else. That, of course, doesn't answer with "clear  
>>>>and convincing evidence" where they originate, why they are  
>>>>here, or why they don't seem to do a host of things. I would say  
>>>>that the Star Map work associated with the Hill case makes a  
>>>>very strong case that the base planets (not necessarily the  
>>>>homes of any of the crew) are near Zeta 1 or Zeta 2 Reticulum  
>>>>for those particular craft crew-members.

>>>I notice throughout that you've latched onto that "clear and  
>>>convincing evidence" line. Again you miss the point - your old  
>>>buddy Carl Sagan was 100% correct when he said that  
>>>extraordinary claims, which is certainly what the ETH as ETF  
>>>is, require extraordinary proof. In other words, beyond any  
>>>reasonable doubt.

>>There you go again back to the murder conviction.

>No, Stan, I never mentioned murder. I have news for you - the  
>standard of proof in criminal cases is the same regardless of  
>the crime. Murder, armed robbery, assault, theft under \$5,000 -  
>it's all beyond a reasonable doubt. Why? Because it is the  
>ultimate type of case, one where, if the accused is found  
>guilty, he may be deprived of his liberty, which is the harshest  
>sentence that can be imposed (short of the death penalty, which,  
>thankfully, my country doesn't have anymore). Therefore, it  
>requires a higher standard of proof. That's the rationale for  
>it.

>Ditto UFOs as ET spacecraft - it is the ultimate scientific  
>proposition, life elsewhere in the universe that is coming here.

Ultimate scientific proposition? Hardly. Talk about  
proclamations!! It is a very reasoned deduction from a very  
large array of data.

>Such a proposition requires the ultimate standard of proof  
>before it can be asserted as a fact.

>>I wasn't aware that Carl was ordained the judge of all claims.

>Another debating trick - no-one said he had, Stan. I was merely  
>pointing out the standard of proof which he called for, and  
>which is the correct one, not because Sagan said it, but  
>because he was right.

This is your proclamation supported by what?

>>Since he was often wrong, as I have noted in TOP SECRET/MAJIC, in

>>response to his "Demon Haunted World",I have no reason to accept this  
>>dogmatic claim from him and many reasons not to as I noted in a  
>>fairly recent MUFON Journal Column.

>Okay, Stan - you've been wrong. Glenn Dennis, Gerald >Anderson, MJ-12 (I  
>think the majority would agree with me >on that last one). Similarly, I  
>have no reason to accept your >dogmatic claim about aliens being here.

A deduction from evaluation of a huge amount of information and  
knowledge of government activities (use of new superior  
technology in war) is hardly a dogmatic claim.

On the one hand you want ultimate proof on the other you will  
accept your estimate of the results of a large scale  
scientifically conducted poll - which doesn't exist - on MJ-12.  
Have those few people you polled read the 5000 word addition in  
the 2nd edition of TOP SECRET/MAJIC. Talk about double standards  
and tricks of the debater.

>But that's not the point, and you know it. The point is about  
>what level of proof is required. That's what Sagan was talking  
>about. It has nothing to do with whether he was right or wrong about  
>other things, just as it has nothing to do with whether or not  
>you were right or wrong about other things.

>>As noted above I see no reason to say that worldwide claims of  
>>observations of manufactured craft behaving in ways beyond the  
>>scope of Earthling craft are extraordinary.

>As noted above, how do we know they behaved in ways that are  
>beyond our capabilities, as, with that giant black budget, we  
>can't really be sure what our capabilities are? Further, there  
>is the question of the quality of witness testimony, i.e. the  
>ability of people to observe what they saw - not form, but  
>performance - accurately. I'll leave that for another day  
>(although I would suggest you re-read Lieut. Col. Bailey's  
>story above).

>>Happens all the time all over the planet. So these are  
>>ordinary not extraordinary. It his claim that is  
>>extraordinary.

>Nice try, but false reasoning. Sagan never said these things  
>didn't happen - he said there was no definitive evidence that  
>they were ET spacecraft. Again, big difference.

He also admitted that he hadn't had time to study the cases that  
Hynes asked him about. He certainly has provided no indication  
in any of his writings or in his conversations with me that he  
knew anything about the major cases. So any statement he made  
about absence of definitive evidence is totally worthless and  
would only have been meaningful if he had studied the evidence  
that does exist.

>And again, his "claim" was simply to establish the burden of  
>proof required of your claim that some UFOs are alien  
>spacecraft. And he was absolutely right when he said it

So there is no burden of proof on him to establish his totally  
false claim that there is an absence of definitive evidence?

>>Clever words oft repeated, but signifying nothing.

>The flip response for me here would be to say, "you should know".

>;-)

>>Often they are used by well educated people to avoid dealing  
>>with surprising claims... The doubters think that, if the claim  
>>were true, they would have known about it. They didn't, so it  
>>must not be true... the evidence be damned. The world of science  
>>is loaded with such resistance in a host of different areas. It  
>>may take years to create acceptance of new ideas because of the  
>>demanding of extraordinary evidence... not obtainable without  
>>huge funding, more sophisticated equipment,etc. Many ideas  
>>currently accepted are accepted on the basis of less than  
>>extraordinary evidence... continental drift, destruction of  
>>dinosaurs by an asteroid, causation of ulcers by bacteria, etc.

>None of which is relevant, except in this ironic way - you are  
>guilty of exactly what you are decrying with science. You look at

>something like parallel universes (and other earths), or time  
>travel, or cryptoterrestrials, or... well, fill in the blank.  
>Then you say, "nope, it's gotta be the ETH." Even when you  
>grudgingly admit that these other things can't be ruled out,  
>it's always with the caveat that "but they're just theories,  
>with no evidence, but the ETFact has all sorts of evidence."

There you go again with the debater trick of putting words in my  
mouth. I have asked for evidence for the crypto, parallel etc.  
None has been put forth by you or Mac etc., I have never said  
none are true and I have never said all UFOs are ET. I say some  
are

>>>Now, I understand why you don't like that, because you  
>>>know that you can't do it. But that's what thinking people  
>>>require in order to assert that something like alien  
>>>visitation to Earth is a fact, and not just a good working  
>>>theory.

>>I should say some thinking people.. certainly not all.

>I think it would be pretty safe to say that the vast majority  
>think that way, but this isn't about opinion polls. It's about  
>objective standards of proof, whether legal, or scientific. And  
>with the ETH as ETFact claim, I have no doubt that the correct  
>standard of proof, which you haven't met, and can't meet, is  
>beyond a reasonable doubt.

I don't doubt you think so. That doesn't make it so.

>Still, as noted below, for the purpose of argument, I'm willing  
>to work with a slightly lower standard.

>>>But I'll play along with the lower standard, just for fun. Clear  
>>>and convincing evidence it is.

>>>Accordingly, I'll ask my original question, which you didn't  
>>>answer (you didn't answer it when you were asked it by  
>>>Seth Shostak a >>>couple of years ago during your "debate"  
>>>on C2C).

>>>Here it is again, with the lower standard of proof  
>>>substituted for >"beyond a reasonable doubt":

>>>Name the one case that proves clear and convincing  
>>>evidence that the ETH is the ETFact, and not something  
>>>else. One case, Stan. That shouldn't be so hard.

>>>Don't cite stats like "hundreds of physical trace cases", or  
>>>"thousands of witnesses". That's ducking the question. It's  
>>>>>non-responsive, and it proves nothing, other than that we have a  
>>>mystery, which is what I and others are saying here.

>>No, it means we have evidence of ordinary events involving  
>>observations of alien spacecraft.

>No, it doesn't. No matter how many times you repeat it, it  
>doesn't make it so, although I understand that you're not  
>going to change your mind.

>>>Just one case. That's all I need - the one case that shows >>>clear and  
>>>convincing evidence that aliens have >>>visited .Earth, which is the  
>>>standard that you have adopted, >>>and which sits higher than the  
>>>preponderance of evidence >>>standard (i.e. the balance of  
>>>probabilities).

>>I can think of several, some of which you have covered in your  
>>soon to be broadcast documentary. One, that isn't, is my  
>>favorite: The Betty and Barney Hill case.  
>>But what if you aren't satisfied? Will that prove no UFO is >>of ET  
>>origin? Obviously not.

>But, as noted above, I don't have to prove that they aren't -  
>it's up to you to prove that they are ET spacecraft. The Hill  
>case, which even amongst ufologists remains controversial,  
>hardly constitutes clear and convincing evidence to that effect.  
>It certainly doesn't prove it beyond a reasonable doubt.

According to you. But have you looked at that evidence?

>Even if one accepts that something genuinely weird did

>indeed happen to the Hills (and remember, not everyone  
>does),

Oh, now the test is whether everybody believes something weird  
happened to them??

>that doesn't prove it was aliens. It doesn't rule out the  
>other paranormal hypotheses, even as, under those circumstances  
>I would agree that the ET explanation would be the most  
>likely one. But that's a long way from proof.

>At the end of the day, Stan, you and I are looking for  
>different things, in different ways. You're looking to convince  
>people of a conclusion you came to decades ago, whereas I  
>am looking to explore what I still consider a mystery.

I am looking to present an enormous amount of evidence that has  
led me to my conclusions about a subject which I consider to be  
very important. My goal, unlike yours, is not to win debates. I  
also wish to stand up for all those who have had ET encounters  
and are not in a position to speak out along with those military  
guys who can't speak out.

>I think your conclusion outran the available evidence, then  
>and now, and is more of a belief than a proven fact, whereas  
>you no doubt look at me as some kind of Hynek-esque wishy-  
>washy apologist ufologist.

>Fair enough. I can live with that. People can judge for  
>themselves which is the right approach.

It is comforting, I suppose, to you, that you think you know me  
so well that you know my evaluation of you.

To summarize the Hill case as something genuinely weird happened  
is frankly absurd, since it neglects almost all the important  
aspects of the experience leading to the ET conclusion.

I realise that you hadn't talked to the Hills, or to John  
Fuller or to Ben Simon or Ben Swett or Marjorie Fish.

Guess you better read the new book.

Happy New Year to one and all

Stan Friedman  
<http://www.stantonfriedman.com>

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## Re: In The sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO? -

From: **Stanton Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 17:19:43 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 08:32:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: In The sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO? -

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>Sent: Monday, January 01, 2007 9:59 AM  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>Source: The Chicago Tribune - Illinois, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/yn8krl>

>Published January 1, 2007

>In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>by  
>Jon Hilkevitch

>United Airlines denies its workers filed reports about

<snip>

>"There have been documented cases where safety appears to have  
>been implicated, and more and more we are coming to the point of  
>view that we are dealing with an intelligent phenomenon," said  
>Richard Haines, science director at the National Aviation  
>Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena, a private agency.

>"We must be proactive before an aircraft goes down," said  
>Haines, a former chief of the Space Human Factors Office at  
>NASA's Ames Research Center.

>Haines is investigating the O'Hare incident. He said he has  
>determined that no weather balloons were launched in the  
>vicinity of O'Hare on Nov. 7.

<snip>

I take it as a very good omen for the coming year when a major paper such as the Chicago Tribune quotes Dick Haines and files an FOIA request. Maybe somebody did read Herbert Strentz's PhD thesis about press coverage of UFOs. It was done at Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University just outside Chicago and had some strong words for the inadequacy of press coverage of the subject.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Sanchez-Ocejo

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <[sanchezocejov.nul](mailto:sanchezocejov.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 16:55:08 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 08:44:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Sanchez-Ocejo

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>Date: 2007/01/01 Mon AM 08:36:09 EST  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007

Happy 10 Birthday!

Information is the key of our knowledge.

Sincerely,

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo  
Miami UFO Center

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## Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO? - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 17:03:16 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 08:46:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO? - Boone

>Source: The Chicago Tribune - Illinois, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/yn8krl>

>Published January 1, 2007

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>United Airlines denies its workers filed reports about  
>saucerlike object hovering at O'Hare

>It sounds like a tired joke - but a group of airline employees  
>insist they are in earnest, and they are upset that neither  
>their bosses nor the government will take them seriously.

Wow! This story is literally at the top of the page of the  
popular [drudgereport.com](http://drudgereport.com)

On his site, Drudge lists 'video' as the headline.

With a major airport I'm quite sure there are several video  
cameras working at all times and this incident with multiple  
witnesses, perhaps even passersby many with cell phone cameras  
etc. someone should have caught something.

I believe Jeff Rense had Peter Davenport on his program covering  
this story. If anyone knows the real deal it will be Davenport.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: PRG Website Features - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 01 Jan 2007 18:05:38 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 08:48:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: PRG Website Features - White

>From: Stephen Bassett <[PRG.nul](mailto:PRG.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 30 Dec 2006 17:59:04 -0500  
>Subject: PRG Website Features

<snip>

>[www.paradigmclock.com/QuotesPage.html](http://www.paradigmclock.com/QuotesPage.html)

>Assembled from multiple sources, this is a powerful compilation  
>of selected written and spoken quotes from persons of rank and  
>accomplishment. The near term goal is to expand this section to  
>100 listings. Quotes were selected on the basis of an  
>unambiguous relationship to the issue of an extraterrestrial  
>presence and the history of the government posture and actions  
>regarding this presence.

Amen! Thank you so much for assembling this Earth-shaking page!

Should be required reading to graduate high school.

Eleanor White

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## Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 18:53:16 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 08:50:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Nielsen

>This New Year marks ten years of UFO UpDates on the Net and Web.

<snip>

There is no other \_open\_ forum I know of, which provides professional peer review on such \_extremely\_diverse\_ topics, in such a \_respectful\_ environment.

Thanks for your continued efforts! Please, please, please keep it up \_good\_Sir!\_

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## Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 07:16:29 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 08:52:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Lehmborg

>From: David Watts <[davidw.watts.nul](mailto:davidw.watts.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 11:59:03 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007!

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>>Date: Monday, January 01, 2007 8:36 AM  
>>Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007!

>I am just a plain ordinary old man of 77 who has wondered for  
>the last twenty or thirty years about the existance of life on  
>other planets. I had a dream (or I think it was a dream) in the  
>mid-sixties and have not been able to satisfy myself about it  
>since then.

>I am an avid reader of this List and it is starting to help me  
>understand. Thank you very much for the time you take in doing  
>this.

>Dave Watts

>BTW - I have yet to see a UFO but it does not deter me in the  
>least.

What an absolutely wonderful note, Sir. I'm emboldened,  
encouraged, invigorated, and inspired that a man of your years  
admits to a heart and mind still willing to be surprised and  
delighted by a complete cosmos.

I rejoice you're not deterred, but with regard to not seeing a  
UFO... I submit you're not holding your mouth right! lol!

<http://www.alienview.net/oddoobs.html>

Thanks for checking in, Mr. Watts. I'm glad you took the time to  
be one of the first few things read in a brand new year as we  
human beings measure them, currently! <g>.

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## Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 07:31:02 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 08:55:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Lehmborg

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 13:45:18 EST  
>Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007!

>>This New Year marks ten years of UFO UpDates on the Net and  
>>Web.

><snip>

>Thanks Errol for a great service!

>I think every subscriber should send Errol \$10 as a tribute to  
>his first ten years.

Done! I'm in!

In as much as Errol doesn't have a PayPal of which I'm aware...  
contribute here if you care to:

<http://www.alienview.net/help.html>

Be sure to earmark them to 'VSN'...

PayPal creates records I can't fiddle with, I think, so the  
contributor can have some degree of assurance I won't rip it off  
for myself. Moreover, I suspect those funds will be turned  
around and put back into the sender's service, largely, and only  
a minimal amount of the proceeds will go to hookers and  
cheese-burgers...

Gotta love this internet! Let's send Knapp and VSN over the top!  
Consider! It will likely keep him from charging us for the  
service later on!

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## Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007!- Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 01 Jan 2007 17:44:14 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 08:59:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007!- Kasten

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Errol:

I find that while doing research using the Internet, many times the Google reference directs me to UFO UpDate archived e-mail. Thanks for being an easy to access research tool.

KK

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## Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO? - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 08:57:16 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 09:01:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO? - Kaeser

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 17:03:16 EST  
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>Wow! This story is literally at the top of the page of the  
>popular drudgereport.com

>On his site, Drudge lists 'video' as the headline.

>With a major airport I'm quite sure there are several video  
>cameras working at all times and this incident with multiple  
>witnesses, perhaps even passersby many with cell phone cameras  
>etc. someone should have caught something.

>I believe Jeff Rense had Peter Davenport on his program covering  
>this story. If anyone knows the real deal it will be Davenport.

Hi Greg,

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Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 09:59:42 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 11:53:23 -0500  
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Best,

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From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 12:30:22 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 08:22:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO? -

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I have commented on this earlier ("my brain boils over" at such  
a ridiculous explanation).

However, we have seen this situation over and over: nothing  
happens, and nothing happens and nothing happens (i.e., no UFO  
reports in the media) and then something blows the subject into  
public recognition and there is a flurry of press and then....  
nothing happens and nothing happens and... etc.

The last "big one" was the JAL 1628 flight in Nov 1986 that  
resulted in an FAA investigation in early 1987 - see:

<http://brumac.8k.com> and look for JAL1628).

Florida's Channel 6 (channel6.com) has posted a survey which  
shows the public opinion of UFO sightings:

Some United Airlines employees, some of them pilots, insist they  
saw a mysterious craft hovering low over Chicago's O'Hare  
Airport. The Federal Aviation Administration is chalking it up  
to weather conditions. What do you think?

Choice	Votes	Percentage	of 4477 Votes
UFO	3720	83%	
Weather	757	17%	

I guess we know which way the UFO wind is blowing!

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From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 10:39:55 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 08:28:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO? -

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 15:35:15 -0000  
>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

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>>A flying saucerlike object hovered low over O'Hare International  
>>Airport for several minutes before bolting through thick clouds  
>>with such intense energy that it left an eerie hole in overcast  
>>skies, said some United Airlines employees who observed the  
>>phenomenon.

<snip>

>>"Our theory on this is that it was a weather phenomenon," she  
>>said. "That night was a perfect atmospheric condition in terms  
>>of low [cloud] ceiling and a lot of airport lights. When the  
>>lights shine up into the clouds, sometimes you can see funny  
>>things. That's our take on it."

>Hi List

>Well, a number of ground staff and pilots as witnesses to a low-  
>altitude daylight object over a major airport has to add up to  
>one of the most intriguing cases I've heard for a while. I hope  
>references to any follow-up investigations get posted here.

Hi Martin,

This is intriguing indeed. The observation that the passage of  
the object created a "hole" in the overcast is particularly  
interesting. There would seem to only be two ways for this to  
happen (but perhaps an atmospheric scientist will chime in):

(1) the water droplets in the cloud were heated to the vapor  
state; or,

(2) the size distribution of the droplets was modified such that  
they no longer were effective scatterers at visible wavelengths.

For case #1 it should be possible to put constraints on the  
radiative power of the object based on the size of the "hole".  
It seems that a black body radiator would have to be extremely  
hot to produce such an effect, to the extent that it would glow  
in visible wavelengths (at odds with the dark grey color  
ascribed to it). But perhaps it radiated at a specific  
wavelength (e.g., microwaves).

For case #2, the most straightforward scenario is that the  
droplets coalesced into larger ones and rained out, but the  
mechanism to bring this about is not obvious. Perhaps some local  
stratification of electric charge?

In principle the appearance of this "hole" would have altered  
the radar signature if the cloud as well, although I wouldn't  
know if this could be detected by airport systems. I defer to  
your radar expertise here.

>I won't be losing any sleep waiting for any FAA investigation  
>though if their spokeswoman's "theory" is anything to go by.  
>Airport lights shining on low clouds at night?

>"The sighting occurred during daylight, about 4:30 p.m., just  
>before sunset."

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>This is consistent, sunset would have been about 4:38 pm and  
>even though gloomy in the overcast it would still have been  
>daylight.

>"All the witnesses said the object was dark gray and well  
>defined in the overcast skies. They said the craft, estimated by  
>different accounts to be 6 feet to 24 feet in diameter, did not  
>display any lights."

>So it was a dark gray object, with no lights, seen in daylight,  
>and was caused by airport lights shining up upward at night?

I was astounded by this disingenuous and bizarre offering from  
the FAA. It would seem they are simply trying to avoid the  
implication that they have no control of the airspace.

Mike

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From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <[sergejsh.nul](mailto:sergejsh.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 09:54:13 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 08:34:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: In The sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO? -

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Just for reference: parts of Herbert Strentz's PhD thesis about  
press coverage of UFOs can be read here:

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Herbert Joseph Strentz:

'An Analysis of Press Coverage on Unidentified Flying Objects 1947-1966'  
Dissertation, Northwestern University 1970  
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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 14:06:26 -0400  
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Hi Steve, Greg, Bruce , etc.

Dick Haines has been investigating this case since its  
occurrence on November 7/06. The Newspaper report at least  
recognizes much of what happened there. I corresponded with Dick  
off and on about the event and sent him material about ATC,  
tower, runways and ground control as recently as yesterday.

There are two towers, incidentally, at O'Hare and ground control  
occupies the older O'Hare tower. Both towers can see the entire  
field at their elevations. However the new tower at 250 feet AGL

will be able to see the a newer runway being constructed on the back side of the terminal building.

There is mention of the ground maintenance teams and a pilot in a airliner on the ground on the apron having sighted the object. This being the case they both would have been talking to O'Hare ground control rather than the tower, and ground control would have had a good eyeball on the object as well unless the object was directly overhead of them.

The explanation by the FAA mouthpiece is absurd. There was no reason to contact ATC because they aren't even in the loop at O'Hare. Traffic in the O'Hare zone is handled by O'Hare Tower and handed off to ATC once the traffic has cleared O'Hare's zone. For ATC to be smug about it, joke about a potential hazard shows a lack of concern for safety at O'Hare. Hovering over O'Hare at 1,700 feet is a pretty safe spot for all but helicopters that might be launching because there would be no traffic flying through that space unless there was some need for an overshoot by some aircraft landing or an emergency of some sort.

ATC at O'Hare would not be able to paint radar that close in to the field. It would be a cluttered mess. Transponders on the field are on standby or off because there are so many aircraft on the field that the centers of their scopes would be a white mass of xponder returns. The actual return is about 1/4 inch square with the added information bar. Raw skin paints at the field would result in a cluster of overlapping dots and quite useless.

The best bet for witnesses from the FAA is the tower personnel and ground personnel who themselves are controllers and often shift back and forth and who are in constant contact with one another. At smaller airports ground and tower share the tower facility and often when things are slow perform both duties. Chicago O'Hare has an antiquated radar facility which frequently breaks down, the last time was on Dec.15/06.

I can understand the FAA making light of this and even the airlines because they don't want anything else deterring people from using airliners, but ATC is different. They are basically ridiculing ground personnel and pilot reports of a potential hazard at one of the biggest airports in the world. ATC ignores this hazard on a frequent basis. There are potentially hundreds of quality witnesses to this event, but many will keep their mouths shut because of just this childish attitude of ATC and the FAA.

I'm preparing a response-have been since yesterday, but waiting for more detail-to Jon Hilkevitch. I think he did a pretty good job of getting the story out there without the usual snideness portrayed by other reporters, and it looks like he is going to continue with his investigation via the FOIA.

Don Ledger

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### Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Key

From: **Tracy Key** <[tdan422003.nul](mailto:tdan422003.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 16:13:40 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 09:15:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Key

This is an audio interview of John Hilkevich of the Chicago Tribune by Melissa Block of the National Public Radio (NPR) re: the Chicago O'Hare UFO.

Click on the link and then click on the red "Listen" button right beneath the title of the report to hear audio interview.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=6707250>

I have also transcribed the interview as I have run across some people who do not have a media player that supports the file.

The interview, as transcribed by me:

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Melissa Block: In the Chicago Tribune today, this tantalizing headline "A Bird, A Plane, a UFO?", the report describes a number of workers at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport who all say they saw more or less the same unexplainable thing on November 7th. A large disc shaped object hovering in the sky over an airport gate then shooting off into the clouds. Jon Hilkevitch wrote this story; he covers transportation for the tribune and joins us now. Thanks for being with us.

Jon Hilkevich: You're welcome

MB: Uh huh. And then they describe it very suddenly taking off?

JH: That's one of the weird parts too. Uh, a very thick cloud layer that this craft was hovering below it, but then when it streaked away, it burst through the clouds, and unlike an airplane or a helicopter that would just slice through the clouds, this thing created this big donut hole, uh, vacuum, indicating tremendous energy force as it burst through the clouds and leaving this hole of clear sky that was there for several minutes till the drifting winds pushed the clouds back together.

MB: Now when you were talking to these workers at O'Hare, were they saying, ya know, your going to think I'm crazy but this is what I saw?

JH: Yeah, one of them, in fact, when he went to his manager in an email, the manager sent him an email back and said, hey looks like somebody got a hold of your email account and is pulling a hoax. Um, but, this is anything but. That's what impressed me about this. All aviation professional's, very credible sources and they are very serious. They are not saying what they saw was a, you know, a spaceship from another planet, but it was unidentified, it was in restricted airspace, and they were concerned from a safety standpoint. That if this was something man-made, they needed to get it out of there because they were having busy flight operations in the early evening hours.

MB: You know, in the course of doing your reporting on this story, you were working along with, in some ways, the UFO Reporting Center. Did that strike you as odd in some way?

JH: Yeah, I mean, they kept wanting me to say this was a visit from some other world and further proof that, uh, we, on this planet are visited regularly by other beings and, uh, you know, to me, I am not qualified, I wasn't a witness. What was interesting to me was that United Airlines, after receiving numerous reports, including from high-level management officials, decided to deny that they got any such reports! I don't know if they were, felt, embarrassment, or maybe people would think United Airline employees are kooks or something by reporting this. But it's very odd. The FAA, at first too, said they didn't know what I was talking about when I went to them, they had no reports of this. It wasn't until I put a Freedom of Information Request in and they got back to me saying well, were going through the communication tapes from O'Hare tower and by golly, there is a lot of chatter here about this UFO. So I am waiting for the full communication tapes on the FOIA requests, as well as radar data and we'll see if there is some follow up.

MB: Okay. We'll wait to see what happens. Jon Hilkevich. Thank you very much.

JH: You're welcome.

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I should also mention that I had sent Peter Davenport this same link and then my transcription of the interview (he couldn't open up the audio file). He was dismayed at the portrayal of NUFORC by Jon Hilkevich and says he requested no such thing. He has called and left a message for Jon to discuss. Just wanted to clear that up before anyone thought Peter has lost his good sense.

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Steve, et al,

This is a good case, which NUFORC and NARCAP have been working on since the day of the incident. Both organizations have interviewed witnesses, collected documentation, and, as Greg describes above, I have had a very reliable witness, who saw the object from an airliner cockpit, on Jeff Rense's radio program (December 12, 2006).



NUFORC delayed by three days posting any announcement about the event, since an active effort was underway to obtain evidence about the case, which we surmised might be "sanitized," before we could get to it, if employers realized we were attempting to obtain it. We did not obtain everything we wanted, but I believe we got enough information to be able to contradict claims that the airline and FAA was not aware of the event.

I am prepared to 'go to the mat' with them, if they continue to state that they were not aware of the incident, and if they continue to assert that they believe that the event was caused by a weather aberration. Those claims are abject folly!

Peter  
NUFORC

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## UFOs & Airliner Safety [was: In The sky! A bird? A

From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 13:39:40 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 09:26:11 -0500  
Subject: UFOs & Airliner Safety [was: In The sky! A bird? A

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 17:19:43 -0400  
>Subject: Re: In The sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>>Sent: Monday, January 01, 2007 9:59 AM  
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>>paper such as the Chicago Tribune quotes Dick Haines and files  
>>an FOIA request. Maybe somebody did read Herbert Strentz's PhD  
>>thesis about press coverage of UFOs. It was done at Medill  
>>School of Journalism at Northwestern University just outside  
>>Chicago and had some strong words for the inadequacy of press  
>>coverage of the subject.

Hello Stan,

Excuse me if this comes off as poor man's paragraph style  
because I'll skip a few lines and go straight to a matter of  
fact without anything greater then speculation and short sighted  
guess work on top of this, I will venture to guess that what you  
yourself might be thinking about sort of correlates with my own  
speculation like the meeting of minds, this in regards to the  
event at O'Hare.

Lets jump right in using your example that you provided in an

earlier post a short while ago using your theory that there could be an aircraft carrier parked somewhere in the solar system with these smaller modules dispatched while piggy backing back and forth like spring boarding off the larger system.

The theory goes like smaller modules are sent out to Earth for the occasional reconisance of sightings spots on Earth, and these we will call the carrier jets, for some reason that we quickly correlate these events at O'Hare to this 6-24 ft carrier jet that hovers over O'Hare we could say it is possible that a larger system is in fact parked elsewhere hidden from human eyes, far side of the moon, the planet Mars, asteroid, or elsewhere... but whatelse goes on with this piggy back theory.

Question: Is there a need to survey O'Hare airport when if many modules in the past have already surveyed this location many times before, once, twice, that matter how many times before?.

No I'm not referring to a future landing spot for theory larger systems which smaller modules piggy back with, so we come to this and I know you probably don't like questions phrased in some looping logicians way but as this will show it opens up cause for some suspicion that comes to mind:

What is on the alien mind if were to guess suspiciously about their motives to possible intention for surveying in broad daylight that which has been mapped many times before ?

John

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## Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 15:11:58 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 09:26:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Ledger

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>This New Year marks ten years of UFO UpDates on the Net and Web.

>With 68,463 Messages archived since its Web inception in  
>December 1996, literally millions of reads over the past ten  
>years and thousands of subscribers, the List has more than  
>fulfilled its mandate.

<snip>

Hi Errol,

Happy Birthday and Happy New Year.

I've been a subscriber almost from the beginning and we've covered a lot of ground together. There aren't enough words to express how much I've enjoyed being a part of your List.

The amount of information that has filtered through UFO UpDates is incredible not to mention the many subscribers who have made the 'credible' side of ufology what it is today.

The fact that I have been able to interact with [in alphabetical order] researchers such as Jerry Clark, Stan Friedman, Richard Hall, Bruce Maccabee, Kevin Randle, all of whom have put up with my incoherent ramblings along with dozens of other respected researchers is frankly nothing short of fantastic.

I think it is safe to say that this field has been better served by UFO UpDates than most other Lists in its ability to air out specific cases and theories without some commercial need to allow the nutcake element to intrude. Its database is second to none with those tens of thousands of opinions and access to data stored in the archives.

Congratulations, Errol, it's all on you. Your sacrifice of time and money has made this List the pre-eminent List on the planet.

Warmest regards,

Don Ledger

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Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 15:15:34 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 09:28:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Ledger

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 13:45:18 EST  
>Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007!

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>>Web.

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>Thanks Errol for a great service!

>I think every subscriber should send Errol \$10 as a tribute to  
>his first ten years.

Good idea Greg.

Cheque's in the mail, Errol.

Don

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## Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Davenport

From: Peter B. Davenport <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 11:59:31 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 09:36:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Davenport

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>thesis about press coverage of UFOs. It was done at Medill  
>School of Journalism at Northwestern University just outside  
>Chicago and had some strong words for the inadequacy of press  
>coverage of the subject.

Stan,

Yes, it is a good omen, I agree. However, I am disappointed by  
the quality of the coverage by Hilkevitch, and I am really  
disappointed by the Associated Press re-write of the original  
article, which was yet another 'tongue in cheek' treatment of a  
well documented sighting.

NUFORC contacted the Chicago Tribune on December 13 (I believe),  
to inquire whether their news staff might be interested in

covering it. Interestingly, the case had been on the NUFORC homepage for a month, at that point, and Rense and Premiere Radio Network were the only news organizations to have expressed an interest. I decided to press the point with a major newspaper, to see whether they would cover it.

One of my requests of Hilkevitch was that he indicate in his article what organization was the original source of the information. I asked that the NUFORC URL be included, such that other potential witnesses to the event would know where they could report their sighting, and have that information posted publicly. I offered to share to additional, follow-on reports with the newspaper.

It is obvious from his article that his paper did not make good on his pledge. The reader is left with little as to idea where the information had come from, and where a witness might submit a report. In a telephone conversation I had with Hilkevitch yesterday, he represented that it had been the editors who had expurgated my quotes, and all but a single, minor reference to NUFORC, and its involvement with the case. Very frustrating!

Moreover, I had apprised Hilkevitch of some of the evidence NUFORC had in hand, and its existence was not alluded to in the article. In partial defense of his not mentioning it, the material was so sensitive, I could not provide him with copies of it. However, I did encourage him to contact the individuals, from whom I had received it, in order to provide those parties with an opportunity to share it with him, if they thought it was prudent to do so. The evidence leaves no doubt as to the very real nature of the incident, and to the fact that it generated considerable interest in either public and/or private institutions, at the time the incident occurred.

By the way, at least one photo was taken of the object, and we are attempting to have the individual who took it come forward and release the image. To date, we have not been successful in that endeavor, but it may happen. Many of the people who were involved with the case are now more than just a bit concerned about their job security, given that "the fix" is now in, and anyone going against that current would be in jeopardy.

Peter  
NUFORC

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## Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 16:09:42 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 09:41:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Boone

>Source: The Chicago Tribune - Illinois, USA

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Well Lordy be! Jeff Rense and Peter Davenport of the NUFORC did indeed interview one of the eyewitnesses to this event on Jeff's program.

Matter of fact, Jeff has posted the entire interview for download on the front page of his website.

You will not believe it!

<http://www.rense.com>

Best,

Greg

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## Documented Daylight Sightings?

From: **John Scheldroup** <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 15:55:51 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 09:48:44 -0500  
Subject: Documented Daylight Sightings?

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>Sent: Monday, January 01, 2007 7:59 AM  
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>The sighting occurred during daylight, about 4:30 p.m., just  
>before sunset.

><snip>

List et.al,

Has anyone paid notice to recent documented coverage and the increase in sightings with anomalous objects to their sighting in broad daylight, I wonder if there's any conjecture to be made with commercial airports and military bases and whether there have been daylight reports that line up with such occurrences ?

I have this one here which is fairly recent:

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/1206/avondale.html>

"He remembers taking the video in the mid-summer in the early afternoon. Unfortunately, he can't remember the exact date."

Peace, Love, Joy

John

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## Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 17:54:46 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 10:18:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Kaeser

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 09:59:42 EST  
>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 08:57:16 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 17:03:16 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>>>>Source: The Chicago Tribune - Illinois, USA

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<snip>

>Hi Steve,

>This is the first UFO story I've seen that made the covers of  
>the top news websites and is staying there. From Drudge Report  
>to CNN, this story is posted on the front page. Note however  
>that CNN's story is AP's blurb that is this:

><http://www.cnn.com/2007/US/01/02/ufo.sighting.ap/index.html>

>That story is the sorry ass story that the Associated Press put  
>out and CNN has hit a new low by resourcing it. This story of a  
>few paragraphs ends with a quote from not any witnesses nor  
>officials in charge of investigating but from a union official  
>who makes with a wisecrack,

>"At least one O'Hare controller, union official Craig Burzych,  
>was amused by it all.

>"To fly 7 million light years to O'Hare and then have to turn  
>around and go home because your gate was occupied is simply  
>unacceptable," he said."

>I ask you, wth does that have to do with the story? Why pursue  
>some wiseacre comment? Make a note of the news services that  
>are posting the wiseguy version of the story and those that are  
>posting the in depth version. It should tell you whom you  
>should trust for your news.

>This incident took place on November 7, and it's taken almost  
>two months to come to the fore? Had it not been for good ol'  
>Jeff Rense and Peter Davenport it may have died on the vine.

>I hope everyone on this List and then some pursues this story to  
>no end.

>Don't let up for one minute. Note the news services that don't

>do the service.

>I who grew up in the news business has testified umpteen times  
>about the threats and bs the press engages in regarding UFO  
>stories. I've been at multiple witness events involving news  
>people and they still haven't seen the light of day.

>I can't believe the official BS about weather phenomena and  
>ground lights.

>I'm quite sure someone had a cell phone camera trained on this  
>thing.

>Matter of fact, I'm hearing a whole lot of people did. Let's see  
>what shakes from that tree.

Hi Greg,

Let me begin by saying that my earlier message was in error, and the investigation into this sighting is being coordinated by Richard Haines of NARCAP. CUFOS and the Fund have offered to help in interviewing witnesses, but they have not been directly involved.

That being said, let's remember that this is an eight-week-old event and the newspaper is pretty far behind the eight ball in reporting an unknown object flying over the City. This, for most news agencies, would be a soft news story and handled more as filler than news. I missed the CNN piece, but a friend at work saw it and asked what I knew (which is primarily what I've read here). I would also like to see any cell phone images or video, but it's been eight weeks and I haven't heard of anything surfacing.

FYI, I also spent about eight years in the press and have been hoping for better treatment of the subject, but it will take more timely coverage than this.

Steve

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## The Black Vault Radio Returns!

From: John Greenewald <[john.nul](mailto:john.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 15:46:50 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 10:21:44 -0500  
Subject: The Black Vault Radio Returns!

The Black Vault Radio Returns!

It is with great pleasure to announce that the start of 2007 marks the return of The Black Vault Radio!

The most recent episode, available NOW, features James Carrion, the International Director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

James joins us on the air to discuss the future of the Mutual UFO Network, talks about UFO cases past and present, and gives us some updates on some recent UFO cases from the past couple of months.

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## Debunker Excuses For '06 O'Hare UFO

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 02:29:19 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 10:27:28 -0500  
Subject: Debunker Excuses For '06 O'Hare UFO

I'm hoping to beat the debunkers to the punch.

So here are my bs debunking answers to the O'Hare UFO Incident.

1 - It wasn't a UFO it was a phenomenon based on ground radar condensation caused when low ceiling clouds get in the crosshairs of the rapidly spinning ground radar system.

2 - Cell phone towers in conjunction with unusually low altitude cloud layers caused an optical illusion as water vapor and airline emissions became trapped below the low cloud layer. After building up enough pressure the stabilized object then erupted giving the appearance of punching a hole in the cloud layer.

3 - Unusual amounts of carbon monoxide buildup from early holiday travelers accumulated beneath the low level cloud layers and condensed into a naturally elliptical shape that appeared to be stationary.

4 - An exceptional amount of Great Lakes gases passed over the airport and became trapped beneath the low level cloud layer. Great Gas as it's known has been reported to cause illusions in the past.

Well those are my absurd excuses had I been a professional debunker.

Best,

Greg

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>Congratulations, Errol, it's all on you. Your sacrifice of time  
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It's true... there is some amount of true soaring and cleaving  
in this company and we do leave behind, to a degree, what others  
have far to their fronts. I'm well served. Thank you, Sir.

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Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 11:12:00 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 11:20:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Boone

>From: Peter B. Davenport <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 11:17:59 -0800  
>Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 08:57:16 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 17:03:16 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>>>>Source: The Chicago Tribune - Illinois, USA

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>>>>Published January 1, 2007

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<snip>

>Steve, et al,

>This is a good case, which NUFORC and NARCAP have been working  
>on since the day of the incident. Both organizations have  
>interviewed witnesses, collected documentation, and, as Greg  
>describes above, I have had a very reliable witness, who saw the  
>object from an airliner cockpit, on Jeff Rense's radio program  
>(December 12, 2006).

>NUFORC delayed by three days posting any announcement about the  
>event, since an active effort was underway to obtain evidence  
>about the case, which we surmised might be "sanitized," before  
>we could get to it, if employers realized we were attempting to  
>obtain it. We did not obtain everything we wanted, but I believe  
>we got enough information to be able to contradict claims that  
>the airline and FAA was not aware of the event.

>I am prepared to 'go to the mat' with them, if they continue to  
>state that they were not aware of the incident, and if they  
>continue to assert that they believe that the event was caused  
>by a weather aberration. Those claims are abject folly!

>Peter  
>NUFORC

Right on Mr. Davenport!

We knew we could count on you!

If you need any help whatsoever please let me know. I'll do whatever I can.

We should all stand behind Mr. Davenport during this incident. He's carried the torch by himself for so long the least we can do is support him with our cash, skills, influence etc.

I'm glad to see we're all doing what we can to investigate this incident. No carping or squabbling, just professionals in various fields chipping in to get to the bottom of this mystery.

As Doc Maccabee stated in an earlier post about a similar airline incident 20 years ago and that it just disappeared due to disinterest, the difference now is that we have the InterNet.

This story isn't going away, nor is it going to get buried. It occurred, there are witnesses, there're rumors of several videos having been taken and I myself got asked how much would a video sell for.

Someone's got the godds and they're looking to make a buck. If true, the FAA had better have an excuse for not investigating. Heads should roll.

My email box was full this morning. I've never seen a UFO story get such broad coverage. I was making a list of newspapers and news stations posting the story but it's too much work. I got worn out after it reached past two hundred in the U.S. alone.

So again, cool heads, get the data, support each other.

If anyone needs help with their work drop me an email. I'll see what I can do.

Primarily, let's help Mr. Davenport.

Best,

Greg

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## Ufology A Primer In Audio Volume 2 & A Surprise

From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs.nul](mailto:fadeddiscs.nul)>  
Date: Weds, 03 Jan 2007 11:00:11 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 11:29:28 -0500  
Subject: Ufology A Primer In Audio Volume 2 & A Surprise

Greetings to the Listarians and Lurkers,

A New Year and something special. Read the whole post please.

The newest compilation in the Audio History of Ufology Preservation Project has been completed and is now available to researchers.

Ufology: A Primer in Audio 1964 - 1967, Second Edition, Volume 2, contains 29 Tracks with a Total Running Time of 24+ Hours. Volume 1 is still available too.

These audio files in MP3 format allow the researcher to listen at their computer while working or can be download to an Mp3 music player. On the disc is a guide to the recordings, which can be printed out.

Your donation keeps the project going. What you get is the half of Ufology you never got to hear from the proverbial horse's mouth.

If you haven't started your audio reference collection, you should. There are not as many available as you might think. For those who try to obtain the Loren Gross UFO History series, know of what I speak.

Here is a one time offer to tempt you into trying the Primer Series. Donate for both Volumes and you'll receive a bonus disc of the March, 2000 interview of Lt. Walter Haut. Yeah, that's the one you've all been drooling to hear. Serious research. Period.

I will not sell copies of this interview. You need to order the Primer series to get a free copy. Running time is almost 47 minutes and in CD Audio format. You can donate at this link:

[www.fadeddiscs.com](http://www.fadeddiscs.com)

Thank you for listening and supporting The Audio History Project,

Wendy Connors  
[www.fadeddiscs.com](http://www.fadeddiscs.com)

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## Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 16:31:53 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 11:47:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Shough

>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 10:39:55 -0700  
>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 15:35:15 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

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>>Well, a number of ground staff and pilots as witnesses to a low-  
>>altitude daylight object over a major airport has to add up to  
>>one of the most intriguing cases I've heard for a while. I hope  
>>references to any follow-up investigations get posted here.

>Hi Martin,

>This is intriguing indeed. The observation that the passage of  
>the object created a "hole" in the overcast is particularly  
>interesting. There would seem to only be two ways for this to  
>happen (but perhaps an atmospheric scientist will chime in):

>(1) the water droplets in the cloud were heated to the vapor  
>state; or,

>(2) the size distribution of the droplets was modified such  
>that they no longer were effective scatterers at visible  
>>wavelengths.

>For case #1 it should be possible to put constraints on the  
>radiative power of the object based on the size of the "hole".  
>It seems that a black body radiator would have to be extremely  
>hot to produce such an effect, to the extent that it would glow  
>in visible wavelengths (at odds with the dark grey color  
>ascribed to it). But perhaps it radiated at a specific  
>>wavelength (e.g., microwaves).

>For case #2, the most straightforward scenario is that the  
>droplets coalesced into larger ones and rained out, but the  
>mechanism to bring this about is not obvious. Perhaps some  
>local stratification of electric charge?

>In principle the appearance of this "hole" would have altered  
>the radar signature if the cloud as well, although I wouldn't  
>know if this could be detected by airport systems. I defer to  
>your radar expertise here.

Hi Mike

I don't have info on the radar set-up at O'Hare but in general I  
wouldn't expect useful coverage of areas directly over the  
airport buildings by any ATC radars at O'Hare. They probably  
would probably be eliminating cloud or rain anyway by a mixture  
of techniques such as circular/elliptical polarisation and  
doppler MTI. So you're right about changing radar  
characteristics of the cloud but this could be academic unless  
there was weather radar active at the time, which obviously

would be optimised to detect the cloud deck.

Changes in droplet size, shape, density and velocity might all be detected, in principle, but whether or not the "hole" would actually be seen even then would be uncertain I think, because how the radar wavelength and all these other variables relate to the droplet density and the angle of elevation at which the cloud deck is illuminated would determine how far the radar could "see into" the cloud, not to mention the size of the hole in relation to the range, azimuth and altitude dimensions of the radar's resolution cell, which might be much larger than the "hole".

It's a good point though that if we had reliable data on a volume of cloud evaporated then it might be possible to do this calculation. I recall there was case, I believe in the northern US or Canada in 1947, where a bolide-like UFO was photographed apparently cutting a swathe through cloud and Projectr Sign noted the possibility of doing a similar calculation (though I've always wondered in that case whether the apparent path through the cloud might not be shadow cast by a trail far above, having seen similar effects caused by high jet contrails). But anyway it's interesting.

As for how a "hole" might form, yes a narrow band emission in a mm/cm range optimised for absorption by water droplets seems more likely than a broad spectrum one. If not evaporation then charge separation is one means, as you suggest. Mechanical and/or thermal displacement of the air could also be factor.

If there was a real UFO that went straight up then it may be that radars off of the airfield had a better chance of seeing it - if not ARTCC then maybe places like KPWK the Chicago Executive Airport only about 8 nm away, a continuously open public airfield with ILS and largely military traffic that may well have Airfield Control radar though I don't know.

Two other points worth noting here about visibility from the Tower: Apparently the UFO was seen "sitting motionless over Concourse C of the United terminal. No controllers saw the object..."

According to AirNav:

<http://www.airnav.com/airport/ORD>

there are two limits to visibility from the O'Hare tower. (This is presumably the tower shown on the FAA Airport Diagram at:

<http://204.108.4.16/d-tpp/0612/00166AD.PDF>

at 905 ft MSL, but that height matches the "new tower at 250 ft AGL" mentioned by Don Ledger in another post, and Don says this is still being built, so I don't know.)

Anyway, a portion of Taxiway Y near the United Airlines hangar is apparently not visible from the Control Tower, though the nature of the obstruction is not described. If the United terminal and the United hangar are physically nearby, then this implies the possibility of restricted visibility from this Tower in the direction of the UFO, though only up to a certain unknown elevation of course. Probably this is irrelevant.

There is also another restriction:

"DURING PERIODS OF COLD WEATHER; THE APP END OF RY 32R MAY NOT BE VISIBLE FM THE ATCT DUE TO STEAM PLUME FM ARPT HEATING PLANT."

The approach end of Runway 32 Right is in a direction roughly NE from the Tower shown on the FAA map. Presumably cold weather is very possible in November in Chicago. If so then the steam plume could have restricted tower visibility to the NE. Whether this has any relevance to the position of the UFO I've no idea but it's worth bearing in mind.

The remote possibility that a "hole" in low cloud could be related to some 'belch' in the exhaust plume from a malfunctioning airport heating plant has occurred to me, but I don't think it very likely!

Martin Shough

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## Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 11:35:23 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 11:52:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Boone

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 17:54:46 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 09:59:42 EST  
>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

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>FYI, I also spent about eight years in the press and have been  
>hoping for better treatment of the subject, but it will take  
>more timely coverage than this.

>Steve

Right on Steve!

Matter of fact, you've given me an idea. All of us in ufology  
who have or still do work in mainstream news should get together  
and bump heads.

We know the rules and ethics in journalism and we should apply  
them to these ufo news stories and give a thumbs up when things  
are done right and thumbs down when done wrong.

I know Jan Aldrich's project1947.com site is full of the wide  
range of historical archive of ufo related stories. Quite a joy  
to visit that site for sure.

I know several ufologists worked in journalism and it would be  
good to have a group that can keep an eye on one another and  
service the public and make our mainstream colleagues stay on  
their toes.

If they're gonna dish out ethics on the world, then they can  
take ethics.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 13:00:39 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 12:18:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Ledger

>From: Peter B. Davenport <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 11:59:31 -0800  
>Subject: Re:

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 17:19:43 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: In The sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>>>Sent: Monday, January 01, 2007 9:59 AM  
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

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>>>"There have been documented cases where safety appears to have  
>>>been implicated, and more and more we are coming to the point of  
>>>view that we are dealing with an intelligent phenomenon," said  
>>>Richard Haines, science director at the National Aviation  
>>>Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena, a private agency.

>>>"We must be proactive before an aircraft goes down," said  
>>>Haines, a former chief of the Space Human Factors Office at  
>>>NASA's Ames Research Center.

>>>Haines is investigating the O'Hare incident. He said he has  
>>>determined that no weather balloons were launched in the  
>>>vicinity of O'Hare on Nov. 7.

>><snip>

>>>I take it as a very good omen for the coming year when a major  
>>>paper such as the Chicago Tribune quotes Dick Haines and files  
>>>an FOIA request.Maybe somebody did read Herbert Strentz's PhD  
>>>thesis about press coverage of UFOs. It was done at Medill  
>>>School of Journalism at Northwestern University just outside  
>>>Chicago and had some strong words for the inadequacy of press  
>>>coverage of the subject.

>Stan,

>Yes, it is a good omen, I agree. However, I am disappointed by  
>the quality of the coverage by Hilkevitch, and I am really  
>disappointed by the Associated Press re-write of the original

>article, which was yet another 'tongue in cheek' treatment of a  
>well documented sighting.

<snip>

AVWeb is carrying the story on their site. AVWeb is arguably the biggest aviation website in the world. It provides up to the hour newsflashes about aviation news and is not a place where you would expect to see a UFO/UAP story. See:

<http://www.avweb.com/eletter/archives/bizav/776-full.html#194136>

I have sent a couple of emails to the press alerting them to the long term danger of treating this as a tongue-in-cheek issue and advising them of the potential safety hazard where these objects are in close proximity to airliners and smaller aircraft. I stress that it is difficult enough for pilots to report these UAP without having it treated, by the media, as a humorous event rather than the serious event it is. In this case the FAA has decided to to the same thing.

Don Ledger

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## The Rense Site [was: The '06 O'Hare UFO]

From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 07:30:29 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 16:35:31 -0500  
Subject: The Rense Site [was: The '06 O'Hare UFO]

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>Well Lordy be! Jeff Rense and Peter Davenport of the NUFORC did  
>indeed interview one of the eyewitnesses to this event on Jeff's  
>program.

>Matter of fact, Jeff has posted the entire interview for  
>download on the front page of his website.

>You will not believe it!

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

Aloha Listerians,

Happy New Year!

Despite whatever work Jeff Rense is doing with Peter Davenport in relation to the O' Hare Airport UFO case, it still disturbs me to see Rense having any connection with the UFO field.

If you take a good look at Rense's website you will see that he posts vile and disgusting antisemitic articles. He also publishes articles that defend holocaust deniers who are in prison or who will soon be sentenced. He also defends Saddam Hussein, Iran, and all kinds of other conspiracy theories containing nothing more than lies of personal opinion, speculation, and conjecture that are based on no evidence whatsoever. In my opinion Rense should get a job working for Ahmadinejad in the Iranian propaganda ministry.

Being Jewish I am offended that his website is an antisemitic hate site. Since I and others complained about him some years ago he started posting a disclaimer that the articles do not reflect the opinion of the website but Rense is the person who chooses what articles to post on his website. Sixty five years ago he would have made a good Nazi.

I ask you to take a good look at Rense's website and decide for

yourselves if he is the kind of hate wacko that you want to see polluting the UFO field. In my opinion he should be shunned. Any website that contains such hate should not be connected with the UFO field. His hatred really has a terrible stink.

Josh Goldstein

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## First Canadian UFO Reports Of 2007

From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows.nul](mailto:rutkows.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 12:14:45 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 16:38:01 -0500  
Subject: First Canadian UFO Reports Of 2007

Only a few days into 2007, and already a few reports:

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Winnipeg, MB  
January 1, 2007  
12:25 am

Report begins: "We were both sober. I was walking the dog before going to bed at around 12:25am, when I saw what I first thought was a ball of firework ready to explode... but instead of exploding, the orange glowing ball kept on moving in the air. I called my partner so he could see it."

The object was "much bigger than the biggest star, but much smaller than the moon (maybe 10 times the size of Venus) and seemed to be not so far away (like fireworks up in the sky)."

The object "was describing a circular path, as a satellite would do. The colour was clearly orange, like a ball on fire. It stayed at the same distance for a while still moving, then it started to go away, away from earth. It became smaller and smaller until it disappeared in the darkness."

The entire sighting lasted around 5 minutes.

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Dawson Creek, BC  
January 2, 2007,  
7:43 am local Pacific time

"A silver bullet like object was seen from a car going south of Dawson Creek"

It was in the NNE descending rapidly through the atmosphere  
Stars were still out; it was a dark, clear morning.

No other colours were noted.

"The object then became only a silver whitish light then another similar wide like light appeared lasting in total at least 4 seconds" Object was thought to be very distant, perhaps into the North West Territories.

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Reports came through via our "Reporting Hotmailline":

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## Hilkevitch + Maccabee On CNN Headline News Tonight

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 13:42:56 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 16:44:36 -0500  
Subject: Hilkevitch + Maccabee On CNN Headline News Tonight

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>service the public and make our mainstream colleagues stay on  
>their toes.

>If they're gonna dish out ethics on the world, then they can  
>take ethics.

There will be a segment on this duringthe Glenn Beck show on CNN  
Headline News, this evening at 7 PM Eastern.

I have been asked to appear along with reporter Hilkevitch. I  
guess they expect me to provide the 'color commentary'.

"Keep it light", I was advised. Ha! They'll see how "light" it  
is... providing that I have more time than it takes to burp.

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## Re: UFOs & Airliner Safety - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 15:41:12 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 16:48:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs & Airliner Safety - Friedman

>From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 13:39:40 -0600  
>Subject: UFOs & Airliner Safety [was: In The sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?]

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 17:19:43 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: In The sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>>>Haines is investigating the O'Hare incident. He said he has  
>>>determined that no weather balloons were launched in the  
>>>vicinity of O'Hare on Nov. 7.

>><snip>

>>I take it as a very good omen for the coming year when a major  
>>paper such as the Chicago Tribune quotes Dick Haines and files  
>>an FOIA request. Maybe somebody did read Herbert Strentz's PhD  
>>thesis about press coverage of UFOs. It was done at Medill  
>>School of Journalism at Northwestern University just outside  
>>Chicago and had some strong words for the inadequacy of press  
>>coverage of the subject.

>Excuse me if this comes off as poor man's paragraph style  
>because I'll skip a few lines and go straight to a matter of  
>fact without anything greater than speculation and short sighted  
>guess work on top of this, I will venture to guess that what you  
>yourself might be thinking about sort of correlates with my own  
>speculation like the meeting of minds, this in regards to the  
>event at O'Hare.

>Lets jump right in using your example that you provided in an  
>earlier post a short while ago using your theory that there  
>could be an aircraft carrier parked somewhere in the solar  
>system with these smaller modules dispatched while piggy backing  
>back and forth like spring boarding off the larger system.

>The theory goes like smaller modules are sent out to Earth for  
>the occasional reconisance of sightings spots on Earth, and  
>these we will call the carrier jets, for some reason that we  
>quickly correlate these events at O'Hare to this 6-24 ft carrier  
>jet that hovers over O'Hare we could say it is possible that a  
>larger system is in fact parked elsewhere hidden from human  
>eyes, far side of the moon, the planet Mars, asteroid, or  
>elsewhere... but whatelse goes on with this piggy back theory.

>Question: Is there a need to survey O'Hare airport when if many  
>modules in the past have already surveyed this location many  
>times before, once, twice, that matter how many times before?.

>No I'm not referring to a future landing spot for theory larger  
>systems which smaller modules piggy back with, so we come to  
>this and I know you probably don't like questions phrased in  
>some looping logicians way but as this will show it opens up  
>cause for some suspicion that comes to mind:

>What is on the alien mind if were to guess suspiciously about

>their motives to possible intention for surveying in broad  
>daylight that which has been mapped many times before ?

Obviously I don't speak for aliens. However, I would point out that though the physical location might have been "mapped" many times before, the electronic capability has been changing over the years.

One expects anybody flying through the atmosphere of Earth to want to pinpoint locations of defense systems (airplanes, rockets etc) but also the frequency, pulse width, and other characteristics of both large scale search radars and tracking radars and missile control systems.

The US and Russia were often tickling (Flying near borders) the other's systems to get them to turn on so that these systems could be monitored and jamming systems could be designed.

Aliens were probably surprised in 1952 when jet interceptors which had been using machine guns suddenly started firing mighty mouse rockets. Shoot Them Down by Frank Feschino Jr. discusses some of these changes.

The US spy satellites try to monitor such systems on earth as we can no longer send SR-71s etc. The aliens obviously have far more capability for monitoring locally.

A silent not very large vehicle just beneath a heavy overcast cloud cover may have had a special mission. Taking off straight up through the clouds might suggest the vehicle had completed its mission and was going back to the mother ship... or to another location where similar information was to be obtained.

Stan Friedman

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Secrecy News -- 01/03/07

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 14:18:41 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 16:52:08 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 01/03/07

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## WIKILEAKS AND UNTRACEABLE DOCUMENT DISCLOSURE

A new internet initiative called Wikileaks seeks to promote good government and democratization by enabling anonymous disclosure and publication of confidential government records.

"WikiLeaks is developing an uncensorable version of Wikipedia for untraceable mass document leaking and analysis," according to the project web site.

"Our primary targets are highly oppressive regimes in China, Russia, central Eurasia, the middle east and sub-Saharan Africa, but we also expect to be of assistance to those in the west who wish to reveal unethical behavior in their own governments and corporations."

"A system [that] enables everyone to leak safely to a ready audience is the most cost effective means of promoting good government -- in health and medicine, in food supply, in human rights, in arms control and democratic institutions."

Wikileaks says that it has already acquired over one million documents that it is now preparing for publication.

The project web site is not yet fully "live." But an initial offering -- a document purportedly authored by Sheikh Hassan Dahir Aweys of Somalia's radical Islamic Courts Union -- is posted in a zipped file here:

<http://www.wikileaks.org/som.zip>

An analysis of the document's authenticity and implications is posted here:

[http://www.wikileaks.org/inside\\_somalia\\_v9.html](http://www.wikileaks.org/inside_somalia_v9.html)

Wikileaks invited Secrecy News to serve on its advisory board. We explained that we do not favor automated or indiscriminate publication of confidential records.

In the absence of accountable editorial oversight, publication can more easily become an act of aggression or an incitement to violence, not to mention an invasion of privacy or an offense

against good taste.

So we disagree on first principles? No problem, replied Wikileaks:

"Advisory positions are just that -- advisory! If you want to advise us to censor, then by all means do so."

See Wikileaks here:

<http://www.wikileaks.org>

While Wikileaks seeks to make unauthorized disclosures technologically immune to government control, an opposing school of thought proposes to expand U.S. government authority to seize control of information that is already in the public domain when its continued availability is deemed unacceptably dangerous.

"Although existing authorities do not directly address the subject, it appears that reasonable restrictions upon the possession and dissemination of catastrophically dangerous information can be constitutionally implemented," suggests Stewart Harris of the Appalachian School of Law.

See "Restrictions are justifiable," National Law Journal, December 11, 2006:

<http://www.law.com/jsp/nlj/PubArticleNLJ.jsp?id=1165501509178>

#### DSS VIEWS FOREIGN COLLECTION OF U.S. TECHNOLOGY

Foreign efforts to gather information on defense-related U.S. technologies are characterized in a 2006 report by the Defense Security Service (DSS) Counterintelligence Office.

"In 2005, DSS identified 106 countries associated with suspicious activities based on U.S. cleared defense industry reporting, up from 90 countries in 2004."

Information systems, lasers, sensors and aeronautics were among the technology areas most frequently targeted by foreign intelligence.

The unclassified DSS report is posted on the DSS web site, but is password-protected to block public access. A copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Technology Collection Trends in the U.S. Defense Industry," Defense Security Service, June 2006 (33 pages, 2.5 MB PDF):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/2006trends.pdf>

The report was first reported by Bill Gertz in the Washington Times today. See his "Foreign spy activity surges to fill technology gap":

<http://www.washtimes.com/national/20070102-111005-9819r.htm>

#### VARIOUS RESOURCES

The State Department today invited public comment on its proposed revision of regulations on the control of classified national security information. See this January 3 Federal Register notice:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2007/01/fr010307.html>

The People's Republic of China published a new edition of its annual White Paper on national defense on December 29. Boasting of increased transparency, the document features a new section on defense expenditures. See "China's National Defense in 2006":

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/china/doctrine/wp2006.html>

A comprehensive overview of records management in the U.S. Army is presented in "Guide to Recordkeeping in the Army," Pamphlet 25-403, December 20, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/pam25-403.pdf>

The Federal Bureau of Investigation recently provided over 100 pages of answers to Senate questions for the record from a May 2, 2006 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on FBI Oversight. The responses on diverse topics concerning FBI operations were completed in July, but were only cleared for release to Congress on November 30, and were recently published in a Committee hearing volume. See the FBI responses here (147 pages, 7 MB PDF):

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006\\_hr/fbi-qfr.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_hr/fbi-qfr.pdf)

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## Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 14:25:11 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 16:54:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Tarbell

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 16:31:53 -0000  
>Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO

>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 10:39:55 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 15:35:15 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

<snip>

>>(1) the water droplets in the cloud were heated to the vapor  
>>state; or,

>>(2) the size distribution of the droplets was modified such  
>>that they no longer were effective scatterers at visible  
>>wavelengths.

>>For case #1 it should be possible to put constraints on the  
>>radiative power of the object based on the size of the "hole".  
>>It seems that a black body radiator would have to be extremely  
>>hot to produce such an effect, to the extent that it would glow  
>>in visible wavelengths (at odds with the dark grey color  
>>ascribed to it). But perhaps it radiated at a specific  
>>wavelength (e.g., microwaves).

>>For case #2, the most straightforward scenario is that the  
>>droplets coalesced into larger ones and rained out, but the  
>>mechanism to bring this about is not obvious. Perhaps some  
>>local stratification of electric charge?

<snip>

>It's a good point though that if we had reliable data on a  
>volume of cloud evaporated then it might be possible to do this  
>calculation. I recall there was case, I believe in the northern  
>US or Canada in 1947, where a bolide-like UFO was photographed  
>apparently cutting a swathe through cloud and Projectr Sign  
>noted the possibility of doing a similar calculation (though  
>I've always wondered in that case whether the apparent path  
>through the cloud might not be shadow cast by a trail far above,  
>having seen similar effects caused by high jet contrails). But  
>anyway it's interesting.

An obviously critical parameter is the "excavated" volume of  
cloud. I have emailed Peter Davenport off-list to see if has is  
aware of any data regarding the thickness of the cloud layer, as  
well as the angular width of the hole.

>As for how a "hole" might form, yes a narrow band emission in a  
>mm/cm range optimised for absorption by water droplets seems  
>more likely than a broad spectrum one. If not evaporation then

>charge separation is one means, as you suggest. Mechanical  
>and/or thermal displacement of the air could also be factor.

A selective emission in the microwave regime would certainly reduce the power requirements. I am not particularly enamored of this radiative mechanism regardless of the bandwidth, but the calculation is still worthwhile.

I also considered the mechanical displacement mechanism (via entrainment of unsaturated air behind the object) but several things about it are troublesome. If this were a viable mechanism, I should think it would be observed more often with conventional aircraft. I further think that the effect would be confined to perhaps ~several object diameters, while the witness accounts give the impression that it is more substantial than that (pending additional info from Peter and/or others). Finally, I would expect such a hole to "fill in" fairly quickly as the entrained air cools below the dew point. Hopefully someone with experience in atmospheric physics will comment.

Perhaps another mechanism to consider is the interaction of a bow shock with the water droplets. But here again, this should be observed routinely with supersonic aircraft. I do know that isolated droplets in general are fairly stable against the passage of a shock front. Apparently no sonic boom was heard, but none would be expected if the object was traveling straight up.

<snip>

>"DURING PERIODS OF COLD WEATHER; THE APP END OF RY 32R MAY NOT BE  
>VISIBLE FM THE ATCT DUE TO STEAM PLUME FM ARPT HEATING PLANT."

>The approach end of Runway 32 Right is in a direction roughly NE  
>from the Tower shown on the FAA map. Presumably cold weather is  
>very possible in November in Chicago. If so then the steam plume  
>could have restricted tower visibility to the NE. Whether this  
>has any relevance to the position of the UFO I've no idea but  
>it's worth bearing in mind.

>The remote possibility that a "hole" in low cloud could be  
>related to some 'belch' in the exhaust plume from a  
>malfunctioning airport heating plant has occurred to me, but I  
>don't think it very likely!

I wouldn't disregard this so quickly, unless further witness information makes it completely clear that the appearance of the hole is unambiguously tied in both time and position to the upward motion of the object. The accounts thus far certainly give that impression.

Mike

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## Brian Vike Is Back Live And On The Web

From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows.nul](mailto:rutkows.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 12:41:44 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 17:00:54 -0500  
Subject: Brian Vike Is Back Live And On The Web

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## Re: The Rense Site - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 15:51:03 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 17:02:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Rense Site - Clark

>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 07:30:29 -0800  
>Subject: The Rense Site [was: The '06 O'Hare UFO]

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 16:09:42 EST  
>>Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO

>Despite whatever work Jeff Rense is doing with Peter Davenport  
>in relation to the O' Hare Airport UFO case, it still disturbs  
>me to see Rense having any connection with the UFO field.

>If you take a good look at Rense's website you will see that he  
>posts vile and disgusting antisemitic articles. He also  
>publishes articles that defend holocaust deniers who are in  
>prison or who will soon be sentenced. He also defends Saddam  
>Hussein, Iran, and all kinds of other conspiracy theories  
>containing nothing more than lies of personal opinion,  
>speculation, and conjecture that are based on no evidence  
>whatsoever. In my opinion Rense should get a job working for  
>Ahmadinejad in the Iranian propaganda ministry.

>Being Jewish I am offended that his website is an antisemitic  
>hate site. Since I and others complained about him some years  
>ago he started posting a disclaimer that the articles do not  
>reflect the opinion of the website but Rense is the person who  
>chooses what articles to post on his website. Sixty five years  
>ago he would have made a good Nazi.

I know you didn't mean it quite the way it sounds, Josh, but  
this WASP is compelled to make this point: any decent non-Jew is  
also offended by anti-Semitic poison. If one has to be Jewish  
to judge anti-Semitism utterly unacceptable, then this world is  
in even worse shape than it already looks to be.

Anti-Semitism has always lurked on the fringes of the saucer  
movement - it shows up, for example, in some early contactee  
literature and, later, in the Dark Side movement that flourished  
a decade or two ago - and nobody should be doing anything to  
encourage it. And that includes visiting websites where it's  
featured, even if coupled with pro forma disavowals.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Brian Vike Is Back Live And On The Web - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 16:10:34 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 07:19:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Brian Vike Is Back Live And On The Web - Groff

>From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows.nul](mailto:rutkows.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Excellent news!

Now is there any more news on Larry Hatch?

Terry

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## Holes In The Cloud Deck [was: In the sky! A bird?]

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 09:44:16 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 07:26:45 -0500  
Subject: Holes In The Cloud Deck [was: In the sky! A bird?]

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>>>A flying saucerlike object hovered low over O'Hare International  
>>>Airport for several minutes before bolting through thick clouds  
>>>with such intense energy that it left an eerie hole in overcast  
>>>skies, said some United Airlines employees who observed the  
>>>phenomenon.

>>Well, a number of ground staff and pilots as witnesses to a low-  
>>altitude daylight object over a major airport has to add up to  
>>one of the most intriguing cases I've heard for a while. I hope  
>>references to any follow-up investigations get posted here.

>This is intriguing indeed. The observation that the passage of  
>the object created a "hole" in the overcast is particularly  
>interesting. There would seem to only be two ways for this to  
>happen (but perhaps an atmospheric scientist will chime in):

>(1) the water droplets in the cloud were heated to the vapor  
>state; or,

Hello Michael,

Martin will likely have some good suggestions. To me, this  
solution of yours certainly seems possible, if the hole were  
small in diameter, not much larger than the UFO craft.

>For case #1 it should be possible to put constraints on the  
>radiative power of the object based on the size of the "hole".  
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>wavelength (e.g., microwaves).

From what I read, it was a good-sized hole, however. As you say,  
to generate enough heat to evaporate cloud droplets over a  
sizeable area in just a second or so would seem to require a  
white-hot object, which was not observed.

Other means of generating heat that we are familiar with, over a  
rather large circular area, require an explosive source, which  
also was not observed.

>(2) the size distribution of the droplets was modified such that  
>they no longer were effective scatterers at visible wavelengths.

If this occurred while the total cloud-water content remained

about the same, it would require a sudden coagulation of all droplets into a few giant drops. The mechanism of doing this, over a particular circular area and no further, would belong in the UFO-high-tech super-science category, i.e., paranormal, or beyond present understanding. I favor the latter category as holding the explanation -- some effect we don't yet begin to understand any more than how a UFO can hover silently, make itself invisible, overcome inertia, accelerate away extremely fast, send down a beam of solid-like light, etc.

A similar phenomenon are the large, very circular holes very infrequently observed in an alto-cumulus layer. There, cloud physicists could assume that the cloud was composed of supercooled droplets into which ice crystals had somehow formed at one spot, which then rapidly spread out laterally to form a circle of increasing diameter, with trails of ice crystals falling out. (I can't find my files on this at the moment). Trouble is, no such circles have ever been observed in their initial phases, no substantial ring of falling ice-crystal trails was observed, and the holes were very large (1/2 mile or so in diameter) yet had a well defined circular edge despite local variations in cloud-droplet density, temperature, wind shear, etc.

Jim Deardorff

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Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 07:31:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Rense Site - Blei

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>me to see Rense having any connection with the UFO field.

>If you take a good look at Rense's website you will see that he  
>posts vile and disgusting antisemitic articles. He also  
>publishes articles that defend holocaust deniers who are in  
>prison or who will soon be sentenced. He also defends Saddam  
>Husseini, Iran, and all kinds of other conspiracy theories  
>containing nothing more than lies of personal opinion,  
>speculation, and conjecture that are based on no evidence  
>whatsoever. In my opinion Rense should get a job working for  
>Ahmadinejad in the Iranian propaganda ministry.

>Being Jewish I am offended that his website is an antisemitic  
>hate site. Since I and others complained about him some years  
>ago he started posting a disclaimer that the articles do not  
>reflect the opinion of the website but Rense is the person who  
>chooses what articles to post on his website. Sixty five years  
>ago he would have made a good Nazi.

>I ask you to take a good look at Rense's website and decide for  
>yourselves if he is the kind of hate wacko that you want to see  
>polluting the UFO field. In my opinion he should be shunned.  
>Any website that contains such hate should not be connected with  
>the UFO field. His hatred really has a terrible stink.

Josh,

I agree with you.

I live in the Netherlands and I am a regular visitor at Rense's  
site. I do not read his bizarre posts about the holocaust and  
anti-Jewish material.

It just doesn't make sense to me.

I read the UFO-related topics and that's it.

Just want to let you know.

Regards,

Jan Blei

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## Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 17:17:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 07:35:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - White

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 12:30:22 -0500  
>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

<snip>

>Some United Airlines employees, some of them pilots, insist they  
>saw a mysterious craft hovering low over Chicago's O'Hare  
>Airport. The Federal Aviation Administration is chalking it up  
>to weather conditions. What do you think?

>Choice Votes    Percentage of 4477 Votes  
>UFO            3720    83%  
>Weather        757     17%

Bet you a substantial majority of those 757, if one could see  
inside their thought processes, actually fear that the sighting  
is an ET craft, but by denying it outwardly, they won't have to  
worry about it.

Someone should tell the Brookings Institute about that survey.

Eleanor White

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## Re: The Rense Site - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 14:45:56 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 07:39:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Rense Site - Gehrman

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 15:51:03 -0600  
>Subject: Re: The Rense Site

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>a decade or two ago - and nobody should be doing anything to  
>encourage it. And that includes visiting websites where it's  
>featured, even if coupled with pro forma disavowals.

Jerry, List,

Don't be sidetracked! Folks need to listen to this great  
interview, by Jeff, of a Peter Davenport witness, if they want  
to understand what went on at O'Hare last month.

rense.com

Ed

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## Re: The Rense Site - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 18:00:07 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 07:42:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Rense Site - Nielsen

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 15:51:03 -0600  
>Subject: Re: The Rense Site

>>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 07:30:29 -0800  
>>Subject: The Rense Site [was: The '06 O'Hare UFO]

<snip>

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>>hate site. Since I and others complained about him some years  
>>ago he started posting a disclaimer that the articles do not  
>>reflect the opinion of the website but Rense is the person who  
>>chooses what articles to post on his website. Sixty five years  
>>ago he would have made a good Nazi.

>I know you didn't mean it quite the way it sounds, Josh, but  
>this WASP is compelled to make this point: any decent non-Jew is  
>also offended by anti-Semitic poison. If one has to be Jewish  
>to judge anti-Semitism utterly unacceptable, then this world is  
>in even worse shape than it already looks to be.

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>movement - it shows up, for example, in some early contactee  
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>a decade or two ago - and nobody should be doing anything to  
>encourage it. And that includes visiting websites where it's  
>featured, even if coupled with pro forma disavowals.

If I may interrupt and attempt agreement with both of you, let  
me explain a necessary approach in my work.

Anti-attitudes stop everything nearby. They're real-life quantum  
singularities spinning in on themselves.

Anti-anyone becomes a vicious cycle that has only two endings:  
Usually the antagonist ends up alienating, no pun intended, and  
hating everyone, including himself. Or he somehow realizes the  
error and makes the correction, opening back up to humanity.

Correction always, always, always has to be performance-based. It  
can not stand if it's based on any other attribute. And we can't  
stand it either.

Every ethnicity adds value to humanity, just as every human  
contact, every association, adds value to each one of us.

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## Re: The Rense Site - Stuart

From: **Chaz Stuart** <[daydisk2.nul](mailto:daydisk2.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 04:04:38 GMT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 07:46:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Rense Site - Stuart

>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 07:30:29 -0800  
>Subject: The Rense Site [was: The '06 O'Hare UFO]

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>posts vile and disgusting antisemitic articles. He also  
>publishes articles that defend holocaust deniers who are in  
>prison or who will soon be sentenced. He also defends Saddam

<snip>

I agree, Josh. It's too bad that so many good UFO researchers  
continue to work with him. (IMO)

Chaz

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## Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 01:15:25 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 07:50:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO - Ledger

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 16:31:53 -0000  
>Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO

>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 10:39:55 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

<snip>

>Two other points worth noting here about visibility from the  
>Tower: Apparently the UFO was seen "sitting motionless over  
>Concourse C of the United terminal. No controllers saw the  
>object..."

>According to AirNav:

><http://www.airnav.com/airport/ORD>

>there are two limits to visibility from the O'Hare tower. (This  
>is presumably the tower shown on the FAA Airport Diagram at:

><http://204.108.4.16/d-tpp/0612/00166AD.PDF>

>at 905 ft MSL, but that height matches the "new tower at 250 ft  
>AGL" mentioned by Don Ledger in another post, and Don says this  
>is still being built, so I don't know.)

Hi Martin,

Sorry if I gave this impression re the new tower. The new tower is now being used by Tower Control. The old tower is being used by Ground Control. I think the mis-direction came about when I mentioned a new runway which is in preliminary stages of construction. It's at a position requiring the new tower which is high enough to maintain visibility of that runway when it's completed.

Don Ledger

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## Martian 'Blueberries' Plant Animal Or Mineral?

From: **Chaz Stuart** <[daydisk2.nul](mailto:daydisk2.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 05:37:14 GMT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 07:53:44 -0500  
Subject: Martian 'Blueberries' Plant Animal Or Mineral?

New image from Mars Rover Opportunity's microscopic imager. For some reason, the camera appears to be focused on the rock and not the "berries". Still, it can be observed that most of the objects have a crest of sorts around their middles.

<http://tinyurl.com/y5t7km>

-Chaz

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## What Is On The Alien Mind? [was: UFOs & Airliner

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 06:05:51 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 07:56:33 -0500  
Subject: What Is On The Alien Mind? [was: UFOs & Airliner

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 15:41:12 -0400  
>Subject: Re: UFOs & Airliner Safety

>>From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 13:39:40 -0600  
>>Subject: UFOs & Airliner Safety [was: In The sky! A bird? A  
>>plane? A... UFO?]

<snip>

>>What is on the alien mind if were to guess suspiciously about  
>>their motives to possible intention for surveying in broad  
>>daylight that which has been mapped many times before ?

>Obviously I don't speak for aliens. However, I would point out  
>that though the physical location might have been "mapped" many  
>times before, the electronic capability has been changing over  
>the years.

<snip>

Hi, rigorous reasoning is great - in an ideal, logical situation.  
But here's some points that others have made in the past:

1 - From ongoing human examples you could expect any campaign,  
even by one agency, to have occasional crossed communications,  
lost records, misunderstood orders, stupidity or mis- (or mal-)  
feasance by local agents - and other apparently illogical  
actions;

2 - We're not even certain that only one group and only one  
'race' of beings are involved. E.g - what confusion could you  
expect in a human-run campaign of three or more nations'  
militaries, maybe intermixed with civilian groups, maybe  
competing, and maybe all using autonomous robots and / or  
uplifted dogs, cats, chimpanzees as agents?

All in all, without even considering possibilities of  
capricious, maybe non-organic entities, or repeated robotic  
missions being uncoordinated due to distance from command,  
aren't large assumptions of 'logic' a wee bit dangerous? Except  
when used as a limited single-instance hypothesis of course.

Cheers

Ray D

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## CNN Headline News' 'Glenn Beck' Transcript 01-03-07

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 08:20:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 08:20:36 -0500  
Subject: CNN Headline News' 'Glenn Beck' Transcript 01-03-07

Source: CNN Head Line News - Atlanta, Georgia

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0701/03/gb.01.html>

Aired January 3, 2007 - 19:00:00 ET

The Glenn Beck Program

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[19:44 Eastern]

Beck: OK, illegal aliens may be a serious problem on our southern border and on the northern border, but what about the aliens who may be crossing another border? Oh, yes, the border above. That's right.

We're talking about outer space, aliens, extraterrestrials, Latoya Jackson, you know, you know, they're here, they're among us. More and more people believe that space aliens may be coming.

Now listen to this story, because this is an actual news story. This isn't like out of the Weekly World News. Chicago O'Hare's airport recently - the United Airlines employees claim they observed a flying saucer-like object hovering low over the terminal for several minutes before bolting through the thick clouds with such ferocity that it actually left like a creepy hole in the cloudy skies overhead.

So what was it? A hoax? An alien attack? Were they observing us? Is this a military operation? What was it?

Joining us now is UFO historian Richard Dolan and the guy who actually broke the story. His name is John Hilkevitch. He is from Chicago and the "Chicago Tribune."

John, let me start with you. The UFO witnesses in Chicago, they're not nuts, are they? They are like really fine, upstanding people?

Jon Hilkevitch, Chicago Tribune: And they're very serious about this. They're all United Airlines employees, ranging from pilots to supervisors, who heard chatter about this on the radio and raced out and saw it in the sky, aircraft mechanics, veterans of O'Hare who have been there for a long time, know how lights can play tricks in the sky, and they say this wasn't that. This was a real, metallic, gray object, low in the sky, and they want answers.

Beck: OK, do you believe them? Do you believe that they believe it or - do you believe that they really saw what they think they saw?

Hilkevitch: I believe that what they're reporting - and it is real, and they were concerned about safety. They're not

necessarily saying that this is a craft from another galaxy...

Beck: Sure.

Hilkevitch: ... but they're saying this is an unidentified flying object, low in the sky over the world's second-busiest airport. It could pose a collision risk, who knows, a security risk, in this era of post- 9/11. And they...

Beck: Now, let me go to Richard here. I'm sorry to interrupt. But let me go to Richard for just a second and ask you, because isn't this the same kind of thing that, when we had the new stealth fighters out, everybody was saying, "It's an alien spacecraft." No, it's just a secret military aircraft that we hadn't announced for years in advance.

Is there a possibility that you think that this is just some sort of military aircraft that we haven't released that we have?

Richard Dolan, UFO Historian: Sure, anything is possible, Glenn. But if you want to go that route, then I think what you need to do, to be honest about it, is go back through the decades and, indeed, generations of reports that we've collected of these types of objects that people have been seeing.

And let me just add that this is a phenomenon that not simply civilian people have been dealing with, but U.S. military personnel had been encountering what appear to be UFOs - I don't know what else you would call them - objects that military pilots have frequently said are disc-shaped, that look exotic, that behave in unusual ways, and that have violated sensitive airspace time and again for many, many years.

So if this is a secret, covert project, as many people have speculated, it seems to be going on in a rather confrontational, provocative way, and that really doesn't have any explanation.

Beck: All right. So, John, you think that this is - there was some sort of a cover-up. At least the FAA was not real honest with you when you first asked, right?

Hilkevitch: Well, yes. I went to the FAA, and they said they have no reports of this at all. I put in a Freedom of Information Act request, and then they got back to me several days later, saying that, in reviewing the communication tapes at O'Hare, they did come across chatter involving this object, and that a United supervisor contacted the FAA manager in the tower and asked that they, the controllers, had seen anything unusual.

Also, United Airlines told me that they had no reports of this, even though the fact is that they were interviewing up to a dozen employees who reported observing this, asking them to write reports, draw pictures.

After my story broke on Monday, United said, "Well, yes, we have been talking to these employees."

Beck: OK, so, Richard, why would United, why would the FAA - give me an explanation why these guys would be hiding this stuff?

Dolan: Well, I mean, one reason just might be that they're embarrassed to come out and say that, "Oh, yes, you know, we've got this UFO hanging out over O'Hare and we don't know what to do about it."

Let's face it. If you're running a large corporation or a bureaucracy, the last thing you want to do is stick your neck out on an issue like this. And so it doesn't surprise me at all. And, in fact, this is, again, part of a long history.

FAA, as well, has not always been forthcoming over many, many alleged cases. I mean, witnesses have seen these very bizarre things for years and years. And it's very tough to get a straight answer out of a lot of government agencies or other corporate bodies.

Beck: All right. And then, John, let me go back to you and ask - I mean, jeez, I saw Saddam Hussein hung with a cell phone camera. How come there's no pictures? Are there pictures? Is there video? Is there anything? Here it is, over Chicago and

O'Hare Airport, how come we don't see any visuals?

Hilkevitch: Well, pictures haven't emerged yet, but I'm told that the flight crew that was being pushed back, one of the pilots did open the wind screen, look out, did identify this object, and he had a digital camera. He may have taken some pictures.

We're also hearing other reports that there may have been photographs from camera phones and such that United Airlines may be aware of this. And I'm working - believe me - to find these witnesses...

Beck: OK, if anybody has information on those witnesses, how do they get a hold of you?

Hilkevitch: Gosh, [JHilkevitch](#).nul

Beck: Yes, I mean, if you've got pictures, man, send them in, because I'd like to see them, too. Thank you so much, guys. Appreciate it.

<snip>

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Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 08:25:57 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 08:25:57 -0500  
Subject: CNN's American Morning 01-03-06 O'Hare Transcript

Source: CNN.Com - Atlanta, Georgia, USA

<http://edition.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0701/03/ltm.02.html>

January 3, 2007

'American Morning' Program

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Some United Airlines workers insist they saw a close encounter in the skies over Chicago, a UFO at O'Hare. The FAA is out with an explanation. We get more from Juan Carlos Fanjul of CNN affiliate WGN.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

Juan Carlos Fanjul, CNN Correspondent, (voice over): It supposedly happened in early November, just before sunset. About a dozen United Airlines ramp workers telling the Chicago Tribune they saw weird-looking, frisbee shaped aircraft hovering motionless over terminal one, concord C (ph).

Katherine Huggins, Flight Attendant: I've been flying for a while and, yes, they're reputable. And if they say they saw it, I think they saw it. And I wish I saw it too.

Fanjul: These United flight attendants just heard about the mysterious account.

Mathew Walker, Flight Attendant: I think it's great. I don't know. Something different, you know. It's about time they finally found one.

Fanjul: So you think it's real then.

Walker: Maybe. It could be.

Fanjul: Workers say the flying object was real. They say it was silent, had no lights. A pilot saw it around 1,500 feet up, then it suddenly burst upwards, punching a hole in the clouds. The FAA tells WGN News, they've got nothing on radar. United said they've heard about the stories but have no evidence. Witnesses have been told it could be a weather phenomenon.

Jon Hilkevitch, Chicago Tribune: And they're concerned that whatever it was, even if it was some kind of military craft or something else, that it be identified because it could pose a safety hazard.

Fanjul: A possible UFO siting has sparked some deep discussions at O'Hare.

Unidentified Female: I think it's probable. I don't think we're the only life forms in the galaxy.

Unidentified Male: Me personally, a UFO has to actually come

knocking at my door and say hit to me or something, but -- and just by talking about it, I really don't believe in it.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

Roberts: It was a "weather phenomenon" just like that one is Roswell, New Mexico, 60 years ago. And that was Juan Carlos Fanjul of our affiliate WGN reporting.

Do you believe that?

O'brien: You know, at first I don't, and then you see the flight attendants who all look like very rational, calm people to me. In fact, I know that blonde woman. (INAUDIBLE) I fly a lot.

Roberts: I swear I've met her, yes.

O'brien: She's not making it up. I believe it.

Our top stories are straight ahead this morning.

<snip>

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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## Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Koch

From: **Joachim Koch** <[koch.nul](mailto:koch.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 11:51:05 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 08:46:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007! - Koch

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 01 Jan 2007 08:36:09 -0500  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Ladies & Gentlemen 2007!

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>May 2007 bring us more indications that we, mere citizens of  
>Earth, are not alone in our interest. May science and government  
>publicly acknowledge what you know to be a fact of life, and  
>invest as much time and energy as you.

>A peaceful, happy, prosperous and better-informed 2007,

>Errol Bruce-Knapp  
>Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

So it may be!

It was always an honour for me to be a member of this List where  
so many serious researchers provided so much of material  
regarding a subject which is not only a "phenomenon" but part of  
our reality.

All the best for the coming year!

Joachim Koch  
Berlin, Germany

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## J.J. Mercieca Of Malta UFO Research?

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 13:26:17 +0100 (CET)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 08:49:15 -0500  
Subject: J.J. Mercieca Of Malta UFO Research?

I am looking for Mr. J.J. Mercieca, of MUFOR, Malta UFO Research, to consult him about a UFO picture.

I'd appreciate any assistance in finding him.

Thanks and best wishes,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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## People Claim Seeing A UFO In Istanbul

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 08:52:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 08:52:51 -0500  
Subject: People Claim Seeing A UFO In Istanbul

Source: The Sabah newspaper - English - Istanbul, Turkey

<http://english.sabah.com.tr/13594895DBFE4971973983C458E12FDE.html>

Thursday, 04, January, 2007

People Claim Seeing A UFO In Istanbul

Mysterious lights seen in Istanbul skies have baffled people on Wednesday night. Witnesses have claimed that the lights were coming from a UFO.

In Bahcelievler district of Yenibosna, Istanbul, people have called news agencies on Wednesday night and reported unidentified white lights flying in the sky. According to the eye witnesses, the flying object was revolving around itself and blazing.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://uforeview.net/>]

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## We Want To Believe

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 08:59:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 08:59:00 -0500  
Subject: We Want To Believe

Source: Jacob Dobkin's Chicagoist.Com - New York, New York, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/y6pt4j>

January 2, 2007

[Many links in article]

We Want To Believe

Posted by Chris Karr

Some time before Chicagoist was a Chicagoan, we were a resident of the great American Southwest. We grew up in the wonderful state of New Mexico, and we absorbed much of the local culture: cowboys, chilis, and lowriders.

We also grew up steeped in UFO culture. We spent many years growing up in the UFO capital of the world =97 Roswell, NM =97 and even Granny had the full Time-Life "Mystery of the Unknown" series sitting on her shelves. We grew up with this culture so much, watching the first two-thirds of Signs was absolutely terrifying for us. (Though we were dismayed at the "show the aliens" part of the film.) In middle school, we wrote reports for school on Project Blue Book, and we wondered if anything was really happening at Dulce Mesa.

So, when we read the story that United Airlines pilots reported seeing an unknown craft hovering over O'Hare last fall, our ears perked up. Apparently several local airline employees saw a spinning disc-shaped craft without lights that hovered over the airport, then zoomed away through the clouds. One witness called the control tower to ask if they were getting anything on radar, but nothing was showing up. No investigation is forthcoming, and the FAA is blaming the reports on some strange weather effects.

To be perfectly frank, we have no idea if UFOs are spacecraft carrying Grays, top-secret US military aircraft (the B-2 bomber made a convincing flying saucer in its day), goofy weather phenomena, or a side effect of being under the influence of some controlled substance. We haven't directly witnessed a flying saucer, though we did see some strange and unexplainable (by us) light phenomenon when growing up. We had a stepfather who claimed to have directly witnessed the Marfa lights, but we don't know if he was just pulling our leg. In short, we have no idea if these things are extraterrestrial or not, and we're just surprised that this phenomenon is being reported so close to the city.

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## O'Hare Witness & Joe Nichol On CNN 01-06-07

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Source: CNN Transcripts

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0701/05/acd.01.html>

06 January, 2007

Anderson Cooper 360 Degrees

Aired January 5, 2007 - 22:00 E.T.

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Cooper: Such a strange story.

Another mystery in the sky, this time here in the states. You may have heard about the strange sighting over O'Hare International Airport. Could Chicago be the new Roswell, New Mexico? That's what some are asking.

CNN's Gary Tuchman talked to one of the airport workers about what he says he saw.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

Gary Tuchman, CNN CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): Flights come to Chicago's O'Hare Airport from all over the world. But do they come from other worlds?

(on camera) You don't believe this was possibly your imagination?

'Joe', Airplane Mechanic: It was definitely not my imagination.

Tuchman (voice-over): Joe is a mechanic for United Airlines. While taxiing a jumbo jet to the hangar, he and another mechanic...

'Joe': Looked out the window in the general direction and noticed an object up in the sky, dark gray object, sitting above the terminal complex.

Tuchman: Joe, which is not his real name, is one of several airport workers, some of whom have talked to the "Chicago Tribune", who said they saw a saucer-shaped UFO hovering just beneath the clouds at the airport.

He's the first to go on camera to talk about it since this happened several weeks ago. He wants to remain anonymous.

(on camera) But you're sure it was some kind of object that normally would be above O'Hare Airport?

'Joe': I've been at O'Hare for quite some time. And let's just say that I've never seen an object in my time that looked like this. And I'll tell you definitely it was not an airplane as we know it.

Tuchman: But it could be an airplane as another world knows it?

'Joe': Possibly.

Tuchman (voice-over): We brought in one of Chicago's top sketch artists...

'Joe': Followed the contours of the object.

Tuchman: ... to listen to Joe and draw a picture of what he says he saw.

'Joe': More like an oval, dark gray oval.

Tuchman: Because no photos have surfaced, and Joe doesn't know of any.

(on camera): It didn't say "Goodyear" on it, did it?

'Joe': No "Goodyear," no.

That's a really good drawing.

Tuchman: That's what it looks like?

'Joe': Very much so, yes.

Tuchman (voice-over): Other witnesses told an organization called the National UFO Reporting Center that the object eventually shot straight up in the sky at a great rate of speed.

'Joe': It looked like literally someone had poked a hole in the clouds, just a round hole.

Tuchman: Joe thinks the disk is either a stealthy military project or a spacecraft from another planet. But... 'Joe': I find it very strange or very peculiar that somebody who possesses the technology to travel between star systems would sit over an airport in Chicago.

Tuchman: Hard to argue that.

A spokesperson for United Airlines says, "We are aware of what the employees said they saw, but this is not something United would investigate." Talk to the FAA, says the airline.

The TSA and the Chicago Department of Aviation also told us to talk to the FAA. So we did. And an FAA spokesperson told us, "We, too, don't have the power to investigate." The FAA adds that radar did not pick up anything out of the ordinary and the sighting might have been caused by a weather phenomenon.

(on camera) You don't believe it was a weather phenomenon?

'Joe': Not at all. Not for a minute.

Tuchman (voice-over): O'Hare has apparently been UFO free since that November afternoon, although Joe now tends to pay special attention to that same patch of airport sky.

Gary Tuchman, CNN, Chicago.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

Cooper: As you heard in Gary's piece, the FAA says what the airport worker saw was most likely caused by a weather phenomenon. But the workers are still not convinced.

Earlier, I spoke with Joe Nichol, investigative columnist for "Skeptical Inquirer" magazine.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

Cooper: You know, Joe, as we just heard a lot of these witnesses say they saw a dark gray saucer flying under the clouds. What could this be?

Joe Nichol, Columnist, Skeptical Inquire": No one seems to know, and that's the thing about unidentified flying objects. They're real in the sense that, yes, people see things, and they

don't know what they are.

The problem is, you can't infer from an "I don't know" that you do know. You can't say I don't know what it is and then, therefore, it's an extraterrestrial craft.

There really are all kinds of things, Anderson, in the sky, from weather balloons, all kinds of atmospheric phenomena, meteors, space debris, secret government planes, various blimps, not all of them with "Goodyear" on it. And we see these under strange and unusual conditions, and oftentimes we don't know what they are. Cooper: Do you simply not believe that extraterrestrials exist, or do you hold it out as a possibility, but you just want to see the evidence?

Nichol: Belief is not really a word that science uses a lot. That's - that's a different domain. But really there may be extraterrestrials. No one can deny that there - there could be.

The question is, are extraterrestrials visiting the planet earth? And to date we have a huge amount of evidence that they are, but it's very, very poor evidence. It's not...

Cooper: You look at - you look back at Roswell in 1947. That's probably the thing that a lot of people cite as probably the most famous unidentified flying object. You were just down in the Mohave investigating. What did you find out?

Nichol: Well, we did a test in the Mohave Desert relating to the Roswell, New Mexico, crash, as you mentioned, in 1947. And we think we know exactly what crashed on Mack Brazel's ranch.

He came into town and talked about finding this strange debris. And it was - he described it as foil paper, sticks, string, tape, and rubber. And we now know that a secret United States government spy balloon from Project Mogul was missing in that area.

And if you look at photographs of the wreckage and compare it to Mogul wreckage, it's very clear that that's what it was. It was a spy balloon.

Cooper: There's also this video from a couple of years ago. The Mexican air force I guess it was, released a video. They said it was - it was 11 unidentified objects that they shot. We're looking at it.

Nichol: 2004?

Cooper: Yes.

Nichol: Yes. Those are oil well flares in the Bay of Campeche. They have been clearly identified now.

This is - this is instructive for us because what happens is somebody sees something. They don't know what it is. Sometimes they have video for us to look at. It gets a huge amount of attention, all of which promotes the idea that there are UFOs. Then people do the hard work and figure out what it is, and that, nobody's interested then, and it sort of fades away.

So we're always getting these new, fresh reports as we're doing now. And by the time we - we figure it out, if we do, there may be less interest.

Cooper: And yet there are always people who will believe, until I guess proven otherwise. Joe, it's good to talk to you again. Joe Nichol, thanks. Nichol: Same here, Anderson. Thank you.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

Cooper: Hmm. Are you seeing that?

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## Re: CNN Headline News' 'Glenn Beck' Transcript

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 10:25:00 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 07:25:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: CNN Headline News' 'Glenn Beck' Transcript

>Source: CNN Head Line News - Atlanta, Georgia

><http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0701/03/gb.01.html>

>Aired January 3, 2007 - 19:00:00 ET

>The Glenn Beck Program

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>[19:44 Eastern]

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>Joining us now is UFO historian Richard Dolan and the guy who  
>actually broke the story. His name is John Hilkevitch. He is  
>from Chicago and the "Chicago Tribune."

>John, let me start with you. The UFO witnesses in Chicago,  
>they're not nuts, are they? They are like really fine,  
>upstanding people?

>Jon Hilkevitch, Chicago Tribune: And they're very serious  
>about this. They're all United Airlines employees, ranging from  
>pilots to supervisors, who heard chatter about this on the radio  
>and raced out and saw it in the sky, aircraft mechanics,  
>veterans of O'Hare who have been there for a long time, know how  
>lights can play tricks in the sky, and they say this wasn't  
>that. This was a real, metallic, gray object, low in the sky,  
>and they want answers.

><snip>

Just amazing data. Radio chatter from whom, the towers? Shows  
right off the bat it's more than one group of people, various  
positions of authority and duty all observing an incident.

><snip>

>Beck: All right. So, John, you think that this is - there was  
>some sort of a cover-up. At least the FAA was not real honest  
>with you when you first asked, right?

>Hilkevitch: Well, yes. I went to the FAA, and they said they  
>have no reports of this at all. I put in a Freedom of  
>Information Act request, and then they got back to me several  
>days later, saying that, in reviewing the communication tapes at  
>O'Hare, they did come across chatter involving this object, and  
>that a United supervisor contacted the FAA manager in the tower  
>and asked that they, the controllers, had seen anything unusual.

>Also, United Airlines told me that they had no reports of this,  
>even though the fact is that they were interviewing up to a  
>dozen employees who reported observing this, asking them to  
>write reports, draw pictures.

>After my story broke on Monday, United said, "Well, yes, we have

>been talking to these employees."

<snip>

Mr. Hilkevitch did what is called good ol' fashioned journalism. That's why he got as far as he did with this story. I hope he doesn't become the target of the same ilk who've attacked other upstanding professionals in the past with the weak-kneed character assassination nonsense.

Hilkevitch did his job. It's up to us to do our jobs as professionally as we can without being hostile toward one another.

Time to go to work.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: CNN Headline News' 'Glenn Beck' Transcript

From: **Bill Weber** <[wweber1.nul](mailto:wweber1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 10:44:06 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 07:30:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: CNN Headline News' 'Glenn Beck' Transcript

>Source: CNN Head Line News - Atlanta, Georgia

><http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0701/03/gb.01.html>

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>aliens who may be crossing another border? Oh, yes, the border  
>above. That's right.

>We're talking about outer space, aliens, extraterrestrials,  
>Latoya Jackson, you know, you know, they're here, they're among  
>us. More and more people believe that space aliens may be  
>coming.

>Now listen to this story, because this is an actual news story.  
>This isn't like out of the Weekly World News. Chicago O'Hare's  
>airport recently - the United Airlines employees claim they  
>observed a flying saucer-like object hovering low over the  
>terminal for several minutes before bolting through the thick  
>clouds with such ferocity that it actually left like a creepy  
>hole in the cloudy skies overhead.

<snip>

Hi, All,

This is a very reasonable interview given the interviewer knows  
nothing about the subject, will probably never read anything  
about it in the future, and seems an idiot of some renown.

Maybe he feels his credibility for reporting and manipulating  
the news (known in more innocent times as propoganda) cannot be  
held in lower regard, and he therefore feels free to discuss  
edgy topics like UFOs. What could it hurt? <sigh>

As with other things ufological, I predict it's one step forward  
and one equal step back.

Best,

Bill

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## Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 16:13:15 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 07:32:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Shough

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul),  
>Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 09:44:16 -0800  
>Subject: Holes In The Cloud Deck [was: In the sky! A bird? A  
>plane? A... UFO?]

>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 10:39:55 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 15:35:15 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>A similar phenomenon are the large, very circular holes very  
>infrequently observed in an alto-cumulus layer. There, cloud  
>physicists could assume that the cloud was composed of  
>supercooled droplets into which ice crystals had somehow formed  
>at one spot, which then rapidly spread out laterally to form a  
>circle of increasing diameter, with trails of ice crystals  
>falling out. (I can't find my files on this at the momemnt).  
>Trouble is, no such circles have ever been observed in their  
>initial phases, no substantial ring of falling ice-crystal  
>trails was observed, and the holes were very large (1/2 mile or  
>so in diameter) yet had a well defined circular edge despite  
>local variations in cloud-droplet density, temperature, wind  
>shear, etc.

Hi Jim & Mike

There's a slightly unusual cloud hole shown at:

<http://epod.usra.edu/archive/epodviewer.php3?oid=99360>

". . .the centerpiece of the photo is the donut-shaped  
altocumulus cloud. Note the iridescent nature of this cloud,  
which means that it's likely less than about 40 degrees away from  
the Sun. Iridescence results from diffraction - deflection of  
light around objects, water droplets for instance. For a hole to  
occur in a cloud, some process must be at work to remove the  
cloud droplets or crystals. For example, if a cloud is seeded  
with silver iodine or carbon dioxide, a hole could occur in a  
portion of the cloud deck. In this case thought, the hole is more  
perpendicular than parallel to the ground surface, so it's  
unlikely that it results from seeding. Also, note the jet  
contrail and its shadow to the left of the donut cloud. Although,  
it appears the jet pierced the hole, it couldn't have caused the  
hole to form in a fraction of a second."

Terrific photo of the more usual type of hole in stratified cloud  
(over Mobile, Alabama, I think) at this blog:

[http://rustybucket.blogspot.com/2004\\_09\\_01\\_rustybucket\\_archive.html](http://rustybucket.blogspot.com/2004_09_01_rustybucket_archive.html)

Another beautiful example from the UK is here:

<http://people.tribe.net/skeyeopener/photos/0e303cc1-17ee-4739-b4ac-b3add13b7fc4>

Almost identical to well-known photo series shown at:

<http://www.karinya.com/ufoclouds.htm>

(ignore "Arcturian ship" references!) and elsewhere.

It appears that you can see the falling out of ice crystals from the middle of these extraordinary holes.

There were articles entitled "Hole in Cloud" and "Observations on two Simultaneous Cloud Holes in Miami" in the American Met Soc. Bulletin, Oct 1968 and March 1969 respectively

( <http://www.project1947.com/shg/a2.htm> )

Other papers on "Holes in the Clouds" appeared in Weatherwise Oct 1968, Nov 1968, Feb 1969, Dec 1983 & Oct 1985

( <http://www.project1947.com/shg/w2.htm> )

Possibly of indirect relevance, recall James McDonald wrote a paper on an unusual "Cloud Ring in the Upper Stratosphere" in Weatherwise, June 1963, and another "Stratospheric Cloud over N Arizona" in Science, vol 140, 3564, pp.292-4. There's some discussion of this and photos in Ann Druffel's "Firestorm!" (p.112 & p.538) where it is stated that the ring turned out to be caused by a missile launch from Pt. Mugu. McDonald also got interested in possible exotic cloud physics in a UFO connection with the Heflin and Ft. Belvoir "smoke rings".

A different angle, if we're looking at technology, is the following patent for a cloud-punching laser device for military surveillance. CO2 lasers of the type mentioned work in the infrared:

<http://www.freepatentsonline.com/4411487.html>

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"A device for seeing through an aerosol cloud cover comprising a high power laser source which produces a laser output that is directed ... through said aerosol cloud cover to produce a hole therein, and means... for viewing objects camouflaged by said cloud cover.

2. A device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said high power laser is a pulsed CO2 laser and the output from said laser having a hole at its center with the laser output being projected on said mirror and around said hole in said mirror.

3. A device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said viewing means is a thermal imaging device of the infrared type.

4. A device as set forth in claims 2 or 3, wherein said laser has an output of about 5,000 to about 10,000 joules per pulse."

I suppose in an O'Hare type situation a downward-directed maser beam beneath an ascending object might keep a relatively well-defined cloud hole open for some time after it had passed though. The directionality and various possible pulse v. cw characteristics of such a coherent emission would obviously make a big difference to any calculation of power generated from pwer density "on target".

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Martin

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>So what was it? A hoax? An alien attack? Were they observing us?  
>Is this a military operation? What was it?

>Joining us now is UFO historian Richard Dolan and the guy who  
>actually broke the story. His name is John Hilkevitch. He is  
>from Chicago and the "Chicago Tribune."

<snip>

>Is there a possibility that you think that this is just some  
>sort of military aircraft that we haven't released that we have?

>Richard Dolan, UFO Historian: Sure, anything is possible, Glenn.  
>But if you want to go that route, then I think what you need to  
>do, to be honest about it, is go back through the decades and,  
>indeed, generations of reports that we've collected of these  
>types of objects that people have been seeing.

>And let me just add that this is a phenomenon that not simply  
>civilian people have been dealing with, but U.S. military  
>personnel had been encountering what appear to be UFOs - I  
>don't know what else you would call them - objects that  
>military pilots have frequently said are disc-shaped, that look  
>exotic, that behave in unusual ways, and that have violated  
>sensitive airspace time and again for many, many years.

>So if this is a secret, covert project, as many people have  
>speculated, it seems to be going on in a rather confrontational,



>provocative way, and that really doesn't have any explanation.

<snip>

Well, now I know why I was "dis-invited" to be on the GB show when I arrived at the CNN studio in Washington, DC: they had already arranged to have Richard Dolan on. I have posted my response to Beck had I been on the show.

I wish that in the answer Dolan gave above he would have rejected, or not left open the possibility of, a secret military project that Beck suggested. There is no evidence that we have made circular craft capable of hovering and then accelerating so fast as to seem to "disappear."

Incidentally, we have video evidence of this sort of extreme acceleration by UFOs.

But, if they had such a craft, they wouldn't fly it in an area where it could be seen by many people or could interfere with ordinary air traffic.

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## Re: J.J. Mercieca Of Malta UFO Research? - Kinsella

From: David Kinsella <[d\\_kinsella\\_80.nul](mailto:d_kinsella_80.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 09:10:14 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 07:39:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: J.J. Mercieca Of Malta UFO Research? - Kinsella

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 13:26:17 +0100 (CET)  
>Subject: J.J. Mercieca Of Malta UFO Research?

>I am looking for Mr. J.J. Mercieca, of MUFOR, Malta UFO  
>Research, to consult him about a UFO picture.

Hi Vicente,

I myself live in Malta and have tried getting in touch with J.J. but can't find his address anywhere. Strange, for an island so small. :)

May I ask whether the picture you refer to is of a UFO over the Maltese islands? If yes, would it be possible to get a copy of it please, since I personally collect pictures and newspaper articles of local sightings? If you're interested in the pictures I have, let me know. I could send them to you. Thanks.

Best regards,

David Kinsella

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## Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Scheldroup

From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 11:13:18 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 07:42:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Scheldroup

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul),  
>Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 09:44:16 -0800  
>Subject: Holes In The Cloud Deck [was: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?]

>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 10:39:55 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 15:35:15 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>><snip>

>>>>A flying saucerlike object hovered low over O'Hare International  
>>>>Airport for several minutes before bolting through thick clouds  
>>>>with such intense energy that it left an eerie hole in overcast  
>>>>skies, said some United Airlines employees who observed the  
>>>>phenomenon.

>>>Well, a number of ground staff and pilots as witnesses to a low-  
>>>altitude daylight object over a major airport has to add up to  
>>>one of the most intriguing cases I've heard for a while. I hope  
>>>references to any follow-up investigations get posted here.

>>This is intriguing indeed. The observation that the passage of  
>>the object created a "hole" in the overcast is particularly  
>>interesting. There would seem to only be two ways for this to  
>>happen (but perhaps an atmospheric scientist will chime in):

>>(1) the water droplets in the cloud were heated to the vapor  
>>state; or,

>>(2) the size distribution of the droplets was modified such that  
>>they no longer were effective scatterers at visible wavelengths.

>><snip>

>If this occurred while the total cloud-water content remained  
>about the same, it would require a sudden coagulation of all  
>droplets into a few giant drops. The mechanism of doing this,  
>over a particular circular area and no further, would belong in  
>the UFO-high-tech super-science category, i.e., paranormal, or  
>beyond present understanding. I favor the latter category as  
>holding the explanation - some effect we don't yet begin to  
>understand any more than how a UFO can hover silently, make  
>itself invisible, overcome inertia, accelerate away extremely  
>fast, send down a beam of solid-like light, etc.

Hi Jim,

As the object came to rest then hover beneath the clouds only to  
vanish a short time later from our air space, or were it said  
that inertial space frames that coming upon rest later were  
cause for a transfer of space to the object as the space frames

moved to a forward position.

Did the physical properties of the object cause the hole in the clouds or did the space frames accelerate faster only giving the appearance of a hole in the clouds.

The inherit energy content of the UFO do cancel out their quantity that become momentum or is it their zero momentum for transfer becoming zero distance, velocity and time.

"Normal science can be determined in part by the direct inspection of paradigms, a process that is often aided by but does not depend upon formulation of rules and assumptions. Indeed, the existence of a paradigm need not even imply that any full set of rules exist."

--Thomas S Kuhn, The Structure Of Scientific Revolutions

John

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## The 'Funny' Part

From: Robert Barrow <[rbarr.nul](mailto:rbarr.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 12:38:10 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 07:45:35 -0500  
Subject: The 'Funny' Part

When a rural UFO sighting witnessed by a couple of people makes news headlines, the debunkers ask why it's always some farmer in the middle of nowhere who spots a saucer.

When a UFO pops up over one of the world's busiest airports, witnessed by many, the debunkers suggest a weather anomaly.

You can't win.

How curious that we embrace our idiocy so fondly and so quickly when we crave a solution to anesthetize the inquiring mind.

Robert Barrow

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## AV Web On UFO At O'Hare

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 13:50:20 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 07:49:14 -0500  
Subject: AV Web On UFO At O'Hare

AVWeb is an aviation website akin to Aviation Week and Space Technology but directed more at commercial and general aviation on-line. Below is their latest piece on the O'Hare sighting including a picture of a UFO.

Don Ledger

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UFO Takes A Look At O'Hare, Retreats

<http://www.avweb.com/eletter/archives/avflash/778-full.html#194131>

If a spaceship were to travel across the vast emptiness of space, enter Earth's atmosphere, and then find itself hovering above the busy ramp at Chicago's O'Hare Airport, can you blame those astronauts for deciding to just turn around and leave, without even stopping to say hello?

According to about a dozen United Air Lines workers, including some pilots, that's just what happened one overcast night in November.

The observers said they saw a flying elliptical object, dark gray and about 20 feet across, that hovered about 1,000 feet or so above the airport for several minutes about 4:30 p.m.

They told their story to the FAA and the airline, who kept it quiet until a Chicago Tribune reporter got a whiff recently and started asking questions.

The FAA at first denied any knowledge of the event, but after the Tribune filed a request for documents a record of a telephone call from a United supervisor surfaced.

However, the agency has no intention of investigating. "When the lights shine up into the clouds, sometimes you can see funny things. That's our take on it," said FAA spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory.

Meanwhile, France's National Space Studies Center plans to post its own online database of UFO reports soon, maybe by the end of this month, according to Reuters.

About 1,600 incidents are in the archive, with some 6,000 reports, including many from airline pilots.

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## Jay Leno Routine On O'Hare UFO

From: **Jeff Olson** <[jlolson.nul](mailto:jlolson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 10:16:49 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 07:51:19 -0500  
Subject: Jay Leno Routine On O'Hare UFO

Just thought I'd mention that Jay Leno mentioned the O'Hare UFO in his opening monologue last night.

In an interesting departure from his comedy routine - he took, of course, a satirical angle on the report - he asked the audience how many of them believed in UFOs.

The audience response was rather ambiguous, I thought.

In any case, I was surprised that Leno would consider this newsworthy enough to perform a monologue about it.

Best,

Jeff

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## Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 11:20:41 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 07:56:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Tarbell

>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 14:25:11 -0700  
>Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 16:31:53 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: The '06 O'Hare UFO

<snip>

>>It's a good point though that if we had reliable data on a  
>>volume of cloud evaporated then it might be possible to do this  
>>calculation. I recall there was case, I believe in the northern  
>>US or Canada in 1947, where a bolide-like UFO was photographed  
>>apparently cutting a swathe through cloud and Projectr Sign  
>>noted the possibility of doing a similar calculation (though  
>>I've always wondered in that case whether the apparent path  
>>through the cloud might not be shadow cast by a trail far above,  
>>having seen similar effects caused by high jet contrails). But  
>>anyway it's interesting.

>An obviously critical parameter is the "excavated" volume of  
>cloud. I have emailed Peter Davenport off-list to see if has is  
>aware of any data regarding the thickness of the cloud layer, as  
>well as the angular width of the hole.

<snip>

Peter Davenport was kind enough to reply with additional  
information. To quote him directly: "The hole was reported to us  
to have been almost exactly the same diameter as the object's  
diameter." He apparently did not have any data for the thickness  
of the cloud layer, although in a thank-you note I reiterated to  
him my continued interest in this parameter.

This additional information regarding the angular width of the  
hole has implications beyond the physics of how the hole was  
generated. Combined with cloud layer thickness data, it also  
places geometric constraints on where witnesses would have to be  
located to even see clear sky through the hole.

Specifically, if H is the height of the base of the cloud layer,  
T is the thickness of the layer, and D is the diameter of the  
hole, then for an observer to see clear sky through the hole,  
he/she must be within a ground range R of a point directly  
beneath the hole, where

$$R = D(0.5 + H/T)$$

(Assuming the ground and cloud layer planes are parallel and the  
hole axis is normal to them).

For the O'Hare case, the base of the cloud layer is reported to  
be 1900 ft. The object diameter is reported to be anywhere from  
6 to 24 ft (although larger estimates are consistent with the  
data, e.g., one witness estimates the angular width as "a  
quarter at arm's length", another estimates an altitude of 1500

ft, which gives an object diameter of ~53 ft). The cloud layer is described as "thick", but I have no idea what that means. If we adopt the values  $T = 150$  ft and  $D = 25$  ft for cloud thickness and hole diameter respectively, then observers must be within a ground range  $R$  of about 330 ft. to see the clear-sky effect.

It's not obvious whether observers beyond the clear-sky range would notice the hole in the cloud layer, particularly if they weren't looking for it. In any case, it is reasonable to conclude that the area of observability was potentially quite limited.

Mike

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## Re: UFOs & Airliner Safety - Scheldroup

From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 12:49:40 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 08:00:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs & Airliner Safety - Scheldroup

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2007 15:41:12 -0400  
>Subject: Re: UFOs & Airliner Safety

>>From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2007 13:39:40 -0600  
>>Subject: UFOs & Airliner Safety [was: In The sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?]

<smip>

>>What is on the alien mind if were to guess suspiciously about  
>>their motives to possible intention for surveying in broad  
>>daylight that which has been mapped many times before ?

>Obviously I don't speak for aliens. However, I would point out  
>that though the physical location might have been "mapped" many  
>times before, the electronic capability has been changing over  
>the years.

>One expects anybody flying through the atmosphere of Earth to  
>>want to pinpoint locations of defense systems (airplanes,  
>rockets etc) but also the frequency, pulse width, and other  
>characteristics of both large scale search radars and tracking  
>radars and missile control systems.

>The US and Russia were often tickling (Flying near borders) the  
>other's systems to get them to turn on so that these systems  
>could be monitored and jamming systems could be designed.

>Aliens were probably surprised in 1952 when jet interceptors  
>which had been using machine guns suddenly started firing mighty  
>mouse rockets. Shoot Them Down by Frank Feschino Jr. discusses  
>some of these changes.

>The US spy satellites try to monitor such systems on earth as we  
>can no longer send SR-71s etc. The aliens obviously have far  
>more capability for monitoring locally.

>A silent not very large vehicle just beneath a heavy overcast  
>cloud cover may have had a special mission. Taking off straight  
>up through the clouds might suggest the vehicle had completed  
>its mission and was going back to the mother ship... or to  
>another location where similar information was to be obtained.

Yep I thought as much. <g>

Close inspect data acquisition that is concurrent to this event.

Aliens even multiple races lets say very well might share the  
same devices orbiting the Earth to monitor our impact on the  
environment, radar invisible, light invisible satellites.  
Bending light waves to cancel out at or near equal frequency to  
an objects emission is becoming a reality even today!

I suspect that very probably in the near future that sighting  
and determining the validity of a UFO call will not be so much  
of a breeze compared to now but the market for binoculars will

go shooting way up! I won't be a bit sorry for that dept. in the US Camp namely the UFO spin works.

Very soon I suspect if cases like these pop up all over.

Stan you know I was always meaning to clean out that basement so if I don't see yah in the future I'll see you in the...now how does that next line go... the pas... right! the pastheluminum mines.

John

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## Re: People Claim Seeing A UFO In Istanbul - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 15:44:58 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 08:03:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: People Claim Seeing A UFO In Istanbul - Ledger

>Source: The Sabah newspaper - English - Istanbul, Turkey

><http://english.sabah.com.tr/13594895DBFE4971973983C458E12FDE.html>

>Thursday, 04, January, 2007

>People Claim Seeing A UFO In Istanbul

>Mysterious lights seen in Istanbul skies have baffled people on  
>Wednesday night. Witnesses have claimed that the lights were  
>coming from a UFO.

>In Bahcelievler district of Yenibosna, Istanbul, people have  
>called news agencies on Wednesday night and reported  
>unidentified white lights flying in the sky. According to the  
>eye witnesses, the flying object was revolving around itself and  
>blazing.

>[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://uforeview.net/>]

I'd say that this some kind of parachute with flares attached to  
the points around the periphery. Even at low-rez the webbing  
shows up and there is evidence of smoke trails as well.

There's something behind or printed on the material that looks  
like a crescent Moon but more exaggerated like Turkey's own flag,  
moon with star. Coincidence? I don't think so. See:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag\\_of\\_Turkey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_Turkey)

Don Ledger

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## Audio Primer & Haut Conversation

From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs.nul](mailto:fadeddiscs.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 20:19:14 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 08:07:10 -0500  
Subject: Audio Primer & Haut Conversation

Clarification:

If you already donated for Volume 1 of the Primer, you only need to donate for Volume 2 to get a free copy of the Haut interview. If you haven't gotten Volume 1, then donate for both volumes and receive the Haut interview for free.

Just Getting Old,

Wendy  
[www.fadeddiscs.com](http://www.fadeddiscs.com)

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## My Science Fiction Life

From: Nick Pope <[nick.nul](mailto:nick.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 20:45:10 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 20:11:59 -0500  
Subject: My Science Fiction Life

Drawing parallels between ufology and science fiction always provokes strong views, but List members in the UK might want to watch out for My Science Fiction Life on BBC Four at 8.30pm on Friday January 5.

The show looks at the influence of science fiction and at the extent to which some of its predictions are coming true.

Jeff Wayne and I appear in a section entitled They Came From Outer Space. I discuss The X-Files and later-on discuss surveillance in modern society, in relation to George Orwell's classic Nineteen Eighty-Four.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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## Re: We Want To Believe - Morton

From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs.nul](mailto:Marspyrs.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 15:48:28 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 20:35:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: We Want To Believe - Morton

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: We Want To Believe  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFOUpDates.nul](mailto:UFOUpDates.nul)>

>Source: Jacob Dobkin's Chicagoist.Com - New York, New York, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/y6pt4j>

>January 2, 2007

>[Many links in article]

>We Want To Believe  
>Posted by Chris Karr

>Some time before Chicagoist was a Chicagoan, we were a resident  
>of the great American Southwest. We grew up in the wonderful  
>state of New Mexico, and we absorbed much of the local culture:  
>cowboys, chilis, and lowriders.

>We also grew up steeped in UFO culture. We spent many years  
>growing up in the UFO capital of the world ? Roswell, NM ? and  
>even Granny had the full Time-Life "Mystery of the Unknown"  
>series sitting on her shelves. We grew up with this culture so  
>much, watching the first two-thirds of Signs was absolutely  
>terrifying for us. (Though we were dismayed at the "show the  
>aliens" part of the film.) In middle school, we wrote reports  
>for school on Project Blue Book, and we wondered if anything was  
>really happening at Dulce Mesa.

>So, when we read the story that United Airlines pilots reported  
>seeing an unknown craft hovering over O'Hare last fall, our ears  
>perked up. Apparently several local airline employees saw a  
>spinning disc-shaped craft without lights that hovered over the  
>airport, then zoomed away through the clouds. One witness called  
>the control tower to ask if they were getting anything on radar,  
>but nothing was showing up. No investigation is forthcoming, and  
>the FAA is blaming the reports on some strange weather effects.

>To be perfectly frank, we have no idea if UFOs are spacecraft  
>carrying Grays, top-secret US military aircraft (the B-2 bomber  
>made a convincing flying saucer in its day), goofy weather  
>phenomena, or a side effect of being under the influence of some  
>controlled substance. We haven't directly witnessed a flying  
>saucer, though we did see some strange and unexplainable (by us)  
>light phenomenon when growing up. We had a stepfather who  
>claimed to have directly witnessed the Marfa lights, but we  
>don't know if he was just pulling our leg. In short, we have no  
>idea if these things are extraterrestrial or not, and we're just  
>surprised that this phenomenon is being reported so close to the  
>city.

>[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://uforeview.net/>]

This piece could have been titled "I Don't Know Anything."

It reminds me of what you sometimes see on message boards, where  
someone is having a problem with their computer, and a friendly



Re: We Want To Believe - Morton

Good Samaritan, with no knowledge of the subject, jumps in to offer his non-assistance:

'Q. MS/Word crashes after 30 minutes every time I use it. I'm using Windows/XP.

A. I never use Windows - I run micro-Linux on an I-pod and I don't have MS/Word, but try plugging your keyboard into the floppy drive and tie a knot in the cord.

Hope this helps...'

Dave Morton

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## New Episode of The Black Vault Radio Online

From: John Greenewald <[john.nul](mailto:john.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 14:01:20 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 20:41:12 -0500  
Subject: New Episode of The Black Vault Radio Online

New Episodes of The Black Vault Radio every Tuesday and Thursday night!

The Black Vault Radio Episode #14 - Stanton Friedman

The most recent episode of The Black Vault Radio is available now!

Stanton Friedman joins me on this information packed episode! Get to know Stanton as a person, how he got into the realm of UFO research from the world of Top Secret Government programs, and also hear about the recent UFO sighting creating quite a buzz around the UFO community! Stan also tells us about his 3 books coming out in 2007 which are sure to be a hit.

To tune in, click on the link below and see my brand new, on-line player to listen to The Black Vault Radio. No more waiting for the entire mp3 to download! Enjoy!

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## James Oberg On O'Hare UFO

From: Ed Gehrman <[egerman.nul](mailto:egerman.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 15:24:28 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 20:45:21 -0500  
Subject: James Oberg On O'Hare UFO

<http://cosmiclog.msnbc.msn.com/archive/2007/01/02/25212.aspx>

Posted: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 4:55 PM by Alan Boyle

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<snip>

"On the other side, NBC News space analyst James Oberg - a longtime UFO skeptic - says the evidence that's come to light so far isn't all that compelling. "It's just sad that we keep getting these reports which are of zero evidential value," he told me. "It's sad because there's a lot of strange stuff in the air that we do need to know.

<snip>

The O'Hare incident is being taken more seriously than most sightings because the reports are coming from aviation professionals rather than untrained onlookers. But Oberg argues that the professionals don't always make the best eyewitnesses because they tend to favor flight-related explanations for what they see. "NTSB investigators say that the worst observers of an aviation accident are aviation personnel," Oberg said. "It's because a pilot will usually want to understand what happened, and in his initial perceptions and later retellings will stress the facts that support his initial interpretation."

Oberg pointed to a couple of case studies in pilot misperception, investigated in detail years ago. And just for good measure, he passed along Web links to a Russian UFO report from 2001 that sounds similar to the O'Hare incident, plus the solution to a UFO mystery that came up just last week in Europe.

Oberg said the European case was particularly instructive, because the specifics about the mysterious glow in the sky helped investigators quickly figure out that it was most likely a cloud trail left behind by a Russian rocket launch. Without such specifics, the O'Hare incident may turn out to be little more than another "missed opportunity," Oberg said.

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## PRG Update January 5, 2007

From: **Stephen Bassett - Paradigm Research Group** <[PRG.nul](mailto:PRG.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 16:23:15 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 20:50:28 -0500  
Subject: PRG Update January 5, 2007

PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - January 5, 2007  
Paradigm Shift Newsletter

See HTML Version at:

[www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Press\\_Releases/Update-1-5-07.html](http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Press_Releases/Update-1-5-07.html)

French space agency to publish UFO archive

[PRG believes this is a significant exopolitical development. It's the "other shoe" to the 2000 COMETA report. It represents another "message" from a foreign government to the United States that patience with the U.S. led truth embargo is short.]

PARIS (Reuters) - The French space agency is to publish its archive of UFO sightings and other phenomena on line, but will keep the names of those who reported them off the site to protect them from pestering by space fanatics. Jacques Arnould, an official at the National Space Studies Center (CNES), said the French database of around 1,600 incidents would go live in late January or mid-February.

He said the CNES had been collecting statements and documents for almost 30 years to archive and study them. "Often they are made to the Gendarmerie, which provides an official witness statement... and some come from airline pilots," he said by telephone.

Given the success of films about visitations from outer space like E.T., Close Encounters Of The Third Kind and Independence Day, the CNES archive is likely to prove a hit. It consists of around 6,000 reports, many relating to the same incident, filed by the public and airline professionals. Their names would not be published to protect their privacy, Arnould said.

Advances in technology over the past three decades had prompted the decision to put the archive on line, he said, adding it would likely be available via the CNES website [www.cnes.fr](http://www.cnes.fr).

Article at:

<http://tinyurl.com/w3v5t>

Fastwalkers Documentary to Open in Phoenix & Toronto

The Fastwalkers premier in Show Low, Arizona went well with a full theater and wonderful support from the local residents. The next openings will be in Phoenix on February 21 and Toronto on March 7. Much of the footage for Fastwalkers was filmed at X- Conference 2005. It includes interviews with 37 researchers, activists and witnesses!! Stephen Bassett, Executive Director of PRG, is in the film and will appear at the Toronto opening with producer Robert D. Miles and other special guests to talk about the issues in the movie and take Q&A.

Film Website:

[www.fastwalkers.com](http://www.fastwalkers.com)

American Chronicle

Stephen Bassett's recent article Exopolitics: UFO RIP is now posted at a diverse on-line magazine titled American Chronicle. This well produced publication combines professional content with outside submissions from over 1200 contributors. PRG also recommends checking out the AC articles of Frank Warren.

Article at:

[www.americanchronicle.com/articles/viewArticle.asp?articleID=18569](http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/viewArticle.asp?articleID=18569)

Frank Warren Articles at:

[www.americanchronicle.com/articles/viewByAuthor.asp?authorID=1280](http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/viewByAuthor.asp?authorID=1280)

Exopolitics Presentation in San Francisco - January 12

For those living in or visiting the Bay Area, PRG Executive Director, Stephen Bassett, will give a presentation on exopolitics in San Francisco on January 12.

Event details at:

[http://livingdirectory.net/display/events.php?login\\_group=FF](http://livingdirectory.net/display/events.php?login_group=FF)

PRG Supporter Passes

Sadly, PRG has lost another supporter from the 2002 independent congressional campaign in Maryland with the death of Jim Peters on December 14. As reported by his friend David Lindahl, "Last April he was riding his bike from Boise, where he had been meeting with the Governor and top legislative leaders on legislation to introduce advanced technologies into the marketplace to reduce fuel consumption and pollution. It was dark and he was on his way to a farm where he was staying about 10 miles from Boise when a guy about 25 and intoxicated swerved to the side and hit him at 55-60 mph. He made an amazing recovery but apparently a clot from one of the surgeries caused a stroke and took him out. I never met anyone with Jim's persistence and dedication, truly an amazing guy."

That persistence enabled Jim to gather one of the largest tallies of the 5000 signatures required to get on the ballot in the 2002 election. He was always positive, upbeat and filled with ideas for how to make things happen. The other loss from the 2002 crew is Wesleyan graduate, Peter Morgenstern-Clarren. Both made some history that fall and will be missed.

Upcoming Conferences

Hawaii Exopolitics Conference  
[Stephen Bassett will present]  
See: [www.earthtransformation.com](http://www.earthtransformation.com)

The Exopolitics Institute will hold its second conference in Kailua-Kona, HI May 11-13, 2007.

IIIHS Conference in Montreal  
See: [www.iiihs.org](http://www.iiihs.org)

The 31st annual conference by the International Institute for Integral Human Sciences is scheduled for May 4-13 in Montreal.

International UFO Congress  
See: [www.ufocongress.com](http://www.ufocongress.com)

The next major conference is the IUFOC in Laughlin, NV at the Flamingo Hotel Resort February 25 - March 2, 2007

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## Tunnels In Stationary Cloud

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 5 Jan 2007 08:06:47 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 20:52:36 -0500  
Subject: Tunnels In Stationary Cloud

Hi,

Listers have already worked out that aircraft - even 'sonicking', even 'white-hot' or even helicopters, are, and would be, simply swallowed by a cloud deck. No holes or tunnels would be formed.

And some have roughly calculated the extreme heat that would be needed to actually cut into a cloud; e.g. how many megawatts/gigawatts of sunlight does it take to burn off even a thin morning mist?

And that 'it' (whatever it was) would have to be extremely finely focused.

Only apparent alternative is a beam or field that changes electrostatic parameters: so electrons are more tightly bound perhaps, and water vapor instantly breaks down into oxygen & hydrogen gas.

The sort of field that might affect car ignitions, radios, aircraft instruments, radar etc., and produce strange effects in the operation of the human brain while in its vicinity.

Sound familiar?

Cheers

Ray D

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## Roswell Crash By X-Ray Absorption

From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 5 Jan 2007 10:27:02 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 06 Jan 2007 09:22:05 -0500  
Subject: Roswell Crash By X-Ray Absorption

I know Stan will find this information interesting, though I suggest he already could read my mind <g>

A hypothetical:

As to the Roswell crash scenario, I think you might find this a little interesting I know I did. A little piece of insight found below that suggests these alien craft coming to our world just might be after all drawing on the quantum vacuum as an energy source for whatever purpose might be, but lets just continue to say: expand or contract gravity waves as one example. We have to use the Roswell crash and the weather conditions that night leading up to the 1947 incident.

This can be used as a kind of paradigm to see what happened to the craft as a physical experience it may have encountered, an interesting, interesting puzzle emerges.

There have been limited scientific papers to suggest the quantum vacuum becomes unstable when the frequency of the vacuum is hit by free electrons from the x-ray, sort of an disrupted frequency causing some unstable results. Its helpful to see that this effect that night in 1947 could have affected a few flight characteristics when upon taking a good hit by a lightning strike.

This would certainly make an interesting planet wide defense system from an alien attack. I wonder if the US military already had some insight into this information, therefore I suggest they did. <g>

<http://tinyurl.com/yxhlo1>

Scientific American

January 31, 2003

X-Rays Abound When Lightning Strikes By Laura Wright

"Lightning appears to be nature's own particle accelerator after all. In the 1920s, Nobel prize-winner C. T. R. Wilson suggested that lightning could produce electrons traveling at the speed of light. Ever since then, scientists have been presenting evidence for and against that notion, based on observations of naturally occurring lightning flashes and satellite images of x-rays surrounding thunderheads."

<http://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0304139>

Boiling the Vacuum with an X-Ray Free Electron Laser

"Thus, X-ray FELs may be employed possibly as vacuum boilers."

<http://arxiv.org/abs/nucl-th/0206004>

Quantum effects with an X-ray free electron laser

"It is a long standing prediction that the QED vacuum is unstable in the presence of a strong, constant electric field, decaying via the production of..."

John

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Secrecy News -- 01/05/07

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 5 Jan 2007 14:17:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 06 Jan 2007 10:44:27 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 01/05/07

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
Volume 2007, Issue No. 2  
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LAWSUIT AGAINST CIA DISMISSED ON STATE SECRETS GROUNDS

Declaring that the need to protect government secrets overrides all other considerations, a federal court yesterday dismissed a lawsuit against the Central Intelligence Agency filed by family members of a former CIA clandestine officer who alleged injuries that are largely classified.

The CIA invoked the state secrets privilege in its motion for dismissal, and the court said it had no choice but to grant the Agency's motion.

Relatively little about the case -- captioned Jane Doe, et al v. Central Intelligence Agency -- is on the public record. The plaintiffs are the wife and children of a former CIA officer who remains under cover. According to the heavily redacted complaint, the officer was "summarily separated from his CIA employment." He and his wife both suffered symptoms of severe depression, but CIA "refused to provide any assistance, medical or otherwise." The lawsuit sought compensation for loss of income and other damages.

Last March, then-CIA Director Porter Goss invoked the state secrets privilege in opposing the lawsuit.

"No procedures exist that can adequately safeguard the sensitive classified information implicated in this case and prevent its unauthorized disclosure during the course of litigation," Director Goss wrote.

Plaintiffs disputed that uncompromising assertion. It's "yet another example of an abuse of the privilege," said Mark S. Zaid, attorney for Jane Doe.

But yesterday the court sided with the CIA.

"Although the claims that Plaintiffs have attempted to litigate are... very serious ones that appear to go to matters fundamental to the lives of the plaintiff family members, the Court is constrained to dismiss this case," wrote Judge Laura Taylor Swain of the Southern District of New York in a January 4, 2007 order.

"Even the most compelling necessity cannot overcome the claim of privilege if the court is ultimately satisfied that... secrets are at stake," the Judge wrote, quoting from the 1953 Supreme Court case *U.S. v. Reynolds*.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/statesec/does010407.pdf>

An earlier stage of the Doe case was reported in "Citing Security, C.I.A. Seeks Suit's Dismissal" by Julia Preston, *New York Times*, April 18, 2006. Selected case files from *Jane Doe et al v. CIA* are posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/statesec/index.html#doess>

"Plaintiff Jane Doe alleges that she ... 'lives in constant fear'," Judge Swain's new order noted in passing. But "the reason for her alleged fear is redacted as classified."

#### CRS VIEWS EPA LIBRARY CLOSURES

Last October the Environmental Protection Agency closed five of its libraries, including the headquarters library in Washington DC, and limited public access at four others.

EPA said the closures were part of an ongoing restructuring and that public demand for EPA records would be increasingly satisfied online. Public interest groups and librarians warned that valuable documentary resources were in danger of being lost or destroyed.

A report from the Congressional Research Service fleshes out some new details of the library closures and finds some cause for concern.

"EPA determined that the utility of some of its libraries had declined as the agency has made more information available through the Internet, and as heightened security at its facilities has led to fewer public visitors," CRS observed.

But "Which materials will be retained, dispersed, or discarded, and the amount of time and funding needed to complete this [restructuring] process, are uncertain."

See "Restructuring EPA's Libraries: Background and Issues for Congress," updated January 3, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RS22533.pdf>

#### MORE FROM CRS

Some other recent products of the Congressional Research Service that are not readily available in the public domain include the following.

"U.S. Army and Marine Corps Equipment Requirements: Background and Issues for Congress," December 20, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL33757.pdf>

"U.S. Arms Sales: Agreements with and Deliveries to Major Clients, 1998-2005," December 15, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL33758.pdf>

"'Terrorism' and Related Terms in Statute and Regulation: Selected Language," updated December 5, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RS21021.pdf>

"Incapacity of a Member of the Senate," December 15, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RS22556.pdf>

#### VARIOUS RESOURCES

National Security Agency director Lt. Gen. Keith B. Alexander answered dozens of questions for the record related to NSA

surveillance activities following a September 6, 2006 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on "FISA for the 21st Century." That hearing record has not yet been published, but General Alexander's 35-page response to Senators' questions is available here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006\\_hr/alexander-qfr.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_hr/alexander-qfr.pdf)

A new report from the Congressional Budget Office "examines the costs and potential performance of four possible designs for a Space Radar system." See "Alternatives for Military Space Radar," Congressional Budget Office, January 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/program/collect/cbo-radar.pdf>

"Joint Operation Planning" is a new publication from the Joint Chiefs of Staffs that "reflects the current doctrine for conducting joint, interagency, and multinational planning activities across the full range of military operations." See Joint Publication 5-0, December 26, 2006:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp5\\_0.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp5_0.pdf)

A newly released opinion from the Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel advises that the open meeting requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act do not apply when government officials consult non-governmental individuals (as opposed to committees). Nor do they apply to government meetings with non-governmental groups, says OLC, as long as the members of the groups only provide their opinions as individuals, and not as a collective. See "Application of Federal Advisory Committee Act to Non-Governmental Consultations," Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel, December 7, 2001 (released January 3, 2007):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/olc120701.pdf>

A conference entitled "Covering the New Secrecy: The Press and Public Policy" sponsored by the Knight-Wallace Fellows will be held at the University of Michigan on January 8:

[http://www.mjfellows.org/press-policy/newSecrecy\\_poster.pdf](http://www.mjfellows.org/press-policy/newSecrecy_poster.pdf)

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## Holes In The Cloud Deck - Colvin

From: Terry Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 5 Jan 2007 20:20:15 -0700 (GMT-07:00)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 06 Jan 2007 10:55:57 -0500  
Subject: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Colvin

My friend Steve is a retired meteorologist. He would like to comment on the weather conditions at O'Hare. Does anyone have a source for this data?

Terry

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From: "Stephen Bieda Jr."  
Sent: Jan 4, 2007 9:19 PM

Actually, some of the photos I have seen of AC holes do indeed show the triggering ice crystals as a fall streak from a higher Cirrus layer. In order to comment further I would have to know the conditions prevailing at O'Hare at the time of the incident.

Steve

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## The UFO Investigation Centre Australia

From: **Bill Chalker** <[bill\\_c.nul](mailto:bill_c.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 00:39:59 +1100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 06 Jan 2007 11:04:52 -0500  
Subject: The UFO Investigation Centre Australia

I have started a new blog site devoted to the Sydney Australia based UFO group UFOIC - the UFO Investigation Centre. It will be used to describe the history, research and investigation activities of the group

I will be updating it from time to time with items on case material, personalities and investigations:

<http://ufoicaustralia.blogspot.com/>

I am trying to put together a history of the group which in a formal sense began in 1956 in the wake of Edgar Jarrolds group the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau (1952-1955) and continues today under my direction. I began my connection as a distant country member in 1969 and joined the group committee in 1975 when I moved to Sydney.

I would be pleased to hear from any past members or interested parties who may be able to assist with reliable information about the Sydney Australia based UFOIC group.

Regards,

Bill Chalker  
<http://theozfiles.blogspot.com>

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## Re: Roswell Crash By X-Ray Absorption - Paijmans

From: Theo Paijmans <[th.paijmans.nul](mailto:th.paijmans.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 06 Jan 2007 16:03:13 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 06 Jan 2007 11:06:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell Crash By X-Ray Absorption - Paijmans

>From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 5 Jan 2007 10:27:02 -0600  
>Subject: Roswell Crash By X-Ray Absorption

<snip>

>This would certainly make an interesting planet wide defense  
>system from an alien attack. I wonder if the US military already  
>had some insight into this information, therefore I suggest they  
>did. <g>

Hi John,

A hypothetical addition: if for some reason advanced technology that enables travels through vast expanses of space is highly vulnerable to X-rays - would not that same technology already have the means of detecting these rays and have an appropriate countermeasure? I think of two somewhat similar analogies here: the War of the Worlds scenario (advanced technology is being destroyed by common earthly bacteriae) and the Russian MIG constructions (said to have actual tubes on board as these were capable of resisting EMP after a nuclear attack).

Kind regards,

Theo

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## Re: The 'Funny' Part - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 6 Jan 2007 10:48:08 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 06 Jan 2007 11:08:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: The 'Funny' Part - Boone

>From: Robert Barrow <[rbarr.nul](mailto:rbarr.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 12:38:10 -0500  
>Subject: The 'Funny' Part

>When a rural UFO sighting witnessed by a couple of people makes  
>news headlines, the debunkers ask why it's always some farmer in  
>the middle of nowhere who spots a saucer.

>When a UFO pops up over one of the world's busiest airports,  
>witnessed by many, the debunkers suggest a weather anomaly.

>You can't win.

>How curious that we embrace our idiocy so fondly and so quickly  
>when we crave a solution to anesthetize the inquiring mind.

Right on Robert Barrow! Hats off to you!

Best,

Greg

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**Re: O'Hare Witness & Joe Nichol On CNN 01-06-07 -**

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 6 Jan 2007 11:38:15 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 06 Jan 2007 12:11:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Witness & Joe Nichol On CNN 01-06-07 -

>Source: CNN Transcripts

><http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0701/05/acd.01.html>

>06 January, 2007

>Anderson Cooper 360 Degrees

>Aired January 5, 2007 - 22:00 E.T.

><snip>

<snip>

>The TSA and the Chicago Department of Aviation also told us to  
>talk to the FAA. So we did. And an FAA spokesperson told us,  
>"We, too, don't have the power to investigate." The FAA adds  
>that radar did not pick up anything out of the ordinary and the  
>sighting might have been caused by a weather phenomenon.

<snip>

>Cooper: As you heard in Gary's piece, the FAA says what the  
>airport worker saw was most likely caused by a weather  
>phenomenon. But the workers are still not convinced.

<snip>

Okay, now I'm confused.

If the FAA said they wouldn't investigate and don't have the  
power to investigate, then who the heck has that authority?

If they didn't investigate what the hell are they doing offering  
up an explanation? Conclusion without investigation? What part  
of professional federal agency did they not understand?

Scientific 'wild-ass guesses' aren't what they're paid to engage  
in.

We're paying them to do a job, they say they won't and then say  
they can't but they can offer up a weather anomaly as  
conclusive?

Here we've had several eyewitnesses come forward and state  
emphatically that the object in question was a structured craft.

Why isn't their testimony being taken as solid data? Why are  
they being invalidated by those who weren't there and are  
charged with getting to the bottom of things?

This is a travesty. Plain and simple.

Regardless of the origin of the object this case is so important  
it isn't funny.

We have a modern day incident that shows the typical official  
and unfortunately mainstream press' incompetence and

unaccountability.

Had it not been for Peter Davenport and Jon Hilkevitch of the Chicago Tribune this story might have just gone away.

We're seeing the anatomy of debunkery in full effect.

We won.

Thanks FAA for assuring we the public that you are too cowardly to do your job. Thanks O'Hare Airport staff and crew and pilots for being the kind of Americans we can all be proud of.

Thanks all you ufologists that were on top of this story and still are.

I think the public is far more aware because of it.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 6 Jan 2007 10:09:58 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 11:08:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Rudiak

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 16:13:15 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

An old 1947 case reported in the 1948 Air Intelligence report (the baby "Estimate of the Situation") shows two photos of a UFO "burning" a path through the clouds.

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/1948air.htm>

"On 10 July 1947, Mr. Woodruff, a Pan-American Airways mechanic reported a circular object flying at high velocity, paralleling the earth's surface and leaving a trail which appeared as a "burning up" of the cloud formation. The sighting occurred near Harmon Field, Newfoundland. Two other persons also saw the trail which remained in the sky for about an hour and was photographed by another PAA employee. The resulting photographs support Mr. Woodruff's observation as far as the sky cleavage is concerned. (See Figs, 5 and 6.)"

My guess is the holes are the result of the UFO's atmospheric control system used to prevent shock wave and reduce friction, proposed by many people scientists and engineers, such as Hermann Oberth, Paul Hill, and James McCampbell. McCampbell thought microwaves focused in front of the craft were at work, used to push the air aside. Intense microwave energy would vaporize water vapor in front of the craft, causing a temporary hole. Perhaps an additional vortex ring created as the craft rushed through would stabilize the hole for several minutes.

David Rudiak

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## An Open 'Letter' To The UFO Community

From: Daniel Brenton <[daniel\\_brenton.nul](mailto:daniel_brenton.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 6 Jan 2007 10:12:59 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 11:13:04 -0500  
Subject: An Open 'Letter' To The UFO Community

To the UFO Community, the readers, the curious (and to all you folks in the seats way in the back)...

I have a question for you:

Are you getting anything out of this?

Is this adding value to your life?

If it's adding value to your life - welcome, friend. You're in the right place.

To the physicists, the field researchers, the psychologists, the regression specialists, the activists, the historians, the archivists, the writers...

... to the skeptics and the insiders coming out...

... and yes, the contactees too.

I have a different question for you:

Are you contributing anything of value?

(Be honest now.)

(Be vewwy vewwy honest...)

Are you making a difference in the lives of all those people with all those burning questions - the baffled witnesses, the distressed experiencers, the tortured abductees...

Have you added value to their lives?

Have you made a difference?

Do you at least want to make a difference?

If you have, or if you do, then - welcome, friend. You're in the right place.

To those of you who are not giving or getting anything of value, I have still another question.

Why are you here?

You have something better to do - why aren't you doing it?

Don't you think we're having enough trouble with this crazy thing without your help?

Can't you see this is tough enough as it is?

Who do you think you are?

Yeah, you.

You take your hidden agendas, your Hell-bent convictions, your twisted paranoias, your seamless hoaxes, your insidious mind

games, your weightless dismissive explanations, and your rusty axes to grind, and shove 'em way down inside that black hole you call your soul.

Then crawl in after them, bub.

Get lost.

Then you'll be in the right place.

- Daniel

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The Meaning of Existence (and all that):  
The Odd Little Universe of Daniel Brenton  
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## Re: People Claim Seeing A UFO In Istanbul -

From: **Ferhat Talayhan** <[kleinergrauer.nul](mailto:kleinergrauer.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 6 Jan 2007 20:22:06 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 11:16:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: People Claim Seeing A UFO In Istanbul -

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 15:44:58 -0400  
>Subject: Re: People Claim Seeing A UFO In Istanbul  
  
>>Source: The Sabah newspaper - English - Istanbul, Turkey  
  
>><http://english.sabah.com.tr/13594895DBFE4971973983C458E12FDE.html>  
  
>>Thursday, 04, January, 2007  
  
>>People Claim Seeing A UFO In Istanbul  
  
>>Mysterious lights seen in Istanbul skies have baffled people on  
>>Wednesday night. Witnesses have claimed that the lights were  
>>coming from a UFO.  
  
>>In Bahcelievler district of Yenibosna, Istanbul, people have  
>>called news agencies on Wednesday night and reported  
>>unidentified white lights flying in the sky. According to the  
>>eye witnesses, the flying object was revolving around itself and  
>>blazing.  
  
>>[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://uforeview.net/>]  
  
>I'd say that this some kind of parachute with flares attached to  
>the points around the periphery. Even at low-rez the webbing  
>shows up and there is evidence of smoke trails as well.  
  
>There's something behind or printed on the material that looks  
>like a crescent Moon but more exaggerated like Turkey's own flag,  
>moon with star. Coincidence? I don't think so. See:  
  
>[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag\\_of\\_Turkey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_Turkey)

Hi Don,

I=B4d rather say they are sky lanterns, they are quiet cheap,  
which makes them available for everyone, easy to handle and they  
look impressive especially at night despite their small size.

We actually use them every year after our annual Ufo meeting in  
South Germany, that=B4s why I have recognized them immediately.

You can see two of my own photos following this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/ydnlxg>

You be the judge.

The parachutes with flares you have mentioned are very expensive  
and used for military purposes only. They have been the stimulus  
of the most famous German incident of the 20th century (the  
Greifswald case).

Best wishes,



Ferhat Talayhan  
[www.incognitas.de](http://www.incognitas.de)

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## Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect [was: Holes

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 06 Jan 2007 13:36:34 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 11:22:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect [was: Holes

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul),  
>Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 09:44:16 -0800  
>Subject: Holes In The Cloud Deck

>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 10:39:55 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2007 15:35:15 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

<snip>

>>(1) the water droplets in the cloud were heated to the vapor  
>>state; or,

>Martin will likely have some good suggestions. To me, this  
>solution of yours certainly seems possible, if the hole were  
>small in diameter, not much larger than the UFO craft.

<snip>

Hi Jim,

As I note in a separate post, Peter Davenport emailed me to say  
that in fact the hole was reported to be almost exactly the same  
size as the object.

>>(2) the size distribution of the droplets was modified such that  
>>they no longer were effective scatterers at visible wavelengths.

>If this occurred while the total cloud-water content remained  
>about the same, it would require a sudden coagulation of all  
>droplets into a few giant drops. The mechanism of doing this,  
>over a particular circular area and no further, would belong in  
>the UFO-high-tech super-science category, i.e., paranormal, or  
>beyond present understanding. I favor the latter category as  
>holding the explanation -- some effect we don't yet begin to  
>understand any more than how a UFO can hover silently, make  
>itself invisible, overcome inertia, accelerate away extremely  
>fast, send down a beam of solid-like light, etc.

While the mechanism may be elusive, altering the droplet size  
distribution is certainly less prohibitive energetically.  
Indeed, at constant mass, a small number of large droplets is a  
lower energy configuration than many small droplets, due to the  
reduction in surface area. The puzzling aspect is how these  
droplets could coalesce on such a short time scale.

The localization of the effect does not rule out this mode in  
principle, since rain-out from clouds can also be limited in  
extent, although presumably not to such a well-defined  
perimeter.

Mike

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## Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 06 Jan 2007 13:38:44 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 11:25:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect - Tarbell

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 16:13:15 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul),  
>>Date: Wed, 03 Jan 2007 09:44:16 -0800  
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>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2007 10:39:55 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: In the sky! A bird? A plane? A... UFO?

>>A similar phenomenon are the large, very circular holes very  
>>infrequently observed in an alto-cumulus layer. There, cloud  
>>physicists could assume that the cloud was composed of  
>>supercooled droplets into which ice crystals had somehow formed  
>>at one spot, which then rapidly spread out laterally to form a  
>>circle of increasing diameter, with trails of ice crystals  
>>falling out. (I can't find my files on this at the momemnt).  
>>Trouble is, no such circles have ever been observed in their  
>>initial phases, no substantial ring of falling ice-crystal  
>>trails was observed, and the holes were very large (1/2 mile or  
>>so in diameter) yet had a well defined circular edge despite  
>>local variations in cloud-droplet density, temperature, wind  
>>shear, etc.

>There's a slightly unusual cloud hole shown at:

><http://epod.usra.edu/archive/epodviewer.php3?oid=99360>

>"...the centerpiece of the photo is the donut-shaped  
>altocumulus cloud. Note the iridescent nature of this cloud,  
>which means that it's likely less than about 40 degrees away from  
>the Sun. Iridescence results from diffraction - deflection of  
>light around objects, water droplets for instance. For a hole to  
>occur in a cloud, some process must be at work to remove the  
>cloud droplets or crystals. For example, if a cloud is seeded  
>with silver iodine or carbon dioxide, a hole could occur in a  
>portion of the cloud deck. In this case thought, the hole is more  
>perpendicular than parallel to the ground surface, so it's  
>unlikely that it results from seeding. Also, note the jet  
>contrail and its shadow to the left of the donut cloud. Although,  
>it appears the jet pierced the hole, it couldn't have caused the  
>hole to form in a fraction of a second."

>Terrific photo of the more usual type of hole in stratified cloud  
>(over Mobile, Alabama, I think) at this blog:

>[http://rustybucket.blogspot.com/2004\\_09\\_01\\_rustybucket\\_archive.html](http://rustybucket.blogspot.com/2004_09_01_rustybucket_archive.html)

>Another beautiful example from the UK is here:

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

<snip>

Great images Martin. It would seem your first example is most analagous to the O'Hare phenomenon, aside from size and orientation.

I must admit some puzzlement if the mechanism here is the sudden transformation of supercooled water droplets into ice crystals. Such crystals would be less dense and have a higher drag coefficient than water droplets, so there's no obvious reason why they should "rain out", indeed one would guess quite the opposite. If the effect derives from the differing light transmitting properties of ice and water (their indices of refraction are very similar), why do we commonly see high altitude clouds composed entirely of ice crystals that have the same basic appearance as clouds of water droplets?

Still hoping for a cloud physics guru to jump in.

>A different angle, if we're looking at technology, is the  
>following patent for a cloud-punching laser device for military  
>surveillance. CO2 lasers of the type mentioned work in the  
>infrared:

><http://www.freepatentsonline.com/4411487.html>

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<snip>

>I suppose in an O'Hare type situation a downward-directed maser  
>beam beneath an ascending object might keep a relatively  
>well-defined cloud hole open for some time after it had passed  
>though. The directionality and various possible pulse v. cw  
>characteristics of such a coherent emission would obviously make  
>a big difference to any calculation of power generated from pwer  
>density "on target".

This calculation becomes more intimidating upon further inspection. The medium is optically thick and dynamic (the fluence at any given depth is evolving with time as upstream droplets evaporate). Neverthelss, I would speculate that the result will show that the power requirements are not astronomical (i.e., earth-based technology not ruled out in principle). Again, a critical ingredient is the thickness of the cloud layer, which has not been forthcoming. I've emailed both Peter Davenport and Jon Hilkevitch for any clues to where I might even start looking, nothing so far. Do I dare simply contact the FAA or the O'Hare airport administrators? Nothing to lose I guess.

Mike

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## Re: Roswell Crash By X-Ray Absorption - Scheldroup

From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 6 Jan 2007 14:48:01 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 11:33:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Roswell Crash By X-Ray Absorption - Scheldroup

>From: Theo Paijmans <[th.paijmans.nul](mailto:th.paijmans.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 06 Jan 2007 16:03:13 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Roswell Crash By X-Ray Absorption

>>From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 5 Jan 2007 10:27:02 -0600  
>>Subject: Roswell Crash By X-Ray Absorption

><snip>

>>This would certainly make an interesting planet wide defense  
>>system from an alien attack. I wonder if the US military already  
>>had some insight into this information, therefore I suggest they  
>>did. <g>

>A hypothetical addition: if for some reason advanced technology  
>that enables travels through vast expanses of space is highly  
>vulnerable to X-rays - would not that same technology already  
>have the means of detecting these rays and have an appropriate  
>countermeasure? I think of two somewhat similar analogies here:  
>the War of the Worlds scenario (advanced technology is being  
>destroyed by common earthly bacteriae) and the Russian MIG  
>constructions (said to have actual tubes on board as these were  
>capable of resisting EMP after a nuclear attack).

Hi Theo,

I figured out a way to describe what you are talking about  
but this has to do with open and closed systems. How effective  
can a countermeasure be within either system. Now the quantum  
vacuum system is it a closed or open system ?

Here's the condition that we're trying to figure out that  
would contradict the other system when we imply an  
X-ray source, like a lightning strike when it hits our system,  
it says and I quote from:

[http://www.ph.utexas.edu/fogs/sudarshan\\_open.html](http://www.ph.utexas.edu/fogs/sudarshan_open.html)

Quantum Mechanics of Open Systems

"A metastable quantum state decaying is an example of an open  
system. More generally, a system which is not closed but  
interacting with its surroundings has a non-Hamiltonian  
evolution. Boltzmann's collision formula is a well known  
example; as is the classical Newton's Law of Cooling.  
Measurement in quantum mechanics always involves an open  
system."

Here's a general closed system.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Closed\\_system](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Closed_system)

"In thermodynamics, a closed system, as contrasted with an isolated system, can exchange heat and work, but not matter, with its surroundings. "

So the lightning bolt both carries heat and it does have electrical potential when it strikes, converts to kinetic energy so it does carry work as well.

As far as A lightning detector device on an airplane is it a part of a closed or an open system? Well we know the aircraft have devices to suppress these negative potentials from outbreaking like static charge from air friction, solar radiation, lightning strike and so forth, and one would imagine that with no earthen ground tied to the airplane that we might see millions of volts build up. The main thing here are those millions of volts suppressed and isolated that could cause damage to other on-board equipment.

So the potential is their however if we were to infuse some free electron travel into the closed system, there could be some damage. All in all the aircraft must be an isolated but closed system.

The real question is how would a lightning bolt suppressor safely protect the sensitive equipment in the UFO - mainly the open ended quantum vacuum? Here's something to consider, a link takes us to a brief-brief that describes the closed system. What caught my attention is the applied Toll road as an example.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Closed\\_system](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Closed_system)

"Toll road

For toll roads, a "closed system" refers to a road where a motorist obtains a ticket upon entering the toll road, then pays to toll upon exiting the expressway. The toll is calculated by the distance traveled on the toll road. In contrast, a toll road using an 'open system' consists of mainline toll plazas (a.k.a., toll barriers) at set intervals; it is possible for motorists to get on an 'open toll road' after one toll barrier and exit before the next one, thus traveling on the toll road toll-free. Most open toll roads have ramp tolls to prevent that."

Then the part about "Open system" because we now know that quantum vacuum is so what I did was imply the toll road example was a sort of quantum road, so it reads like this:

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In contrast, a quantum road using an 'open system' consists of mainline quantum states (a.k.a., quantum barriers) at set intervals; it is possible for motorists to get on an 'open quantum road' after one quantum barrier and exit before the next one, thus tunneling on the quantum road toll-free. Most open quantum roads have forbidden energy states to prevent that.

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What does the forbidden energy state suggest? That those on-board suppression devices on our UFO might not suppress everything incoming, X-ray lightning strikes, but could detect safely from a distance? Just because its an open system we don't have control over, doesnt mean they can't use it to good.

John

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Subject: Upgrade Makes Aging Mars Rovers Smarter

Source: Yahoo News Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/yehp6l>

Sat Jan 6, 4:21 PM

Upgrade Makes Aging Mars Rovers Smarter

Alicia Chang  
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The twin Mars rovers are getting wiser with age.

Engineers have transmitted new flight software to the rovers' onboard computers - just in time for the third anniversary of their landings. The software is aimed at boosting their intelligence and independence so that they can roll around the Red Planet with less help from humans.

"We're teaching an old dog new tricks," said John Callas, the mission project manager with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the NASA agency in charge of the rovers.

Among the rovers' new skills is the ability to automatically recognize and transmit to Earth photographs that they take of swirling dust devils or floating clouds. They can also independently decide whether it is safe to extend their robotic arms to sample rocks.

Before, scientists had to painstakingly dissect thousands of images just to find the frames they need and decide for the rovers whether to use their arms. The high-tech upgrades should help save time - as much as a day because scientists on Earth don't have to study a rock before sending commands to the robot to use science instruments on it.

If successful, the changes could get incorporated into future Mars missions.

Spirit and Opportunity were also fitted with a new navigation system that allows them to think several steps ahead when faced with an obstacle, allowing them to back out of a dead end or even navigate a maze on their own, Callas said. The robot geologists have previously tackled one problem at a time.

Spirit landed three years ago and Opportunity on Jan. 24, 2004. Entering their fourth year of exploration, both golf cart-sized vehicles have long outlasted their primary missions, originally planned for about three months. While scientists are impressed by the rovers' longevity, they admit the robots could die at any time.

The rovers' biggest accomplishment is uncovering geologic evidence that water once flowed on Mars. Spirit is currently studying rocks and soil samples near a Martian ridge while

Opportunity is circling the rim of a massive crater for possible ways in.

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## Davenport On O'Hare UFO In Newsweek

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### Mystery Lingers Over Chicago UFO Claims

The head of the National UFO Reporting Center gives his theories about the strange sighting over Chicago's main airport.

WEB EXCLUSIVE

By Jessica Bennett  
Newsweek

The Federal Aviation Administration says it must have been a weird weather phenomenon, and United Airlines denies any knowledge of the case. But though it has been two months since what appeared to be an unidentified flying object (UFO) was spotted over Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, the incident is still raising questions about what exactly was seen and whether the authorities are trying to downplay it.

As many as a dozen United Airlines employees swear the mysterious object they saw on Nov. 7 was real - hovering for several minutes above the United Airlines terminal and then shooting up through the clouds so powerfully that it left an eerie hole in overcast skies. "At first we laughed to each other" when the report came over the radio, a witness told the National UFO Reporting Center, a Seattle-based nonprofit that maintains a UFO hotline and is listed as a resource in the FAA's official Aeronautical Information Manual. But then I saw the "dark gray, hazy, round object" and seconds later "there was an almost perfect circle in the cloud layer where the craft had been." His statement is published on the Web site of the National UFO Reporting Center, which says its policy is to protect the anonymity of its witnesses.

So was it a UFO? A secret military aircraft? And why did it take two months for the details to come out? It may sound like the oldest hoax in the book, but the United workers - including several pilots - who say they saw the object are reportedly upset their claims have been ignored. The FAA has said it won't be investigating the incident further, and it wasn't until this week that The Chicago Tribune broke the story, speaking to several unnamed witnesses after a tip-off from the head of the National UFO Reporting Center. Peter Davenport heads that organization, and has a lot to say about the way the incident has been handled. A self-described UFOologist, Davenport spoke with NEWSWEEK's Jessica Bennett. Excerpts:

NEWSWEEK: Your Web site has documented more than 3,000 UFO sightings just in the last year. Is that normal?

Peter Davenport: We get reports that number certainly into the

thousands, and sometimes into the tens of thousands.

How many of these do you believe are real, and how do you determine whether they are real?

The overwhelming majority of [reports we get] are not UFOs. Many people report stars and planets and aircraft and humming birds and pelicans and Frisbees and hubcaps - there are thousands of things people can look at and not be able to identify. We rely on our experience to try to quickly identify those cases that are probably not genuine UFOs.

How long have you known about this particular incident in Chicago?

I found out about this on the day of the event. We got multiple communications. We released the information about the 12th or 13th of November, put it on our homepage, and, frankly, I was flabbergasted that nobody was paying attention.

Do you think there has been an effort to downplay it?

My strong suspicion is that this case showed up on the 8th of November - the day after it happened - in the intelligence briefing document that the president apparently reads every morning. Are we to believe that a UFO can appear over a major U.S. airport and the American intelligence community is not informed of it? That proposition is absurd.

If that's the case, why would the federal government keep those findings from the public?

You've got to go directly to the government or to United Airlines [for the answer to that question]. I'm shocked by their response to this, except for the fact that we've seen this kind of response - certainly on behalf of the government - for the past 59 and a half years.

What happened 59 years ago?

That takes us back to the first formal sighting that caused a ripple in the press, which was June 24, 1947, here in the state of Washington. That was Mr. [Kenneth] Arnold, who saw a string of [disc]-shaped objects streaking down the Cascade Mountains [near Mount Rainier]. That was the event that gave us the term "flying saucer."

Still, there are a lot of UFO skeptics out there. What do you say to them?

I've been asked that question about half a dozen times before. Skeptics are free to think whatever they wish. All I do is release the information - hopefully, accurate information - and people may read it or consume it anyway they wish. But many of these hard-boiled skeptics simply do not look at the data. They have a preconceived notion of how the universe works - what is possible, what is not possible - to the extent that they no longer have to look at data.

What is that data?

The data are the cases that come in, the information that we're receiving on a steady basis - over the telephone, over the Internet, photographs and so on. Probably the most reliable source of data that we receive is eyewitness accounts from responsible witnesses who seem to be independent of one another. That's not true of all the people who contact us, of course. We get calls of many, many stripes. But we focus on the cases that are very well documented - as in the case of the O'Hare sighting.

So you've spoken to the witnesses in this case?

Yes, that's how we got the information.

And you think they're credible?

The witnesses [in this case] are not only responsible but they're qualified by virtue of the fact that they've worked in the aviation industry for decades - each one of them. They're familiar with aircraft, they're familiar with weather phenomena. United Airlines and the FAA have apparently taken the position

that it either didn't happen, or if it did happen it was a weather aberration. Well, the written communications that I have in my possession clearly belie that position.

So you obviously believe that UFOs do exist.

My objective is to give the American people the information that they need to have, in my opinion, in order to make a rational decision with regard to the UFO phenomenon. In a sense, I guess I'm an advocate for the notion that our planet is visited on a frequent basis by these things we call UFOs. If my theory and the theory of many other UFO investigators is correct, then the U.S. government certainly knows about this [phenomenon], and has known about it for at least six decades and is not sharing that with the American people. I believe that is wrong.

How do you define a UFO, and what elements of that definition were visible in what was seen at O'Hare?

From my standpoint, [UFOs] are those objects that exhibit characteristics that strongly suggest that they, almost without a doubt, are not of man's manufacture. That statement I think is supported by the fact that these UFO sightings appear to go back hundreds or thousands of years. We have reports on our Web site from the 1930s, from the 1890s, from 1860, and I have two written reports on file - one from China in the 12th century A.D. and a report from ancient Egypt from 1770 B.C. So could that be the U.S. Air Force experimenting with aircraft? Clearly not. In the case of this object at O'Hare, [the object sighted] seemed to accelerate so fast and disappear so fast that people's eyes were unable to follow it, and they didn't know which way it had gone. Now, could that be of man's manufacture? I doubt it.

Why is there so little debate on this subject?

People think that UFOs are strange. But in my opinion, the reaction of the American press to the UFO phenomenon is stranger still. They're not interested in what I consider to be the greatest scientific question of man's existence of all times: are we alone in this galaxy or are we not? From my vantage point, the clear answer to that is that we're not. And it appears that these objects visit our planet on a regular basis.

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The name calling.

Ufologists could take a clue from the astrophyicists who are  
enlisting scientists from many different fields to develop solid  
theories about possible life on other planets - to examine the  
evidence so far at hand.

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## Re: James Oberg On O'Hare UFO - Bell

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>"On the other side, NBC News space analyst James Oberg - a  
>longtime UFO skeptic - says the evidence that's come to light so  
>far isn't all that compelling. "It's just sad that we keep  
>getting these reports which are of zero evidential value," he  
>told me. "It's sad because there's a lot of strange stuff in the  
>air that we do need to know.

<snip>

It seems James Oberg is very toxic and because his perception is dimmed by his internal pollution, he projects his ignorance on others.

This is a cover up issue, not a venture into personal beliefs!

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Robert,

That's their strategy: Be able to fight any kind of 'war'. By  
'war' I mean a war of propaganda.

If 100 astronomers, 100 military pilots, and 100 policemen were  
to see a UFO spinning and hovering at 500 feet over an  
intersection in Los Angeles in broad daylight, the US government  
and the press would evaluate how best to deal with this problem  
on camera, in phone interviews, and in writing.

Some possibilities for deflecting public interest and firm  
conclusions would be to state:

1. Note that there is a tavern on one of the corners.
2. There is a revolving restaurant on top of a tall building  
only 3 miles away bearing a suspicious resemblance to the  
object.
3. If it was fast food the aliens wanted, they should complain  
about the SLOW service! 20 minutes is too long to wait for an  
order of french fries. No wonder they left in a huff!
4. Astronomers look at pictures of stars taken with telescopes -  
not at aircraft with the naked eye. (A valid point, but they're  
not blind, either).
5. Pilots are familiar with other aircraft in the sky - not  
optical illusions or weird weather phenomena.
6. Police are not trained in observing aerial phenomena; they  
deal with stolen cars, license plates, and other earthly  
matters.
7. Nothing showed up on radar.
8. No one has produced a single plausible photo that couldn't  
have been created with PhotoShop or tinkering with the photo in  
a photographic laboratory.



9. One of the photos supposedly taken by a witness has been traced to a fictional 1956 TV program about flying saucers.
10. Video that was supposedly delivered to the FAA has not been located - if it was received at all. We are still looking for it.
11. A recording problem at both 911 and FAA locations, due to a power surge that knocked out recorded communications for 25 minutes, has left us with no audio of the alleged phone calls.
12. The FAA doesn't investigate UFOs.
13. This is similar to the Roswell story where well-meaning witnesses want to report something that they don't understand.
14. In over 50 years of UFO reports, not a single reliable photograph has ever been produced that shows something unexplainable.
15. No UFO has ever registered on radar. Of course, some weather anomalies have shown up, and occasionally jets have been sent up to investigate, but nothing has ever been found.
16. People have a strong will to believe. It's human nature. Science operates differently, requiring strong evidence before accepting something new and unusual as being true.
17. ??? (fill in your own explanation here)

The list of so-called 'explanations' is almost endless. None of them are explanations at all: They're lies, diversions, changing of the subject, suspicion raisers, empathetic responses to the poor dumb witnesses, appeals to psychology, and of course, derision in the form of humor.

The reason it's so easy to fool the public is that the average man on the street will accept any reason for an important story as long as it seems plausible, and comes from the voice of authority.

Rendering a UFO story 'unimportant' or simply the grist for humor is another way of deflecting interest and serious contemplation.

But anyone can render an acceptable reason for almost any event, even if it's not plausible, and even if it doesn't come from an authority.

For example, if a stranger asks, 'What are those lights in the forest?', a convincing reply might be, 'Oh those are just kids from the local car club doing some arc welding on their hot rods.' As long as some kind of explanation is given that could be true, it is likely to go unchallenged by most people - even if the explanation doesn't make much sense. The person's curiosity is satisfied, the stress is relieved, he's now happy and content again, and normal life goes on.

Satisfying curiosity and relieving stress are probably the two most important elements in handling UFO stories by the propagandists.

People want to believe, all right: They want to believe that everything is all right, normal, and that they are safe. They also want to trust their leaders. The will to believe that our leaders, like our parents, would not lie to us and would keep us safe, is a deeply rooted, basic need.

We may see through their lies, but it is a very unsettling feeling to know that we're lied to day in and day out. It is unsettling and very stressful to know that we can't trust them since they deny the truth at every opportunity.

Our leaders rely on this desire for trust, safety, and normalcy - the driving force behind the will to believe in our leaders - to keep the average taxpayer ignorant of the truth.

Why do they try to trick the public? Besides getting citizens to willingly pay their taxes to a government they can trust and respect, I think the biggest problem relates to abductions: When it comes to the subject of UFOs, all roads eventually lead to

the subject of alien abductions, and that can be a terrifying subject for many people.

The reality of flying saucers is one thing: Most people can accept the concept that beings from other planets visit us from time to time, whizzing through our atmosphere, and then leave. But when the topic veers from the reality of alien craft in our atmosphere to the reality of alien abductions, after all the jokes about anal probes have been told, I think most people would find the idea of being abducted by aliens rather frightening - especially since the government is totally helpless to stop it.

A short, gray being with huge black bug-eyes and long, thin arms, standing next to your bed in the middle of the night, rendering you paralyzed and unable to shout or dial the phone, having glided through your heavily locked doors and modern security system with ease, is not a scenario anyone wants to contemplate.

Thus, the cover-up continues. Until we can evolve and join the ET's as equals (or near equals), or until the abductions finally stop, the cover-up will probably continue. It is the Endless Story of our time.

Dave Morton

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>Date: Sat, 6 Jan 2007 10:09:58 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 16:13:15 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

>An old 1947 case reported in the 1948 Air Intelligence report  
>(the baby "Estimate of the Situation") shows two photos of a  
>UFO "burning" a path through the clouds.

><http://www.project1947.com/fig/1948air.htm>

>"On 10 July 1947, Mr. Woodruff, a Pan-American Airways mechanic  
>reported a circular object flying at high velocity, paralleling  
>the earth's surface and leaving a trail which appeared as a  
>"burning up" of the cloud formation. The sighting occurred near  
>Harmon Field, Newfoundland. Two other persons also saw the trail  
>which remained in the sky for about an hour and was photographed  
>by another PAA employee. The resulting photographs support Mr.  
>Woodruff's observation as far as the sky cleavage is concerned.  
>(See Figs, 5 and 6.)"

Thanks David, yes this is the case I referred to in a previous  
post as possibly being in Canada - I couldn't recall the  
details. But I do recall wondering, as I said, if this mightn't  
be the shadow of a high contrail cast on a lower veil of cloud  
that is scattering sunlight. Looking at the photos again I still  
get this impression. But then again, an hour is much too long  
surely for any contrail to survive, and the mechanic did  
describe the object as circular. Still an interesting report.

Martin Shough

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>Oberg pointed to a couple of case studies in pilot  
>misperception, investigated in detail years ago. And just for  
>good measure, he passed along Web links to a Russian UFO report  
>from 2001 that sounds similar to the O'Hare incident, plus the  
>solution to a UFO mystery that came up just last week in Europe.

>Oberg said the European case was particularly instructive,  
>because the specifics about the mysterious glow in the sky  
>helped investigators quickly figure out that it was most likely  
>a cloud trail left behind by a Russian rocket launch. Without  
>such specifics, the O'Hare incident may turn out to be little  
>more than another "missed opportunity," Oberg said.

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I seriously doubt this is a "missed opportunity". Somewhere there is a secretive investigation into what happened. There are reports that witnesses were instructed to make detailed accounts and drawings with instructions to tell no one what happened. What purpose would United have in asking for this information? To put in personnel files or to use in its defence in a court case in case there was some type of accident caused by the object? The only logical reason is to hand them over to a government agency for uninvestigation.

The difference between Official UFO investigations now and back to the Blue Book years and prior seems to be that the public aspect of the investigation is no longer there to scrutinize.

There always was a deeper, secret investigation that Hynek discovered when denied access to witness accounts on the most sensitive and baffeling UFO cases.

Witness accounts in later cases such as Bentwaters (although Col. Halt denied any follow up investigation others did) of being asked questioned by mysterious officials from unknown government agencies enforces this theory.

Lastly, can someone please explain how a glowing rocket cloud trail has any similarity to this sighting of a solid hovering object that shot up into the sky?

Bill Stockstill

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There is a big difference between an informed opinion and an  
opinion based effectively on pasting a bunch of possible  
explanations on a dart board and seeing on which one a dart  
lands.

The debunking in this case is hardly a demonstration of an  
informed opinion. Presumably the latter should be based on the  
facts of this case.

Weather phenomena of unknown type and origin?

Light without any known source reflecting off clouds to produce  
a circular or oval gray object able to hover for some time?

Disregard the testimony of a number of airline related  
employees?

Disregard past experience indicating that the FAA has indeed  
supressed discussion of UFO sightings such as in the JAL case  
described by Callahan?

Debunking would be an appropriate term. How else to describe the

consistently silly explanations from Joe Nickell, the paid 'scientific' (3 degrees in English) investigator from the newly named Committee for Skeptical Investigation?

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Henningsen

From: Ole Henningsen <[oleh.nul](mailto:oleh.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 17:14:56 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 12:39:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Henningsen

>From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 6 Jan 2007 10:09:58 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 16:13:15 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

>An old 1947 case reported in the 1948 Air Intelligence report  
>(the baby "Estimate of the Situation") shows two photos of a UFO  
>"burning" a path through the clouds.

><http://www.project1947.com/fig/1948air.htm>

>"On 10 July 1947, Mr. Woodruff, a Pan-American Airways mechanic  
>reported a circular object flying at high velocity, paralleling  
>the earth's surface and leaving a trail which appeared as a  
>"burning up" of the cloud formation. The sighting occurred near  
>Harmon Field, Newfoundland. Two other persons also saw the trail  
>which remained in the sky for about an hour and was photographed  
>by another PAA employee. The resulting photographs support Mr.  
>Woodruff's observation as far as the sky cleavage is concerned.  
>(See Figs, 5 and 6.)"

>My guess is the holes are the result of the UFO's atmospheric  
>control system used to prevent shock wave and reduce friction,  
>proposed by many people scientists and engineers, such as  
>Hermann Oberth, Paul Hill, and James McCampbell. McCampbell  
>thought microwaves focused in front of the craft were at work,  
>used to push the air aside. Intense microwave energy would  
>vaporize water vapor in front of the craft, causing a temporary  
>hole. Perhaps an additional vortex ring created as the craft  
>rushed through would stabilize the hole for several minutes.

Hello David,

What is your reference for Hermann Oberth having said that?

Regards,

Ole

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Denmark

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## Slightly Off-Topic But Only Slightly

From: Michael Woods <[mike.woods.nul](mailto:mike.woods.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 15:02:05 -0500  
Subject: Slightly Off-Topic But Only Slightly

Hello Listers,

I usually prefer to lurk rather than enter the discussion, but I've come across something that I thought should be widely distributed.

In the afterword of his latest novel, sci-fi writer Orson Scott Card looks at the current state of political rhetoric in the U.S. His observations are not only applicable to Canadian politics, but go beyond that and cover almost ALL public discussion today, including here on the List and hot-button issues such as global warming.

I apologize for its length but not its content.

Mike Woods

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Science-Fiction writer Orson Scott Card's latest novel, Empire, is about a Second American revolution, in the very near future. In it, both Right and Left are manipulated into revolution, allowing one man to become Emperor, in the manner that ancient Rome was changed from a republic to an Empire. In the afterword, he discusses the current state of public discourse and U.S. politics.

Because the U.S. hasn't had a civil war in the past fourteen decades, people think we can't have one now. Where is the geographic clarity of the Mason-Dixon line? When you look at the red-state blue-state division in the past few elections, you get a false impression. The real division is urban, academic, and high-tech counties versus sub-urban, rural, and conservative Christian counties. How could such widely scattered "blue" centers and such centerless "red" populations ever act in concert?

Geography aside, however, we have never been so evenly divided with such hateful rhetoric since the years leading up to the Civil War of the 1860s. Because the national media elite are so uniformly progressive, we keep hearing (in the elite media) about the rhetorical excesses of the "extreme right." To hear the same media, there is no "extreme left," just the occasional progressive who says things he or she shouldn't.

But any rational observer has to see that the Left and Right in

America are screaming the most vile accusations at each other all the time. We are fully polarized - if you accept one idea that sounds like it belongs to either the blue or the red. you are assumed - nay, required - to espouse the entire rest of the package, even though there is no reason why supporting the war against terrorism should imply you're in favor of banning all abortions and against restricting the availability of firearms, no reason why being in favor of keeping government-imposed limits on the free market should imply you also are in favor of

giving legal status to homosexual couples and against building nuclear reactors. These issues are not remotely related, and yet if you hold any of one group's views, you are hated by the other group as if you believed them all; and if you hold most of one group's views, but not all, you are treated as if you were a traitor for deviating even slightly from the party line.

It goes deeper than this. however. A good working definition of fanaticism is that you are so convinced of your views and policies that you are sure anyone who opposes them must either be stupid and deceived or have some ulterior motive. We are today a nation where almost everyone in the public eye displays fanaticism with every utterance.

It is part of human nature to regard as sane those people who share the worldview of the majority of society. Somehow, though, we have managed to divide ourselves into two different, mutually exclusive sanities. The people in each society reinforce each other in madness, believing unsubstantiated ideas that are often contradicted not only by each other but also by whatever objective evidence exists on the subject. Instead of having an ever-adapting civilization-wide consensus reality, we have become a nation of insane people able to see the madness only in the other side.

Does this lead, inevitably, to civil war? Of course not - though it's hardly conducive to stable government or the long-term continuation of democracy. What inevitably arises from such division is the attempt by one group, utterly convinced of its rectitude, to use all coercive forces available to stamp out the opposing views.

Such an effort is, of course, a confession of madness. Suppression of other people's beliefs by force only comes about when you are deeply afraid that your own beliefs are wrong and you are desperate to keep anyone from challenging them. Oh, you may come up with rhetoric about how you are suppressing them for their own good or for the good of others, but people who are confident of their beliefs are content merely to offer and teach, not compel.

The impulse toward coercion takes whatever forms are available.

In academia, it consists of the denial of degrees, jobs, or tenure to people with nonconformist opinions. Ironically, the people who are most relentless in eliminating competing ideas congratulate themselves on their tolerance and diversity. In most situations, it is less formal, consisting of shunning - but the shunning usually has teeth in it. Did Mel Gibson, when in his cups, say something that reflects his upbringing in an anti-Semitic household? Then he is to be shunned - which in Hollywood will mean he can never be considered for an Oscar and will have a much harder time getting prestige, as opposed to money, roles.

It has happened to me, repeatedly, from both the Left and the Right. It is never enough to disagree with me - I must be banned from speaking at a particular convention or campus; my writings should be boycotted; anything that will punish me for my conformance and, if possible, impoverish me and my family.

So virulent are these responses - again, from both the Left and the Right - that I believe it is only a short step to the attempt to use the power of the state to enforce one's views. On the right we have attempts to use the government to punish flag burners and to enforce state-sponsored praying. On the left, we have a ban on free speech and peaceable public assembly in front of abortion clinics and the attempt to use the power of the state to force the acceptance of homosexual relationships as equal to marriages.

Each side feels absolutely justified in compelling others to accept their views.

It is Puritanism, not in its separatist form, desiring to live by themselves by their own rules, but in its Cromwellian form, using the power of the state to enforce the dicta of one group throughout the wider society, by force rather than persuasion.

This despite the historical fact that the civilization that has created more prosperity and freedom for more people than ever before is one based on tolerance and pluralism, and that

attempts to force one religion (theistic or atheistic) on the rest of a nation or the world inevitably lead to misery, poverty, and, usually, conflict.

Yet we seem only able to see the negative effects of coercion caused by the other team. Progressives see the danger of allowing fanatical religions (which, by some definitions, means "all of them") to have control of government - they need only point to Iran, Saudi Arabia, the Taliban, or, in a more general and milder sense, the entire Muslim world, which is oppressed precisely to the degree that Islam is enforced as the state religion.

Conservatives, on the other hand, see the danger of allowing fanatical atheistic religions to have control of government, pointing to Nazi Germany and all Communist nations as obvious examples of political utopianism run amok.

Yet neither side can see any connection between their own fanaticism and the historical examples that might apply to them. People insisting on a Christian America simply cannot comprehend that others view them as the Taliban-in-waiting; those who insist on progressive exclusivism in America are outraged at any comparison between them and Communist totalitarianism. Even as they shun or fire or deny tenure to those who disagree with them, everybody thinks it's the other guy who would be the oppressor, while our side would simply "set things to rights."

Rarely do people set out to start a civil war. Invariably, when such wars break out both sides consider themselves to be the aggrieved ones. Right now in America, even though the Left has control of all the institutions of cultural power and prestige - universities, movies, literary publishing, mainstream journalism - as well as the federal courts, they feel themselves oppressed and threatened by traditional religion and conservatism. And even though the Right controls both houses of Congress and the presidency, as well as having ample outlets for their views in nontraditional media and an ever increasing dominance over American religious and economic life, they feel themselves oppressed and threatened by the cultural dominance of the Left.

And they are threatened, just as they are also threatening, because nobody is willing to accept the simple idea that someone can disagree with their group and still be a decent human being worthy of respect.

Can it lead to war?

Very simply, yes. The moment one group feels itself so aggrieved that it uses either its own weapons or the weapons of the state to "prevent" the other side from bringing about its supposed "evil" designs, then that other side will have no choice but to take up arms against them. Both sides will believe the other to be the instigator.

The vast majority of people will be horrified - but they will also be mobilized whether they like it or not.

It's the lesson of Yugoslavia and Rwanda. If you were a Tutsi just before the Rwandan holocaust who did not hate Hutus, who married a Hutu, who hired Hutus or taught school to Hutu students, it would not have stopped Hutus from taking machetes to you and your family. You would have had only two choices: to die or to take up arms against the Hutus, whether you had previously hated them or not.

But it went further. Knowing they were doing a great evil, the Hutus who conducted the pogroms also killed any Hutus who were "disloyal" enough to try to oppose taking up arms.

Likewise in Yugoslavia. For political gain, Serbian leaders in the post-Tito government maintained a drumbeat of Serbian manifest-destiny propaganda, which openly demonized Croatian and Muslim people as a threat to good Serbs. When Serbs in Bosnia took up arms to "protect themselves" from being ruled by a Muslim majority - and were sponsored and backed by the Serbian government - what choice did a Bosnian Muslim have but to take up arms in self-defense? Thus both sides claimed to be acting in self-defense, and in short order, they were.

And as both Rwanda and Bosnia proved, clear geographical divisions are not required in order to have brutal, bloody civil wars. All that is required is that both sides come to believe that if they do not take up arms, the other side will destroy them.

In America today, we are complacent in our belief that it can't happen here. We forget that America is not an ethnic nation, where ancient ties of blood can bind people together despite differences.

We are created by ideology; ideas are our only connection. And because today we have discarded the free marketplace of ideas and have polarized ourselves into two equally insane ideologies, so that each side can, with perfect accuracy, brand the other side as madmen, we are ripe for that next step, to take preventive action to keep the other side from seizing power and oppressing our side.

The examples are - or should be - obvious. That we are generally oblivious to the excesses of our own side merely demonstrates how close we already are to a paroxysm of self-destruction.

We are waiting for Fort Sumter.

I hope it doesn't come.

Meanwhile, however, there is this novel, in which I try to show characters who struggle to keep from falling into the insanity - yet who also try to prevent other people's insanity from destroying America. This book is fiction. It is entertainment. I do not believe a new American civil war is inevitable; and if it did happen, I do not believe it would necessarily take the form I show in this book, politically or militarily. Since the war depicted in these pages has not happened, I am certainly not declaring either side in our polarized public life guilty of causing it. I only say that for the purposes of this story, we have this set of causes; in the real world, if we should ever be so stupid as to allow a civil war to happen again, we would obviously have a different set of specific causes.

We live in a time when people like me, who do not wish to choose either camp's ridiculous, inconsistent, unrelated ideology, are being forced to choose - and to take one whole absurd package or the other.

We live in a time when moderates are treated worse than extremists, being punished as if they were more fanatical than the actual fanatics.

We live in a time when lies are preferred to the truth and truths are called lies, when opponents are assumed to have the worst conceivable motives and treated accordingly, and when we reach immediately for coercion without even bothering to find out what those who disagree with us are actually saying.

In short, we are creating for ourselves a new dark age - the darkness of blinders we voluntarily wear, and which, if we do not take them off and see each other as human beings with legitimate, virtuous concerns, will lead us to tragedies whose cost we will bear for generations.

Or, maybe, we can just calm down and stop thinking that our own ideas are so precious that we must never give an inch to accommodate the heartfelt beliefs of others.

How can we accomplish that? It begins by scorning the voices of extremism from the camp we are aligned with. Democrats and Republicans must renounce the screamers and haters from their own side instead of continuing to embrace them and denouncing only the screamers from the opposing camp. We must moderate ourselves instead of insisting on moderating the other guy while keeping our own fanaticism alive.

In the long run, the great mass of people who simply want to get on with their lives can shape a peaceful future. But it requires that they actively pursue moderation and reject extremism on every side, and not just on one. Because it is precisely those ordinary people, who don't even care all that much about the issues, who will end up suffering the most from any conflict that might arise.

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Pray there's intelligent life somewhere out in space;  
There's bugger all down here on Earth.

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## Re: An Open 'Letter' To The UFO Community - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 17:34:30 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 15:03:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open 'Letter' To The UFO Community - Shough

>From: Daniel Brenton <[daniel\\_brenton.nul](mailto:daniel_brenton.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 6 Jan 2007 10:12:59 -0800  
>Subject: An Open 'Letter' To The UFO Community

>Are you contributing anything of value?  
>(Be honest now.)  
>(Be vewwy vewwy honest...)

Are you?

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## Re: The 'Funny' Part - Lehmberg

From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 11:36:21 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 15:05:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: The 'Funny' Part - Lehmberg

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 00:45:37 +0000  
>Subject: Re: The 'Funny' Part

>>From: Robert Barrow <[rbarr.nul](mailto:rbarr.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 12:38:10 -0500  
>>Subject: The 'Funny' Part

>>When a rural UFO sighting witnessed by a couple of people makes  
>>news headlines, the debunkers ask why it's always some farmer in  
>>the middle of nowhere who spots a saucer.

>>When a UFO pops up over one of the world's busiest airports,  
>>witnessed by many, the debunkers suggest a weather anomaly.

>>You can't win.

>>How curious that we embrace our idiocy so fondly and so quickly  
>>when we crave a solution to anesthetize the inquiring mind.

>The funny part is that when someone offers an opinion, if it  
>doesn't meet the 'craft from elsewhere in the universe' the opiner  
>is labeled a "debunker". Thereby, cutting off any dialog.

>Name calling will not produce a solution. This is one of the  
>major problems with the investigation of anomalous phenomena.

>The name calling.

>Ufologists could take a clue from the astrophyicists who are  
>enlisting scientists from many different fields to develop solid  
>theories about possible life on other planets - to examine the  
>evidence so far at hand.

Refraining from calling you "sugar-booty" or anything as  
inappropriate as that, why do you figure you might be naive  
enough to think that after reliable people have been called a  
million different forms of the words 'woo-woo', 'loon',  
'crackpot', or 'idiot' over the last 65 years of UFO sightings,  
why it's still improper to call a spade a spade and say,  
"debunker."

That's exactly why we never talk about racism in the US south.  
It's not polite. That said... my heart bleeds for the trameled  
sensibilities of spooage-eating klasskurtxians, fraptious (sic)  
pelicanists, reflex skeptibunkies, and inured CSICOPians.  
Verily.

Lovely day, eh?

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## Re: Davenport On O'Hare UFO In Newsweek - Boone

From: **Geg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 13:24:12 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 15:08:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Davenport On O'Hare UFO In Newsweek - Boone

>Source: MSNBC.Com - Redmond, Washington, USA

><http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/16472286/site/newsweek/>

>Jan 4, 2007

>Mystery Lingers Over Chicago UFO Claims

>The head of the National UFO Reporting Center gives his theories  
>about the strange sighting over Chicago's main airport.

>WEB EXCLUSIVE  
>By Jessica Bennett  
>Newsweek

<snip>

>Why is there so little debate on this subject?

>People think that UFOs are strange. But in my opinion, the  
>reaction of the American press to the UFO phenomenon is stranger  
>still. They're not interested in what I consider to be the  
>greatest scientific question of man's existence of all times:  
>are we alone in this galaxy or are we not? From my vantage  
>point, the clear answer to that is that we're not. And it  
>appears that these objects visit our planet on a regular basis.

Hats off to Mr. Peter Davenport!

Finally a mainstream interview that he gets to say the real deal.

This last paragraph encompasses what drew me into ufology. As a child I noticed that the one subject that got adults into a tizzy was UFOs. If I wanted a day off from homework or was due a spanking all I had to do was start quizzing people about UFOs.

In my hometown area UFOS weren't some far off fantasy they were and still are a real life experience. Of course I'm talking about the legendary Hudson Valley UFOs. I worked in the press there for 8 years. We had UFOs not only fly over the airports but even over our newspaper building which is across the street from the city hall and police station! Not one mention in the news. I remember the numerous calls and visits to the paper by witnesses, pilots, top technical specialists, professors and such regarding the subject.

I remember when Chernobyl blew up and the wire photos showed up close photos of a flying saucer hovering adjacent to the nuke plant. I recall my senior editor taking those photos from me.

No other topic got the finger drawn across the throat like UFOs.

It even got dangerous.

So Mr. Davenport's analysis regarding our press' reaction to UFOs makes me say right up front what many of us know already that our press is overrun by intelligence and industrial

community operatives whose only objective is to evaluate our existence and control our beliefs and actions.

I've said a dozen times before, don't trust the press in these matters. If one valiant reporter comes up with a good story then all good but the past shows us what to be on the watch for.

Finally, this event is why it's so important to visit the NUFORC website daily and throw any support to Peter Davenport that we can.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect - Shough

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Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 18:30:09 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 15:11:15 -0500  
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>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 06 Jan 2007 13:38:44 -0700  
>Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect

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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 16:13:15 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

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>>Terrific photo of the more usual type of hole in stratified  
>>cloud  
>>(over Mobile, Alabama, I think) at this blog:

>>[http://rustybucket.blogspot.com/2004\\_09\\_01\\_rustybucket\\_archive.html](http://rustybucket.blogspot.com/2004_09_01_rustybucket_archive.html)

>>Another beautiful example from the UK is here:

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

>><snip>

>Great images Martin. It would seem your first example is most  
>analagous to the O'Hare phenomenon, aside from size and  
>orientation.

>I must admit some puzzlement if the mechanism here is the sudden  
>transformation of supercooled water droplets into ice crystals.  
>Such crystals would be less dense and have a higher drag  
>coefficient than water droplets, so there's no obvious reason  
>why they should "rain out", indeed one would guess quite the  
>opposite. If the effect derives from the differing light  
>transmitting properties of ice and water (their indices of  
>refraction are very similar), why do we commonly see high  
>altitude clouds composed entirely of ice crystals that have the  
>same basic appearance as clouds of water droplets?

>Still hoping for a cloud physics guru to jump in.

Don't have one handy, Mike, but giving it some thought it seems  
to me that the idea is not that water vapour in the cloud  
spontaneously freezes and then falls as ice, but rather that ice  
crystals fall from above into water vapour clouds and nucleate  
precipitation, similarly to the way that this often happens in  
ordinary rainfall.

Normally when the ice-crystal process starts precipitation it is  
happening in the high sub-freezing regions of deep clouds with  
mixed ice and supercooled water droplets, and isn't seen.

Water vapour tends to condense on the ice crystals and when mass  
becomes more important than drag the larger ones fall, capturing  
more droplets on the way and getting still heavier.

I suppose the idea is that when you have very stratified thin  
cloud of supercooled vapour with clear air above and below,

exposed to a discrete and localised infall of relatively large ice crystals from weather processes high above, then this process is laid open to view. So what we are seeing fall out would be the result of natural cloud "seeding". Does this make sense do you think?

Martin

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Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 15:14:56 -0500  
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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 6 Jan 2007 21:54:28 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)  
>Subject: Re: James Oberg On O'Hare UFO

>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 15:24:28 -0800  
>>Subject: James Oberg On O'Hare UFO

>><http://cosmiclog.msnbc.msn.com/archive/2007/01/02/25212.aspx>

>>Posted: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 4:55 PM by Alan Boyle

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>>"On the other side, NBC News space analyst James Oberg - a  
>>longtime UFO skeptic - says the evidence that's come to light so  
>>far isn't all that compelling. "It's just sad that we keep  
>>getting these reports which are of zero evidential value," he  
>>told me. "It's sad because there's a lot of strange stuff in the  
>>air that we do need to know.

That kind of statement is the reason he gets the air time he does on NBC and other news program. "Nothing compelling" even though he doesn't know anything about the episode. He's a safe 'sane' [as compared to the rest of us infected idiots] 'expert' for them to call on. He's also managed to insult and further marginalize the witnesses at O'Hare most of whom have more expertize in their area than he does.

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>It seems James Oberg is very toxic and because his perception is  
>dimmed by his internal pollution, he projects his ignorance on  
>others.

It's a livelihood for Oberg. He does well being an 'expert' in this area - if you want to call kneejerk responses as expert. If he was being factual he would have said he was taking a wait and see attitude before passing judgement. But he chose to stay on the good side of the FAA and shot from the lip.

>This is a cover up issue, not a venture into personal beliefs!

It's fast appearing to be so, Fred. The FAA's weather phenomenon/light reflection explanation was very weak lacking any credibility with bogus times as well.

Don Ledger

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## Re: The 'Funny' Part - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 15:21:39 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 15:23:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: The 'Funny' Part - Ledger

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 00:45:37 +0000  
>Subject: Re: The 'Funny' Part

>>From: Robert Barrow <[rbarr.nul](mailto:rbarr.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 12:38:10 -0500  
>>Subject: The 'Funny' Part

>>When a rural UFO sighting witnessed by a couple of people  
>>makes news headlines, the debunkers ask why it's always some  
>>farmer in the middle of nowhere who spots a saucer.

>>When a UFO pops up over one of the world's busiest airports,  
>>witnessed by many, the debunkers suggest a weather anomaly.

>>You can't win.

>>How curious that we embrace our idiocy so fondly and so  
>>quickly when we crave a solution to anesthetize the  
>>inquiring mind.

>The funny part is that when someone offers an opinion, if it  
>doesn't meet the 'craft from elsewhere in the universe' the  
>opiner is labeled a "debunker". Thereby, cutting off any  
>dialog.

>Name calling will not produce a solution. This is one of the  
>major problems with the investigation of anomalous phenomena.

>The name calling.

>Ufologists could take a clue from the astrophysicists who are  
>enlisting scientists from many different fields to develop  
>solid theories about possible life on other planets - to  
>examine the evidence so far at hand.

Kathy,

Oberg doesn't need any help from you to defend himself. Do you seriously think he's going to dry up and blow away because we argue with him?

If you are defending Joe Nickell then perhaps you should make application to the Skeptical Inquirer bunch because their need for credibility grows with each passing month. No one on this List has made pronouncements from the gitgo that the O'Hare object was an extraterrestrial craft but Oberg and Nickell have declared it to be of no consequence... didn't happen... was nothing, with no evidence whatsoever to support it.

There are about a dozen people working on this, off-List, trying to resolve it, attempting to get the witnesses to come forward and talk and either go on record and exercise their legal right to speak freely about this episode. United has told them to shut up and that is not legal. Oberg and Nickell have knee-jerked and uninformed but denigrating responses, further buttressing the



witnesses reluctance to come forward or risk censure and possibly the loss of their jobs.

Joe Nickell has no credentials and Jim Oberg was a middle-line engineer with NASA 20 years ago. Dick Haines on the other hand was a scientist at NASA for thirty years and chief scientist for a good part of that. He's got 6 pages on him in Who's Who In Science... but he never gets asked even though he's an expert in this area and far more knowledgeable than Oberg or Nickell will ever be.

How is that productive?

Your need to have your problem with ET resolved by the community - and sniping at same - for whatever personal reasons is getting tiresome and is unproductive as well.

If you want to get pissed with someone of something then go after your government... not us. We do the best we can under the circumstances. Spend your time more productively rather than supporting spur of the moment skeptics.

Don Ledger

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## Re: An Open 'Letter' To The UFO Community - Jones

From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 20:11:03 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 15:29:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open 'Letter' To The UFO Community - Jones

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 17:34:30 -0000  
>Subject: Re: An Open 'Letter' To The UFO Community

>>From: Daniel Brenton <[daniel.brenton.nul](mailto:daniel.brenton.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 6 Jan 2007 10:12:59 -0800  
>>Subject: An Open 'Letter' To The UFO Community

>>Are you contributing anything of value?  
>>(Be honest now.)  
>>(Be vewwy vewwy honest...)

>Are you?

Its been two years plus since I had anything published, but does that mean I haven't contributed? Or haven't contributed 'publicly'?

I'm not a regular poster here as I have oodles of work & home life commitments. But just because I don't publish or post here doesn't mean I am not contributing.

So, back to being "vewwy honest". <g>

Probably not at the moment, but doesn't mean its because I don't want to.

Regards

Sean Jones

P.S. Happy New Year to everyone <g>

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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## Re: An Open 'Letter' To The UFO Community -

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 14:18:22 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 15:31:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Open 'Letter' To The UFO Community -

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>>Are you contributing anything of value?  
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>Are you?

Ummmm... no? He doesn't eat what he shoots, he's a vegetarian.  
He just hunts for the 'sport' of it.

Moreover, isn't it odd how Elmer Fudd, in dozens of cartoons and  
with every conceivable implement... always seemed to take it in  
the butt?

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## Re: The 'Funny Part' - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 14:27:58 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 08:12:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: The 'Funny Part' - Clark

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>>when we crave a solution to anesthetize the inquiring mind.

>The funny part is that when someone offers an opinion, if it  
>doesn't meet the 'craft from elsewhere in the universe' the  
>opiner is labeled a "debunker". Thereby, cutting off any dialog.

To anyone who knows the long, sorry history of UFOphobia  
(starting Project Grudge's inept investigations and Menzel's  
fanciful theories), the remarks above are astonishingly inept.

Apparently we are to believe "debunking" is a nonexistent  
phenomenon imagined solely by ufologists looking for a bogeyman.  
The problem with this notion - besides its inherent silliness -  
is that good ufologists over the years have solved a fair  
number of ostensibly puzzling reports. So ufologists are  
debunkers? And it is ufologists - you know, the  
pseudoscientists, the cultists, the crazies, the true believers  
(just a few of the standard epithets thrown our way over the  
decades) - who are the name-callers?

>Ufologists could take a clue from the astrophysicists who are  
>enlisting scientists from many different fields to develop solid  
>theories about possible life on other planets - to examine the  
>evidence so far at hand.

And with UFOs taken out of the equation before the inquiry  
begins, what evidence would that be?

Jerry Clark

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## The Lost Scorpion Found - 11-06 UFO Magazine

From: Gord Heath <[gordheath.nul](mailto:gordheath.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 13:01:27 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 08:19:33 -0500  
Subject: The Lost Scorpion Found - 11-06 UFO Magazine

To: [vecker1.nul](mailto:vecker1.nul), [webmaster.nul](mailto:webmaster.nul)

Re: The Lost Scorpion Found (UFO Magazine, November 2006)

Dear Editor,

I read your article on the alleged discovery of the missing F-89 in your November issue and was quite surprised to note that it contained no mention that this discovery is now widely believed to be a hoax. Also, contrary to the brief follow-up comments by Dirk Vander Ploeg in the December issue of UFO magazine, there seems to be nothing of the story which can be verified. Many individuals have checked into this story and it seems that no one has yet been able to verify even the most basic information. I am sure that your readers would be interested to know the findings of the investigation by James Carrion, international director of MUFON into the claims of Adam Jimenez.

I will briefly summarize the findings:

- 1) No one has yet been able to verify the existence of "Great Lakes Dive Company" (GLDC) which Jimenez claimed to be an incorporated company or LLC in the state of Michigan.
- 2) No one in the Great Lakes shipwreck searching community or dive community seems to have any knowledge of Great Lakes Dive Company as an organization actively involved in the searches they mentioned on their web site.
- 3) No one seems to have any basic information about Adam Jimenez to validate he is who he claims to be, such as an address or current phone number.
- 4) While the GLDC web site was operational, no photographs of team members, boats or sonar equipment were ever posted to the website to document their alleged discovery.
- 5) Some experts in the field of side scan sonar believe the alleged sonar images may be fakes.
- 6) The initial story quoted in an email that was forwarded to the UFO Updates list, appears to be faked as an Associated Press story from a Port Huron, Michigan publication.

It should be noted that Adam Jimenez claimed to have video recordings obtained from an ROV survey of the alleged F-89. He claimed that the tail code was visible in the video and that the canopy of the craft was intact, implying that the crew were still inside. Despite these claims, he never shared any of this evidence with any of the family of the missing pilot, Lt. Gene Moncla.

It is unfortunate that persisting questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance have largely been side-stepped in your coverage of what seems to be an elaborate hoax. I have spent many years researching this incident and my findings are

published on the UFOBC website at [www.ufobc.ca/kinross](http://www.ufobc.ca/kinross). I am sure your readers will be quite interested to know that parts from a military jet aircraft were found in the bush near the eastern shore of Lake Superior back in October 1968. A photograph of the tail stabilizer is shown with an Ontario Provincial Police officer and USAF officer on the front page of the Sault Daily Star newspaper, accompanying articles about the discovery. It appears that the identity of the mystery jet was never released to the public and the Canadian government claims they have no file records of this discovery. Were these parts from the missing F-89?

The article in UFO Magazine also reprints a map which erroneously places the last position of the F-89 in the accident report as being at coordinates 45 degrees 00 minutes north at a location near Sturgeon Bay, Michigan. The actual coordinates are printed in several locations such as the Search and Rescue report prepared by the RCAF and in several telexes. All state the last coordinates were 48 degrees 00 minutes north and 86 degrees 49 minutes west, north of the US Canada border over Lake Superior.

In closing, I wish to bring to your attention the photograph which you published in your magazine of Lt. Moncla, contains no caption mentioning this photograph was provided to me by his sister, Leonie Shannon and his cousin, Carol Campbell. I don't know where you obtained the photograph but I know it has been published several times on the web since we first posted it in an article printed in the UFOBC quarterly and now posted on our web page devoted to the missing pilot  
<http://www.ufobc.ca/kinross/persons/personsMonclaMain.htm>

I enjoyed reading many of the other articles in your November issue, but I couldn't restrain myself from responding to your articles referring to the missing F-89.

Yours truly,

Gord Heath  
UFOBC

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## The Press UFOs & Who Stands To Gain?

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 16:26:50 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 10:58:33 -0500  
Subject: The Press UFOs & Who Stands To Gain?

With this latest sorry attempt at debunking a well detailed UFO event we again see the disturbing trend of the press to sweep things under the rug.

I'll admit that this is a unique situation where the cat got out of the bag and many news sources did cover it with professionalism.

However, we do still see the lack of accord in some journalists and downright sloppy reporting by others.

Last week Mr. Stanton T. Friedman pointed us all to a thesis regarding the press and UFOs by Dr. Herbert Strentz.

We've got to look at what connection would the press have as a blanket to not cover this subject professionally.

Who controls our press? What threat would pursuing the subject of UFOs pose to the field of journalism?

Is it that they don't want to bite the hand that feeds them?

Could it be that those in control or the major influence over what is covered by the press fear that the truth would disrupt their power?

As brilliantly elusive this subject of UFOs is, we see what I've referred to before as the Sysiphus Effect. Soon as we feel we've gotten to that mountain top with that boulder it rolls back down.

That's just not circumstance. The press doesn't have the means to engage in that much control.

There's more to it. Yes I could go off the deep end and say our press and government are now under the control of our visitors and don't know it. Or is what I consider the deep end actually the logical step forward?

We could joke and speculate all day but the bottom line is this latest incident at O'Hare International Airport shows the anatomy of debunking and information suppression.

I've been doing a poll over the past several days. Out of 100 people I've asked about the O'Hare thing, not one person believes the official account. Matter of fact the people I've asked, "Have you heard of the UFO story regarding Chicago's O'Hare International Airport?", before I get through the question they're chiming in with the details they're already aware of and the majority, at least 70% have stated they have friends and family at the airport or in the city who've been chatting about it for weeks!

Not one, not one person so far has said they didn't believe the employees at the airport. The only question raised regarding the witnesses to the event is why no photos or video? Two professionals in aerospace whom I've known for years now laughed at the FAA's excuses.

I was even blown over when a long, long time skeptic of such matters and a high end professional in aerospace who has never failed to chastise me for bringing up such subjects joined in to agree for the first time ever that this incident was enough to convince him that coverups of such things occur.

No talk about ETs, just the way the news and government responded.

So again, who stands to gain from the press' approach to UFOs and what does the press stand to gain?

Best,

Greg

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## Re: So What Does Happen At Light Speed? - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 19:40:30 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:01:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: So What Does Happen At Light Speed? - Boone

I'm so confused :)

I recall growing up learning about light speed and how it could never be achieved due to such things as once one gained that threshold one would gain infinite mass and infinite density.

That sounded scary!

Then all the IBM brain kids teamed up with the av students would barge into the art room while we drew cartoons of Star Trek and Lost in Space, declaring that no one would survive such speeds.

We, the imagining ones, would toss their comments to the wind and kept on writing and drawing.

Now as an adult the debate continues.

Now I'm told that we could get to light speed but we don't have the know how to keep a crew alive.

That a crew going 30 light years would age a month or year on board such a craft while we on Earth would get those 30 years. Would such a speed slow the age of the crew only? What about the equipment?

Do star ships live forever?

What about the fuel? Does the fuel age slower or burn slower?

How the heck do they do that?

Finally, how close to achieving this feat are we?

Best,

Greg

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## Budd Hopkins' Abduction Seminar 01-27-07

From: **The Intruders Foundation** <[ifinfo1.nul](mailto:ifinfo1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 19:21:54 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:08:15 -0500  
Subject: Budd Hopkins' Abduction Seminar 01-27-07

Intruders Foundation Seminar Series Announcement

The Anna Jamerson Experiences:

An Astonishing UFO Abduction Case

Saturday, January 27, 2007, New York City

After a lengthy hiatus, the Intruders Foundation (IF) will resume its regular program of seminars with a presentation by Anna Jamerson, one of the authors of *Connections*, in which she will discuss her extraordinary UFO abduction experiences. Anna and her friend Beth Collings met in the late 1980s, and subsequently discovered that they were both undergoing UFO abductions, and that, amazingly, they had been brought together as children in a series of ongoing encounters evidently engineered by the UFO occupants.

Anna Jamerson is a highly intelligent, articulate woman who spoke movingly about her encounters at our second all-day IF conference in 2000 at the New York Hall of Science. On January 27, she will recount what is in many ways perhaps one of the most dramatic and complex series of UFO abductions ever. Her joint abductions with Beth Collings comprise the central section of C.D.B. Bryan's much acclaimed book, *Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind*, and her talk at IF will be accompanied by a remarkable group of illustrations by her gifted co-writer, Collings.

The events she will detail mostly occurred at a horse farm she owns, but one incident apparently involves an underground alien installation of some sort. Ranking with the Betty and Barney Hill case, the Linda Cortile abduction, and the 1975 Travis Walton incident, Anna Jamerson's account is of the utmost importance to the history of the UFO abduction phenomenon. Her book, *Connections*, is one that should be in the library for anyone interested in the subject, and will be available for sale at the seminar.

### Registration & Information

The seminar will be held on January 27th at the new meeting rooms of A.R.E., located on the SECOND FLOOR at 241 W. 30th Street (between Seventh and Eighth Avenues), New York, NY. The price of the seminar is \$30 for non-members and \$20 for members of IF, seniors and students. Reservations must be made by telephone at 212-645-5278, and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be made in advance to secure the reservation. Make checks payable to the Intruders Foundation, P.O. Box 30233, New York, NY 10011. Seating is limited. Book early! Only 60 reservations will be accepted!

On-street parking is generally available in the neighborhood.

The seminar will begin at 7:30 PM and end at 10:00 PM. Doors open at 7:00 PM. There will be a one half-hour intermission, during which light complimentary refreshments will be served. A book table will offer books, videotapes and other material for sale to those interested. For additional information, call IF at 212-645-5278.

Hope to see you there!

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## First 3D map Universe's Dark Matter Scaffolding

From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 09:42:00 +1000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:09:56 -0500  
Subject: First 3D map Universe's Dark Matter Scaffolding

This certainly adds another dimension (pardon the pun) to the question "Where Do ETs Come From?"

First 3D map of the Universe's dark matter scaffolding

By analysing the COSMOS survey - the largest ever survey undertaken with Hubble - an international team of scientists has assembled a three-dimensional map that offers a first look at the web-like large-scale distribution of dark matter in the Universe. This historic achievement, one of the most important results in cosmology, accurately confirms standard theories of structure formation.

Full story:

[http://www.esa.int/esaSC/SEMZ6GSVYVE\\_index\\_0.html](http://www.esa.int/esaSC/SEMZ6GSVYVE_index_0.html)

Sheryl

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## Conscious Gateways Disclosure Conference Australia

From: **Sheryl Gottschall** <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 12:40:32 +1000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:14:30 -0500  
Subject: Conscious Gateways Disclosure Conference Australia

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## Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 23:08:30 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:16:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Maccabee

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 16:13:15 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck>

snip

>A different angle, if we're looking at technology, is the  
>following patent for a cloud-punching laser device for military  
>surveillance. CO2 lasers of the type mentioned work in the  
>infrared:

><http://www.freepatentsonline.com/4411487.html>

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>"A device for seeing through an aerosol cloud cover comprising a  
>high power laser source which produces a laser output that is  
>directed ... through said aerosol cloud cover to produce a hole  
>therein, and means... for viewing objects camouflaged by said  
>cloud cover.

>2. A device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said high power  
>laser is a pulsed CO2 laser and the output from said laser having  
>a hole at its center with the laser output being projected on  
>said mirror and around said hole in said mirror.

>3. A device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said viewing means  
>is a thermal imaging device of the infrared type.

>4. A device as set forth in claims 2 or 3, wherein said laser  
>has an output of about 5,000 to about 10,000 joules per pulse."

>I suppose in an O'Hare type situation a downward-directed maser  
>beam beneath an ascending object might keep a relatively  
>well-defined cloud hole open for some time after it had passed  
>though. The directionality and various possible pulse v. cw  
>characteristics of such a coherent emission would obviously make  
>a big difference to any calculation of power generated from pwer  
>density "on target".

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I wouldn't want to be "in the beam" that could quickly evaporate a  
30-40 (or larger?) foot diameter hole in a moderately thick cloud.

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## Re: James Oberg On O'Hare UFO - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 23:08:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:19:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: James Oberg On O'Hare UFO - Maccabee

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 15:24:28 -0800  
>Subject: James Oberg On O'Hare UFO

><http://cosmiclog.msnbc.msn.com/archive/2007/01/02/25212.aspx>

>Posted: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 4:55 PM by Alan Boyle

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>"On the other side, NBC News space analyst James Oberg - a  
>longtime UFO skeptic - says the evidence that's come to light so  
>far isn't all that compelling. "It's just sad that we keep  
>getting these reports which are of zero evidential value," he  
>told me. "It's sad because there's a lot of strange stuff in the  
>air that we do need to know.

<snip>

>The O'Hare incident is being taken more seriously than most  
>sightings because the reports are coming from aviation  
>professionals rather than untrained onlookers. But Oberg argues  
>that the professionals don't always make the best eyewitnesses  
>because they tend to favor flight-related explanations for what  
>they see. "NTSB investigators say that the worst observers of an  
>aviation accident are aviation personnel," Oberg said. "It's  
>because a pilot will usually want to understand what happened,  
>and in his initial perceptions and later retellings will stress  
>the facts that support his initial interpretation."

This is classic Obergism or application of the "Oberg Rule:" the witnesses can 't be believed if the report does not result in an accurate identification.

This is because, according to the Oberg rule, witnesses report their 'interpretations' of what they saw and these interpretations are wrong.

Oberg wants everyone to infer from this that the Descriptions are wrong.

What Oberg fails to admit is that in most cases the valid, "earthly" explanations are based on witness descriptions. It is the job of the investigator to separate the description from from the interpretation. Oberg treats the witnesses sort of as follows: if the report seems consistent with an 'Unearthly' explanation, then the witness has reported an interpretation and the description can't be trusted (regardless of the apparent quality of the description contained within the report).

Such a report can be discarded because it has "zero evidential value." (This is an echo of the Project Twinkle final report in which it says that, although there were numerous films of strange objects over White Sands, triangulations were not done

and therefore "no information was gained." (PS: this was a lie.  
See White Sands films at [www.brumac.8k.com](http://www.brumac.8k.com))

ON the other hand, in the Oberg interpretation, if the witness  
report seems consistent with an 'earthly' explanation, then the  
witness provided an accurate description.

In this case we have about a dozen descriptions from various  
points of view that have allowed a crude but useful  
triangulation. This increases the likelihood that the  
descriptions are valid, regardless of any interpretation that  
may be superimposed on the descriptions.

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## Shouting At The Galaxy

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 09:08:10 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:21:51 -0500  
Subject: Shouting At The Galaxy

Hello List

Some years ago, with improvement of communications in mind, wrote that you and me might prefer to listen for signals from 'outside', rather than broadcasting our whereabouts to all the galaxy.

<http://tinyurl.com/yc87ae>

Just found a Carl Sagan quote, saying that even he thought such broadcasting would be 'deeply unwise and immature'.

So it's a bit startling to find that some organizations are intent on just that - shouting at the Galaxy!

<http://tinyurl.com/ygm3nj>

I thing you and me should've been consulted - it's not only their own lives they're putting at risk.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Has CSICOP Lost The 30 Years' War?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:28:30 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:28:30 -0500  
Subject: Has CSICOP Lost The 30 Years' War?

Source: Rupert Sheldrake's Skeptical Investigations - London, UK

[http://www.skepticalinvestigations.org/observer/30yearswar\\_4.htm](http://www.skepticalinvestigations.org/observer/30yearswar_4.htm)

November 3, 2006

Has CSICOP Lost The 30 Years' War?

Guy Lyon Playfair

Part IV : CSICOP Loses The Thirty Years War

When CSICOP celebrated its 20th anniversary in 1996 the editor of its British publication *The Skeptic*, Wendy Grossman, made an observation that must have left her fellow skeptics somewhat depressed. 'The key question after 20 years', she wrote (*New Scientist*, 13 July 1996) 'must be whether CSICOP's existence has made any difference.' To judge from what she was seeing on TV and in the bookshops 'the signal-to-noise ratio of junk to science has become much worse since then'. She also had to admit that 'over the past 20 years, the things that CSICOP was founded to fight against have become much worse.' The war declared in 1976 against anything that could be labeled paranormal was, it seemed, not going well.

There was worse to come. Five years later a Gallup poll revealed a clear increase in belief in just about everything from haunted houses (up 13 percent on an earlier poll) and communication with the dead (10%) to psychic healing (8%) and reincarnation (4%). Then in May 2006 the 30th anniversary of CSICOP coincided almost the day with another nasty shock to the skeptical system - a new poll commissioned by *Reader's Digest* in which more than 1,000 adults were questioned about their paranormal beliefs. This revealed remarkably high levels of belief in such matters as knowing when somebody you can't see is staring at you (68%) and knowing who is calling you before you pick up the phone (62%). More than half (52%) reported instances of premonition, often in dreams, while nearly a fifth (19%) claimed to have seen a ghost.

Worst of all for the skeptics was CSICOP's own poll published in the *Skeptical Inquirer* (SI) (Jan./Feb 2006 issue). This focused on college students - 439 of them - because, the authors explained, 'We assumed that higher education, as one of the few remaining bastions of critical thinking, would provide little room for pseudoscientific or paranormal beliefs'.

To test this over-optimistic assumption, questions were similar to those of the 2001 Gallup poll, the wording of some of them suggesting that CSICOP did not really understand what it was supposed to be investigating. For instance, students were asked if they believed in 'clairvoyance, or the power of the mind to know the past and predict the future'. (Clairvoyance actually means seeing at a distance without the use of the known senses. Predicting the future is usually known as prophecy or precognition). An even more carelessly worded question concerned

'psychic or spiritual healing or the power of the human mind to heal the body.' These are of course entirely separate matters, the latter being indisputable as any hypnotherapist or researcher who has carried out trials using a placebo has known for at least 200 years. Elsewhere, separate questions were asked regarding 'ESP' and 'telepathy', the questioners evidently being unaware that telepathy is an instance of ESP (a term rarely used nowadays by parapsychologists) and that one cannot by definition believe in one without believing in the other as well. So it is hard to see how CSICOP came up with a 28 percent belief level in 'ESP' but only 24 percent for 'telepathy'. Anyway, results clearly showed that there was still plenty of room for 'paranormal belief' at higher education level; belief levels for some questions being almost exactly the same as they were in the Gallup poll.

What the CSICOP pollsters must have found particularly unsettling was the fact that as the students' educational levels increased, so did their paranormal belief levels for all fourteen subjects on which they were questioned. Dividing the students into five categories from Freshmen to Graduates, percentages of those described as Believers rose steadily from 23 percent to 26, 27, 31 and finally 34 percent for the graduates. In other words, an American college education increases paranormal belief levels by nearly 50 percent. How could this be? It could be that the young people concerned were merely exercising their right to make their minds up on topics they might have studied or had personal experience of. Or maybe another of CSICOP's conspiracy theories provided the answer?

This was that it was all the fault of the media. According to SI editor Kendrick Frazier, 'Media portrayal of the paranormal is often unchallenged, which contributes to the public's lack of skepticism'. Yet if this is so, it amounts to an admission of failure by CSICOP in one of its top priority areas, that of challenging the media and seeking to influence it. Over the years, it has tirelessly lobbied it, demanding the right to reply and filing complaints with the Federal Communications Committee. Seventeen pages of its booklet Manual for Local, Regional and National Groups are devoted to 'Handling the Media and Public Relations' compared to just three for 'Scientific Investigation'.

CSICOP can hardly claim to have been ignored by the media. Its founding, the anti-astrology manifesto that preceded it and its annual conferences have attracted nationwide publicity, most of it favourable, including major features in such high-profile outlets as The New York Times and Time. CSICOP's house journal, the Skeptical Inquirer, easily outsells all the leading parapsychology journals combined.

Another conspiracy theory put forward in the SI poll report was that there was something wrong with the higher education system itself. 'The word "higher" in "higher education" may soon need a new definition,' it complained, citing with typical CSICOP sarcasm various university departments where parapsychology and related topics were studied. These included Temple University's Center for Frontier Science, Virginia's Division of Personality Studies and the new chair at Lund, Sweden, in parapsychology and hypnology (but not, as CSICOP seems to think, clairvoyance). Not mentioned is the fact that one of these (Virginia) has been carrying out strictly scientific investigations into several areas of claimed paranormality, notably reincarnation, since long before CSICOP was born. Thus we have a state of affairs in which CSICOP seems to be protesting against those who are actually doing what CSICOP claimed to have been set up to do, an unusual course of action for a purportedly scientific organisation.

There were many in 1976 who warmly welcomed the idea of submitting astrology and other areas on or beyond the fringes of science to strict scrutiny. The way proper science does this is by replication - that is, by repeating exactly what the claimant did. If it comes up with the same result, and continues to do so (as for instance in the numerous replications of the Ganzfeld telepathy/clairvoyance experiments) then the probability that the original claim is genuine, or at least deserves further study steadily becomes stronger. If on the other hand replications fail, as they probably would for claims of perpetual motion or a flat earth, probability drops to near absolute zero.

CSICOP has consistently failed to separate the possible and the probable from the improbable and the ridiculous, adopting a combine-harvester approach to the field of anomalies with the aim of chewing up the whole lot. This indiscriminate attempted destruction has not led to a refutation of any claim of the 'paranormal'. Indeed, CSICOP's sole attempt at replication (of the 'Mars Effect') has left the Gauquelins' original claim not only still unexplained but actually strengthened. Thirty years of 'scientific investigation of claims of the paranormal' has had little effect, if any, on popular beliefs and has failed to advance our understanding of any of those anomalous experiences that seem, to judge from the various polls cited here including CSICOP's own, to be as prevalent today as they were in 1976.

CSICOP, in short, has lost its Thirty Years' War.

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Skeptical Observer Home Page:

<http://www.skepticalinvestigations.org/observer/index.htm>

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## O'Hare Sighting Turns Up Curiosity Burns Bandwidth

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Fwd Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:39:23 -0500  
Subject: O'Hare Sighting Turns Up Curiosity Burns Bandwidth

Source: The National Ledger - Phoenix, Arizona, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/yjp7q6>

Jan 7, 2007

[Many links in article]

Chicago UFO: O'Hare Sighting Turns Up Curiosity, Burns Bandwidth  
By Jeff Freeland

Was there really a UFO at O'Hare in Chicago? In a word - yes. No matter how one slices and dices the information coming out of the Windy city's major airport, there was an object that a dozen or so witnesses saw and it has yet to be identified. Unless of course you actually believe it was the weather.

That's the description from the FAA. "Our theory on this is that it was a weather phenomenon," a spokesperson said. "That night was a perfect atmospheric condition in terms of low [cloud] ceiling and a lot of airport lights. When the lights shine up into the clouds, sometimes you can see funny things. That's our take on it."

Certainly the Chicago Tribune's transportation reporter Jon Hilkevitch had no clue what kind of bandwidth firestorm he would unleash on his newspaper's servers when he did the legwork on this story.

He probably had no choice but to do a follow up and writes in the Sunday edition:

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Covering UFOs seemed to be stretching the definition of my job, transportation reporting. I looked at the clock on the newsroom wall and decided to give Mr. Davenport two minutes. But he was onto something.

The UFO story, published Monday here, became the most-read piece to appear on [chicagotribune.com](http://chicagotribune.com). It was the top story on the Tribune Web site for four straight days, garnering more than 1 million page views from people around the world.

The reaction is proof that we live in a curious world. Maybe a curious universe too.

Indeed we do, and many cannot discount those that are certain they saw something and were told by the government that no investigation would be undertaken. Plus it doesn't help when the first answer out from the feds is that no event took place.

The first Tribune article noted that the FAA originally told the paper that it had no information on the alleged UFO sighting. But the federal agency quickly reversed its position after the newspaper filed a Freedom of Information Act request.

An internal FAA review of air-traffic communications tapes, a step toward complying with the Tribune request, turned up the call by the United supervisor to an FAA manager in the airport tower, the FAA said.

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I think it is quite clear that these folks saw something. Hilkevitch's first report noted that some said the saucer-like object looked like a rotating Frisbee, while others said it did not appear to be spinning. All agreed the object made no noise and it was at a fixed position in the sky, just below the 1,900-foot cloud deck, until shooting off into the clouds.

Was it a big-time hoax? Was it military or was it a visit from beyond? The curiosity is there, but will we ever know?

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## A Defense Against Planetary Attack

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Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:46:19 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:46:19 -0500  
Subject: A Defense Against Planetary Attack

Source: Paul Gilster's Centauri Dreams - Raleigh,  
North Carolina, USA

<http://www.centauri-dreams.org/?p=974>

January 7th, 2007

### A Defense Against Planetary Attack

Normally the term 'planetary defense' conjures up images of an incoming asteroid, spotting (let's hope) way out in the Solar System. The defense mounted against pending disaster might involve nudging the asteroid gently out of its current trajectory so that it misses the Earth. Various scenarios come to mind for managing this, but all involve getting to the dangerous object in plenty of time so that technologies not so different from what we have today will be effective at ending the threat.

#### Planetary defense book

With that in mind, I did a double-take when I saw the cover of An Introduction to Planetary Defense, by Travis Taylor, Bob Boan, Charles Anding and Thomas Conley Powell. The book, published by BrownWalker Press at the end of 2006, bears this subtitle: A Study of Modern Warfare Applied to Extra-Terrestrial Invasion. A jeu d'esprit based on SF themes? Hardly. The authors are familiar names whose work has resonance.

Taylor, for example, has worked for NASA and the Department of Defense for sixteen years and has collaborated on interstellar topics with Greg Matloff. Powell is senior scientist for BAE Systems in Huntsville and is an expert on space trajectories, attitude dynamics and orbital mechanics. I'm less familiar with Boan and Anding, but each seems to have experience in space systems. So when this group tackles extraterrestrial invasion, they do it soberly, with a hard look at strategies, tactics, and weapons that might be used if the longshot scenarios of some science fiction authors - or even B-grade movie directors - ever become reality.

You can find excerpts from the book at the publisher's website, from which I've extracted the introduction and part of the first chapter as I wait for my copy to arrive. Interestingly, the authors take a hard look at the Drake Equation in that section, and also ask how long any civilization could remain hidden from a more advanced culture. We've discussed that question in these pages before, in reference to Earth's everyday electromagnetic radiation and whether radio and TV broadcasts from the past seventy-five years would be detectible from nearby stars, with the general consensus being that such a detection is highly unlikely.

But what about other forms of detection? These writers doubt that any civilization could remain hidden for long. Here's an excerpt about just one reason, the advent of new imaging and

telescope technologies:

Recently in his book *The Sun as a Gravitational Lens: Proposed Space Missions*, Claudio Maccone, a space scientist at Alenia Aerospazio in Turin, Italy, suggests implementing the sun's gravitational lensing effect (as predicted by Einstein's General Theory of Relativity) in a telescope. In other words, the Sun could be used as a lens producing an aperture the diameter of the sun. Its focus is at about six hundred astronomical units away. If the proper equipment were placed at the Solar focus, extremely detailed images of extra-solar planetary surfaces could be captured. Civilizations only moderately more advanced than we are could quite possibly implement such a telescope. Therefore, even quiet civilizations could be seen through such a telescope. Eventually, detection of such civilizations may not depend on their directly communicating with us by sending signals. The light from their star bouncing off of their alien rooftops and then onward to our giant telescope may be enough.

Hence the conclusion: All intelligent civilizations will eventually be detectable by more advanced cultures. That's an interesting value to plug into the Drake Equation! Developing the statistics on probable life elsewhere makes the book's point - we have no real notion of how such civilizations might deal with us, and should learn the lessons of history by way of developing a strategy for dealing with unexpected arrivals. Based on its first chapter, this book seems to be stuffed with interesting notions. Between it and Michaud's *Contact with Alien Civilizations*, we'll have plenty to read and discuss on potential SETI outcomes.

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## Re: Davenport On O'Hare UFO In Newsweek - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 04:03:39 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 07:36:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Davenport On O'Hare UFO In Newsweek - Lehmberg

>From: Geg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 13:24:12 EST  
>Subject: Re: Davenport On O'Hare UFO In Newsweek

>>Source: MSNBC.Com - Redmond, Washington, USA

>><http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/16472286/site/newsweek/>

>>Jan 4, 2007

>>Mystery Lingers Over Chicago UFO Claims

<snip>

This just in from Frank Feschino, Shoot Them Down! author with fore and afts by Stanton Friedman...

It seems O'Hare, and the Windy City hosting that airfield, have had a long history of the same kind ufological happenstance recently occurring. Sightings, contacts, multiple witness reports, UFOs, and scrambled Jets have been interacting there since the summer of 1952, figuring heavily from the flap in that year and since.

Wow, huh? O'Hare is a heavily trafficked UFO Hotspot with a clear history of same, Feschino discovered, and is a hotspot chronicled prominently (almost every chapter, he said) in his new book.

What is it about O'Hare?

[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)  
[www.AlienView.net](http://www.AlienView.net)  
AVG Blog -- <http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>  
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## Hilkevitch On O'Hare 01-07-07

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Fwd Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 07:45:46 -0500  
Subject: Hilkevitch On O'Hare 01-07-07

Source: The Chicago Tribune - Illinois, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/y86upe>

January 7, 2007

They're Here!  
(Or so we'd like to think.)

A purported UFO sighting at O'Hare gives flight to hopes that we're not alone

By Jon Hilkevitch  
the Tribune's transportation reporter

It's rare for a newspaper story to emerge from the vast and dark unknown and hit at a primal level, tapping into the fact that many of us feel so alone and confused about why we exist, and giving us a chance to hope, to dream.

Video

Admittedly, those big thoughts were not on my mind when the director of a UFO-watching group first called to offer an exclusive Chicago angle on what might be the biggest story of all humankind - a visit by an alien spaceship.

No, ET had not phoned home. But, said Peter Davenport of the National UFO Reporting Center, this was "an excellent, stunning case involving a genuine UFO from some other part of our galaxy or our universe."

We've all read similar reports - and then put them back on the shelf - while waiting in the supermarket checkout line. I recall one tabloid front page announcing that aliens had abducted Newt Gingrich. Not surprisingly, they gave Newt back.

Covering UFOs seemed to be stretching the definition of my job, transportation reporting. I looked at the clock on the newsroom wall and decided to give Mr. Davenport two minutes. But he was onto something.

The UFO story, published Monday, became the most-read piece to appear on [chicagotribune.com](http://chicagotribune.com). It was the top story on the Tribune Web site for four straight days, garnering more than 1 million page views from people around the world.

The reaction is proof that we live in a curious world. Maybe a curious universe too.

It turns conventional notions about what people want to read and hear about on their head. And it lays bare the reality that huge numbers of people explicitly mistrust the government, the military establishment and the aerospace industry when it comes to UFO sightings and research.

In our first of many phone conversations, Davenport assured me that highly credible individuals spotted a flying saucerlike object Nov. 7, and that it hovered over a major site on my Tribune beat: O'Hare International Airport.

So I interviewed the witnesses and tracked down some additional observers - pilots, ramp workers, mechanics and management officials at United Airlines.

They were all dead serious about what they saw, and the accounts - whether made from the tarmac or from 25 feet up in the cockpit of a Boeing 777 - were consistent.

The unidentified aerial phenomenon was dark gray and shaped like a disc, it hovered in a fixed position above Concourse C of the United Airlines terminal, and it vanished with a burst of energy that cut a hole in the overcast skies.

The fact that officials at United Airlines and the Federal Aviation Administration initially denied any knowledge of the incident - despite evidence I had that they were well aware of it - made the story even more appealing.

Little did any of us know.

News organizations from a low-watt radio station in Delaware to a TV station in Australia phoned me to request interviews. Jay Leno cracked jokes on the Tonight Show about inebriated workers at O'Hare.

Ufologists contacted me in droves with thanks for treating the subject in a serious manner and congratulated the Tribune, as a leading member of the mainstream media, for publishing a story about an extraterrestrial sighting.

The reaction is perplexing and somewhat discouraging. But clearly it speaks to the persistent fascination with the possibility that we're not alone in the universe, and there are mysteries of our existence still to be unraveled.

Dominique Callimanopulos understands why the UFO story is so seductive.

"When I was doing UFO research, I found that the sightings hit most people in a very child-wonder place," Callimanopulos said. She assisted the late Dr. John Mack, who became infamous at Harvard Medical School for researching UFO and alien encounters.

"People think this visit will be some sort of answer or salvation, that beings from another world will be able to help us solve the mess we've made on this planet," said Callimanopulos, a board member of the John E. Mack Institute, founded in honor of the Pulitzer Prize-winning physician.

"Everyone at some deep level does wonder why we are here. That is why there are so many religions in the world and conflicting belief systems," she said. "If we were to find our cosmic friends, we would have a real family, finally."

It would be nice if physical evidence existed to substantiate the claims made at O'Hare on Nov. 7. Airport surveillance cameras are trained on the airfield, not the heavens, and FAA radar has so far turned up nothing unusual.

How is it that someone smuggled a camera cell phone into a Baghdad execution chamber to chronicle the hanging of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein last month, but no one among the thousands of airport workers and travelers at O'Hare snapped a picture for the cosmic family photo album?

The answer, along with an explanation about how the universe works, remains a mystery. We earthlings possess inquisitive minds, but we are, after all, only human.

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## Hilkevitch On O'Hare 01-08-07

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UFO Report Stirs Believers, Skeptics  
Jon Hilkevitch  
Getting Around

The story last week about an unscheduled flight over O'Hare International Airport generated a universe of opinions from near and very far out.

A man in Aurora said he came home from work on the same day as the O'Hare sighting, looked skyward in his back yard and spied a shiny round object hovering between two masses of clouds. And then it disappeared.

A woman from Ireland wrote to asked what the heck was happening at "O'Hara."

A man named Montana said he had encounters with extraterrestrials in Romania and in Wichita, Kan. He expressed amazement that neither incident made the news.

It may never be known whether the phenomenon at O'Hare on Nov. 7 - which was reported by numerous United Airlines employees - was an actual UFO sighting, or much ado about nothing. But readers don't seem to mind offering their opinions.

Here's a sample from the more than 400 e-mails Getting Around has received:

"For those of us researchers who are convinced that UFO sightings reported by witnesses of the caliber of those at O'Hare are not triggered by errant weather balloons, swamp gas, the planet Venus, atmospheric anomalies, secret government aircraft or outright hallucinations, your ongoing attempt to get to the bottom of what hovered that day over Gate C17 is extremely refreshing."

- C. Scott Littleton, professor of anthropology emeritus at Occidental College in Los Angeles.

"I have a different take on what happened at O'Hare. It's the obvious side-effect of the two-joint coffee break."

- Mike Maday, Spring Hill, Tenn.

"Hmm. Looks like we're being visited by advanced craft from other worlds, and not only is the U.S. government keen to cover up the details, so are many private corporations whose existence would be threatened by the free-energy technology that powers these vehicles."

- Andrew Johnson, United Kingdom

"While not directly admitting that E.T. had indeed phoned home, you appeared at least open to that possibility. It was a nice departure from the norm to see the witnesses treated as respectable observers rather than being portrayed as nuts or inebriated liars. Aliens may not have yet landed on the front lawn of the White House, but they appear to be toying with the idea if the O'Hare incident is any indication."

- John Oathout, Broken Arrow, Okla.

"I wish that people would believe what we know we saw. I'm afraid to go outside, and I can't sleep. I've purchased a large caliber pistol and have installed a top-of-the-line security system. Needless to say, I've also canceled my family's camping trip to Indiana Dunes."

- Scared in Indiana

"I would have laughed at this story about a year ago, but I saw something very similar in the Detroit area. Others saw it too. I am glad people have stood up to the downplay[ing] of this issue. I too had to give myself a reality check, but it happened, and I was on my fifth cup of coffee."

- Thomas Fullerton

"I sat on a plane at the Port Columbus, Ohio, airport for at least an hour on the afternoon of Nov. 7. This flight was scheduled to arrive at O'Hare at 4:30 p.m. (the same time as the UFO sighting) The flight was further delayed for about another hour and circled the airport waiting to land. The pilot was not able to provide us with a reason for the delays. My daughter said when she arrived at the airport to pick me up around 4:30 that there were very many military personnel at the airport."

- Dennis Goethe, Durand, Ill.

"It should be clear to everyone that the U.S. government has been lying about UFOs since the first reports. They have been here before Earth's civilization began, and they'll be here after we've trashed our planet to death."

- Eli Pine

"I am a 67-year-old woman who has lived in the Chicago area for 65 of those years. I believe in UFOs because I've seen them - long time ago, when I was about 14 years old, walking my dog on the South Side of Chicago. It was two side-by-side cigar-shaped lights in the eastern sky. I remember that sight as clearly as I remember the exact moment I heard that Mayor [Richard J.] Daley had a heart attack and that Kennedy had been shot."

- Dorothy P. Schmidt

Finally, the mayor of Roswell, N.M., where it was reported in 1947 that an alien spacecraft was recovered on a nearby ranch, said he thinks the saucer-shaped craft at O'Hare must have taken a wrong turn.

"I'm hoping they were on their way to Roswell to help us celebrate our biggest UFO festival to date," Mayor Sam LaGrone said of the event scheduled for July 5 through 8.

"Even if the gates at O'Hare were full, we have plenty of landing space here in Roswell and we welcome any alien visitors to drop in and celebrate the 60th anniversary with us," LaGrone said.

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## Re: The 'Funny Part' - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 11:19:45 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 08:31:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: The 'Funny Part' - Friedman

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 14:27:58 -0600  
>Subject: Re: The 'Funny Part'

>>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 07 Jan 2007 00:45:37 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: The 'Funny' Part

>>>From: Robert Barrow <[rbarr.nul](mailto:rbarr.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 12:38:10 -0500  
>>>Subject: The 'Funny' Part

>>>How curious that we embrace our idiocy so fondly and so quickly  
>>>when we crave a solution to anesthetize the inquiring mind.

>>The funny part is that when someone offers an opinion, if it  
>>doesn't meet the 'craft from elsewhere in the universe' the  
>>opiner is labeled a "debunker". Thereby, cutting off any dialog.

>To anyone who knows the long, sorry history of UFOphobia  
>(starting Project Grudge's inept investigations and Menzel's  
>fanciful theories), the remarks above are astonishingly inept.

>Apparently we are to believe "debunking" is a nonexistent  
>phenomenon imagined solely by ufologists looking for a bogeyman.

>The problem with this notion - besides its inherent silliness -  
>is that good ufologists over the years have solved a fair  
>number of ostensibly puzzling reports. So ufologists are  
>debunkers? And it is ufologists - you know, the  
>pseudoscientists, the cultists, the crazies, the true believers  
>(just a few of the standard epithets thrown our way over the  
>decades) - who are the name-callers?

>>Ufologists could take a clue from the astrophysicists who are  
>>enlisting scientists from many different fields to develop solid  
>>theories about possible life on other planets - to examine the  
>>evidence so far at hand.

>And with UFOs taken out of the equation before the inquiry  
>begins, what evidence would that be?

>Jerry Clark

These are the same people - more likely astrobiologists - who got  
it all wrong about the surface of Mars... no water ever, right?

The atmosphere of Venus - tropical paradise, steamy jungle,  
right?

The surfaces of the satellites of Jupiter and Saturn,  
etc., ad nauseum.

They know essentially nothing about planets outside our solar  
system.

I presume the SETI cultists will help by dragging in the Drake Equation which of course ignores migration and colonization, makes ridiculous assumptions about the ET State of the Art, etc.

Certainly the debunkers of the O'Hare case have followed the rules of

- a) don't bother me with the facts my mind is made up;
- b) what the public doesn't know, I won't tell them; and
- c) do one's research by proclamation, investigation is too much trouble.

Stan Friedman

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## Argentine Expedition Seeks To Recover Crashed

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DATE: 01.06.07

Argentina: Expedition Planned To Recover UFO That Collided In  
Anta 12 Years Ago

It is among the most mysterious and well-known phenomena of  
its kind

An answer is sought for an event that caused a stir but was  
never explained. Civil aviation pilot Tony Galvano, an  
eyewitness to the event, will head the mission to Sierras  
Coloradas in Anta

An expedition with the purpose of recovering the large  
unidentified flying object that allegedly fell in the  
rain forest area of Anta in Sierras Coloradas on August 17,  
1995, and which caused interest among the domestic and foreign  
press at the time, is being prepared by a team of Argentinean  
and Brazilian researchers.

The organizers of this excursion are civil aviation pilot  
from [the town of] Joaquin V. Gonzalez, Tony Galvano; journalist,  
cameraman and mountain climber Antonio Zuleta and Brazilian  
mathematician and physicist Eduard Gauche, full Professor at the  
Universidad do Desenvolvimento do Estado de Santa Catarina.

Galvano was one of the story's main protagonists, as when the  
event took place, he immediately boarded one of his crop dusters  
and began an unsuccessful search for the object. Over the course  
of 15 days he experienced a succession of events as fantastic as  
they were frightening, worthy of a sci-fi thriller, including  
the collision of his own aircraft against a mountainside  
following a failure that he is unable to explain to this very  
day.

In the meantime, Zuleta has become famous =96 as attested by  
hundreds of internet pages that reproduce his findings and  
photographs =96 as a result of having recorded impressive images  
of luminous objects of varying shapes, sizes and colors flying  
over the Valles Chalchaquies region.

Gauche, the Brazilian, thanks to Zuleta's videos and photo  
plates, has become a fan of the area due to the recurrence of  
sightings and says "there is evidently something there that  
attracts whoever or whatever is behind these UFOs. I tend to  
believe," he speculated, "that this is due to the large number  
of radioactive mineral deposits and rare earths in the Puna  
region."

The resident of Santa Catarina has come every year for the past

five years with the avowed purpose of finding answers to the UFO enigma. The expedition members are planning to initiate their search in the dry season =96 between the fall and winter of this year =96 accompanied by a group of mountaineers trained in survival, trekking and rappelling, due to the fact that the Sierras Coloradas, some 60 kilometers southwest of J.V. Gonzalez are steep, covered by a nearly impenetrable foliage, with dangerous wild boar packs. The terrain is exceedingly rough, plagued by chasms and crevasses.

Galvano's Story According to Galvano, the UFO crash occurred on August 17, 1995 at 13:45 hrs. on a sunny, cloudless day with excellent visibility. And his story is extraordinary: "It was," he says, "a sort of flying saucer measuring approximately 250 meters in diameter of a bright metallic color. It flew swiftly from North to south and was followed by two other objects =96 probably missiles =96 that impacted against it. There are thousands of witnesses who saw this and there are even photographs of the case.

"The object did not disintegrate; rather it began to fail and plummeted to the ground. Moments later a powerful explosion was heard, followed by an intense seismic movement that was felt in a 300 km radius. Residents of Gonzalez took to the streets, along with townspeople from El Galpon, Coronel Ollerros, El Quebrachal, Gaona and other communities. Scenes of panic took place."

"After a while, a column of dense black smoke rose into the sky. It was impressive. I had never seen anything like it. It gave the impression of being solid because it did not let a single ray of light through it. I ran toward the airstrip, got on my ultralight FlyStar airplane, took off and went to investigate. Below I could see people in the streets and fields transfixed by what had occurred. I flew and flew, but couldn't find the point of impact. Visibility was poor due to the smoke, which had extended for many kilometers, and I had to turn back," he says.

#### The Expeditions

Galvano becomes excited when he recalls his experience. "That same afternoon, radio broadcasts did not stop repeating citizen reports on the events. Everyone gave their own account while demanding explanations at the same time. I met with Irma Caro, who was the intendant at the time, and she authorized me to organize a search patrol with the purpose of solving the mystery of the UFO allegedly struck by two missiles. We covered large expanses of terrain to no avail."

"Two days later I boarded my plane again and started looking. Suddenly, on an esplanade on top of a sort of plateau, I saw something strange: there was an impact print measuring some 5 kilometers long by 600 meters wide, where the effect of the friction heat produced by a giant, heavy object could still be seen. I swooped down low and was impressed. The trees in that area, largely red quebrachos and algarrobos, had been thrown out of the recently made furrow, whose bed presented a shiny white powder, as though it was aluminum turned into talc. The remainder of the tree trunks at the perimeter of the furrow and nearby trees had strange injuries: it seemed as though they had been sprayed with acid. Suddenly, my aircraft began to malfunction. The motor appeared to be about to stall, I lost altitude and I readied my beloved Flystar for impact. I was battered but otherwise unhurt. Once on the ground, I held the strange dust in my hands; I'd never seen anything like it."

"It was subsequently analyzed at the University of La Plata because I sent them samples, and they gave me an unexpected result: it was a potassium compound with a 98% purity, not found on this planet. The remaining 2% was unknown material. The imprint on the ground ended in a cliff and below there were crevasses and ravines covered in dense jungle vegetation, but nothing more could be seen. We continued investigating the matter for days, without any luck," he added.

#### The Men in Black Appear

Galvano, the witnessed to an event that he will never forget, stated that 15 days after the events "even stranger things began

to occur: armed characters dressed in black, traveling in 4x4s and all terrain motorcycles turned up. They took over the search and the investigation. They wouldn't speak to one day, and us one of them asked me to drop the entire matter. He was Argentinean and his words were inscribed in my mind with letters of fire: "Forget it, Galvano, what's coming down is very heavy," he warned.

"After that, I started to receive nocturnal phone calls with silence at the other end of the line. The pressure was such that I accepted the advice of the mysterious compatriot who made up the "men in black" team and I moved from Joaquin V. Gonzalez for a few years. All I know today is that those people found nothing. Up to two years ago it was still possible to see them around, although at a minimal scale."

The pilot from Gonzalez, despite the passing of time, does not want to give up on his adventure and believes that together with his friends, he will succeed in unveiling the mystery of this strange day that changed his life.

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## Re: The Press UFOs & Who Stands To Gain? - Maccabee

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Fwd Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 08:58:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Press UFOs & Who Stands To Gain? - Maccabee

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [UFOupdates.nul](mailto:UFOupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 16:26:50 EST  
>Subject: The Press UFOs & Who Stands To Gain?

>With this latest sorry attempt at debunking a well detailed UFO  
>event we again see the disturbing trend of the press to sweep  
>things under the rug.

<snip>

>So again, who stands to gain from the press' approach to UFOs  
>and what does the press stand to gain?

The press hasn't completely dropped its interest yet.

Last night (Sunday) I saw on CNN Headline News (I think it was)  
an interview with Hilkevitch during which he made the comment  
that the objects characteristics and shape seemed to indicate it  
wasn't made by man or on earth or something like that. I forget  
the exact wording.

My immediate response is "there's a guy hanging his neck out"  
(to be chopped off). I presume someone will post a transcript of  
that interview.

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## Re: So What Does Happen At Light Speed? - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 10:26:41 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 09:01:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: So What Does Happen At Light Speed? - Lehmborg

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 19:40:30 EST  
>Subject: So What Does Happen At Light Speed?

>I'm so confused

>I recall growing up learning about light speed and how it could  
>never be achieved due to such things as once one gained that  
>threshold one would gain infinite mass and infinite density.

>That sounded scary!

>Then all the IBM brain kids teamed up with the av students would  
>barge into the art room while we drew cartoons of Star Trek and  
>Lost in Space, declaring that no one would survive such speeds.

>We, the imagining ones, would toss their comments to the wind  
>and kept on writing and drawing.

>Now as an adult the debate continues.

>Now I'm told that we could get to light speed but we don't have  
>the know how to keep a crew alive.

>That a crew going 30 light years would age a month or year on  
>board such a craft while we on Earth would get those 30 years.  
>Would such a speed slow the age of the crew only? What about the  
>equipment?

>Do star ships live forever?

>What about the fuel? Does the fuel age slower or burn slower?

>How the heck do they do that?

>Finally, how close to achieving this feat are we?

What's so neat and time travelly about the speed of light is  
that at that speed it's like being in one of Larry Niven's  
"Stasis fields". No time passes for you or anything in the  
field; you're annealed from time like a photon and a near  
infinite mass makes you invulnerable.

I'm betting you might be able to punch through Betelgeuse, eh?

A destination in another galaxy requires no travel time - you  
don't even have to supply for it - just take everything with  
because there's no going back? I over-romanticize it, I know,  
but I get to do that.

Real time travel... wow. A big arc at the speed of light  
returning you, instantaneously, to the Earth 10,000 years  
\_after\_ an asteroid stike. Wow - there's a good graphic novel in  
there, Mr. Boone, eh?

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## Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 09:12:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Tarbell

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 23:08:30 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 16:13:15 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

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>>A different angle, if we're looking at technology, is the  
>>following patent for a cloud-punching laser device for military  
>>surveillance. CO2 lasers of the type mentioned work in the  
>>infrared:

>><http://www.freepatentsonline.com/4411487.html>

<snip>

>>I suppose in an O'Hare type situation a downward-directed maser  
>>beam beneath an ascending object might keep a relatively  
>>well-defined cloud hole open for some time after it had passed  
>>though. The directionality and various possible pulse v. cw  
>>characteristics of such a coherent emission would obviously make  
>>a big difference to any calculation of power generated from pwer  
>>density "on target".

>I wouldn't want to be "in the beam" that could quickly evaporate a  
>30-40 (or larger?) foot diameter hole in a moderately thick cloud.

We should keep in mind that the water/air mass in the "beam"  
need not be brought to the boiling point of water. It need only  
be brought above the dew point temperature, such that the  
droplets are out of equilibrium with their vapor. If the cloud  
is just below the dew point and the droplets are very small, the  
power requirements could be fairly modest, and the process would  
proceed quite rapidly, certainly more rapidly than some of the  
coalescence/rain-out processes we have discussed.

Mike

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From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 17:39:14 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 10:32:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Shough

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 23:08:30 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 16:13:15 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

<snip>

>>A different angle, if we're looking at technology, is the  
>>following patent for a cloud-punching laser device for military  
>>surveillance. CO2 lasers of the type mentioned work in the  
>>infrared:

>><http://www.freepatentsonline.com/4411487.html>

<snip>

>I wouldn't want to be "in the beam" that could quickly evaporate  
>a 30-40 (or larger?) foot diameter hole in a moderately thick  
>cloud.

Fair point - neither would I. I imagine the roof of Concourse C  
might be knee deep in dead gulls.

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## Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:07:45 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 10:33:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect - Tarbell

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 18:30:09 -0000  
>Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect

>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 06 Jan 2007 13:38:44 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect

>>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 16:13:15 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

<snip>

>>I must admit some puzzlement if the mechanism here is the sudden  
>>transformation of supercooled water droplets into ice crystals.  
>>Such crystals would be less dense and have a higher drag  
>>coefficient than water droplets, so there's no obvious reason  
>>why they should "rain out", indeed one would guess quite the  
>>opposite. If the effect derives from the differing light  
>>transmitting properties of ice and water (their indices of  
>>refraction are very similar), why do we commonly see high  
>>altitude clouds composed entirely of ice crystals that have the  
>>same basic appearance as clouds of water droplets?

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would think that at relatively low altitudes above the Chicago  
vicinity, the air must be literally loaded with particulate  
matter. Are supercooled states even possible in such an  
environment?

Mike

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## Re: A Defense Against Planetary Attack - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 19:50:18 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 10:36:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: A Defense Against Planetary Attack - Shough

>Source: Paul Gilster's Centauri Dreams - Raleigh,  
> North Carolina, USA

><http://www.centauri-dreams.org/?p=974>

>January 7th, 2007

>Recently in his book The Sun as a Gravitational Lens: Proposed  
>Space Missions, Claudio Maccone, a space scientist at Alenia  
>Aerospazio in Turin, Italy, suggests implementing the sun's  
>gravitational lensing effect (as predicted by Einstein's General  
>Theory of Relativity) in a telescope. In other words, the Sun  
>could be used as a lens producing an aperture the diameter of  
>the sun. Its focus is at about six hundred astronomical units  
>away. If the proper equipment were placed at the Solar focus,  
>extremely detailed images of extra-solar planetary surfaces  
>could be captured. Civilizations only moderately more advanced  
>than we are could quite possibly implement such a telescope.  
>Therefore, even quiet civilizations could be seen through such  
>a telescope. Eventually, detection of such civilizations may not  
>depend on their directly communicating with us by sending  
>signals. The light from their star bouncing off of their alien  
>rooftops and then onward to our giant telescope may be enough.

Problem with this in practice is that you need to know exactly  
where to look in the first place because you have to set up your  
detector with some precision in a certain small spot many AU  
from the sun and precisely aligned on the planet you want to  
look at. A very long-term and expensive mission.

We might think it was worth doing if we already had solid  
evidence from some other source (radio, whatever) that there was  
something to look at though.

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## Re: Shouting At The Galaxy - Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 21:56:27 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 10:43:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Shouting At The Galaxy - Kasten

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 09:08:10 -0000  
>Subject: Shouting At The Galaxy

>Hello List

>Some years ago, with improvement of communications in mind,  
>wrote that you and me might prefer to listen for signals from  
>'outside', rather than broadcasting our whereabouts to all the  
>galaxy.

><http://tinyurl.com/yc87ae>

>Just found a Carl Sagan quote, saying that even he thought such  
>broadcasting would be 'deeply unwise and immature'.

>So it's a bit startling to find that some organizations are  
>intent on just that - shouting at the Galaxy!

><http://tinyurl.com/ygm3nj>

>I thing you and me should've been consulted - it's not only  
>their own lives they're putting at risk.

Ray:

An excellent article. Well worth the read.

An additional concern about individuals wanting to 'shout out:  
we are here!' is an example of the callus approach of scientists  
involved in weather weaponizing and what that 'science' is doing  
to the Earth's environment.

Arrogance will be the down fall of humanity. Long before we  
interact with any other civilization. And, there are attempts to  
determine where and if there are other civilizations 'out  
there'.

The upcoming Kepler Mission, and at least one other one directed  
by NASA. In this morning's Arizona Daily Star provided a  
discussion of the Life Start-Up Pod to be planted on the Moon  
ahead of the manned Mars mission. That's right, there will be a  
Moon base from which exploration missions will take off.

It would be too bad as humanity moves off the planet in real  
ways it might be setting itself up to be destroyed by an  
advanced civilization. Carl Sagan's warning.

KK

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## Proposed New Year's Resolution

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 20:29:26 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 10:44:27 -0500  
Subject: Proposed New Year's Resolution

I [you] will contribute regular financial support to at least one of the constructive and productive UFO groups or individuals whose unselfish work benefits all of us.

Among the really worthy projects are Wendy Connors FadedDiscs; Will Wise's Project Blue Book files web site; and Jan Aldrich's Project 1947. There are also the big three UFO organizations: Center for UFO Studies; Fund for UFO Research; and Mutual UFO Network.

Choose the one that you think does the best and most important work and send a payment right now, and periodically throughout the year according to your own standards of what you can afford to help keep that project going. My personal favorite (and I am putting my money where my mouth is) is the NICAP web site ([www.nicap.org](http://www.nicap.org)) which now has a PayPal link.

Send \$25, \$50, \$100, more if you can afford it to [nicap.nul](mailto:nicap.nul) or to your other organization of choice. Don't delay, do it now! Thank you and Happy New Year.

- Dick Hall

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## Re: James Oberg On O'Hare UFO - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 23:23:28 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 10:46:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: James Oberg On O'Hare UFO - Hall

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 23:08:36 -0500  
>Subject: Re: James Oberg On O'Hare UFO

><snip>

>>"On the other side, NBC News space analyst James Oberg - a  
>>longtime UFO skeptic - says the evidence that's come to light so  
>>far isn't all that compelling. "It's just sad that we keep  
>>getting these reports which are of zero evidential value," he  
>>told me. "It's sad because there's a lot of strange stuff in the  
>>air that we do need to know.

><snip>

>>The O'Hare incident is being taken more seriously than most  
>>sightings because the reports are coming from aviation  
>>professionals rather than untrained onlookers. But Oberg argues  
>>that the professionals don't always make the best eyewitnesses  
>>because they tend to favor flight-related explanations for what  
>>they see. "NTSB investigators say that the worst observers of an  
>>aviation accident are aviation personnel," Oberg said. "It's  
>>because a pilot will usually want to understand what happened,  
>>and in his initial perceptions and later retellings will stress  
>>the facts that support his initial interpretation."

>This is classic Obergism or application of the "Oberg Rule:" the  
>witnesses can 't be believed if the report does not result in an  
>accurate identification.

>This is because, accofrding to the Oberg rule, witnesses report  
>their 'interpretations' of what they saw and these  
>interpretations are wrong.

>Oberg wants everyone to infer from this that the Descriptions  
>are wrong.

>What Oberg fails to admit is that in most cases the valid,  
>"earthly" explanations are based on witness descriptions. It  
>is the job of the investigator to separate the description  
>from the interpretation. Oberg treats the witnesses sort  
>of as follows: if the report seems consistent with an  
>'Unearthly' explanation, then the witness has reported an  
>interpretation and the description can't be trusted  
>(regardless of the apparent quality of the description contained  
>within the report).

>Such a report can be discarded because it has "zero evidential  
>value." (This is an echo of the Project Twinkle final report in  
>which is says that, although there were numerous films of  
>strange objects over White Sands, triangulations were not done  
>and therefore "no information was gained." (PS: this was a lie.  
>See White Sands films at [www.brumac.8k.com](http://www.brumac.8k.com))

>ON the other hand, in the Oberg interpretation, if the witness  
>report seems consistent with an 'earthly' explanation, then the  
>witness provided an accurate description.

>In this case we have about a dozen descriptions from various  
>points of view that have allowed a crude but useful  
>triangulation. This increases the likelihood that the  
>descriptions are valid, regardless of any interpretation that  
>may be superimposed on the descriptions.

Bruce,

Excellent commentary. Methinks Jim Oberg, whom I once thought was  
a fair-minded skeptic, is just about as intellectually  
(dis)honest as his late lamented idol Phil Crass [Klass].

- Dick

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## Re: So What Does Happen At Light Speed? - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 9 Jan 2007 02:53:25 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 10:48:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: So What Does Happen At Light Speed? - Dickenson

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 19:40:30 EST  
>Subject: So What Does Happen At Light Speed?

<snip>

>I'm so confused :)

>I recall growing up learning about light speed and how it could  
>never be achieved due to such things as once one gained that  
>threshold one would gain infinite mass and infinite density.

<snip>

Ha! You've summed up what I'd learned Greg -

In Relativity's terms, as a mass is accelerated it gains energy  
(and hence more mass and so more inertia) and so gets more  
difficult to accelerate further - sort of diminishing returns  
(fatal for realistic fuel calculations).

[The math also says when a sphere (cannon-ball) is accelerated  
it becomes more like a face-on disk as it gets closer to light-  
speed due to Relativistic contraction in the direction of  
travel.]

And, as there's no 'absolute time', theoretically while you're  
traveling 30 lightyears at light speed your 'time-sense' slows to  
a stop, while the time-sense of your friends at home would stay  
the same and thirty years would pass on Earth.

I think all that is only different ways of saying that 'mass'  
(made of familiar protons and such) would probably go through  
(damaging) transformations if we ever forced it up to light  
speed, or maybe even near it.

But photons (light) always travel at light speed (depending on  
the medium). Why? Photons aren't made of matter (actually science  
doesn't know what photons are made of:

<http://www.journaloftheoretics.com/Editorials/Vol-6/e6-3.htm>)

And quantum knowledge travels even faster than light, maybe  
instantaneously throughout the universe - via 'entanglement':

<http://online.itp.ucsb.edu/online/collog/aspect1/oh/43.html>

So there's a cheat or two maybe available - a) encode a light  
transmission with all the information needed to build a being  
(or robot) at the far end; b) do the same thing instantaneously  
over huge distances via quantum entanglement.

Two problems:

first - in either case you'd need a receiver already in place at  
the far end, and it better be working;

second - to make the atomic-scale and neuron-scale measurements

necessary to duplicate a being and its consciousness, you'd have to destroy the original.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: So What Does Happen At Light Speed? - Golubik

From: Viktor Golubik <[Diverge247.nul](mailto:Diverge247.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 11:53:31 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 09:09:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: So What Does Happen At Light Speed? - Golubik

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
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<snip>

Hi Greg,

I can easily imagine many more questions and many more answers. But, in the end, it's probably best to read on the topic yourself so that you can absorb and reflect upon many of the perceived nuances or strikingly vivid facts.

I would suggest reading three books since this type of insight is best gained through self discovery:

- 1) Black Holes And Time Warps by Kip S. Thorne
- 2) Parallel Universes by Fred Alan Wolf
- 3) The Force Of Symmetry by Vincent Icke

Regards,

Viktor

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## Re: Argentine Expedition Seeks To Recover Crashed

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 9 Jan 2007 16:22:21 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 07:11:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Argentine Expedition Seeks To Recover Crashed

>From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 10:39:42 -0500  
>Subject: Argentine Expedition Seeks To Recover Crashed Saucer

>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

>January 8, 2007

>Source: Planeta UFO and El Tribuno

>An expedition with the purpose of recovering the large  
>unidentified flying object that allegedly fell in the  
>rain forest area of Anta in Sierras Coloradas on August 17,  
>1995, and which caused interest among the domestic and foreign  
>press at the time, is being prepared by a team of Argentinean  
>and Brazilian researchers.

<snip>

>there was an impact print measuring some 5  
>kilometers long by 600 meters wide, where the effect of the  
>friction heat produced by a giant, heavy object could still be  
>seen. I swooped down low and was impressed. The trees in that  
>area, largely red quebrachos and algarrobos, had been thrown out  
>of the recently made furrow, whose bed presented a shiny white  
>powder, as though it was aluminum turned into talc. The  
>remainder of the tree trunks at the perimeter of the furrow and  
>nearby trees had strange injuries: it seemed as though they had  
>been sprayed with acid. Suddenly, my aircraft began to  
>malfunction.

If there is any truth in this story of a 5 kilometer, 600 m-wide forest scar ploughed by a massive 200m object it should easily be possible to locate and verify it on satellite images. I wonder if that has been attempted and what the results were? Even Google Earth free version shows Argentinian rainforest detail - clearings etc - down to much less than a tenth of the width reported. Small roads are very clearly visible. Can someone supply even an approximate map reference?

Martin Shough

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## And For My Next Trick

From: **Stuart Miller** <[stuart.miller4.nul](mailto:stuart.miller4.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 9 Jan 2007 16:41:29 +0000 (GMT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 07:14:32 -0500  
Subject: And For My Next Trick

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A story of, IMO greater importance than O'Hare is quietly slipping by while all the attention is focused on Chicago. etc.

Report suggests Mars microbes overlooked:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070107/ap\\_on\\_sc/mars\\_life\\_4](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070107/ap_on_sc/mars_life_4)

Did NASA accidentally kill life on Mars?:

<http://www.cnn.com/2007/TECH/01/07/mars.life.ap/index.html>

Early NASA Probes May Have Overlooked or Even Killed Martian Microbes, Scientist Theorizes:

<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory?id=2776816>

etc.

As always when it comes to the red planet, its always sleight of hand.

Stuart

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## Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 9 Jan 2007 16:58:52 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 07:15:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect - Shough

>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:07:45 -0700  
>Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect

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>This sounds plausible, although it is sort of 'passing the buck'  
>to the upper atmosphere (i.e., we are now left to ponder the  
>origin of this localized train of large ice crystals).

Well there has to be some cause. Maybe other cloud holes are formed in different ways. I suppose if the temperature is close to the dew point then rising relatively warm air could do it, but then we're passing the buck downward. What are the conditions for a thermal updraft that remains as a column or bubble of rather small horizontal extent at say 10,000 ft?

>Another issue strikes me in the O'Hare case specifically: one  
>would think that at relatively low altitudes above the Chicago  
>vicinity, the air must be literally loaded with particulate  
>matter. Are supercooled states even possible in such an  
>environment?

I don't think anyone was suggesting that this is a mechanism directly applicable to O'Hare but it's of related interest.

Martin

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## Re: Davenport On O'Hare UFO In Newsweek - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 17:13:35 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 07:17:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Davenport On O'Hare UFO In Newsweek - Hall

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 04:03:39 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Davenport On O'Hare UFO In Newsweek

>>From: Geg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 13:24:12 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Davenport On O'Hare UFO In Newsweek

>>>Source: MSNBC.Com - Redmond, Washington, USA

>>><http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/16472286/site/newsweek/>

>>>Jan 4, 2007

>>>Mystery Lingers Over Chicago UFO Claims

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>clear history of same, Feschino discovered, and is a hotspot  
>chronicled prominently (almost every chapter, he said) in his  
>new book.

>What is it about O'Hare?

Feschino's book, notwithstanding Stan Friedman's mystifying endorsement, is wild and nonsensical science fiction. One of the many whoppers he profers is Air Force interceptors being launched to chase the UFOs from Air Force bases that didn't have any jet interceptors, such as Keesler AFB, Miss., where I was stationed in 1950. I also happen to know the base historian. It was and is a training base, and I used to hang out with a friend on the flightline. They had trainer jets, C-47's, etc., but were not a fighter or bomber (TAC or SAC) base.

By coincidence I recently heard from one of the Flatwoods witnesses who, in a letter, was strongly critical of Feschino's reporting. Something extraordinary probably occurred there, but grabage books like this one will only confuse the issues rather than shed any light on what it was. One shouldn't have to sift out the credible testimony from a garbage heap.

- Dick

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## Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect - Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 17:13:50 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 07:19:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect - Kasten

>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:07:45 -0700  
>Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 18:30:09 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sat, 06 Jan 2007 13:38:44 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect

<snip>

>>I suppose the idea is that when you have very stratified thin  
>>cloud of supercooled vapour with clear air above and below,  
>>exposed to a discrete and localised infall of relatively large  
>>ice crystals from weather processes high above, then this  
>>process is laid open to view. So what we are seeing fall out  
>>would be the result of natural cloud "seeding". Does this make  
>>sense do you think?

>This sounds plausible, although it is sort of 'passing the buck'  
>to the upper atmosphere (i.e., we are now left to ponder the  
>origin of this localized train of large ice crystals).

>Another issue strikes me in the O'Hare case specifically: one  
>would think that at relatively low altitudes above the Chicago  
>vicinity, the air must be literally loaded with particulate  
>matter. Are supercooled states even possible in such an  
>environment?

There might be another wrinkle in a possible solution. Jerry  
Smith just published a book called Weather Warfare. And, yeah,  
there is technology - he provides solid documentation - that our  
weather has been "weaponized." So, must we now consider that  
some of the "weird" weather is the result of "research testing"  
of the atmosphere? (She says shrugging her shoulders.)

KK

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## Re: The Press UFOs & Who Stands To Gain? -

From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 9 Jan 2007 09:46:55 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 07:21:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Press UFOs & Who Stands To Gain? -

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 11:21:20 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Press UFOs & Who Stands To Gain?

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [UFOupdates.nul](mailto:UFOupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 16:26:50 EST  
>>Subject: The Press UFOs & Who Stands To Gain?

>>With this latest sorry attempt at debunking a well detailed UFO  
>>event we again see the disturbing trend of the press to sweep  
>>things under the rug.

><snip>

>>So again, who stands to gain from the press' approach to UFOs  
>>and what does the press stand to gain?

>The press hasn't completely dropped its interest yet.

>Last night (Sunday) I saw on CNN Headline News (I think it was)  
>an interview with Hilkevitch during which he made the comment  
>that the objects characteristics and shape seemed to indicate it  
>wasn't made by man or on earth or something like that. I forget  
>the exact wording.

>My immediate response is "there's a guy hanging his neck out"  
>(to be chopped off). I presume someone will post a transcript of  
>that interview.

Aloha Bruce and all other Listerions,

It still galls me that the FAA thinks it can get away with  
proclaiming the sighting a weather event without any  
investigation. Back in the day when I was an active pilot I  
relied on the FAA extensively. They always were cooperative and  
correct. This proclamation of a weather event is amateurish and  
smacks of a coverup. How many FAA employees looked at the  
reported object when it was visible. Most likely none actually  
looked at it or the hole in the cloud cover.

I would like to see the airline witnesses pool together and hire  
a licensed private investigator (detective). He or she could  
have the witnesses document their statements as signed  
affidavits. The investigator can ask them exactly who in the  
airline met with them and had them make drawings, etc. The  
detective could try to find out where those reports ended up.

In detective academy we were trained in various forms of  
electronic surveillance (bugging). We were also trained in  
using a special laser device to perform noninvasive bugging.  
That device could detect the vibrations on the windows of the  
suspect room from across the street and partially down the  
block. The vibrations would be converted into sound so that the  
user could listen to and record what anyone in the suspect room  
was saying. Even at this date the people from the airline and  
the agency that received the report could slip and let out  
information in person, on the phone, or in an email. There are

also other ways to hack into a computer from a remote location. Sometimes an investigator operates in a gray area of legality to get critical information.

The investigator can also find out if the suspect agency and the airline are hiring for office positions. Agents can be hired to apply for positions where they might be hired. Then they may overhear some leads and do some covert snooping into files.

In addition, flight manifests can be obtained to show who arrived or departed in the general time area. Those people could be questioned to find out if they were witnesses to the sighting. All airport personnel plus cab or bus drivers could be questioned. They can also be asked about military or other government agents who may have been present following the sighting. All the witnesses could document their sightings in signed affidavits.

The above are just a few ideas of ways the sighting could be investigated.

Josh

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## Re: Shouting At The Galaxy - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 9 Jan 2007 10:03:27 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 07:23:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Shouting At The Galaxy - Goldstein

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 21:56:27 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Shouting At The Galaxy

>>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 09:08:10 -0000  
>>Subject: Shouting At The Galaxy

>>Hello List

>>Some years ago, with improvement of communications in mind,  
>>wrote that you and me might prefer to listen for signals from  
>>'outside', rather than broadcasting our whereabouts to all the  
>>galaxy.

>><http://tinyurl.com/yc87ae>

>>Just found a Carl Sagan quote, saying that even he thought such  
>>broadcasting would be 'deeply unwise and immature'.

>>So it's a bit startling to find that some organizations are  
>>intent on just that - shouting at the Galaxy!

>><http://tinyurl.com/ygm3nj>

>>I think you and me should've been consulted - it's not only  
>>their own lives they're putting at risk.

>Ray:

>An excellent article. Well worth the read.

>An additional concern about individuals wanting to 'shout out:  
>we are here!' is an example of the callous approach of scientists  
>involved in weather weaponizing and what that 'science' is doing  
>to the Earth's environment.

>Arrogance will be the down fall of humanity. Long before we  
>interact with any other civilization. And, there are attempts to  
>determine where and if there are other civilizations 'out  
>there'.

>The upcoming Kepler Mission, and at least one other one directed  
>by NASA. In this morning's Arizona Daily Star provided a  
>discussion of the Life Start-Up Pod to be planted on the Moon  
>ahead of the manned Mars mission. That's right, there will be a  
>Moon base from which exploration missions will take off.

>It would be too bad as humanity moves off the planet in real  
>ways it might be setting itself up to be destroyed by an  
>advanced civilization. Carl Sagan's warning.

Kathy,

I don't know if or when weather warfare would be workable. They  
have been experimenting towards it for quite some time. If it  
were now workable we would be creating focused powerful storms

and massive flooding in North and South Waziristan in Pakistan and in the Afghan border area to destroy the Taliban and elements of Al Queda.

To evacuate our planet it would take at the very minimum sending 10,000 people into space every day for a long time.

Josh

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## Re: So What Does Happen At Light Speed? - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 9 Jan 2007 21:55:07 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 07:27:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: So What Does Happen At Light Speed? - Dickenson

>From: Viktor Golubik <[Diverge247.nul](mailto:Diverge247.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 11:53:31 EST  
>Subject: Re: So What Does Happen At Light Speed?

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 19:40:30 EST  
>>Subject: So What Does Happen At Light Speed?

>>I'm so confused :)

><snip>

>Hi Greg,

>I can easily imagine many more questions and many more answers.  
>But, in the end, it's probably best to read on the topic  
>yourself so that you can absorb and reflect upon many of the  
>perceived nuances or strikingly vivid facts.

>I would suggest reading three books since this type of insight  
>is best gained through self discovery:

>1) Black Holes And Time Warps by Kip S. Thorne

>2) Parallel Universes by Fred Alan Wolf

>3) The Force Of Symmetry by Vincent Icke

<snip>

Hello Viktor,

Good idea. As a helpful primer, would recommend 'Road to Reality'  
by Roger Penrose, as he covers the whole field of physics and  
astrophysics more impartially than most and admits that present  
theory is a little lacking in credibility, maybe followed by  
Halton Arp's 'Seeing Red' which gives some more reasons why.  
<http://www.quackgrass.com/roots/arp.html>

Much printed by NASA and the popular press seems to be  
'propaganda' for the standard model, along with black holes, all  
of which needs so many fudges and tweeks to make it half-way  
believable that Arp has gone his own way - and I'm ready to  
agree, for reasons that Arp hasn't used yet.

Face it, on the simplest level, if 'black holes' did exist, say  
just twelve of them scattered around the visible universe, we  
should see twelve huge round 'targets' of light up in the sky -  
caused by the 'black holes' dragging background starlight  
towards their event horizons, with much of it bending only  
enough to scrape past and hit us in the eye. [With tiny black  
centers because of course no light would come to us directly  
from an event horizon]. Also, there should be mainly darkness  
surrounding each of those twelve huge targets in the sky.

There aren't any targets in the sky. None at all.

Some other folk have noticed this and other discrepancies in the 'standard model' and are starting to think - "American astronomers claim that black holes may not exist"  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/story/0,,1832896,00.html>

"It's a near certainty that black holes don't exist" - George Chapline, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

<http://tinyurl.com/yygv5u>

Closer to Greg's travel interest, there's supposedly no hard and fast mathematical argument against time travel, in some universes, which is one way of traveling 'faster than light' (from John D Barrow's 'Constants of Nature', maybe with tongue in cheek).

However, if we ever mastered electro-magnetic shielding against whatever primal force flattens material things at light speed then we'd be nearly home and dry, probably then only needing similar protection against all those inconvenient bits of matter (gas, dust, rocks and stuff) that otherwise make traveling fast a really dangerous idea - in fact lethal.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: James Oberg On O'Hare UFO - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 09 Jan 2007 17:25:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 07:28:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: James Oberg On O'Hare UFO - White

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 23:23:28 +0000  
>Subject: Re: James Oberg On O'Hare UFO

<snip>

>Excellent commentary. Methinks Jim Oberg, whom I once thought was  
>a fair-minded skeptic, is just about as intellectually  
>(dis)honest as his late lamented idol Phil Crass [Klass].

Oberg's comments are helpful, though - their total lack of  
contact with logic and reality make it plain to all that there  
really is a government cover-up.

Eleanor White

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## Re: The 'Funny' Part - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 9 Jan 2007 18:33:01 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 07:30:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: The 'Funny' Part - Nielsen

>From: Robert Barrow <[rbarr.nul](mailto:rbarr.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2007 12:38:10 -0500  
>Subject: The 'Funny' Part

>When a rural UFO sighting witnessed by a couple of people makes  
>news headlines, the debunkers ask why it's always some farmer in  
>the middle of nowhere who spots a saucer.

>When a UFO pops up over one of the world's busiest airports,  
>witnessed by many, the debunkers suggest a weather anomaly.

>You can't win.

>How curious that we embrace our idiocy so fondly and so quickly  
>when we crave a solution to anesthetize the inquiring mind.

>Robert Barrow

In humans, behavior usually predicts behavior. This doesn't preclude independent choice and change, superfluous or fundamental. It only speaks to patterns established by habits based on current desires for comfort and ease, or economy and efficiency, if that suits you.

Human standards are the only values we use when measuring those events around us, as it should be. Objectifying events is not easy for us. We seek meaning in everything; our own meaning in everything, to be sure. But is that enough? And can we really consider what we know we don't know? Can we ever know what we don't know?

No.

We look for patterns and hypothesize,  
With never-ending review and research.  
Is there ever a big enough sample size?  
We ask, while trying our good names to not besmirch.

We opine on the one side,  
Each reference well-vetted,  
As we blindly and foolishly grope,  
For any grimy life-line rope,  
To save us from each slippery slope.

It's our lot in life, we guess,  
As we still consider, nevertheless,  
We can't understand it all,  
Because our brains are much too small.

But is that such a bad thing? No, it isn't a bad thing.

To stop the boredom, we gain our reason. To refuse the rut, we embrace the search. To refrain from the mundane, we choose a life of discovery!

We can win. And we will!



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## Re: Davenport On O'Hare UFO In Newsweek - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 9 Jan 2007 18:23:21 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 07:31:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Davenport On O'Hare UFO In Newsweek - Rimmer

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Is O'Hare still the busiest airport in the world?

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John Rimmer

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## 'A Primer In Audio 1964-1967' A Review

From: Robert Barrow <[rbarr.nul](mailto:rbarr.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 01:08:22 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 08:13:54 -0500  
Subject: 'A Primer In Audio 1964-1967' A Review

Wendy Connors' Night Journeys in Ufology:  
UFOLOGY: A Primer in Audio 1964-1967 (Second Edition, Volume 02)  
Copyright 2006 (Dec) by Wendy A. Connors  
Total running time exceeds 24 hours (24:17:20), 29 tracks,  
digital print guide, mp3 format

Reviewed  
by  
Robert Barrow

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<http://www.fadeddiscs.com/primer3.html>

Appreciating the historical value of a Faded Discs release compares with a visit to the Smithsonian Museum of UFO History, and this newest disc from FD sparkles, for it covers the important years of 1964-1967 - featuring the '64 Socorro/Zamora UFO encounter, the Michigan "swamp gas" (a term that Dr. Hynek never used, by the way, as Wendy Connors advised us previously) sightings of 1966, and an abundance of UFO activity reported during the summer of 1965, plus a lot more.

Before highlighting the contents of this release, however (at 24 hours-plus, that's an entire day and night without sleep for the serious listener), a word or two about Wendy Connors, known to many readers and listeners as the conductor who orchestrates the quality of every Faded Discs project, is warranted. Connors, applying "audioficial resuscitation" to nearly dead, long-lost and forgotten recordings so they can have a new life, does far more than simply convert old tapes and other media into digital format. For instance, there are occasions when she literally prepares a very special bath in order to wash and enhance old reel-to-reel tapes, giving their sound quality a luster that couldn't be captured otherwise, and in fact some people unacquainted with such restoration techniques and lacking dedication would likely just throw problematic tapes into the trash basket. If you think giving the family dog a bath is difficult, imagine attempting to properly clean up the family reel-to-reels without ending up with strands of useless tape and an oxide disaster.

Having contributed a few recordings to the project myself, Wendy surprised me on one occasion when I sent her some reel-to-reel tapes, and inside one of the tape boxes was an old newspaper clip referencing the recorded program. She immediately advised me that chemicals used in newsprint can out-gas and actually deteriorate the tape, so all such material should be stored outside of the box. As you can see, Wendy knows her stuff, cares about the precision of her talents, never throws a collection together as if tossing a salad, and, in addition, the very tape just mentioned is included in this collection, sounding as good as it did originally thanks to her intervention.

So, what have we here?

This collection begins with a May, 1964 edition of Bob Kennedy's "Contact" program from WBZ Radio in Boston. As in numerous

instances on this disc, several "heavy hitters" known to many in UFO research appear as guests. Barely a month after the Socorro UFO landing/occupant report that shook world headlines, the program begins with reporter Streeter Stuart's phone interview with Officer Lonnie Zamora about the egg-shaped Socorro UFO, its occupants and the burning vegetation left behind as the object took off with a flaming roar. Also in the studio is amateur astronomer and respected NICAP proponent Walter Webb, and over the course of an hour and a quarter we are also treated to a phone conversation with Major Donald Keyhoe, NICAP director; Lyle Boyd, co-author with notorious debunker/astronomer Dr. Donald Menzel of the book, "The World of Flying Saucers;" and NY farmer Gary Wilcox, who describes his alleged encounter with UFO occupants.

Boyd, whom I can't recall hearing in any other broadcast venue, coherently does her best to defend Dr. Menzel's UFO denials, and believes every word she says. Major Keyhoe discusses Air Force (UFO reporting) Regulation 200-2 and delves into radar images and classified UFO photos, referencing the UFO evidence expertly.

And then there's the case of Newark, NY farmer Gary Wilcox, whose UFO encounter occurred in a similar time frame to Zamora's, and seemed far more bizarre. As a NY teenager when newspapers began picking up this story, I remember being both fascinated and horrified. Here was a young dairy farmer, an ex-serviceman, speaking in a matter-of-fact manner about seeing something shiny off in the distance, hopping on his tractor and driving up to the thing, an object on the ground appearing roughly like the Socorro UFO. But then his story becomes very strange indeed. Bob Kennedy's show features a taped interview with Wilcox, speaking from his barn phone, where we can actually hear contented cows mooing in the background:

WILCOX: "These two things, or men, or whatever they are came out. They were about four foot high. I don't know what they are or who they were, but they talked to me for about two hours up there (in the field - rb)."

KENNEDY: "You could perfectly understand them?"

WILCOX: "Yeah, they talked better English than you're talking... no accent... I spoke German and Russian when I was in the service, and it was nothing like either one of them."

Credibility became rather strained when I heard about this case in the sixties, having already become dismissive of famous contactee stories of the period. Yet, here was young Gary Wilcox, his honesty impressing everybody with whom he spoke, including private and official investigators - and most essential to me, apparently every neighbor who knew him vouched for his rock-solid integrity, assuring him incapable of wanting or needing to invent this incredible story. A UFO perched in an agricultural field during daylight, with two small occupants sacrificing two hours out of their, I assume, busy schedule to converse with Wilcox and answer questions and impart knowledge about the universe? In fact, Wilcox tells Kennedy that he has withheld certain details of the conversation voluntarily so he may impart something of significance to government investigators.

Frankly, the "hidden details" aspect of the incident isn't that unusual in the history of occupant contacts, and the Wilcox case summons up similar day time events once reported with some regularity in European countries in the fifties and sixties. All things considered, this reviewer wonders whether, if true, Wilcox wasn't "simply" experiencing an abduction experience whose interpretation in the telling was far different (e.g., in a lighter vein) than what he actually encountered. Or endured. The Wilcox incident, unless so me major truth has come to light of which I'm unaware, remains disturbing. At any rate, with cows mooing in the background (perhaps affectionately requesting to be milked, for fear that Wilcox will desert them for another hours-long session with the unexplained?), this guy sounds humble, yet firmly committed to his story. What to think?

Ten days after Kennedy's show comes radio's "Action Nightline," this time with NICAP's Walter Webb again, joined by APRO photo analyst John Hoft. Running well over an hour, there's some great science talk here, along with discussions of UFO pictures

confiscated by the U.S. government, UFOs seen over D.C. in the fifties, the Socorro case, the Trindade UFO photos and the intriguing Ubatuba story involving possible UFO fragments. Webb fascinates us with a story of two disc-shaped objects following and looping around an aircraft as witnesses observed from the ground.

"The Bob Roarke Show" hales from Florida as December, 1964 nears an end. This show's mark of distinction is Roarke's interview with university professor Dr. Ernest Gehman. Gehman followed up a report by Virginia civil engineer Horace Burns, who spotted a UFO on or near the ground, some distance from a highway. This was a time when many UFO reports occurred in Virginia. Gehman took a Geiger counter to the exact spot in question and recorded high radioactivity readings soon after the incident. Weeks later, Gehman accompanies a team of Air Force investigators to the site who bring their own instrumentation. Gehman regrets that he, this time, did not bring his Geiger counter, and no wonder: The Air Force investigators claim no radiation readings, but Gehman notes three occasions on their Geiger counter when the needle started to register something. At that point, the technician would adjust a dial and say, "You see, there's no radiation here." Major Keyhoe is called into the mix here, expressing his own support for Gehman's story, and then discussing the famous Wallops Island UFO case as he also references the official "Estimate of the Situation," the government's top secret belief that UFOs were somebody from somewhere else.

1965's disastrous (for the host) "Les Crane Show" appears here, the ABC-TV late-night variety program whose days were numbered after host Crane conducted an entire show by ridiculing Major Keyhoe, NICAP and UFOs in general. Not even the presence of UFO investigation proponent and NICAP board member Col. J. Bryant, former special assistant to the secretary of the Air Force, could temper Crane's ridicule, and to assist in deriding every last ounce of what should have been a sober UFO discussion, Crane brought out a skeptical - no, Crane brought out a debunking astronomer. The show was an outrage in every way, ABC-TV "got mail" and weeks later Les Crane was gone, gone, gone. Confession: Your reviewer really enjoyed Crane, who flew in the Air Force, and his show up to the point of disaster was quite good. I even found his popular seventies record album, "Desiderata," creative. But for whatever reason, this otherwise affable TV host of considerable talent and broadcast experience absolutely shot himself in the foot multiple times in the space of one nationally televised show and paid the price. Never let anybody deny the unanticipated power of UFO ridicule.

"Impact Close-Up: What is NICAP" was a show out of Richmond, VA, putting a positive spotlight on NICAP's history and goals. Richard Hall, NICAP's assistant director, steps before the microphone here, one of his earliest broadcast appearances. With him is NICAP member Paul Dickey.

Other programs bring us obscure, but nonetheless essential, interviews with people such as Steve Putnam and Edwin Fogg of the New England UFO Study Group who discuss the Hill case, the impressive Exeter, NH events and other current UFO events. "The Fred B. Cole Show" gives us author John Luttrell, the very first to bring Barney and Betty Hill to public consciousness, prior to John Fuller's articles and book about them. 1965's "Forum" offers UFO researcher Earl J. Neff and another member of the Cleveland Ufology Project discussing the well-publicized UFO "flap" in the southwestern U.S.

Raymond Fowler, surely one of the most respected names in UFO research, offers a great interview on a program where he discusses several UFO incidents, electromagnetic effects caused by UFOs, and quotes from the Brookings Institute report exploring the impact of extraterrestrial contact on our lives: "If super-intelligence is discovered, the results become quite unpredictable. It has been speculated that, of all groups, scientists and engineers might be the most devastated by the discovery of relatively superior creatures, since these professions are most clearly associated with the mastery of nature, rather than with the understanding and expression of men." Fowler is also featured elsewhere in this collection.

Skeptics, debunkers and researchers from all sides may find "Note Pad" with Paul Benzaquin of interest, as he takes calls

following a UFO hoax he staged the previous evening. Even from this tomfoolery we can all learn something.

George Fawcett, yet another well-placed name in UFO research annals, joins Earl J. Neff and others to discuss, most notably, the 1965 UFO flap and the Exeter, NH incidents.

J. Allen Hynek presents as younger researchers may never have known him - highly skeptical and seemingly almost married to the Air Force position when it came to UFOs. Here, in various programs, Hynek intricately wraps himself around "marsh gas" as a UFO report percipient in Michigan. Thus begins the slow change of Air Force UFO consultant Hynek from ardent skeptic to proponent, based upon evidence he could no longer ignore or effectively refute. "Any open-minded scientist must not close his mind to the possibility that there are things we do not know about," he states during one of numerous moments of caution.

Several Michigan UFO witnesses are interviewed on this disc, officials are criticized for their handling of the sightings and radar confirmation of Michigan UFOs is discussed. One show's caller, acquainted well with Frank Manners and his son, who witnessed a UFO at close range, almost implores people to believe something weird is afoot as he admits, "We've just had too much out here to laugh at anymore."

A pivotal NICAP press conference held amidst the Michigan sightings and in response to public outrage over "swamp gas" as an explanation also occupies this disc. Major Keyhoe, Richard Hall and board member Col. Joseph B. Hartranft, Jr., are available to respond to press concerns. Col. Hartranft, well-spoken and authoritative, explains at one point: "When you run into situations when techniques such as radar takes these sightings out of the realm of pure speculation, and when you have situations of what I call triple confirmation - an experienced pilot in the air who sees and repeats a finding, a ground observer who sees and repeats the same finding in the same place, and a man at the end of the radar, too, who is reporting echoes on his radar scope - then it is time to think in terms of the expertise that is required, and not to speculate." Keyhoe discusses the Exeter, NH reports and a Texas UFO report from the same night, when police officers felt heat from a nearby UFO.

An entry not to be missed is a 1966 program entitled "Spectrum 95: The Flying Saucer Flap," brimming with brief interviews of scientists, officials, investigators and witnesses having knowledge of UFO reports. Among them is famed researcher and NICAP proponent Don Berliner, and former Air Force press desk chief Al Chop offers his opinions pertaining to UFOs. Berliner personally investigated and praises the Socorro case and states, "When Dr. Hynek left, he admitted openly that he was more puzzled than when he had arrived." Chop is particularly of interest because as the years have passed he has embraced various theories about UFOs. Initially impressed with the extraterrestrial spacecraft theory in the fifties and early sixties, by the time he's interviewed for this 1966 program he entertains the idea of some natural but unknown phenomenon. But 10 years later he was considering an interdimensional origin, or at least that was partially on his mind. Chop should certainly be given credit for keeping an open mind about the phenomenon which so influenced his early government years.....

Also interviewed briefly is Mrs. Paul Trent of Trent UFO photos fame and even James Moseley pops up for a few comments. The Air Force, strangely, would not provide a spokesperson for the show.

Broadcaster and NICAP supporter Lou Corbin invited Richard Hall and Donald Berliner to his radio program in 1966, and Hall explained the effort involved at NICAP for production of 1964's "The UFO Evidence:"

"We worked day and night for a long time to accomplish it. It is a document of over 200,000 words, accumulating the best cases of our files at that time. I believe we had something just over 5,000 reports in the files, and from these we culled the best, approximately 600 cases, after putting them through a rigid test. Fifty percent of them came from trained or experienced observers, such as scientists and airline pilots."

Adds Berliner: "Some of the things (UFOs) were doing over 20 years ago, we don't even have any idea how to do. Obviously, if we had machines 20 years ago performing in this way, we wouldn't have wasted tens of billions of dollars on conventional bombers and fighters, and we wouldn't be struggling through these crude attempts to get into space."

Writing notes while listening to this disc, I found myself jotting furiously and at greatest length about entry no. 52, a two-part 1966 WDRC radio program, probably because the combination of narration by host Jim Nettleton, guest interviews and cases covered provides an excellent account of the time in question. At the outset, the 1966 Michigan UFO reports are explored, and before even a minute elapses we hear the angry voice of Ann Arbor sheriff Douglas Harvey, soon after Dr. Hynek said publicly that a UFO report in that area could be explained. Growls Harvey: "Last night he was in my office. He told me he had no idea what it was, but he said the Pentagon told him he had to make a statement tomorrow." One suspects that this was another turning point in the education of, not the anxious public, but of Dr. Hynek himself, as he slowly abandoned the Air Force UFO position in general. Nevertheless, we hear Hynek as he lays out the case for "marsh gas" as UFO.

We are reminded here that UFOs were seen in many states, and although Michigan seemed to dominate press coverage, states such as Indiana and Wisconsin also witnessed strange sights. If anything should have made scientists in love with Air Force explanations walk the plank, a period during the summer of 1965 when hundreds, if not thousands, of people in four western states observed UFOs should have provided their jump-ship opportunity. I recall the four-page bulletin NICAP mailed to members and media after the Air Force confidently announced that Jupiter and four bright stars were the culprits for spectacular aerial light displays dazzling those deluded westerners. Trouble is, Jupiter and the four stars were only visible from the other side of the planet during the sightings. Astronomers who actually bothered to care were outraged and one, Robert Risser, director of the Oklahoma Science and Arts Foundation Planetarium, responded "This is as far from the truth as you can get."

Project Blue Book takes a well-deserved pounding on the disc, and even former Air Force UFO project monitor/intelligence officer Dewey J. Fournet, Jr., is interviewed here and warns that the Air Force "has never given (the UFO subject) the attention that it should." He also shuns any notion that the famed Utah UFO movie involved birds - that there were "no seagulls" in Utah. At another point, Fournet responds to Air Force claims that all UFO information has been released publicly: "From the evidence I have seen, they certainly are not releasing much of it."

Major Keyhoe is interviewed, and Walter Webb makes another of numerous appearances on this disc, describing how the UFO hearings that Gerald Ford fought to initiate ended up with the Air Force basically telling its own one-sided UFO story as the dominant participant.

Police officers are heard from, as is researcher George Earley, and a discussion ensues about TV celebrity Arthur Godfrey's UFO sighting as a private pilot, when he took multiple evasive actions to avoid perceived danger. Many familiar with Godfrey's TV work may not have realized his extensive flight experience as an Air Force Reserve colonel, and he didn't mind talking publicly about his frightening UFO encounter in a civilian capacity.

On part two of this exceptional program, we hear from John G. Fuller regarding the Exeter, NH case, Barney Hill, and witnesses to the Wanaque, NJ reservoir incident. Dr. William Pickering of JPL and Dr. Frank Salisbury of Colorado State University are featured, along with Walter Webb once again. This time, some older but crucial UFO events are outlined, including the Capt. Raymond Ryan UFO-chasing airline incident, the Killian airline case, the Lake Superior mystery and the 1965 Northeast power blackout. One of the police officers involved directly in the dramatic Exeter, NH event speaks and Fuller, author of "Incident at Exeter," gives the officer and other witnesses high marks for integrity.

The Ryan airline case of 1956 was significant because Ryan and co-pilot William Neff were officially instructed to abandon their routine passenger flight from Albany to Syracuse, NY to chase a UFO, an absolute no-no of incredibly dangerous proportions. NICAP's Richard Hall knew the case well and offers the story: "They did go off course at the request of the area Air Force base and did pursue an unidentified flying object, and this later was completely denied by all concerned... the company denied it and the Civil Aeronautics Board and the FAA denied it later. But we (NICAP) have the documented proof of it." Debunking astronomer Donald Menzel, always good for a laugh, claimed the planet Venus was involved, and in fact at another section of the program Major Fournet described how Menzel ignored all the good UFO evidence Fournet once gave him.

The Mariner pictures of Mars are discussed here and it seems genuinely strange to realize that some astronomers were then holding to a belief that intelligently placed canals may exist on Mars, based upon Mariner images. Curious mention is made that a UFO hovered near the Canberra tracking station as Mars images were being transmitted back and another station wasn't functioning to receive images at that time. Dr. Frank Strong of Johns Hopkins University suggests enthusiastically that some parts of Venus can probably support life as we know it. Yes, he does.

Elsewhere on the disc is a lengthy interview conducted with both Barney and Betty Hill about their abduction experience, with Earl J. Neff along for great support and wisdom, and another program pairs Neff with famed broadcaster Frank Edwards to discuss foreign and American cases. Edwards had recently written his bestseller, "Flying Saucers: Serious Business," and on another disc track Connors offers us the bonus of Edwards' popular LP of the same name.

Connors includes Long John Nebel from 1967, when he had moved his late-night talk show from WOR Radio to WNBC. He and several guests discuss Project Blue Book and the status of the Colorado UFO study. Following this show, running over an hour, Nebel's 1967 LP, "The Flying Saucer Story," is offered, giving us a chance to laugh at outrageous claims thrust upon us by some of the most famous contactees of the era. At one point in narration, Nebel flat-out states, "I don't buy any of it," but his preoccupation with contactees for many years certainly provided Nebel a lucrative radio career. The LP, not to be forgotten, also allows a few well-stated words from Major Keyhoe and Frank Edwards, who add the only hint of sanity and truth to this LP. Folks, once you tap into this particular entry, you may be unable to walk away from nearly 40 minutes of pure Long John Nebel.

As we approach the final tracks of this mammoth collection, a 1967 press conference by Dr. Hynek emerges, almost a half hour in length. Then, just as the most interesting programs would seem to be over, Wendy Connors adds "Science Panel: Captured by a UFO." This may sound like a tabloid magazine, but instead we have a rather scientific discussion. Panelists include Dr. James McDonald, Dr. Carl Sagan, Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle and others who take this opportunity to question Barney and Betty Hill, who sit before them to relate their story. Sagan, predictably, seems incredulous about any possibility that UFO occupants could look anything like us. "Unidentified doesn't mean extraterrestrial," Sagan eventually warns, "it means we don't understand it." McDonald is impressed with the compass spinning when held over shiny spots on the Hill's car after their journey home, and debates Sagan wonderfully. Dr. Sprinkle considerably explores Betty's dreams without violating her privacy. Also present is author John Fuller, quite adept at explaining Dr. Benjamin Simon's (the Hills' psychiatrist) non-interest in UFOs.

If you really wish to reminisce with the likes of Dr. Menzel, there's also "Open Mind" (how Menzel ended up on a show with that title may provide the biggest mystery), but fortunately he's joined by Dr. Hynek, Dr. Sprinkle, author John Fuller and Dr. Frank B. Salisbury. This is actually an interesting public affairs program from WNBC, moderated by a professor from Princeton University.

Wendy concludes her compilation with the, redundancy not intended, uniquely offbeat. It isn't every day that a nun, a professor of chemistry at Immaculate Heart College, sits down



with an interviewer and pours out her extensive knowledge of UFO history, NICAP and other UFO organizations. Yet, here's Sister Ann Jude being interviewed by Bob Wright, enthusiastically imparting her vast knowledge in a program intended solely to reflect an "interesting " part of campus life at Immaculate Heart. A college recruitment program with a nun spouting UFO history as a draw for potential students? Yes, and very well - unexpectedly well - done.

Offering recent as well as ancient UFO accounts, Sister Jude explains her concern: "I was amazed at the number of books and the number of studies and the number of sightings there were, and this is how I became interested in this." Exploring both the ongoing Colorado study and fake vs. real UFO photos, she encourages scientists to explore UFOs earnestly. "The assumption of our scientific community is that there is life in outer space," she affirms, "and that the universe is so very large that it is improbable that we would be the only planet that would have life."

Now, to address those readers actually intent upon booking a flight to Washington to visit the Smithsonian Museum of UFO History, I must advise that this new Faded Discs collection might not be for them. To everybody else, know that UFO history's spoken gold inhabits this very worthwhile collection.

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AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION: DID ANYTHING HAPPEN?

The December 31, 2006 deadline for automatic declassification of historically valuable 25 year old classified records has come and gone. Was anything automatically declassified?

Yes, said Bill Leonard, director of the Information Security Oversight Office.

"Hundreds of millions of pages of records were automatically declassified at the FBI alone," he said yesterday. Numerous other records were also declassified at some other executive branch agencies.

But he stressed that automatic declassification did not mean disclosure or immediate availability.

Declassified documents may still need to be reviewed for exempt material other than classified information (such as privacy data), and will need to be processed for public access.

Even so, public access to the records should be expedited by the elimination of a classification review requirement, Mr. Leonard said. And the deadline will continue to take new effect as more documents become 25 years old with each passing year.

NRO RELEASES UNCLASSIFIED BUDGET DOC

In response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, the National Reconnaissance Office last week released to the Federation of American Scientists the unclassified portions of the NRO Congressional Budget Justification Book for Fiscal Year 2006.

"You have joined a very exclusive club of people who not only win FOIA cases but actually get some documents as a result," wrote Harry Hammitt, editor of the newsletter Access Reports ([www.accessreports.com](http://www.accessreports.com)).

The two-volume, 582-page document was almost entirely blacked on

national security classification grounds. But a few substantive narrative portions were released (and will be posted once our scanner is fixed).

Perhaps more important, the lawsuit successfully countered the claim that such records can be excluded from FOIA processing by designating them as "operational files."

See "Watchdog wins release of National Reconnaissance Office documents" by Daniel Friedman, Federal Times, January 9:

<http://federaltimes.com/index.php?S=2468310>

#### NEW BILLS IN CONGRESS

Several noteworthy pieces of legislation on intelligence and national security have already been introduced (or in some cases re-introduced) in the new Congress, including these.

A Resolution to Enhance Intelligence Oversight (H.Res. 35) by Rep. Obey, January 5:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007\\_cr/hres35.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/hres35.html)

Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Act of 2007 (H.R. 1), January 5:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007\\_cr/hr1.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/hr1.html)

NSA Oversight Act (H.R. 11), introduced by Reps. Schiff and Flake, January 4:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007\\_cr/hr11.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/hr11.pdf)

Introduction of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Oversight and Resource Enhancement Act (S. 187) by Sen. Specter, January 4:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007\\_cr/s187.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/s187.html)

Introduction of the Habeas Corpus Restoration Act of 2007 (S. 185), by Sens. Specter and Leahy, January 4:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007\\_cr/s185.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/s185.html)

Introduction of the Intelligence Community Audit Act of 2007 (S.82), by Sen. Akaka, January 4:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007\\_cr/s82.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/s82.html)

#### DOE MANUAL ON IDENTIFYING CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

The Department of Energy has published a new draft manual to help authorized personnel identify information that is classified by executive order or under the Atomic Energy Act.

See "Manual for Identifying Classified Information," DOE M 475.1-1B, published January 8, 2007 (1.3 MB PDF):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/m4751-1b.pdf>

#### SELECTED CRS REPORTS

Some recent reports of the Congressional Research Service that are not readily available in the public domain include the following.

"Department of Homeland Security Grants to State and Local Governments: FY2003 to FY2006," December 22, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homsec/RL33770.pdf>

"International Crises and Disasters: U.S. Humanitarian Assistance, Budget Trends, and Issues for Congress," December 21, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33769.pdf>

"Cuba: Issues for the 109th Congress," updated December 19, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL32730.pdf>

"Russian Natural Gas: Regional Dependence," January 5, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RS22562.pdf>

"Islam: Sunnis and Shiites," updated December 11, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RS21745.pdf>

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## Frank Feschino's Book [was: Davenport On O'Hare]

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>>This just in from Frank Feschino, Shoot Them Down! author with  
>>fore and afts by Stanton Friedman...

>>It seems O'Hare, and the Windy City hosting that airfield, have  
>>had a long history of the same kind ufological happenstance  
>>recently occurring. Sightings, contacts, multiple witness  
>>reports, UFOs, and scrambled Jets have been interacting there  
>>since the summer of 1952, figuring heavily from the flap in that  
>>year and since.

>>Wow, huh? O'Hare is a heavily trafficked UFO Hotspot with a  
>>clear history of same, Feschino discovered, and is a hotspot  
>>chronicled prominently (almost every chapter, he said) in his  
>>new book.

>>What is it about O'Hare?

>Feschino's book, notwithstanding Stan Friedman's mystifying  
>endorsement, is wild and nonsensical science fiction. One of the  
>many whoppers he proffers is Air Force interceptors being  
>launched to chase the UFOs from Air Force bases that didn't have  
>any jet interceptors, such as Keesler AFB, Miss., where I was  
>stationed in 1950. I also happen to know the base historian. It  
>was and is a training base, and I used to hang out with a friend  
>on the flightline. They had trainer jets, C-47's, etc., but were  
>not a fighter or bomber (TAC or SAC) base.

>By coincidence I recently heard from one of the Flatwoods  
>witnesses who, in a letter, was strongly critical of Feschino's  
>reporting. Something extraordinary probably occurred there, but  
>garbage books like this one will only confuse the issues rather  
>than shed any light on what it was. One shouldn't have to sift  
>out the credible testimony from a garbage heap.

With all respect, Sir... one man's rather reflexive "garbage" is  
another man's honest 14 year research into a mountain of  
peculiar data, first person reports, and documented aviation  
history. I submit that there is no mystery to Stanton Friedman's  
endorsement. Stanton Friedman has long been a man willing to  
face facts, Sir, has ever been a demonstration of the intrepid  
researcher without regard to the patent disrespect of persons  
riding on his enduring coattails. There is Data, Mr. Hall. Data  
is Stanton Friedman's middle name.

Consider - whatever Keesler AFB's, 'official' function... Sir,  
there were shoot-down orders in effect... and UFOs crossing the  
ADIZ in the vicinity of Keesler would make its active runway and  
Jet Fuel available and attractive for an interdiction mission

regarding same. Perhaps even one outside the purview of one junior-ranking non-career enlisted man.

With regard to dissenting Flatwoods witnesses? What would be peculiar is the complete dearth of any dissention on the subject.

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## Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Golubik

From: Viktor Golubik [Diverge247.nul](mailto:Diverge247.nul)  
Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 08:37:41 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 09:13:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Golubik

>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 10:33:55 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 7 Jan 2007 23:08:30 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

>>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 16:13:15 -0000  
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The radar's proximity (beam size/energy saturation) would affect both it's resolution and ability to detect ionization streaks.

Golubik

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From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 15:29:03 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 14:22:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Shough

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I've looked into this to some extent Viktor. A detailed map of precipitation and doppler wind velocities in the area of the object would be fascinating vis a vis some of the questions discussed here recently about the "cloud hole". There are multiple weather radars covering the area but the situation is complicated.

There are Terminal Doppler Weather Radars at O'Hare, and also at Midway to the south. I'm still looking for the exact locations of these antennas but in the O'Hare case the TDWR probably would have had some opportunity to cover the target area, depending on the phase of its scan algorithm at the time. TDWR does a complicated sequence of rotation, elevation and changes with a pencil beam to map the surveillance volume over the course of several minutes, with a rapid low-elevation scan at high resolution out to a short range of 5 miles with an update rate of 1 minute. The O'Hare TDWR might have had a chance to image the area where the object was reported, but the spatial resolution is not good - 150-300 m in range by about 1 degree cross-range (100 ft @ 1 mile).

At greater distances there are several WSR-88D radars in the NEXRAD network with overlapping coverage of the area, but not at low altitude, and would only have been able to possibly detect

the object on its projected upward departure course and/or image weather phenomena at these higher levels that might have been associated with it or with its passage. Unfortunately once again the spatial resolution of these radars is poor, comparable to the TDWR out to about 124 nmi (kilometer blocks at larger ranges) and with a 5 - 6 minute.

So the prospect of good weather radar data is not great but I do have NEXRAD data files from the nearest radar for times bracketing the observation. Unfortunately I haven't got around to being able to access them. These are "CMP" files and I suspect they are UNIX format (?). If anyone has access to UNIX I'd appreciate some help.

All of these weather radar data are actually merged into an integrated weather product that is fed to the FAA Air Traffic Control (for the C-90 Chicago O'Hare region this is at Elgin, Illinois) where it is available to controllers on a dedicated channel of the ASR-9 surveillance radar. NARCAP has a request granted but still pending with FAA for ATC surveillance radar data. When this is forthcoming it is likely to offer the best chance for radar detection of the "object", but I suspect this will only be primary and secondary target data, and won't include any of the weather product.

Martin Shough

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From: Peter B. Davenport <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 10:19:19 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 14:27:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Davenport On O'Hare UFO In Newsweek - Davenport

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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## Recent UFO sightings In Canada - 01-10-07

From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows.nul](mailto:rutkows.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 12:20:13 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 14:31:03 -0500  
Subject: Recent UFO sightings In Canada - 01-10-07

I just received three more recent sighting reports:

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January 2, 2007  
New Bothwell, MB  
6:30 pm local

A "huge, bright thing falling from the sky" was seen towards the East of New Bothwell by a lone witness in a car going towards the town. It appeared like "a piece of a plane," with chunks breaking off as it fell. The white fireball was watched "all the way to the ground" and the witness thought that an expedition on snowmobiles would locate the debris on the ground "a few miles away."

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January 1, 2007  
Winnipeg, MB  
4:30 pm

Two witnesses observed a bright, orange UFO in the SE sky while en route South from Grand Beach to Winnipeg. One used a camera to take several photos and had enough time to set his camera on different settings while the object was in flight.

Unfortunately, none of the photos are of sufficient quality to make any judgement about what the object might have been. The duration of the sighting was about 30 minutes, during which time the object appeared to become smaller and dimmer, suggesting it was moving away from the observers.

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January 8, 2007  
Sach's Harbour, NT  
2:00 pm local

At least six people in different locations watched a slow-moving, orange object moving South over the town. It was described as "the size of an airplane at 30,000 feet" and "like a marble at arm's length." It was described as "bullet-shaped," leaving a trail of debris in its wake. Pieces seemed to be falling off, brightening, then dimming quickly as they fell. Its movement was thought to be the "speed of a plane" and it was in view for an estimated five minutes. Although the time of the sighting was 2:00 pm, Sach's Harbour is North of the Arctic Circle and therefore the sky was dark.

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A few comments:

It's interesting that there have been so many fireball reports worldwide so far in 2007. Apart from the O'Hare event (which occurred in November 2006), there have been several bright bolides during the first week of January 2007 in Canada, the USA, Iran and Singapore. (The fireball over Denver was a

spectacular re-entry of a Russian rocket booster that was filmed  
by traffic helicopters.)

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## Re: Davenport On O'Hare UFO In Newsweek - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 14:54:11 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2007 07:56:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Davenport On O'Hare UFO In Newsweek - Boone

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Thank goodness you're here Mr. Davenport. As for why our leaders  
don't jump on this story is obvious. They already know or those  
that don't are advised on that good ol' 'need to know basis'  
thing.

I've been told several times by politicians and their staff that  
the subject is taboo and again that 'need to know basis'. Also,  
there's the fear of character assassination by one's political  
opponents. Let's say for example Congressman Joe asks questions  
about the O'Hare UFO Incident. Next election time, Congressman  
Joe's opponents will be bringing up his belief in the fantastic  
as grounds not to trust him or his leadership. 'Why stick your  
neck out for humanity if it'll cost you your job?', they say.

Besides, the O'Hare story has no sex, drugs, violence, nor  
grist-for-the-mill for character assassination. If Pamela Sue  
Anderson or some other popular hottie tv/movie star had been at  
the airport and said something you'd have more legislators on  
this story than paparazzi on Britney Spears.

Also, there's that War in Iraq that's still going on even Iraq  
doesn't have an army. We beat them up in a few hours when they  
did have an army and now that they don't it's taking us six  
years and going. The votes and floor antics the legislators are  
going through garners more face-time in front of the news  
cameras than does UFOs. Since the O'Hare situation didn't  
interrupt the soap operas, game shows, and sports broadcasts,  
and because booze and cigarettes still got distributed the story  
doesn't warrant the attention it deserves because the public  
doesn't care.

Now, had that UFO disrupted the broadcast of ABC's popular show "Desperate Housewives" you'd have seen the seventh fleet show up.

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Again, as long as our creature comforts are still in place and UFOs don't disrupt that reality, you won't have any support for investigating.

By now the public knows the authorities aren't going to cooperate with the public's interest in the subject. The public also knows the press won't either. So many of us and our families work in or around government it's almost a common fact that 'one doesn't talk about UFOs'. In each culture I'm sure there are subjects that are hush-hush. In our society it's a subject of entertainment and that's it.

Everyone knows there are aliens and other strange beings and that some of us know it's true and some don't. It's like one of those family secrets that we all have and don't talk about.

Maybe because when you look hard enough into the subject what you find is a great big mirror.

Finally, everyone should support Mr. Davenport any way you can.

Best,

Greg

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### Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 14:02:37 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2007 07:58:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect - Tarbell

See below a crude estimate of the minimum energy and power requirements for creating a droplet-free channel in a cloud via simple heating, with application to the O'Hare case. Any and all feedback is welcome, I am by no means an expert in cloud physics.

It is only necessary to bring the material in the channel above the dew point temperature in order to evaporate the droplets. We may neglect the presence of the water itself, since even in fully-saturated air the mass of water is a factor ~100 smaller than the mass of air.

Assume that the cloud layer is uniform in temperature, 1 degC below the dew point. This is not unreasonable, since, by definition, the base of the cloud layer is precisely at the dew point, and the cloud layer thickness considered here is fairly small.

The energy required to raise the temperature of air by 1 degC at constant pressure is about  $10^7$  ergs per gram of air. Assuming a channel diameter of 30 ft and a length of 100 ft (pending better data), the volume of enclosed air is ~71,000 cu.ft, which corresponds to  $\sim 2 \times 10^6$  gm of air. The total energy required to "clear the channel" is thus  $\sim 2 \times 10^{13}$  ergs.

The accounts published so far are not explicit about the timescale of the process, other than it was apparently very rapid. If we assume a timescale of 1 sec, the required power output is  $2 \times 10^{13}$  erg/sec, or 2 megawatts. This is substantial but not astronomical, e.g., the MIRACL chemical laser at the White Sands Missile Range can produce continuous-wave output in the megawatt range.

However, the above estimate must be considered an absolute minimum, requiring some unknown process operating at 100% efficiency. Heating by absorption of radiation would not be nearly this efficient, except under highly contrived conditions (e.g., total absorption below the dew point, total transparency above it). By analogy, the energy expended bringing a pot of water to a boil on the stove is substantially greater than the product of the specific heat and the temperature change.

One might consider using specific wavelengths (e.g., microwaves) to selectively heat the water rather than the entire air mass, but I don't think this would substantially alter the energy requirements: the droplets may become arbitrarily warm, but the vast majority of the air around them is still saturated and will not accept additional vapor. Even if the droplets were to "boil off", the vapor thus generated would rapidly cool and recondense in the surrounding air, until the air/vapor mixture finally equilibrated above the dew point temperature. So the only difference in this scenario is that the air is being heated by interaction with hot water rather than directly. The energy required should be virtually the same (but comments are solicited here).

The reason I've been belaboring this cloud hole effect is that it is a rare opportunity to put quantitative constraints on a physical effect that, by all accounts, is definitively

associated with a multiple-witness UFO. This is a \_physical\_  
\_trace\_ case, no less so than finding imprints from landing  
gear. If it can be demonstrated from first principles that no  
weather-related or man-made process can reproduce this effect on  
this time scale, then the significance of this case will  
increase immensely.

Mike

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## How Spacecraft Fly By Stan Deyo

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 16:43:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2007 08:02:42 -0500  
Subject: How Spacecraft Fly By Stan Deyo

Just wondering if anyone has seen Stan Deyo's talk, his video including an on-line preview below. If yes, do any of the listerions have comments? (I haven't, my low speed connection won't allow me to watch most on line videos.)

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## Cut From Different Cloth

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Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 21:58:37 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2007 08:05:41 -0500  
Subject: Cut From Different Cloth

Hi List,

Debate about possible origins of intelligent life seems to have been dominated by chauvinistic 'rare Earth' claims - accompanied by a refusal to face facts. This could also have affected supposedly reasoned judgments as to whether we should risk signaling before checking who might be listening.

The chauvinist claim is that everything is OK, we are alone; nothing we do affects anyone other than us.

Well, they've ignored some facts known for quite a while -

i) Hyron Spinrad found the metal content of stars - which indicates age of star generation - increases towards galactic centers. [Spinrad, Hyron 'Supermetallicity in nearby Galaxies' 1970 QrtlyJrnl of Royal Astronomical Society]

ii) Isaac Asimov calculated - "It is nine times to eighty one times more likely that intelligence has arisen earlier in the central region of our galaxy" - basically because the class II stars of the central region were that much older.

and now, unknown to Spinrad or Asimov -

"Cut From Different Cloth

Modern cosmological models predict that small galaxies form first, and later assemble into larger systems like our Galaxy. Since the Universe initially only contained hydrogen and helium (most of all other chemical elements being synthesized inside stars), dwarf galaxies should have the lowest heavy element content. Not so, say the astronomers."

<http://www.physorg.com/news82127598.html>

That news (7 Nov 2006) was that nearby dwarf galaxies, about a tenth to a quarter of the distance to Andromeda our nearest neighbor, are actually iron-rich, while the main body of the Milky Way is relatively metal-poor (see text).

Does it interest us? Well, previously humans (well, those who consider these things) thought, along with Asimov, that older intelligent life would be concentrated in regular galaxies' centers.

Now it seems our galaxy (mainly of relatively new stars) is surrounded by 'dwarf galaxies' of old stars - more likely to have intelligent life.

A bit like ranch-houses around a prairie full of (primitive) live-stock?

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: The Press UFOs & Who Stands To Gain? - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 17:15:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2007 08:07:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Press UFOs & Who Stands To Gain? - Maccabee

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 9 Jan 2007 09:46:55 -0800  
>Subject: Re: The Press UFOs & Who Stands To Gain?

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2007 11:21:20 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Press UFOs & Who Stands To Gain?

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>>Last night (Sunday) I saw on CNN Headline News (I think it was)  
>>an interview with Hilkevitch during which he made the comment  
>>that the objects characteristics and shape seemed to indicate it  
>>wasn't made by man or on earth or something like that. I forget  
>>the exact wording.

>>My immediate response is "there's a guy hanging his neck out"  
>>(to be chopped off). I presume someone will post a transcript of  
>>that interview.

>Aloha Bruce and all other Listerions,

>It still galls me that the FAA thinks it can get away with  
>proclaiming the sighting a weather event without any  
>investigation. Back in the day when I was an active pilot I  
>relied on the FAA extensively. They always were cooperative and  
>correct. This proclamation of a weather event is amateurish and  
>smacks of a coverup. How many FAA employees looked at the  
>reported object when it was visible. Most likely none actually  
>looked at it or the hole in the cloud cover.

<snip>

>In addition, flight manifests can be obtained to show who  
>arrived or departed in the general time area. Those people  
>could be questioned to find out if they were witnesses to the  
>sighting. All airport personnel plus cab or bus drivers could  
>be questioned. They can also be asked about military or other  
>government agents who may have been present following the  
>sighting. All the witnesses could document their sightings in  
>signed affidavits.

>The above are just a few ideas of ways the sighting could be  
>investigated.

I suspect that someone or some organization knows who all the  
witnesses are, at least those who have talked to someone/anyone  
about what they saw. I suspect that someone knows whether or not  
photos were taken and by whom. I suspect that the investigation  
is ongoing "sub rosa". Recall the testimony of John Callahan who  
was responsible for investigating the Japan Airlines case 20  
years ago. Twenty years ago at this very time ("as we speak"..  
but 20 years ago). According to Callahan the White House was  
interested and other "spooky" organizations including the CIA.  
Whether or not non-FAA investigations are occurring is a matter  
for speculation.

But one thing is certain: the reporter (Hilkevitch) and the newspaper were surprised that this story has "legs." Hilkevitch wrote a third story about it two days ago. For any non-continuing or "single event" story to last a week is surprising, and this applies doubly to UFO stories. In the Japan Airlines case the story lasted for several months, but only because the FAA investigation kept the news interest.

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Not only must Wendy be congratulated on producing such a diverse, comprehensive and informative disc, Robert Barrow must be complemented for his extensive review.

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## Re: And For My Next Trick - Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2007 02:10:07 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2007 08:16:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: And For My Next Trick - Kasten

>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.miller4.nul](mailto:stuart.miller4.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 9 Jan 2007 16:41:29 +0000 (GMT)  
>Subject: And For My Next Trick

>A story of, IMO greater importance than O'Hare is quietly  
>slipping by while all the attention is focused on Chicago. etc.

>Report suggests Mars microbes overlooked:

>[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070107/ap\\_on\\_sc/mars\\_life\\_4](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070107/ap_on_sc/mars_life_4)

>Did NASA accidentally kill life on Mars?:

><http://www.cnn.com/2007/TECH/01/07/mars.life.ap/index.html>

>Early NASA Probes May Have Overlooked or Even Killed Martian  
>Microbes, Scientist Theorizes:

><http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory?id=2776816>

>etc.

>As always when it comes to the red planet, its always sleight of  
>hand.

I guess the NASA researchers are still learning how to explore  
other planets. Mistakes will be made.

As for the data now coming from the recent Mars mission:

Everybody in the area of Tucson and Nogales, AZ are invited to  
attend the Sonoran Astronomical Society's next meeting, February  
13, Tuesday, at La Posada in Green Valley, AZ.

A lecture will be given by Dr. Milazzo of the University of  
Arizona-Tucson. He is the head of the calibration team of the  
Hi-RISE images from the Mars Express orbiter.

He will be providing the latest information about those images.

Plus, Sky & Telescope, February 2007, page 28, is the latest  
image of the so-called "face" on Mars with an essay by Phil  
Plait.

He finishes off his essay with:

"Undoubtedly the Face's advocates will soldier on, because as  
long as there's science, there's pseudo-science following  
behind. But even as images from space probes have popped our  
fantasies of Martian civilizations like a balloon, they've shown  
us Mars is a vast and diverse world that we have only begun to  
explore."

KK

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## Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 20:15:43 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2007 08:18:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Tarbell

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 15:29:03 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

>>From: Viktor Golubik [Diverge247.nul](mailto:Diverge247.nul)  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 08:37:41 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 08 Jan 2007 10:33:55 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

<snip>

>>Since weather radar is more apt to have detected water  
>>condensation and ice crystal formation patterns, I wonder if  
>>such a station (if it exists nearby at all) might have detected,  
>>not only the object, but it's interaction with the cloud  
>>stratification's.

>I've looked into this to some extent Viktor. A detailed map of  
>precipitation and doppler wind velocities in the area of the  
>object would be fascinating vis a vis some of the questions  
>discussed here recently about the "cloud hole". There are  
>multiple weather radars covering the area but the situation is  
>complicated.

<snip>

>All of these weather radar data are actually merged into an  
>integrated weather product that is fed to the FAA Air Traffic  
>Control (for the C-90 Chicago O'Hare region this is at Elgin,  
>Illinois) where it is available to controllers on a dedicated  
>channel of the ASR-9 surveillance radar. NARCAP has a request  
>granted but still pending with FAA for ATC surveillance radar  
>data. When this is forthcoming it is likely to offer the best  
>chance for radar detection of the "object", but I suspect this  
>will only be primary and secondary target data, and won't  
>include any of the weather product.

I've had recent correspondence with the FAA regarding types and  
availability of historical weather data at US airports (keeping  
it generic and not mentioning the O'Hare sighting), including my  
particular interest in the thickness of the cloud cover. The  
latter data is apparently neither gathered nor archived.  
However, they do recommend

<http://ols.ncdc.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/nndc/buyOL-001.cgi>

I've downloaded the relevant 07 Nov 2006 Chicago-O'Hare data  
from the above site. I don't find any crucial data there that  
haven't already been reported, but it includes hourly  
observations for the entire day, with various arcane  
codes/details that may be of interest.

Additional info about FAA weather data collection and

distribution is at:

<http://www.faa.gov/aua/weather/warp/>

Mike

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Source: The Chicago Daily Herald - Illinois, USA

<http://www.dailyherald.com/opinion/constable.asp?id=268393>

Thursday, January 11, 2007

Internet Needs Less Saddam And Britney More UFOs

By Burt Constable  
Daily Herald Editorial Columnist

Saddam Hussein can't drop dead without a cell phone camera recording his demise and a post-mortem sequel for distribution on the Internet.

Britney Spears can't totter through one night as a trollop without photographic evidence popping up the Internet.

YouTube.com has video of a costumed Tigger appearing to punch a teen in the face at Walt Disney World.

Little kids can't drink from hoses, fat people can't sit in spindly chairs, old ladies can't get off poorly docked boats, and dads holding pinatas can't get hit in the crotch without cameras capturing the hilarity for TV's "America's Funniest Home Videos."

You can't even go to work without a camera recording you filling up with gas, buying coffee, running a yellow light, zipping through a toll booth or entering your office.

But search the Internet for a clip of the UFO reported hovering Nov. 7 above O'Hare International Airport, and you come up empty.

The story, reported Jan. 1 by Jon Hilkevitch of the Chicago Tribune and appearing in international media outlets from CNN to late-night comics, said about a dozen people reported seeing "a flying saucer-like object hovered low over O'Hare International Airport for several minutes before bolting through thick clouds with such intense energy that it left an eerie hole in overcast skies."

And yet, not a single O'Hare UFO image from a cell phone, security monitor, TV crew or camera-toting tourist has appeared to the masses.

"Yup, it's frustrating," says Mary Kerfoot, a longtime UFO activist from Schaumburg, who wishes we all could see the otherworldly crafts and beings that she says she has seen. "Security cameras must not be pointing at the sky."

Scour popular UFO Web sites such as [mufon.com](http://mufon.com), [paradigmresearchgroup.org](http://paradigmresearchgroup.org) or [nuforc.org](http://nuforc.org) and prepare to be less than dazzled. Bright lights, shaky video and fast-moving specks in the sky just don't impress a generation accustomed to the

movie UFOs of "War of the Worlds", "Independence Day" or even the 30-year-old footage from "Close Encounters of the Third Kind".

"You'd think it would be easy. Just reach up and take a picture," says Sam Maranto, a financial planner from Orland Park who is director of the Illinois Mutual UFO Network.

But it generally doesn't work out that way.

"I think most people are so mesmerized, they don't want to take their eyes off it for one second," says Maranto, who includes himself in that number. "Anything that is genuine is emitting a frequency, and it looks more like a distortion. So you are never going to get a perfect picture. If you have one that is a perfect picture, you have to wonder if it is a hoax."

Besides, Maranto argues, Americans believe in plenty of things - from the existence of angels to the likelihood of a 2007 Cubs World Series - with far less physical evidence.

Kerfoot's son, Bob, says he was a "total skeptic" when he was "freaked out" by a strange, dark, diamond-like shape hovering in the sky Aug. 12 and zooming up and down above Woodfield Shopping Center in Schaumburg. A computer scientist, he isn't ready to conclude it was a UFO, a military craft or strange atmospheric reflection. But he promises that if he ever sees something like that again, "I'll take a picture."

One definitive picture of something out of this world would make a world of difference to a cynical public.

"I'm not in the mood to take criticism," growls Peter B. Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center in the state of Washington. A month after he posted the O'Hare sighting on his Web site ([www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org)), an exasperated Davenport finally tipped off the Tribune's Hilkevitch, who says it took him a while to win the confidence of witnesses, find additional sources and get the goods for his story.

"It's frustrating for me, too," says Davenport, who doesn't have the resources or power of the mainstream media. "I can do nothing about your disappointment. Give us a budget, give us a staff. Tell the government to open their records."

Davenport says photos of the O'Hare event do exist, and (along with all the other UFO work he does every day), he's trying to get them made public.

The National UFO Reporting Center has data, "which I, and many others, consider to be very powerful evidence regarding that phenomenon," notes Davenport, who criticizes me and other reporters for not attending any of his hundreds of presentations.

"The problem is there does seem to be physical proof, but this ridicule factor is so prominent," Mary Kerfoot says. She says society won't believe in UFOs until the president of the United States actually says he has "credible evidence."

"Of course," Kerfoot says after a thoughtful reflection on the state of credibility today, "that wouldn't be the current administration."

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## Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Smith

From: James Smith <[lunartravel.nul](mailto:lunartravel.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2007 12:19:18 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2007 19:27:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Smith

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 15:29:03 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

<snip>

>At greater distances there are several WSR-88D radars in the  
>NEXRAD network with overlapping coverage of the area, but not at  
>low altitude, and would only have been able to possibly detect  
>the object on its projected upward departure course and/or image  
>weather phenomena at these higher levels that might have been  
>associated with it or with its passage. Unfortunately once again  
>the spatial resolution of these radars is poor, comparable to  
>the TDWR out to about 124 nmi (kilometer blocks at larger  
>ranges) and with a 5 - 6 minute.

>So the prospect of good weather radar data is not great but I do  
>have NEXRAD data files from the nearest radar for times  
>bracketing the observation. Unfortunately I haven't got around  
>to being able to access them. These are "CMP" files and I  
>suspect they are UNIX format (?). If anyone has access to UNIX  
>I'd appreciate some help.

I get NEXRAD data files from

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/nexradinv/>

and use their java based viewer

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/radar/jnx/index.html>  
<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/radar/jnx/jnv.jnlp>

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 14:02:37 -0700  
>Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect

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>One might consider using specific wavelengths (e.g., microwaves)  
>to selectively heat the water rather than the entire air mass,  
>but I don't think this would substantially alter the energy  
>requirements: the droplets may become arbitrarily warm, but the  
>vast majority of the air around them is still saturated and will  
>not accept additional vapor. Even if the droplets were to "boil  
>off", the vapor thus generated would rapidly cool and recondense  
>in the surrounding air, until the air/vapor mixture finally  
>equilibrated above the dew point temperature. So the only  
>difference in this scenario is that the air is being heated by  
>interaction with hot water rather than directly. The energy  
>required should be virtually the same (but comments are  
>solicited here).

Hi Mike

I applaud your attempt to extract latent quantitative data from this observation. We need to be confident that witnesses described the nature and scale of the "hole" phenomenon accurately (was it literally bored right through to the clear sky for example?), and we need to get some feeling for the cloud thickness based on rawinsonde humidity data. Hopefully these things will be forthcoming.

As for the above paragraph: I'm not too confident here, but this is my take on it based on a kinetic point of view which I think is physically fundamental. See:

<http://www.ems.psu.edu/~fraser/Bad/BadClouds.html>

Dalton's law states that gases in a vapour behave independently on one another. The mean free paths of air molecules and water molecules in water vapour are on average very long, and there's plenty of room for more water molecules. So it seems to be a misconception (a didactic fairy tale) that the air has a literally saturated condition in which it will not accept more water vapour.

Air does not "hold" water vapour at all, and if we were to remove the air from the equation, the equilibrium vapour pressure would continue to have exactly the same relation to temperature as it does with the air present. Equilibrium vapour pressure is entirely a matter of balance between evaporation and condensation, i.e. it measures the average kinetic energy of water molecules at the droplet boundary, and the condition of the air is causally irrelevant, even though it happens that the air temperature and the water temperature are related through the same energetic process.

The temperature of the air obviously has an effect on the temperature at the droplet surface, but this is not necessarily net positive. If you heat the air then eventually this will

secondarily heat the droplets, but most of the heat energy in the air will not be available at the droplet surfaces, only the average heat energy per unit droplet area can be useful.

So I think (!?) that putting the same energy selectively into water droplets directly, i.e. by microwave tuned at the right resonant wavelength, would evaporate cloud more efficiently than by spreading the same energy in a broad band through the droplets and the air mass.

Martin

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Fwd Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2007 19:35:23 -0500  
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<snip>

>The absence of official queries leads me to wonder whether we  
>know all there is to know about the people who purport to be our  
>political representatives, and whether we can trust them. The  
>big question, in my view, is what the relationship might be  
>between the UFO phenomenon and our government. We already have a  
>difficult enough time, as it is, capturing public attention  
>about these things we call "UFOs". I invite you all to consider  
>the difficulty we would have in trying to awaken our fellow  
>citizens, were we to stumble upon cogent evidence that the  
>presumed occupants of these craft somehow are influencing events  
>on our planet through government channels!

Peter, and all

A thought from the UK side of the pond.

CNES, a French Government Agency now includes GEIPAN (their "UAP Research Information Group") on its website.

I wonder how the French Government and media would react if a similar multi-witness sighting occurred say over an Air France terminal at Paris Charles De Gaulle.

Peter

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>Not only must Wendy be congratulated on producing such a  
>diverse, comprehensive and informative disc, Robert Barrow must  
>be complemented for his extensive review.

I second this emotion. Any person seriously interested in UFOs  
and the importance of preserving these audio-records should not  
only buy her products but also make a contribution toward the  
continuation of her work. I hereby grant her the ShinyDiscs  
Award.

- Dick Hall

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REPORT: MILITARIZATION OF U.S. EMBASSIES AROUSES SUSPICION

The growing military presence at U.S. embassies abroad is arousing suspicion among some foreign officials and producing friction between civilian foreign service officers and military personnel, according to a new staff report from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"There is evidence that some host countries are questioning the increasingly military component of America's profile overseas," the report found. "Some foreign officials question what appears to them as a new emphasis by the United States on military approaches to problems that are not seen as lending themselves to military solutions."

"For the most part, ambassadors welcome the additional resources that the military brings and they see strong military-to-military ties as an important ingredient in a strong bilateral relationship. Nonetheless, State and USAID personnel often question the purposes, quantity, and quality of the expanded military activities in-country."

"One ambassador lamented that his effectiveness in representing the United States to foreign officials was beginning to wane, as more resources are directed to special operations forces and intelligence. Foreign officials are 'following the money' in terms of determining which relationships to emphasize, he reported."

"Left unclear, blurred lines of authority between the State Department and the Defense Department could lead to interagency turf wars that undermine the effectiveness of the overall U.S. effort against terrorism. It is in the embassies rather than in Washington where interagency differences on strategies, tactics and divisions of labor are increasingly adjudicated."

See "Embassies as Command Posts in the Anti-Terror Campaign," Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff report, December 15, 2006:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006\\_rpt/embassies.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_rpt/embassies.html)

## NEW LEGISLATION AND CONGRESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

A recent Presidential signing statement on the Postal Reform Act "has resulted in considerable confusion and widespread concern about the President's commitment to abide by the basic privacy protections afforded sealed domestic mail," said Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine). "For some, it raised the specter of the Government unlawfully monitoring our mail in the name of national security."

To mitigate such concerns, Senator Collins yesterday introduced a proposed resolution to "reaffirm the fundamental constitutional and statutory protections accorded sealed domestic mail." See:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007\\_cr/sres22.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/sres22.html)

The Federal Agency Data Mining Reporting Act of 2007 was introduced by Senators Russ Feingold (D-Wisc) and John Sununu (R-NH) to require agencies to report to Congress on their data mining activities. See:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007\\_cr/s236.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/s236.html)

The Senate Intelligence Committee concluded its review of the ABLE DANGER program with a letter report finding that, contrary to claims advanced by former Rep. Curt Weldon and others, the program "never produced a chart with Mohammed Atta's photograph or name prior to the 9/11 attacks." See:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006\\_rpt/abledanger.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_rpt/abledanger.pdf)

There are still "unanswered questions" about former national security advisor Samuel R. Berger's unauthorized removal of classified records from the National Archives, according to a House Government Oversight Committee minority staff report. See "Sandy Berger's Theft of Classified Documents: Unanswered Questions," January 9, 2007:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007\\_rpt/berger.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_rpt/berger.pdf)

"Catching Terrorists: The British System versus the U.S. System" was the subject of a September 14, 2006 hearing of a Senate Appropriations Committee subcommittee hearing. See:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006\\_hr/british.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_hr/british.html)

## NRO BUDGET BOOK FOR FY 2006 (REDACTED)

A redacted version of the National Reconnaissance Office Congressional Budget Justification Book for Fiscal Year 2006 was released to the Federation of American Scientists last week in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit and in compliance with a court order.

The more intelligible portions of the document are now posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/nro/fy2006cbjb.pdf>

Jargon-heavy and formulaic, the redacted volume will nevertheless be of interest to close students of the NRO.

"The NRO develops and operates unique and innovative space reconnaissance systems and conducts intelligence related activities essential for U.S. national security."

## DOD DOCTRINE ON RECOVERING CAPTURED MILITARY PERSONNEL

The recovery of American personnel who are lost or captured in the course of military operations abroad is the subject of a new Department of Defense doctrinal publication.

"The President of the United States can choose to exercise military, diplomatic, or civil options, or a combination thereof, to recover isolated personnel" and each of these options has been utilized over the past two decades, the report

notes.

The practices and procedures for locating missing personnel and for planning and executing their recovery are discussed.

See "Personnel Recovery," Joint Publication 3-50, January 5, 2007 (283 pages, 2.5 MB PDF):

[http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3\\_50.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3_50.pdf)

MORE FROM CRS

Some recent products of the Congressional Research Service obtained by Secrecy News and not readily available in the public domain include the following:

"Maritime Security: Potential Terrorist Attacks and Protection Priorities," January 9, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/homsec/RL33787.pdf>

"The Protection of Classified Information: The Legal Framework," updated December 21, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/secrecy/RS21900.pdf>

"Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004: 'Lone Wolf' Amendment to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act," updated December 19, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/intel/RS22011.pdf>

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## Cleburne County's X-Files

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Cleburne County's X-Files  
by  
Wayne Ruple

Alabama and Cleburne County have not been known for "hotbeds" of strange activity including UFO and Bigfoot sightings - despite the fact that National Forests seem to be a big factor in appearances of the latter.

However, some quick Internet searches turn up some strange activity over the years right here in Cleburne County including several sightings of strange lights and one reported incident of large footprints in the Talladega National Forest.

The "bigfoot" reports comes from the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization at [www.bfro.net](http://www.bfro.net)

Dated September, 1994 at Sweetwater Lake in the Talladega National Forest, the report states, "About seven years ago my wife and I were at a lake in the middle of the Talladega National Forest in Alabama. The lake was Sweet water Lake. We were fishing in a small boat at the end of a slew early in the morning, we were the only ones at the lake, I think it was on a Wednesday and we were all alone. We heard something scream, it started out as a howl and turned into a long high pitched scream and it was so loud it echoed through the mountains. It made the hair stand up on the back of our necks. But that is not all. About a year before that my stepfather and I were hiking around the same lake, we liked to fish at a spillway way on the backside of the lake, and about 1/2 mile into the hike we crossed a fire brake about 20 feet wide, now keep in mind that we are a pretty good way back in the woods, we have crossed rocks thorns and briars and all kinds of rough ground. And right there across the dried mud in the fire brake is a set of foot prints dried into the mud. They were not huge, they were about the size of a full grown man but they did look human, I just couldn't understand why a man would be this far back in the woods without shoes on. And over the years there is one thing I have thought about a bigfoot would have to grow up, so maybe it was a young Bigfoot."

The man had another story which he relates, "I once worked with a man in Alabama that after we became friends, told me he and his whole family were picking huckleberries at Sweetwater Lake, the huckleberries grow wild all over the area.

He and his wife and two children were picking away when they all heard something in the trees. They all turned around to see a hairy man standing there. He said it was a little taller than a



man and as soon as it saw them it ran off into the woods. It scared them so bad that they left."

The National UFO Reporting Center at [www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org) has this report of a church van being followed by a sphere of light as it passed through the Hollis Crossroads area in the fall of 1995.

The report states, "The multiple witnesses were all Georgia residents of that area, and attended the same church. The occasion leading to the event was a church trip to Anniston Alabama by this small group of church ladies. They were being driven in a large van by a male member of the congregation who was a prominent local businessman, and also known as a trusted community leader in that African-American neighborhood. Accounts vary, but there may have been 10+ total witnesses on this trip, this investigator interviewing six of them. This harrowing account was held confidential by these witnesses for about two years, only being discussed among their small group of friends.

PW (one witness) stated that on the night in question, she and her church friends were riding up to nearby Anniston Alabama to play bingo. They were seated to the rear of their friend, the van driver, and as usual talking and having a nice ride, enjoying the nice clear weather.

"(Note.....the driving route was determined as follows; west out of Lagrange and across the adjacent state line into Alabama, then turning north on Alabama Hwy 431 which carries them to I-20 which is about 35-40 miles distant to the north.)

"As the van approached the vicinity of Wedowee Alabama on Hwy 431, the witnesses decided to roll up all of the windows because of the poultry plant located just off the highway (Braswell's Farms). PW indicated that the odor of the production there was pretty strong, and this was something they normally did enroute to Anniston.

"As the van approached and passed the plant, PW and some others noticed what they thought was a large new light over the top of the building (which is located on a rise). It was large enough that they commented on it being newly installed. One witness stated that it was not a light, but some "flying thing".

"Another witness commenting that no, it was just a new light. Then the other witness replying something to effect of "Well if that's so, here it comes"! The light flew down from over the plant and approached the moving van and then began to pace it as it drove north. The light was described as being round like a globe, about the size of a "dishpan" in diameter (bigger than a basketball). The light was described as being "yellowish", with the brightness of a lightbulb or street light. It continued to pace the van, with descriptions of the light varying it's distance and altitude to as low as about 12 feet and then back up to 100 feet or treetop level; ...sometimes over the van, sometimes beside it, but always pacing it. This episode began near Wedowee on Hwy 431... During this wild ride, the ladies became frightened, trying to get down below the window level and still taking an occasional peek. The driver stated that he was trying to drive and look at the same time which he found difficult. He verified that the light appeared to be about 100 feet over the poultry plant before it swooped down and began following them... During this ride up to I-20, the PW at one time saw what she described as a shape within the light, a shape very similar to a "human embryo", which she indicated in her sketch. Further that it seemed to be "moving around" within the light. At another point, she recalled something like a beam projecting out that hurt her eyes, and those of her friend. Adding that they both later developed watery and sore eyes. Another witness did not describe a beam, but told of a "sparkling effect. Another witness described a "bad glare" that beamed through the window.....just suddenly clicking on.

"This activity continued as the van moved northwards closer to I-20, passing through the small Alabama "hill country". At one point, the vehicle drove through an underpass, finding the globe of light waiting on the other side.

"This light also demonstrated terrain avoidance maneuvers and continuously adjusted it's speed to that of the van.

"As this group finally reached the area of the intersection of

Hwy 431 and I-20, the light flew off over a field, then accelerated steeply upwards, leaving a streak, then became the size of a star and vanished." Thus ends Toms Sheets, State Director MUFON of Georgia's report.

This reporter has discovered that in the summer of 2003 two Cleburne County Sheriff's deputies were out shortly after midnight along Alabama 46 in the Trickum Valley area when their patrol car was suddenly bathed in bright light as if they were parked inside a well-lit football stadium.

The officer driving attempted to outrun the light but it continued to hover over them and finally they pulled off the road to get a better look. After a few minutes the UFO departed but all of the electronics in the car were fouled.

The vehicle would crank and run but the lights and other electrical equipment would not work. In the process of leaving the scene the two officers ran upon some teenagers who were out camping and they also saw the mysterious light.

The previous year, around the same time period, on of the officer and his son saw some type of object fly over them leaving a lot of wind in it's wake but no sound.

A year prior, all in the Trickum area, the officer had seen a strange looking object move slowly from behind some trees, stop, back up as if trying to hide and then swiftly moving forward, rising, banking and flying off toward a nearby mountain.

When the odd shaped object moved from behind the trees the first time, the officer saw what appeared to be a man sitting inside a bubble-type "cockpit".

I later interviewed a resident of the area who said there has been a lot of large "cargo-type" planes which regularly fly through the area at almost treetop level (you can see the pilots in them he said). He said there had always been reports of "unusual lights" and visible sightings of a lot of helicopters suspected of "hunting dope".

Another Ranburne resident said an unusual aircraft began flying over their home in 1997 and continued for many months - always at the same time. She said she assumed the aircraft was involved in drug interdiction work or practicing low level flying. She said the craft was very unusual looking with what appeared to be a massive wide-screen television in the middle of its underside. She said the craft made an extremely loud noise - far louder than any jet, bomber or cargo plane.

The National UFO Reporting Center has this report of a sighting in the Talladega National Forest near Oak Level which lasted about three hours.

"On the morning of January 31,1996 my husband was unable to get back to sleep and left home shortly after 1 a.m. He arrived at his preferred hunting spot in the Oak Level area of Cleburne Co. ... He planned to sleep in the truck until daybreak. When parked at the top of the mountain and facing west the glow of lights from the cities of Anniston (S.W.), Jacksonville (due west) and Piedmont (N.W.) are visible on a clear night which this was. Shortly after arriving he reclined the seat to nap but noticed a bright light over the city of Jacksonville. This he passed off as a bright star or the planet Venus. That is until the "star" started to move. He passed this off as a helicopter training flight from Ft. McClellan which lay just to the south of Jacksonville in the Anniston glow of lights. His assumption of a training flight was suddenly changed when this light darted at a humanly impossible speed to the north toward Piedmont. In less than a second the light hovered in the glow of Piedmont's lights having covered a distance of about 15 miles almost instantaneously. After a few minutes the craft darted back so that it was again over Jacksonville. This time he witnessed a beam flash downward... He observed the movements of this light for quite some time and in fact became bored and eventually drifted off to sleep. After dozing for and an hour or so he awoke to the same activity in the skies to the west This soon after changed when the light was approached by a larger and brighter one which came from the west. The smaller began moving around it in a way that is most easily compared to insects flitting around a light. This seemed to have served to convey

some type of message because at that point the smaller light headed straight in my husband's direction. The larger light faded backward! in the direction from which it had come (that of Sand Mtn. approx. 40 miles WNW of Jacksonville.) As the craft continued in his direction my husband chambered a shell into his deer rifle. This done the light almost instantly began backing away in the same direction taken by the larger as if it sensed danger."

And another report from NUFORC files concerning a huge ball of light observed for half an hour near Sweetwater Lake in the TNF.

"The exact location of the sighting was across from a dirt boat ramp on Sweetwater Lake, which our hiking trail passed by. As we broke into the field that runs along the lake and watershed, the fog was very thick. This is when we first noticed flashing that we assumed to be heat lighting or something similar. By the time we reached the boat ramp, we were away from the field and completely out of the fog.

The flashes were coming from three points. Two points were far away enough that the source could not be seen. The 3rd flashing was across the lake and only a short distance inland (I guessed around 100 yards at the most). The light was flashing at various intensity, length, and time. Ranging from a very small fraction of a second to nearly a second. The intensity also ranged from: just enough of a flash to see the low level clouds light up with a white ambient light, to a bizarre ball of light that peaked over the tree line by many feet. When the ball of light was large enough, it resembled plasma. The colors were red, yellow, white, purple, etc. The ball also appeared to move around, by maybe 30 yards to the left or right.

"I should also note that the "ball of light" as I've called it, was only 300 yards away at most, and completely silent. We watched the three flashes for about 30 minutes until they became quite infrequent.

And a third NUFORC report from Hollis concerning a triangle shaped object. "Me and three friends were on our way to Anniston in two separate vehicles. It was around 6 and it was dusk. There was still light in the sky and we could see an outline of the object we saw soon after. We had just turned at Hollis Crossroads and were driving down the road when we saw what was either a very low flying object, or an enormous object at a higher altitude. It was triangular with a flashing green light on it. It moved slowly, or slower than a plane would, across our field of vision, which was the windshield since it was almost directly above us. We called our friends in the other vehicle to ask them if they saw it, and they said they had and described it like we did."

#### About Wayne Ruple

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[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://uforeview.net/>]

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Greetings From Planet Earth

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

(MCT)

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on  
Wednesday, Jan. 10:

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It's not surprising that the reported UFO sighting over O'Hare International Airport has captured the imaginations of many around the world. Who can resist a good UFO story? And this one's better than most. Generally, UFO sightings tend to happen in places like the Big Bend country of Texas, where there's lots of sky, plenty of dirt and not too many people.

But this one happened over O'Hare.

To recap, on Nov. 7, a dark gray flying saucerlike object - some said it was spinning, some not - hovered over the airport for several minutes before shooting through thick clouds with such speed that it left an eerie hole in the overcast sky. That was the account gleaned by Tribune transportation reporter Jon Hilkevitch from some United Airlines employees - including a pilot and a mechanic - who said they observed the phenomenon.

After decades of UFO suspicions, of Area 51 and "The X-Files" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," you can almost write the rest of this script - er, news account - yourself.

The powers that be get snarky: Officials at United at first profess no knowledge of the incident. Strange, because it was reported to the airline by as many as a dozen of its own workers, Hilkevitch reports. Then the Federal Aviation Administration says its air traffic control tower at O'Hare did receive a call from a United supervisor asking if controllers had spotted a mysterious, elliptical-shaped craft sitting motionless over Concourse C of the United terminal.

But FAA spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory says no air traffic controllers saw the object, and a preliminary check of radar found nothing out of the ordinary.

(Meanwhile, in a top-secret military hangar on the shadowy outskirts of O'Hare, a team of elite scientists gathers to examine the silvery craft from another planet - oh, sorry, we let our imagination romp a little. Really.)

"Our theory on this is that it was a weather phenomenon," Cory says. "That night was a perfect atmospheric condition in terms of low (cloud) ceiling and a lot of airport lights. When the lights shine up into the clouds, sometimes you can see funny things."

Theory?

How about the FAA releases radar data and the air-traffic communications voice tapes soon so we can see and hear what really happened - if anything.

Yes, we're having a bit of fun here.

We're of the opinion that if aliens do exist, and they did come to Earth, they'd probably want to do more than hover ominously over the world's second-busiest airport. The comedian Dennis Miller was quoted as saying, "Only man is a narcissistic enough species to think that a highly evolved alien life force would travel across billions and billions of light-years" just to snatch a few unfortunates for an intrusive medical exam.

Let the officials deny UFOs exist. They always do. But the more they blame some vague weather phenomenon, the more the O'Hare sighting will blaze in the firmament of ufology. We don't know what happened at O'Hare, but the thought that we're not alone in the universe, that aliens are traveling great distances to visit, is strangely comforting.

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Thank you James!

I didn't look hard enough.

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Truth According To Hoyle

Strange Visitors From Another Planet And Scary Weather Forecasts  
By Hoyle Dempsey

Usually when we hear about UFO sightings the eye witnesses are good old boys in the swamps of Mississippi or Louisiana. These events usually occur at least three hours past "beer thirty!" But when a flying saucer is seen by at least a dozen employees of United Airlines in broad daylight at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, now that's a different story.

What the "Fly the Friendly Skies" workers all saw was a saucer shape air craft on November 7, hovering motionless above Concourse C of the United Terminal. Then without making a sound, it started soaring upwards through the overcast Windy City skies. Witnesses say it flew through so fast, that it left an eerie circular hole in the clouds, allowing blue sky to peak through the cloudy Heavens!

FAA spokesperson Elizabeth Isham Cory said it was caused by a "weather phenomenon!" You know what Liz, lightning, hurricanes, tornadoes, snow storms and floods are weather phenomenons. Which one of them put a big round hole in the clouds?

The story didn't hit for almost two months, when on New Years Day the Chicago Tribune published details. Then this past Sunday a bright green low flying light, the size of a big airplane, was seen by "many" Singaporeans. There was even a video of the east to west flight recorded by a teenager with his cell phone. The meteorological service said it had no info on the "phenomenon" (there's that word again) and that it was too small to show up on satellite pictures! Come on! I've been to Google Earth and my ex wife's Acura shows up on Satellite! You're telling me a big air craft wouldn't?

Now I don't know what's going on all of a sudden, but I'm kind of afraid to turn on the local TV news weather forecast tonight! "Expect cloudy skies through tomorrow with occasional circular holes, allowing brief beams of sun light. Tomorrow night will bring clearing skies, with a slight chance of westerly large green lights!"

Seriously, lets think about this for a minute. Is something happening on Earth that has other worlds upset? Have we insensitively offended a neighbor or maybe neighbors in space. Could it be like the way some Native Americans take offense to baseball and football teams named Braves, Indians, Redskins and Chiefs?



OK, where do we start? We have Mars and Milky Way candy bars, Venus Swimwear, Saturn automobiles and Miss Universe. Wait a minute, that may be it! Since 1952, all 55 Miss Universe Pageant winners have been Earth women! Flying saucers over Chicago and green streaking mysterious aircraft lights over Singapore, we haven't completely profiled the captains. But odds are, their blond!

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From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
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Subject: Secrecy News -- 01/12/07

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January 12, 2007

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OMB BACKS AWAY FROM DISPUTED RISK ASSESSMENT POLICY

In an uncommon victory for the objectivity of the scientific advisory process, the Office of Management and Budget said that it would not implement a proposed new policy on regulatory risk assessments after a National Academy of Sciences panel said the policy was "fundamentally flawed."

Last January the OMB issued a proposed "bulletin" that prescribed new, centralized procedures for performing regulatory risk assessments.

But "the proposed definition of risk assessment in the OMB bulletin departs without justification from long-established concepts and practices," the NAS panel said.

What's worse, the proposed changes would mean that "agency risk assessments are more susceptible to being manipulated to achieve a predetermined result."

Accordingly, the NAS panel recommended that the OMB bulletin be withdrawn. See this January 11 news release on the NAS report:

<http://www8.nationalacademies.org/onpinews/newsitem.aspx?RecordID=11811>

In light of the NAS critique, the OMB will not finalize the proposed bulletin, Rick Weiss of the Washington Post reported today.

<http://tinyurl.com/ymmcrw>

OMB Watch has further background on the OMB proposal and the resulting controversy here:

<http://www.ombwatch.org/article/blogs/entry/2669/19>

ENHANCED WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS PROPOSED

A bill to amend and strengthen the Whistleblower Protection Act

was introduced yesterday by Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI) and several bipartisan Senate colleagues.

"Our legislation ensures that Federal whistleblowers are protected from retaliatory action when notifying the public and government leaders of waste, fraud, and abuse," Senator Akaka said.

"If we fail to protect whistleblowers, then our efforts to improve government management, protect the public, and secure the nation will also fail."

See Introduction of the "Federal Employee Protection of Disclosures Act," January 11:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2007/s274.html>

EVEN MORE FROM CRS

Some noteworthy, newly updated products of the Congressional Research Service that are not readily available in the public domain include the following.

"Congressional Oversight Manual," updated January 3, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL30240.pdf>

"Paperwork Reduction Act Reauthorization and Government Information Management Issues," updated January 4, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RL30590.pdf>

"Nuclear Arms Control: The Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty," updated January 3, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL31448.pdf>

"Proliferation Control Regimes: Background and Status," updated December 26, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL31559.pdf>

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## Re: Greetings From Planet Earth - Friedman

From: **Stanton Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 12 Jan 2007 14:46:30 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 07:26:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Greetings From Planet Earth - Friedman

>Source: The Bellville News Democrat - Illinois, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/yzm3ua>

>Fri, Jan. 12, 2007

>Greetings From Planet Earth

>McClatchy-Tribune News Service

>(MCT)

>The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on  
>Wednesday, Jan. 10:

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>X X X

<snip>

>We're of the opinion that if aliens do exist, and they did come  
>to Earth, they'd probably want to do more than hover ominously  
>over the world's second-busiest airport. The comedian Dennis  
>Miller was quoted as saying, "Only man is a narcissistic enough  
>species to think that a highly evolved alien life force would  
>travel across billions and billions of light-years" just to  
>snatch a few unfortunates for an intrusive medical exam.

>

>Let the officials deny UFOs exist. They always do. But the more  
>they blame some vague weather phenomenon, the more the O'Hare  
>sighting will blaze in the firmament of ufology. We don't know  
>what happened at O'Hare, but the thought that we're not alone in  
>the universe, that aliens are traveling great distances to  
>visit, is strangely comforting.

Notice the totally stupid comment by so-called comedian Dennis Miller about billions and billions of light years. There are 46 sun-like stars within 54 light years. Wonder if he would re-think his opinion? I doubt it.

One might expect that others in the local neighborhood might want to check out this primitive society whose major activity is tribal warfare to make sure we don't bother the neighbors.

At least the tone of the editorial isn't too bad.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Henningsen

From: Ole Henningsen <[oleh.nul](mailto:oleh.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 00:34:37 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 07:31:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck - Henningsen

>From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 6 Jan 2007 10:09:58 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 4 Jan 2007 16:13:15 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Holes In The Cloud Deck

>An old 1947 case reported in the 1948 Air Intelligence report  
>(the baby "Estimate of the Situation") shows two photos of a UFO  
>"burning" a path through the clouds.

><http://www.project1947.com/fig/1948air.htm>

>"On 10 July 1947, Mr. Woodruff, a Pan-American Airways mechanic  
>reported a circular object flying at high velocity, paralleling  
>the earth's surface and leaving a trail which appeared as a  
>"burning up" of the cloud formation. The sighting occurred near  
>Harmon Field, Newfoundland. Two other persons also saw the trail  
>which remained in the sky for about an hour and was photographed  
>by another PAA employee. The resulting photographs support Mr.  
>Woodruff's observation as far as the sky cleavage is concerned.  
>(See Figs, 5 and 6.)"

>My guess is the holes are the result of the UFOs atmospheric  
>control system used to prevent shock wave and reduce friction,  
>proposed by many people scientists and engineers, such as  
>Hermann Oberth, Paul Hill, and James McCampbell. McCampbell  
>thought microwaves focused in front of the craft were at work,  
>used to push the air aside. Intense microwave energy would  
>vaporize water vapor in front of the craft, causing a temporary  
>hole. Perhaps an additional vortex ring created as the craft  
>rushed through would stabilize the hole for several minutes.

Hello David,

What is your reference for Hermann Oberth having said that?

Regards,

Ole  
SUFOI  
Denmark

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## Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 12 Jan 2007 19:09:55 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 07:33:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect - Tarbell

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2007 17:21:45 -0000  
>Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect

>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 14:02:37 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: O'Hare Sighting Cloud Hole Effect

<snip>

>So I think (!?) that putting the same energy selectively into  
>water droplets directly, i.e. by microwave tuned at the right  
>resonant wavelength, would evaporate cloud more efficiently than  
>by spreading the same energy in a broad band through the  
>droplets and the air mass.

I can't seem to convince myself that this is the case, but neither can I rigorously preclude it. It seems to ultimately require a mixture of air and water vapor with each at a different temperature. Such a situation can't last long in this density and temperature regime (each molecule undergoing billions of collisions per second).

However, we are flirting now with the arcana of non-equilibrium thermodynamics, which perhaps we should defer to another time when (if) some of the more mundane issues have been settled. The whole energy/power calculation is of little use without a better handle on the basic inputs. The uncertainty in the volume of the cloud channel is at least 3 orders of magnitude. Further uncertainty in the actual temperatures in the cloud, timescale of hole formation, etc., brings the overall uncertainty up to at least 4 orders of magnitude.

Let's say that, in order to give pause to even the most cynical debunker (having a streak of it myself), we must demonstrate that the energy and/or power required to produce this effect is at least two orders of magnitude greater than the limit of human technology or known weather processes. That means the uncertainty in our result must be substantially less than this, which in turn implies that the slop in the current inputs must be reduced by a factor of at least ~1000. Could use a breakthrough or two there.

If we should ultimately learn that the cloud layer was quite thin, I think I would return focus to the warm-air-entrainment mechanism, though it may entail wading into turbulence, wakes, vortices, etc. Quite a few books getting dusted off lately.

Mike

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## Gray Barker's UFO Collection

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Subject: Gray Barker's UFO Collection

Source: WCHS-TV 8 Eyewitness News - Charleston, West Virginia, USA

<http://www.wchstv.com/traveling/2007/twv070111.shtml>

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[Video at site]

UFO Collection

The truth is out there, perhaps tucked away in a Clarksburg native's personal collection.

In the 1950's, UFOs, monsters, and ghost stories were part of Americana, and Clarksburg native Gray Barker was right in the middle of it. He began exhaustive research and eventually began publishing his own UFO magazine "The Saucarian". In 1956, Barker wrote his book "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers", and launched what today is known as the UFO conspiracy theory. The ideas of government cover-up, Men In Black, and aliens among us, were born with Gray Barker and his research. Barker passed away in 1984, but his extensive collection of books, letters, interviews, photographs, and notes are available to the public courtesy of The Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library and its Special Collections section. Regardless of your beliefs, this collection is impressive, and is a true cultural experience for anyone. Head to Clarksburg and check out the Gray Barker Collection.

For more information

Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library

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## Flying Shields Of The Hopi Kachinas

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Subject: Flying Shields Of The Hopi Kachinas

Source: Fate Magazine - Lakeville, Minnesota, USA

<http://www.fatemag.com/issues/2000s/2007-01article2.html>

The Flying Shields Of The Hopi Kachinas  
By Gary David  
FATE :: January 2007

Ancient flying machines have long been a tradition of many cultures across the globe. Venerable Hindu texts such as the Ramayana and the Mahabharata describe airships called vimanas that were even used for battle. Among the hieroglyphs on the wall of a 3,000 year-old Egyptian temple at Abydos are depictions of what appear to be modern airplanes and helicopters. Grooved stone discs found in caves on the Chinese-Tibetan border tell of an extraterrestrial race called the Dropas whose spacecraft fell to Earth 12,000 years ago.

The Hopi Indians have inhabited three large mesas in northern Arizona for over a thousand years. Their legends also refer to aerial vehicles. These magical flying shields called paatuwvota existed in the Third World, a previous epoch destroyed by an immense flood. This was a time when great cities and trade routes were built, and civilization was flourishing. In an address delivered to the United Nations, Thomas Banyacya of the Hopi Coyote Clan said: "The people invented many machines and conveniences of high technology, some of which have not yet been seen in this age." We, of course, recognize this startling description as echoing Atlantis.

In one legend the flying shield is associated with Sotuknang, the Hopi sky god. A devastating flood had destroyed Palatkwapi="the red city to the south," possibly located in the red rock country near Sedona, Arizona. Shortly afterwards a boy named Tiwahongva and his sister Tawayisnima, who were forgotten in the chaos and left behind by their fleeing parents, set out on a journey to find them.

In the evening they decided to make camp. They were just opening their bundle for dinner when they heard a great roar overhead. The children were very frightened, wondering what this strange thing could be. The brother held his sister tightly to his breast as a fantastic being descended from the heavens. He was wearing a costume that glittered like ice (silver?) while his head and face shone like a star. He spoke: "Do not be afraid. My name is Sotuknang. Because of my sympathy for your plight, I have come to help you. Get on my paatuwvota and let us be on our way."

He then took them on his flying shield up into the sky so that they could see for many miles around. Feeding the hungry children ripe melons, he told them that they must have faith in him and in his teachings that would later arrive through their dreams. Finally he landed a short distance from the village in which their mother and father had settled, bid the young ones

farewell, and flew up again into the clouds. Forever grateful to the sky god, the brother and sister walked into the village to be reunited with their parents.

Because the Hopis had no such thing as a saucer, flying or otherwise, they named it after the cultural accouterment closest to that shape, namely, the warrior=92s shield. The word tuwvota specifically signifies this type of shield. Oddly, the concept of war is connected in Hopi ideology with the stars. The use of tuwvota rather than the more common word for "disk" or "circle" thus suggests a celestial origin for the paatuwvota.

Since the Hopi term paa means "water," paatuwvota possibly refers to the expanding concentric rings in water. This might be a metaphorical description for the way the peculiar airborne device appeared to function. The related word patuka, or "spindle," may also describe the shield=92s spinning motion. In addition, the prefix pa- denotes wonder or awe. For the people of the desert, water equals wonder, but pa- perhaps suggests the reaction to this extraordinary means of transportation.

The tradition of the flying shield also appears in rock art. In Mexico Mystique, Frank Waters, a non-Indian expert on the Hopis, writes: "On Second Mesa near Mishongnovi an ancient petroglyph depicts a dome-shaped object resting on an arrow which represents travel through space, and the head of a Hopi maiden who represents pristine purity. As the Hopis believe that other planets are inhabited, this petroglyph represents a paatuwvota or a =9lflying shield=92 similar to a =9lflying saucer=92 that came here in the Beginning. So now at the End the sacred ones will arrive from another planet, said to be Venus, by flying saucers. Many Hopi traditionalists recently have reported seeing flying saucers, all piloted by beings they call kachinas." .....

Read the rest of this article in the January 2007 issue of FATE:

<http://tinyurl.com/yxu9by>

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## Billerica's Mark Petty Seeker Of UFOs

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Source: The Lowell Sun - Massachusetts, USA

[http://www.lowellsun.com/local/ci\\_5001018](http://www.lowellsun.com/local/ci_5001018)

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10 Questions With... Billerica's Mark Petty, Seeker Of UFOs

If The Truth Is Out There, He'll Find It

By Jennifer Amy Myers  
Sun Staff

BILLERICA -- By day, Billerica resident Mark Petty, 48, is an electronic marketing communications specialist. By night, he searches for answers to the unexplained as assistant state director and a field investigator for the Massachusetts Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON.

He continues to search for leads in a December 2004 Billerica incident in which a man and woman, identified only as Robert and Anne, reported seeing a brilliant white light coming toward their house from the west. Reportedly, the light lifted Anne off of the back deck and left blisters on Robert's hand.

Q: How did you get interested in UFOs and the unexplained?

A: I've always been interested in UFOs, even when I was a young'un, and as I got older, I thought, "Why should I be on the outside reading books or articles in the papers? Why don't I just join the group and be on the inside and get first-hand information on what it is all about?"

Q: Have you ever experienced a sighting?

A: I've had several experiences. When I was a teenager, I was driving from Lowell back to Billerica, and I saw this light in the sky and it was really all of these different colored lights flashing back and forth, and I said to myself, "That's no airplane. What could it be?" After 20 minutes of driving over hill and dale, I actually tracked it down, and it turned out to be a plane with a message board underneath it. I was looking at the edge, so all I saw were the flashing colors. That was my first case, and I solved it.

Q: What is the most interesting case you've ever investigated?

A: A craft actually landed in the courtyard of a housing-project development in the Boston area. The person was a child at the time, about 4 or 5 years old. She heard her grandmother leave the apartment, she looked out the window, and there she saw this craft out there and people walking to it. When she yelled out to her grandmother, her grandmother slowly looked at her, and that's the last thing she remembers. The next morning, she talked to one of the boys she saw heading out there and asked

him what happened. His personality suddenly changed. He said nothing happened and that he had to go inside. This happened in the early 1960s. With a child, you have to wonder how much of this may have been a dream, but supposedly this person had never watched anything about UFOs on TV, and her grandparents and mother didn't talk about them, so where did she get the idea?

Q: Do you believe there are beings from other planets trying to contact or study us?

A: I haven't made up my mind. There are definitely UFOs, but there are a million different explanations for them. Ninety to 95 percent of the time, we find out what it was. But whether there are any from outer space, I can't say for sure. If there are people from another galaxy, they may be thousands of years ahead of us and to them we are like chimpanzees and they are playing with us.

Q: Have you encountered any resistance from the government in your investigations?

A: No. We do Freedom of Information Act reports. That's our greatest interaction with the government, and they've been very cooperative. I've never had any men in black knocking at my door -- that I can remember.

Q: How do you go about investigating a sighting? Is there an evidence trail to follow?

A: Somebody has to contact us, and that is the hardest part, because of the "giggle factor." Somebody sees something, and they try to tell family, friends, co-workers, and everyone laughs at them. Lots of people keep it inside for 10, 20, 30 years. Lots of our cases are so old, because of that, that there is very little trail to follow. We get as many details as we can, check several databases, do (Freedom of Interaction Act) reports, check newspapers, really do a thorough scientific investigation.

Q: What objects are most often behind UFO sightings?

A: The planet Venus, airplanes, blimps, spotlights in thin clouds. It is seeing something in the sky in an unusual way. A plane may be coming straight at them with the landing lights on, very bright, and then all of a sudden it makes a 90-degree turn into its final approach. We had somebody in Chelmsford report a sighting and plotted out the International Space Station and found out it was right overhead at the time.

Q: Do you believe people have been abducted by aliens?

A: I believe people have experienced things where they feel they've been abducted. Whether they've actually physically been abducted, I'm not sure.

Q: What is your favorite movie or TV show about the unexplained or outer space?

A: Close Encounters of the Third Kind is excellent. I always liked Star Trek when I was younger. It was cowboys in space.

Q: Who would win in a fight, E.T. or ALF?

A: That would be a sissy fight. I'd say Darth Vader would come in and take it all.

For more information about MUFON, visit [www.massmufon.com](http://www.massmufon.com).

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## Radar Operation At O'Hare?

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 05:56:44 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 09:15:22 -0500  
Subject: Radar Operation At O'Hare?

Greetings Fellow Listerions,

As we know, apparently, the UFO witnessed at O'Hare was not visible to Radar; Peter's initial report says:

"The employee reported to his supervisors that the object appeared to be almost directly above his location at Gate C 17, it appeared to be perfectly round, and that its size was approximately equal to a U. S. quarter, held at arm's length."

Is it possible that the UFO was in the 'cone of silence'?

Moreover, the report indicates that when the object exited the airport through the cloud deck, it did so at a very "high rate of speed"; if an image was indeed caught by RADAR, (at that point) certainly it would appear as an anomaly one would think.

If in fact the object was in a cone of silence', by O'Hare RADAR antennas perhaps it was picked up by another radar antenna elsewhere.

Where is the next closest RADAR antenna in proximity to O'Hare?

Cheers,

Frank

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Subject: Re: Radar Operation At O'Hare? - Shough

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>Subject: Radar Operation At O'Hare?

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>Is it possible that the UFO was in the 'cone of silence'?

>Moreover, the report indicates that when the object exited the  
>airport through the cloud deck, it did so at a very "high rate  
>of speed"; if an image was indeed caught by RADAR, (at that  
>point) certainly it would appear as an anomaly one would think.

>If in fact the object was in a cone of silence', by O'Hare  
>RADAR antennas perhaps it was picked up by another radar  
>antenna elsewhere.

>Where is the next closest RADAR antenna in proximity to  
>O'Hare?

The disposition of ATC and ARTC radar heads around Chicago is a complicated question, not yet fully answered. I supplied my own summary report on this to NARCAP recently. Some sites are definitely identifiable, others not - unless Don Ledger has succeeded in clearing this up; I know he's been trying, no doubt others have too.

AFAIK so far, the main radars serving the C-90 ATC area around O'Hare are ASR-9s, of which the FAA National Airspace Architecture lists three, ORD, ORD#2 & ORD#3. However the site of only one is known exactly, one approximately, whilst the third is conjectural, and it is not entirely clear which number relates to which location. Moreover only two radars are mentioned in all other sources. There is also joint-use FAA/military ARSR-3 long range coverage of the region at higher altitude, plus a number of weather radars (which are not very favourably placed in terms of space-time resolution as I discussed in a previous post).

You mention a "cone of silence" but this is a zenithal volume above an antenna, and an object at 1700-1900 ft could only be in this cone if it were immediately above an antenna sited on top of the C Concourse. There is certainly no radar here.

There is an ASR radar antenna on a tower to the west of the airfield about 0.9 st mi. The elevation angle of the object from here would be in the region of 18 degrees, well outside the cone of silence and eminently detectable. However I believe that this ASR antenna may anyway be the old ASR-7, originally retained as back-up for the ASR-9 but now disused since the ORD TRACON facility moved about 50 miles away to Elgin, whilst the #1 antenna is now much further west of the airport. This remains to be confirmed, but, in any case, the nearest ATC radar does not have a cone of silence where the object was reported.

I don't want to get into the whole thing in detail here, but although the C-90 area responsibility extends in theory from surface to 13,000 ft at O'Hare this doesn't mean that everything

in that volume is detectable let alone paid attention to. Mainly the concentration is on SSR code traffic, and no controller is going to be looking for primary targets hanging right over the gates - even if such a stationary echo were distinguishable from clutter. The ASR-9 is also able to show precipitation reflectivity from weather radars overlaid on the same screen which can occlude primary echoes (this doesn't matter for controlled aircraft which are shown as big bright data blocks - and as Don pointed out these can themselves obscure primary echoes in a crowded airport environment).

Whether any area radar picked up an object arriving and departing vertically remains to be determined when the radar tapes are forthcoming from the FAA. And for that we await the results of Dick Haines' application.

Martin Shough

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## Triangulation Of O'Hare Obsrvations?

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Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 16:57:41 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 14 Jan 2007 09:27:31 -0500  
Subject: Triangulation Of O'Hare Obsrvations?

Hello List,

Has there been any attempt at getting a triangulation of witness observations?

Was just now reading that "U. S. quarter, held at arm's length" guesstimate. Height/distance/size estimates are almost impossible by eyesight from a single location, while one more observation from a different angle can give you the tie-in you need to find all three.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Hilkevitch O'Hare Video Interview

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Subject: Hilkevitch O'Hare Video Interview

I can't watch videos on my slow Internet access, but just in case there's something there of interest to ufologists, here's a clip, and following a descriptive blurb, I picked up from a message board:

<http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=931b077325>

About 8 minutes long. Includes an off-air discussion by 2 Chicago reporters revealing a few more details and the existence of photos. Also United has admitted some cover-up.

Eleanor White

[Pre-record chat, interview, and post-chat from CLTV News - a 24 Hour, Tribune Broadcasting, News Channel in Oak Brook, Illinois - between anchor and John Hilkevitch -- ebk]

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## Crucial O'Hare UFO Footage?

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Fwd Date: Sun, 14 Jan 2007 10:02:16 -0500  
Subject: Crucial O'Hare UFO Footage?

YouTube - o'hare lights

Dear Updates list,

Please check out this footage as it may be significant to the  
O'Hare sighting case.

Chris Parr  
UK

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## New Mystery Animal Attack In Mexico

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Subject: New Mystery Animal Attack In Mexico

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 14, 2007

Date: January 11, 2007  
Source: Archivo Insolito, Periodismo en Mexico

<http://belduque.blogspot.com>

Mexico: New Mystery Animal Attack

An unknown predato" has struck again, this time preying on some farm animals in the Region Citricola of the state of Nuevo Leon. Some suspect that it could be a reappearance of the Chupacabras.

Last night, at 10:50 pm, it was reported that in Rancho Las Hanacahuitas, municipality of Hualahuises, Nuevo Leon, some sheep had been found slain with strange wounds to their necks.

Mrs. Maria del Rosario Rodriguez, the daughter-in-law of the ranch owner, reported the discovery to authorities. Upon reaching the site, elements of the Hualahuises Police found six dead sheep with puncture-like orifices on their necks, as well as three similarly wounded sheep that clung to life. The owner of the ranch, Mr. Ines Ramos Barrera, 59, suspects an attack by a puma or another animal, although municipal police believe that wild dogs may have been involved, although they lack proof, since the animal carcasses had not been devoured.

Furthermore, the few traces left at the site do not make clear, to the police, what type of animal could have been involved. No footprints were found. Some have remarked that it could be an attack by the "Chupacabras", whose trademark consists in leaving wounds in the necks of its victims and drawing their blood. The case is still under investigation by the authorities.

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## New Development In Hualahuises Animal Attacks

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Fwd Date: Sun, 14 Jan 2007 11:28:02 -0500  
Subject: New Development In Hualahuises Animal Attacks

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
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Date: 12 January 2007  
Source: Archivo Insolito, Periodismo en Mexico

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Mexico: New Development In The Hualahuises Animal Attacks

On the evening of January 10, it was reported that an unknown predator attacked and killed six sheep, due to the strange and violent manner of their deaths, at Rancho Las Hanacahuitas, Municipality of Hualahuises, located in the state of Nuevo Leon.

Upon inspecting the carcasses of the dead animals, it has been discovered that aside from having exsanguinated the dead sheep, according to the rancher's own report, Mr. Ines Ramos says that the creature "took the hearts out of two sheep" -- something that has further mystified experts. For the time being, municipal authorities are alert to any other strange event, similar to this one, that could come about in the area. It was believed at first that a puma could be involved, or wild dogs, but this new evidence has confused experts, leading many to suspect an attack by a legendary creature such as the "Chupacabras".

This attack would represent the third time that similar events have been reported on this ranch. The first event occurred several years ago when only a single sheep was found dead. Then two were found dead, and on this occasion the victims could well reach seven in number.

The mystery continues.

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## Beyond Magazine

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Subject: Beyond Magazine

For those who have not yet seen it, a new magazine has hit the newsstands, covering UFOs, the paranormal, cryptozoology, secret societies and conspiracies. Beyond Magazine is a glossy color publication packed with news and features on strange mysteries and the unexplained.

Beyond Magazine is a British title, but is available overseas and can be ordered through their website:

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

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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## Lights Over La Pampa Argentina

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Subject: Lights Over La Pampa Argentina

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Source: CIUFOS - La Pampa

Argentina: Lights Over La Pampa

A report from Raul Oscar Chaves

As has been occurring in recent times, sightings of strange lights over La Pampa have gone on to become a daily event.

On January 12, 2007, between 22:00 and 23:00 hours, four lights were seen over Santa Rosa. After increasing their size suddenly, reaching dimensions roughly 4 times the size of Venus, they would gradually diminish until disappearing altogether.

Three of them were detected some 45 degrees to the East on radial 090 in a South/North direction, being seen at their greatest splendor in some 15 seconds, with a 15-20 minute interval between sightings. The fourth luminosity was detected on radial 035, some 45 degrees over the horizon, with a SSE - NNW direction, remaining visible for some 10 seconds before gradually disappearing.

Five witnesses agreed that the colors of these lights fluctuated between yellow, blue, fluorescent green and amber. Moreover, residents of the "El Guanaco" ranch located in the wilderness of the same name, some 35 km north of Santa Rosa saw at 23:00 that same evening the transit of a green, blue and white light from East to West.

This light had a "sort of tail..." from which "...four lesser lights, white in color..." broke off slowly and progressively. The witnesses stressed that they looked like "the windows of a bus," stressing the unusual nature of the phenomenon. While it is possible to see lights in this area, they have never had the size and intensity detected in this case.

In recent times, these events have become frequent and detected all across the geography of the Pampas.

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## Man Shares His Passion For Paranormal

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Source: The Stamford Advocate - Connecticut, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/wycmh>

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Man Shares His Passion For Paranormal

By Tim Stelloh  
Special Correspondent

WESTPORT - Jon Nowinski's life changed 19 years ago. It was a fall evening, and he and his sister, Lisa, were in a parking lot in downtown Greenwich waiting for their mother, Shirley, to return from an appointment.

Nowinski, who was about 7, peered into the sky and noticed something strange. A black, triangular object hovered a few hundred feet above the street. It had three lights and didn't make a sound as it shuttled past nearby office buildings.

When Nowinski told his parents about what he had seen, they told him it must have been an airplane. Shortly after, he saw a newspaper article about the "Hudson Valley Sightings" - a rash of UFO sightings reported from the early 1980s into the 1990s along the New York-Connecticut border. The article was accompanied by a sketch of a black, triangular object.

"When I looked at the sketch I said, 'That's what I saw,'" Nowinski said last week in his Westport office. "And my family said, 'OK, other people saw the same thing, so maybe it wasn't just your imagination.'"

Since then, Nowinski has become passionate about all things inexplicable. He has spent countless hours at the library, and, after discovering the Internet, began searching for people who had similar experiences.

Today, Nowinski remains committed to his pastime. Yesterday, he celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the Smoking Gun Research Agency - a nonprofit organization that investigates ghosts, UFO sightings and other inexplicable phenomena.

Nowinski, 26, started the agency when he was 16. His research had become so overwhelming that he needed to organize and record his findings. Two friends helped him to organize the material into case files.

Soon after, he said, a newspaper article about the agency turned him into a minor celebrity: He began hosting lectures at local libraries and began receiving requests to investigate eerie sounds and apparitions that were supposedly haunting area homes.

By 1999, he said, the organization had shifted its focus from research to field work. He estimated he and his four staff members have conducted 2,000 investigations. About 500 have

proven fruitful or he and fellow investigators discovered something they couldn't explain, he said.

The most striking discovery were three "misty objects" photographed at Fort Stamford, a field on Westover Road that contained a fort in the late 1700s. He said he sent the images to a photo lab to see if something was wrong with them - perhaps they had been overexposed or the misty objects were reflections. The lab reported that the images were in good shape, he said.

"A lot of people have contacted us and said 'We have something in our house,'" he said. "We don't claim that we can get rid of a ghost. But we go in with our equipment and see if anything shows up. Most of the time that's all people want. They want to see some validation of what they're feeling."

That "equipment" is housed in several thick, metal briefcases in a back room of Nowinski's office. He has digital cameras and night vision goggles; tape recorders and flashlights; heat sensors and video cameras. Nowinski estimates he has spent about \$1,500 on gadgets over the years.

Because he doesn't charge for investigations, much of this equipment is paid for out of pocket. He receives donations, he said, and distributes a newsletter to about 500 subscribers.

The agency's workload has increased in the last couple of years, Nowinski said. And his co-investigators don't seem disenchanted by the lack of funds.

"The SGRA as an organization is terribly important to me," said Nick Roesler, 26, a clerical worker with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections who works with the agency by e-mail and telephone.

"If you have a (paranormal) experience, it goes from an interest to a passion to an obsession. It defines you."

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## Interview With BUFORA Chair Robert Rosamond

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Subject: Interview With BUFORA Chair Robert Rosamond

By Milton Frank, Brazilian Ufology Center President

1 - Why did you start to study and search Ufology? Have you ever seen an UFO? If so, how was your experience?

R: My interest in the subject began at the tender age of eight. I overheard my father describing a large glowing ball he had seen from the bathroom window of our house during the middle of one particular night. His description fascinated me and of course sparked my young imagination. I eagerly pumped my poor father for more information about this strange ball of light and 'flying saucers', expecting him (as all children do) to be the usual font of fatherly wisdom and knowledge about everything...including spaceships!

My father obviously couldn't answer all my wide-eyed questions so undeterred I took myself off to a local library to seek out books on the subject. I came home with John Keel's 'Operation Trojan Horse' and over the next few weeks I struggled through a book comprised of words an eight year old mind couldn't pronounce let alone understand the meaning of, and ideas that were equally bewildering. However, I did grasp the overall concept of the mystery and by the end of the book, despite 90% of its contents simply sailing straight over my head, the remaining 10% contained the distinct smell of potential adventures...so I promised myself that one day I too would join the hunt for answers!

I have indeed seen a 'UFO' myself. At 2.00am one summer's night during the late nineties whilst standing in the back garden of a house in Harrow (Outer London) I watched a large (approximately 70 meters) boomerang shaped craft with six dull gold colored spheres evenly spaced along its underside fly rapidly and silently over my head at an estimated height of 1500 ft. The craft seemed to be finished in a completely non-reflective black coating and carried absolutely no positioning, marker or strobe lights of any kind. As it sailed silently both over my head and then over the roof of the house, I watched reflections from the streetlights at the front of the house move around the surface of the six spheres beneath as the craft progressed beyond the roof and ultimately out of sight.

This would perhaps constitute a classic 'UFO' sighting, but as an objective field investigator I observed the fact that the 'craft' was finished in a somewhat familiar 'flat black' coating like many known covert or stealth aircraft and that its transition suspiciously followed the exact route taken by aircraft flying out of R.A.F Northolt, near Ruislip (Outer London) though in this instance the craft was flying in the reverse direction (i.e. inbound on what was usually an outward bound flightpath) My sighting was by literal definition a UFO, but the circumstances outlined here make me very suspicious of the exact nature of the 'craft'.

2 - Could you explain to us what BUFORA is? How did it start? What is BUFORA mission?

R: BUFORA began back in 1962 as a collection of individual UFO

organizations (Including a Polish group) in London and surrounding regions sitting down to discuss the idea of combining their members and resources to form a federation. Eventually everyone agreed, and thus an organization called BUFOA (The British UFO Association) came into being. By 1964 this fledgling federation had truly established itself as a successful working concept, so decided to expand its ambitions by undertaking various research projects. As a result, BUFOA gained an extra letter in its title and became BUFORA (The British UFO Research Association).

One final development in the organization's circumstances took place in 1976 whereby it applied for charity status in an effort to increase its scope for research and became, as a preliminary step towards this end, a registered (Ltd) company. Unfortunately we were ultimately declined charity status, but nonetheless elected to retain the installed Ltd company structure and officially thereafter became known as BUFORA Ltd.

BUFORA's purpose and remit has always been to encourage, conduct and promote unbiased scientific-based investigations. It has continued to carefully collect and disseminate all evidence and data relating to the UFO phenomenon and has, wherever possible, tried to forge working links with other organizations both at home in Britain as well as internationally. As the unique phenomenon of 'abduction' increasingly spread around the world, BUFORA encompassed this growth within its own structure by setting up a witness support group. Though the support group eventually decided to take care of its own requirements independently of BUFORA, we continued to work closely with witnesses and experiencers alike and to this day despite being an investigative organization we still recognize the importance of support and continue to offer it on the basis that they are people first, then witnesses.

3 - What are the main cases researched by BUFORA?

R: BUFORA have been involved in many significant British (as well as one or two international) cases down through the years, perhaps the most prominent or well known being that of the Christmas 1980 Rendlesham Forest case which involved personnel from the nearby USAF airbase of Bentwaters. The fact is that BUFORA have taken an active role in far too many well (and lesser) known cases during its forty odd years of active investigations to mention here. During the course of her long association with BUFORA for instance, Jenny Randles alone has documented countless cases in her many books, likewise the equally well known paranormal specialist John Spencer (who is of course still part of the BUFORA team). Many other well know figures within British ufology have passed through the organization at one stage or another and in combination with with numerous long serving accredited field investigators, have all contributed to the thousands of case histories documented within the BUFORA archive.

4 - In your opinion what is the most important UFO CASE in UK? Why do you believe so?

R: This is of course a very interesting question though perhaps like the phenomenon itself, one that has no definitive answer. One hundred ufologists will give you one hundred different answers to this same question, depending of course upon the type of cases they've been involved with and to a certain extent, what their own personal opinions or beliefs might happen to be.

As an example, if you are sent to investigate a case that resists every last effort you make to find an answer to it or explain it in any way, and your very next case transpires to be the result of witness misidentification or misperception then which of the two incidents would represent the most important case? Would you consider the first, apparent high strangeness case to be more beneficial to ufology, or the second case, in which you learned how and why a witness misidentified or misperceived what they first claimed to be a 'UFO'?

There are of course fascinating cases on record, like the Livingston case in Scotland and of course Rendlesham forest to name but too. The problem is that like many previous 'cornerstone' UFO cases, the possibility of evidence emerging to explain them away hangs in the air awaiting the moment to materialize whether we like it, agree with it or otherwise

acknowledge it or not. As we have learned in the past (and often to our cost) nothing in this subject is cast in stone and little remains sacrosanct.

5 - Can you tell us the top 10 cases of World Ufology in your opinion?

R: This is again a good question, but equally again much of what I've stated in the previous answer applies to this question too. The Travis Walton case, Socorro, Roswell etc. etc. all remain unexplained and otherwise unanswered. There are in fact cases from your own country that remain equally unaddressed to date as well. Perhaps the important element here is that they offer us a fleeting glimpse of a possible real phenomenon at work which in turn would label them as significant more than important, but unfortunately until the ultimate indisputable proof emerges they are, like a number of previous 'classic' cases, always going to be open to eventual explanation of one kind or another as time passes. As in life, as in ufology...nothing remains the same for ever.

6 - Do you really believe that Ufology starts after 1947, or do you believe that before that was there any UFO cases on Earth?

R: History would seem to indicate that the UFO phenomenon has been around for a very, very long time. We have an account from A.D. 800 in Lyon, the 1561 Nuremberg recordings, the 1566 Basel Broadsheet, the 1897 American and 1909 European airship mysteries and the countless 'foo-fighter' reports from WWII to name but just a few examples, and all of which would suggest that Roswell was simply a case of 'same mystery, just a different day and era'. Unless we're going to collectively agree that everyone has made a mistake right from day one, then clearly something possibly quite extraordinary has been taking place around the globe since we first learned how to record things for posterity. As a dedicated objective ufologist who deals only in the facts of a situation, I still have to acknowledge that far too much has been witnessed and recorded for far too long for it all to be explained within the boundaries of our known and accepted reality.

7 - What would you say to a young man that intends to be an Ufology searcher?

R: Well to begin with I wouldn't say young man; I would say young men and women. In my experience some of the sharpest minds in ufology are those exercised by a gender conspicuous by their near-absence...women. BUFORA's own Judith Jaafar as an example is perhaps one of the most skilled and capable individuals within British ufological field investigation. In direct answer to the question, however, I would say that probably the most important requirement for anyone considering entering this subject is the ability to put and then keep all things in perspective. This may not appear to be a particularly constructive comment, but in reality it is perhaps one of the first things to fall victim to ufology's many and varied influences.

8 - What are the most important points that an Ufology searcher has to learn to do a good job?

R: The first step towards being an effective and competent ufologist is a good all round knowledge of the subject itself. An inordinate number of candidate field investigators who undertake the BUFORA six month Training Course drop out after the first or second training module (there are six modules, plus a final exam and two 'hands on' evaluation cases thereafter) because they assumed that three UFO books and an interest in the subject alone would be enough to turn them into an instant Scully or Mulder. The reality of field investigation is in fact far removed from the X-Files interpretation of things and doesn't consist of racing across the landscape experiencing bizarre adventures whilst searching for the 'truth'. Field investigation consists of a candidate having a broad understanding of astronomy, meteorology, photography, aviation and IFOs (identifiable flying objects) to begin with. A good understanding of the mechanisms behind misidentification, misperception and belief systems would also prove valuable, as well as at least an awareness of human psychology and its implications in relation to the phenomenon in general and witnesses in particular. Only by understanding exactly what the

phenomenon isn't, will we begin to truly understand what it is and any potential field investigator worth his or her salt will understand and engage this approach from the beginning of their investigative 'career'.

9 - Do you read about Brazilian Ufology Cases? What Brazilian cases do you know? What do you think about them?

R: Brazil has produced a number of fascinating cases over the years, some of which have stood the test of time and repeated investigation remarkably well. Why that should be in relation to other similar classic European and North American cases that have eventually collapsed I don't know, but it is nonetheless interesting. As far as I know, the two instantly recognizable Brazilian cases of Villas Boas along with the more recent Varginha incident (this one in particular remains extremely fascinating) both remain equally unexplained. The fact is that Brazil has seen its fair share of highly unusual cases over the years, unusual and interesting enough to attract the focused attention of one of ufology's most outstanding pace setters and all time greats, Jacques Vallée. The Brazilian military have also experienced a high degree of apparent interest from a considerable number of well documented 'unknowns' down through the years (probably much to their annoyance!), many of which have, at times, been witnessed by multiple military personnel. On balance, it would seem that ufology can still count on Brazil to turn up a truly fascinating case to keep the skeptics busy scratching their heads for answers!

10 - What is your opinion about Ufology future?

R: My personal opinion (though one that a growing number of colleagues now share) is that ufology has now experienced its time in the limelight of publicity, and that the halcyon days are truly over. Where we go from here depends upon how we assimilate this gradual change of circumstance, and how we adapt to it thereafter. One thing I would like to see is the pro-ETH camp also consolidates its data and its argument in the time ahead, and then perhaps take the fight back to the skeptics because despite my objective stance, I do sometimes wonder if we haven't at times thrown a baby or two out with its bath water! I would also like to see global ufology first address the issue of respective national investigative training programmers with the long term aim of then structuring a worldwide standard. I think we should also now consider forging more solid links with the various scientific disciplines in an effort to draw upon their own unique collective skills and experience in our ongoing search for the true nature and meaning of the phenomenon.

11 - I really would like you to live a message to The Brazilian Ufology Center. Right now we have more than 25.700 members and they really would like to hear what you have to say to them.

R: To all your serious students, enthusiasts and generally curious members alike I would say continue to embrace the phenomenon with both enthusiasm and energy, but not without equally embracing the fact that we must first fully explore and then understand exactly what the phenomenon is not. In doing this, we must also acquire the wisdom to accept that previously maintained bubbles might be burst as a result of such objective endeavors as we proceed, whether we like it or not. Only through absolute clarity of fact will we eventually uncover the truth of the UFO phenomenon.

Thank you very much for your attention

It has been my pleasure, and on behalf of BUFORA I would like to pass on our best wishes and blessings for the new year of 2007 to both yourself Milton, and to all of your members.

Regards,

Robert Rosamond (BUFORA Chairman)

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## Interview With FUFOR Chair Don Berliner

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Interview With FUFOR Chair Don Berliner  
By  
Milton Frank President of The Brazilian Ufology Center

1 - Why did you start to be interested in Ufology?

In December, 1949, I read an article in True Magazine by Donald Keyhoe, a famous aviation writer, who was the first person to write in a major publication that UFOs were alien craft and that the U.S. Government knew all about it.

2 - Have you ever seen an UFO? If so, how was your experience?

No, but I did see a green fireball in 1950. Entirely too brief, and witnessed only by me.

3 - Could you explain to us a little bit about the work that is done in Fund for UFO Research - FUFOR?

The Fund's main purpose is to raise money to support scientific research into the UFO mystery. We have distributed more than \$100,000 for projects ranging from field investigations to abduction conferences.

4 - Could you tell us how was done the book UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence?

I got the assignment from Mrs. Galbraith, who was working for Laurance Rockefeller. I did the main part, which were the case summaries.

5 - How was the experience to write this book?

It was a very special experience, as the purpose of the report was to influence important-but-busy people around the world: government leaders, scientists, etc. While it had very little impact, I hope a few of these men and women started thinking seriously about UFOs because of it.

6 - Could you tell us a little bit of your experience as a member of Experimental Aircraft Association?

My involvement has been with local chapters, as well as writing about amateur-built airplanes, antiques & classics and war birds. I have been a member since 1958.

7 - Could you tell us a little bit of your experience as a member of Society of Air Racing Historians?

I was one of the founders in 1985, have been the master of ceremonies at many of our Air Racing History Symposiums, have written the Golden Pylons newsletter since 1985, and have been the president since 2003.

8 - Could you tell us a little bit of your experience as a member of International Association of Aviation Historians?

I belonged to this mainly-British organization for 30 years, but

dropped out a few years ago.

9 - Can you tell us the top 10 cases of World Ufology in your opinion?

In chronological order:

1947 - Kenneth Arnold, Cascade Mountains, Washington;  
1947 - Roswell, New Mexico, crash;  
1952 - Washington, D.C., radar/visual sightings over city;  
1952 - Glowing formation buzzes airliner near Norfolk, Virginia;  
1952 - radar/visual sightings from RB-47 over southern USA;  
1956 - radar/visual sightings around RAF Lakenheath, England;  
1957 - Electromagnetic interference cases around Levelland, Texas;  
1961 - Abduction of Betty and Barney Hill in New England;  
1964 - Landing with occupants outside Socorro, New Mexico;  
1966 - "Swamp Gas" sightings in southeastern Michigan.

10 - What is your opinion about Ufology's future?

I see very little future for the private UFO community. It has tried to change things since the mid-1950's and has made little progress. What is needed now is scientists whose work would be respected by other scientists, governments and the press. Without scientists, we will continue to make a lot of noise, collect a lot of reports and accomplish nothing.

11 - Can you explain to us what The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) is? We want to know also about its work.

It was established in late 1956, almost failed, and then brought in Donald Keyhoe to be the director. Under Keyhoe and Richard Hall, it grew to 14,000 members, a dozen investigative sub-committees and 8 full-time employees. It developed good relations with the Washington press corps and was an effective counter to the odd behavior of Project Blue Book. When the Air Force closed down Blue Book as a result of the report of the Condon Committee, it quickly lost its effectiveness and soon disappeared. With it went any usefulness of the private UFO organizations.

12 - What are the most important points that a UFO researcher has to learn to do a good job?

Work as part of a team that includes scientists and engineers, work fast and release only the information you can support logically and scientifically. Don't get involved with theories "explaining" UFOs.

13 - What would you say to a youngster that intends to be a Ufology searcher?

Get a good formal education in science and technology, and then attach yourself to the best investigative team you can find so that you can learn from experienced people.

14 - Do you read about Brazilian Ufology Cases?

Very little.

15 - What Brazilian cases do you know?

I am not sufficiently familiar with any cases to be able to comment intelligently.

16 - What was the most important UFO research for you?

My field work on the 1964 Roswell crash, conducted in the early 1990's.

I think I have said it all already. Thank you for interviewing me and I hope that I have added a little to your understanding of American ufology.

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## Re: Triangulation Of O'Hare Obsrvations? - Shough

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>Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 16:57:41 -0000  
>Subject: Triangulation Of O'Hare Obsrvations?

>Hello List,

>Has there been any attempt at getting a triangulation of  
>witness  
>observations?

>Was just now reading that "U. S. quarter, held at arm's length"  
>gestimate. Height/distance/size estimates are almost  
>impossible  
>by eyesight from a single location, while one more observation  
>from a different angle can give you the tie-in you need to find  
>all three.

Ray

I believe triangulation of reports from several witnesses at different locations is being worked on. I expect we will find this is part of Dick Haines' final NARCAP report when it come out.

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>Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 11:41:02 EST  
>Subject: Crucial O'Hare UFO Footage?

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>Chris Parr  
>UK

Here is the link for the video.

<http://tinyurl.com/yxkjby>

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- Jason Gammon

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## Re: Crucial O'Hare UFO Footage? - Balaskas

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>familiar with.

These bright lights do seem to be just above the horizon. Can anyone provide us with a video clip of that same horizon taken from the same location but during the day?

It would be nice to know the location of the person relative to O'Hare International Airport and the direction his video camera was pointed at. If these "UFOs" are the landing lights of distant commercial aircraft on final approach to O'Hare (a very common sight at any busy airport), this would explain the observed pattern of lights and their seemingly motionless behaviour in the sky. Once the day and time this video was taken is confirmed, it would be easy to learn the active runways and approaches used by pilots flying into O'Hare.

Under similar air traffic conditions and clear skies one should be able to verify if these UFOs were indeed aircraft by observing at night from the same location the original video was taken.

With hundreds of outdoor security and surveillance video cameras within and around O'Hare International Airport, have we missed our opportunity to view what was recorded by these cameras during the major UFO sighting over O'Hare in November before they were erased or recorded over? Peter Davenport was a guest on Errol's UFO radio show 'Strange Days... Indeed' on Saturday night, January 6. A listener from Montreal called in to ask about such video cameras. Peter replied that a Freedom of

Information request has been filed shortly after this UFO sighting so what was captured by O'Hare's cameras will be saved.

It is the images from these video cameras, not only from within O'Hare but also from private companies located near the airport too, at the time of this important daytime sighting of a saucer shaped craft and or its effect in the clouds that I would love to see on YouTube.

Nick Balaskas

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>Interview With FUFOR Chair Don Berliner  
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No wonder there's little hope for ufology. Ufologists tend to be many disciplines; researcher investigator, scientist (although it never really dawned on me why the science part is so overemphasized in a phenomenon that is, well, unknown), journalist and writer. Of course, we need to. But perhaps it is a good suggestion to hire professional journalists to conduct proper interviews? There are many ways in which we can improve ufology. This would be one.

Regards,

Theo

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## Re: Beyond Magazine - White

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>Date: Sun, 14 Jan 2007 10:51:54 -0000  
>Subject: Beyond Magazine

>For those who have not yet seen it, a new magazine has hit the  
>newsstands, covering UFOs, the paranormal, cryptozoology, secret  
>societies and conspiracies. Beyond Magazine is a glossy color  
>publication packed with news and features on strange mysteries  
>and the unexplained.

I yearn for the day when those topics start showing up in Here  
And Now Magazine !

Eleanor White

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## Zen And The Art Of Personal Ufology

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Subject: Zen And The Art Of Personal Ufology

It would be very easy to imagine a reader with only passing familiarity with the subject of UFOs stumbling across my blog, or any of the blogs that spend time on the subject, and wonder why should I care about UFOs?

This, Grasshopper, is a wise question.

As I mentioned in my article Confessions Of A UFO Dilettante, I have been fascinated with the subject nearly as long as I could be consciously fascinated by anything. I believe I can think about the subject with some clarity, but my interest is unconditional.

Why should you care?

It's really up to you. If you don't, that's fine. I'm not here to sell you.

Those of us that are engaged - for whatever reason - I think, in a very real sense, are hooked on the mystery. As Roy Neary (Richard Dreyfuss's character) said in Close Encounters of the Third Kind, "I just want to know what's going on."

The media ridicules the subject, government agencies stonewall it, and civilian researchers at all levels of seriousness argue about every little aspect. Looking at all this, we're left with the sense that no one's going to (or is able to) help us "know what's going on."

It's almost as if Ufology is too serious a subject to be left to the experts.

So, for now, it comes back to us.

(Really, just you.)

Roy Neary's question is a big question, and something I think is overlooked by at least some of the literature and the UFO community is that this is related to another question: "I just want to know why I'm here."

I have never witnessed anything that could be considered a UFO, but the sense I have of these experiences is that they provoke the big questions. These are, as Morris Massey of the University of Colorado called all life changing events, "significant emotional experiences." The worldview of the first-time witness changes, the personal paradigm shifts, and he or she is staring into the face of not only a phenomenon that falls outside of any mental categories of previous experience, but also into the need to answer questions his or her experience can't answer.

Because of this, a UFO or a UFO experience can, in a very real sense, be considered a "koan."

A koan (thank you, Wikipedia) is "is a story, dialogue, question, or statement in the history and lore of Chan (Zen) Buddhism, generally containing aspects that are inaccessible to rational understanding, yet that may be accessible to intuition." Probably the most famous is: Two hands clap and

there is a sound; what is the sound of one hand?

(Lots of jokes for that one, but I'm not going there.)

The tradition, of course, is for the Zen teacher to pose these questions to the student, and the student then wrestles with the question until the rationale mind gives up and the intuitive faculties provide the answer. I chose the word "wrestle" deliberately, through my own experience, surrendering rational thought processes to intuition is no mean feat. But an aspect that adds to this difficulty is that, once introduced to the question, the student is "locked" into the struggle.

When an individual has some kind of UFO experience, the individual is provoked into wrestling with the enigma. Once the door is opened, the witness is forever changed, and like the Zen student, can't go back to the comfort of the time before the experience. The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ, moves on.

I think even the curious are provoked. (This is where I came in.)

A much-debated part of the UFO phenomenon - abductions - takes us into an even deeper aspect. Assuming the reality of these experiences (whatever they really are), the experiencer, upon becoming aware of the experience, has to ask a tougher question beyond the ones a witness already would: why did this happen to me?

The sense I've gotten from the abductees I've met is the prevailing attitude is one of victimization. Some told me they were powerless, and found the idea of being able to prevent or take action during the experience was laughable.

This fatalistic tone disturbs me. The universe is not meaningless, though it certainly may appear meaningless to those who observe and survive harsh experiences - the loss of a child, rape, political imprisonment and torture, and so on. I have not lived anything as difficult as these things, but I have had my tough moments, and have come out the other side. We hear stories of the victims of the Holocaust who came through them more whole and of deeper faith than before. The spirit of these individuals triumphed over adversity, and they became better people despite it.

I do not, however, feel the abduction phenomenon is simply another form of difficult life experience. Both Whitley Strieber in his Communion series, and more recently Jeremy Vaeni in his I Know Why the Aliens Don't Land have attempted to make sense of their abduction experiences, and have come to similar conclusions. They both point to abductions as transformative experiences, similar to Shamanic initiation rituals, forcing the individual's consciousness to break free of cultural conditioning and look upon the face of Reality.

(If I may be so bold, I would offer that our world could stand a little reality about now.)

As I've mentioned previously, Jacques Vallee has pointed out events with similar characteristics have been with us through recorded history. He has long suggested the phenomenon (or sets of phenomena) are a kind of mechanism through which human belief systems are being controlled and conditioned. What I suspect is that these events are actually part of a larger movement toward helping us (or forcing us) to understand our real relationship with our own existence. This may be some other intelligence, though I tend to feel it is another aspect of our own.

Oddly enough (or maybe not oddly at all) I ran across a quote from Gray Barker, a pioneering figure in the popularization of the subject, and the first to make reference to the "Men in Black." Barker, at a lecture a couple of years before his death, was asked a question by a member of the audience: "What are Flying Saucers?" Gray said, "The answer is within you."

The UFO phenomenon presses us to think differently, even experience differently. It is no wonder it is the object of relentless ridicule and debate. We are terrified of losing the familiar, and move into an unknown world.



It's long past time to face the unknown.

Who's with me?

-- Daniel

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## UFO Really Means Aliens From Outer Space

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A New Meme: We All Know UFO Really Means Aliens From Outer Space  
by Regan Lee

Of course, it doesn't. But the chronic skeptic has a new meme out there. And that's the statement, said in a factual and somber manner, that "everyone knows UFO means extraterrestrials."

I've been noticing this trend the past year or so in Chronic Skeptic World. (If you plan to visit, don't go alone, and don't take the bait. It's often good bait; tempting and looks delicious. Don't do it. I beg you.) Over there, in their world, they have come up with a new tactic: to state, as if it's a fact "everyone" knows, that UFO really means little green men from space.

Perpetuating this lie gives them room to justify calling people who incorporate the idea ET exists - either could, or does - is a "kook". If you're a kook, then people get to call you an idiot, since you are, since you "believe" in UFOs.

Which everyone knows, means aliens.

This is another tactic: using the word "believe". As in "So and so believes in UFOs" which means you're a kook.

Pointing out that one can't 'believe' in a UFO, any more than one 'believes' in a toaster, gets you nowhere. You might get a response like: "We know what toasters look like, and that they exist. We don't know what UFOs look like."

Really. They say that. Honest.

That's a bit beside the point though. The point is, UFO means Unidentified Flying Object, and if we see something up there we can't identify, it's a UFO. "Belief" doesn't come into it.

The rest here:

<http://tinyurl.com/y7xckc>

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## Rumours Of O'Hare UFO Pics & Videos

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Subject: Rumours Of O'Hare UFO Pics & Videos

Word is buzzin' around some press pals of mine that pics and vids of O'Hare on November 7 are due out in a few days?

Normally I would toss out this stuff but it's coming in from several unconnected sources.

From what I gather some cell phone vids and pics have already been delivered for a fee?

Considering all the witnesses reported to have seen this object it wouldn't surprise me if someone isn't making a good deserved buck off of it.

I figure the pros on this list already know so I guess we'll have to wait to see if it pans out.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Crucial O'Hare UFO Footage? - Shough

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Date: Mon, 15 Jan 2007 08:10:35 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 Jan 2007 07:28:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Crucial O'Hare UFO Footage? - Shough

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>Date: Sun, 14 Jan 2007 12:00:34 EST  
>Subject: Re: Crucial O'Hare UFO Footage?

>>From: Chris Parr <[ChrsP875.nul](mailto:ChrsP875.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 11:41:02 EST  
>>Subject: Crucial O'Hare UFO Footage?

>>YouTube - o'hare lights

>>Dear Updates list,

>>Please check out this footage as it may be significant to the  
>>O'Hare sighting case.

>>Chris Parr  
>>UK

>Here is the link for the video.

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

>I might add that at first I was not impressed as there was no  
>indication that said objects were actually in the air. Later in  
>the video, shots of a busy street or highway were included  
>which  
>shows the objects were indeed in the air near the horizon. Said  
>objects do not look like flares or any civilian aircraft I am  
>familiar with.

List

I was puzzled by this initially but showed it to a friend who works in aviation and I now believe these lights are probably landing lights of inbound aircraft queueing many miles distant, thus appearing to move only very slowly. FYI his opinion below:

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"I'm virtually certain - and I mean 99% - that these lights are from the ever changing procession of aircraft turning off base leg onto finals, and then flying down the 3-degree glide-slope towards the runway. I've seen this effect hundreds and hundreds of times at Gatwick and Heathrow. It can look weird; although you'll generally see four aircraft (max) at any one time actually established on the ILS and making their way down the slope, you'll also see others joining the queue at the top of the slope, and they'll be traversing from right to left or left to right (off base leg) before turning. In other words the kind of effect we see here.

"The fact you're not seeing nav lights or strobes is exactly what you'd expect; the aircraft turning onto the runway heading off base leg are MILES away, and they're turning on their landing lights....so any other lights are lost in the glare."

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Martin Shough

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## The UFO Twins Shurlene & Earlene

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Fwd Date: Mon, 15 Jan 2007 08:11:57 -0500  
Subject: The UFO Twins Shurlene & Earlene

Regarding SDI #427, Shurlene & Earlene - the UFO twins:

Given they are two extremely pretty people, well spoken and intelligent, consistent with a certain sincerity, and identical twins with a book to sell? Hackles will be raised.

Accused, I'm sure, of inadequate filters - if a pox on my accuser - I must report that I can detect no guile in the reportage of either person... a reportage seeming entirely reasonable given the attention of my colleague Wayne St. John, input from disparate sources as diverse as Rick Strassman and Terence McKenna, Graham Hancock and David Jacobs, and the already mentioned guileless sincerity of the twins as comfortable as broke-in, if fastidiously fetching, house-shoes. Hackles should be raised?

What I found particularly stunning was the pronouncement of the startling claim that Nigerian traditions of many thousands of years ago indicate that Martians are our ancestors! Persons who came to Earth to work, ostensibly, a concept framed by pointing out that persons of color pre-dominate on this planet even as they don't presently dominate. Hackles stand with jaws agape.

Wow - in short. Cool jets and smooth hackles. I suspect we'll be hearing more from these two, at least as compelling as the present darling Jim Sparks, no disrespect to Mr. Sparks.

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## Expert Explores UFO Legend

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Source: The Berkshire Eagle - Pittsfield, Massachusetts, USA

[http://www.berkshireeagle.com/localnews/ci\\_5015771](http://www.berkshireeagle.com/localnews/ci_5015771)

Monday, January 15

Expert Explores UFO Legend  
By Jessica Willis  
Berkshire Eagle Staff

PITTSFIELD =97 What was it, exactly, that crash-landed in the desert near Roswell, N.M. in July 1947?

A weather balloon? A test aircraft? A UFO?

Local astronomer and archaeologist Woody Printz explored those questions in a lecture at the EPOCH Assisted Living Center last night.

"At the time, I wasn't a believer (in UFOs)," said Printz, who was studying archaeology at New Mexico Highlands University when the incident happened. "But for every long-standing myth or legend, there is a grain of truth somewhere."

During his talk, "The Roswell Incident: Fact or Fiction?," the Richmond resident sought to focus on facts, steering away from the sort of kitch that inevitably is associated with anything alien- and conspiracy-related.

'That's the question'

"I'm not going to give you any off-the-wall experiences and thoughts," Printz told the 25 people in the audience. "But it is no secret to me that there is life beyond us. But is it visiting us? That's the question."

Printz began by summarizing the facts behind the case: the "Flying Saucer" report issued to the press by Army brass; the way that report was quickly replaced by stories about a downed weather balloon; and Roswell's relatively close proximity to atomic bomb and missile test sites.

He then presented his findings, which included a slideshow of photographs Printz took in 2000 when he visited Roswell and the nearby White Sands Missile Test Range.

Suspicious over plaque

At the White Sands museum, he saw a primitive-looking, mushroom-shaped spacecraft that looked like it had been built by a "boilermaker," and when he noted that its plaque stated the contraption was part of the Voyager mission to Mars, he became suspicious.

"(The plaque) said it had a top speed of 1,100 miles an hour,"

he told the group. "Hovering would have been a major feat for that thing."

Printz, who has his commercial pilot's license and worked as a "human factors engineer" on NASA's Gemini space program in the mid-'60s, thought "it made absolutely no sense."

He recalled cringing in embarrassment as he went inside International UFO Museum in Roswell, which featured a flying saucer sculpture plastered against the side of the building.

"I thought, 'oh, this is dippy,'" he said.

His embarrassment disappeared when he was introduced to two key Roswell players: Lt. Walter Haut, the information officer on the base who was told to release =97 and later bury =97 the flying saucer story, and Glenn Dennis, the mortician on the base who was ordered to leave the scene immediately after he commented on the crash debris he saw in a military ambulance.

"I was no longer the total skeptic," Printz said. "I believed something crashed there. Was it one of our own? I believe there was a cover-up."

He concluded the lecture by showing segments from a SciFi Channel special about an archaeological dig that took place at the Roswell crash site in 2002 =97 which proved that something had, indeed, struck the ground some years ago.

"Was it the saucer bouncing off? We don't know," he said.

Despite the inconclusiveness of the findings, John Kusmech of Sandisfield said he appreciated Printz's level-headed approach to a decidedly flighty issue.

"I liked that he had a critical mind, and he wasn't nutty about it," he said.

His 11-year-old daughter Evangeline =97 also an alien buff =97 agreed.

"We all know it wasn't a weather balloon," she added.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://uforeview.net/> ]

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## MUFON HQ Moves To Bellvue Colorado

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Source: The Coloradoan - Fort Collins, Colorado, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/yhpdry>

Sunday, January 14, 2007

UFO Society Moves To Bellvue  
By Kevin Duggan  
[KevinDuggan.nul](mailto:KevinDuggan.nul)

An international organization that conducts research on UFOs has landed in Bellvue.

The 37-year-old Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, recently moved its headquarters from Littleton into the home office of James Carrion, the organization's international director.

Carrion said the nonprofit organization is dedicated to the scientific study of UFO's "for the benefit of humanity."

"People all over the world are seeing things they cannot explain," he said. "We want to get a better understanding of what's going on and what it means."

The organization has about 400 trained field investigators who use forensic science when looking into reports of strange sightings the same way law enforcement officers investigate crime scenes, Carrion said.

Investigators are trained to go into cases with open minds and not let personal beliefs taint the research, he said. The evidence dictates the outcome of any investigation.

"The data is the data and that is all that matters," he said.

About 85 percent of sightings investigated by the organization can be explained as caused by weather phenomenon or man-made objects. But the other 15 percent fall into the category of "high strangeness" that cannot be readily explained, he said.

A November incident at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, during which a large spinning object appeared to hover over an airport gate before darting swiftly into the clouds, is an example of events the organization investigates.

Government officials were quick to dismiss the incident as nothing even though the object was observed by ground crews, Carrion said.

Carrion took the organization's reins from John Schuessler, a retired NASA employee who became fascinated with UFOs and what they might mean for society after talking to astronauts who saw things in space they could not explain.

The organization has about 2,500 paid members, including many scientists, and puts out a monthly journal. Members come from

all walks of life.

Carrion, who owns a computer training company, said his personal interest in UFOs extends to his childhood, when he would clip stories about unusual events and sightings from newspapers. He also lived in Puerto Rico at a time when it was considered a "hot spot" for UFO activity.

Overcoming 'the giggle factor' =97 the tendency of some to laugh off any UFO report =97 is the toughest challenge the organization faces, he said.

Carrion described himself as a "skeptical believer" in UFOs who, like most people, first seeks a rational explanation for strange events.

But too many people around the world have seen too many strange things to simply dismiss the possibility that UFO's exist, he said.

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## Mexican Airliner Crew Observes UFO

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

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Source: [www.analuisacid.com](http://www.analuisacid.com)

Date: January 15, 2007

Mexican Airliner Crew Observes UFO

Flight engineer Loe Gonzalez informed researcher Alfonso Salazar of the observation of an unidentified lying object during a domestic flight between the city of Villahermosa (Tabasco) and Mexico City, adding that the probable UFO irradiated a very powerful white light.

He indicated that the pilot, the first officer and himself were witnesses to the sighting from the cockpit of their Boeing 737-200, registration XA-MAF.

According to their account, the object flew alongside the aircraft, placing itself some 1500 meters to the left of the airliner.

The crew lost the UFO from sight when it flew at high speed along the vicinity of the Popocatepetl Volcano, entering a dense cloud bank.

The witness does not remember the exact date of the sighting, estimating that it took place between the months of September-October, 2006. He specified that it occurred shortly after taking off from Villahermosa, roughly around 6:50 p.m.

"It wasn't picked up on the Ticas radar, a situation indicating that it wasn't another airplane, aside from the impressive speed at which it peeled away from the airliner," explains Alfonso Salazar, adding that he has it on the best authority that some pilots are currently traveling with their own cameras or camcorders in order to pick up these unexplained aerial phenomena.

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## Re: Interview With FUFOR Chair Don Berliner - Groff

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>Subject: Re: Interview With FUFOR Chair Don Berliner

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>>Subject: Interview With FUFOR Chair Don Berliner

>>Interview With FUFOR Chair Don Berliner  
>>By  
>>Milton Frank President of The Brazilian Ufology Center

><snip>

>No wonder there's little hope for ufology. Ufologists tend to be  
>many disciplines; researcher investigator, scientist (although  
>it never really dawned on me why the science part is so  
>overemphasized in a phenomenon that is, well, unknown),

<snip>

The purpose of science is to discover and study the unknown. Why  
else do it at all.

Terry

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## Re: Expert Explores UFO Legend - Boone

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Subject: Re: Expert Explores UFO Legend - Boone

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>Expert Explores UFO Legend  
>By Jessica Willis  
>Berkshire Eagle Staff

>PITTSFIELD =E2=80=94 What was it, exactly, that crash-landed in the  
>desert near Roswell, N.M. in July 1947?

>A weather balloon? A test aircraft? A UFO?

>Local astronomer and archaeologist Woody Printz explored those  
>questions in a lecture at the EPOCH Assisted Living Center last  
>night.

What's most important about this story is that anyone with any  
measure of common sense can just read the raw data that is  
immense to say the least and see there's something going on.

I'm glad more professionals are digging into this field of study  
and if they can get through the snake oil and nonsense they'll  
have quite an adventure ahead.

Best,

Greg

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### Interview With HBCCUFO Chair Brian Vike

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Interview With HBCCUFO Chair Brian Vike

By  
Milton Frank President  
The Brazilian Ufology Center

1 - Why did you start to study and search Ufology? Have you ever seen an UFO? If so, how was your experience?

I started to look into the UFO topic due to the interest I have had for so many years prior to me getting involved. I have always been a Sci-Fi nut and have always had an interest in astronomy. Many years ago I was a member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada and also a member of the American Association of Variable Star Observers. I also used to volunteer at the Planetarium in Vancouver at that time. Due to having a lot of time on my hands I thought I would create a small website like so many others dealing on the UFO subject, from that point on it grew to where it is now, receiving hundreds and hundreds of sighting reports each year. I have been witness to a UFO, or something that neither I nor anyone else could explain. Video footage was taken by a lady just west of town and I must say it was a very unusual experience.

2 - Could you explain to us what HBCCUFO is? How did it start? What is HBCC mission?

HBCC stands for Houston, British Columbia Canada which is where I reside. I work out of a small town called Houston in the northwestern part of British Columbia, Canada. HBCC UFO Research started as explained above, from having lots of time on my hands and of course the interest I have on the topic. I guess HBCC UFO's mission is like anyone else's, to bring forward as much information on the UFO subject as possible and always hoping we might finally find an answer to the mystery.

3 - What are the main cases researched by HBCCUFO?

There have been a number of excellent cases in which I have received, the one that stands out are the Missing Time case which comes from Kelowna, British Columbia where two ladies witnessed an object hovering a head of them on the highway, and this led to missing time and physical and medical problems which continue to this day. There really has been so many, reports from the military, over 200 witnesses to one sighting and the list could go on and on.

4 - In your opinion what is the most important UFO CASE in Canada? Why do you believe so?

Well there have been a number of good cases over the years that have taken place in Canada; Shag Harbor comes to mine, due to the amount of creditable witnesses to the event, which did involve the police, military and everyday folks.

5 - Canada is a large country. There are several UFO cases in Canada too. Do you know if the Canadian UFO groups has been keeping data base for all Canadian UFO cases? If so, how has been doing this job?

You're sure correct, Canada is a huge country and there have been stacks of UFO cases all across this land. Actually there is not a database just for Canadian sighting reports. I mean not one area where visitors can go to read every UFO case reported by the many UFO groups across Canada. There is a Canadian UFO Survey which totals up all of the cases for each year, but we do not get to read the entire reports which are not posted online anywhere. Just this past year, in 2006 I personally received I believe 275 UFO reports.

6 - Now a day people are sure about UFO phenomena. Some people think that UFOS are military secret projects; some people do believe that UFOS come from another planet somewhere in the space. What is your opinion about it?

My thoughts on this question is that many folks are correct, some reports are of military projects, normal everyday aircraft, balloons and from stars to planets and the list goes on. Now if UFOs come from another planet, I honestly could not answer this as I do not have the facts on this. Personally I do feel that we can't be the only life in the vastness out there.

7 - Now a day it's very common to find UFO religions, UFOLAND in Canada, Spiritual Ufology (Ashtar Sheran), and a lot of people believe on those things. What is your opinion about it? Do you believe in those things?

This question is an easy one for me to answer, personally I do not believe in any of this. I have had people telephone me saying there were with the Ashtar Command, etc. I hung up! They have not provided me with one ounce of proof as to what they say if true.

8 - Does Canadian government share UFO information or hide them? Can people talk openly about UFO with Canadian Government and Army?

It is hard to say what the Canadian government is giving all of us disclosure on all of the UFO information. Yes we have the Freedom of Information Act here in which we can request and receive UFO related documents. Matter of fact I have received many such documents from the Canadian government. But are they telling us the entire story, this is of course hard to know. As for talking openly to the government about UFOs, not really because in their opinion they do not exist.

9 - Can you tell us the top 10 cases of World Ufology in your opinion?

There are many good cases that have happened worldwide, but I think there have been some excellent cases which go by without notice. Or at least don't get any media or attention when they are just as good.

10 - What would you say to a young man that intends to be an Ufology searcher? What are the most important points that an Ufology searcher has to learn to do a good job?

Here is where I may differ from other UFO investigators and researchers. It doesn't take a lot to become a Ufology searcher as far as I am concerned. A young man or woman can enter the field of Ufology with just some simple ideas, such as treat every witness with respect, protect their identity, and most of all make sure they reply to a witness who writes or calls. The rest they will learn along the way and come up with what works best for themselves. I have never had any personal training from any group; I hadn't a clue how to go about investigating a UFO sighting. But one learns fast if one has a passion for the topic. Also because I do get asked a lot, be willing to spend a lot of time and your own money looking into the subject.

11 - Do you read about Brazilian Ufology Cases? What Brazilian cases do you know? What do you think about them?

I have read the odd Brazilian Ufology Case, but not many of them as I just don't get a chance to due to the amount of reports that come into me here at HBCC UFO Research. I am sure there are many fascinating cases going on, and being looked at. Most of the time I just don't hear about them would be another reason. I know Brazilian Cases would be welcomed on my website so visitors to my site could see what is happening all around the world.



12 - What is your opinion about Ufology future?

I hope people will continue to carry on where we all leave off and maybe one day find the truth to the questions we all ask.

I guess my message to the Brazilian Ufology Center would be to keep up the good work you folks are doing. Also it would be excellent to hear more of the cases that are coming out of the areas.

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## Do We Really Want To Know?

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Subject: Do We Really Want To Know?

I've had to ask myself again whether we, the humans, really want to know the truth about the government's UFO secrecy agenda.

Do we really wanna know?

What if the ever present extraterrestrial hypothesis is or isn't true and the truth is less spectacular, less stress relieving, than we have assumed?

Maybe we don't want to know the truth. Maybe we need to have a mystery that has so far stimulated our imaginations and brought forth such research and entertainment and cultural stimulation?

If there's no life on Mars, no more books about daring adventurers encountering lost civilizations like Edgar Rice Burroughs' John Carter of Mars stories.

H.G. Wells might disappear into the past. Orson Wells would become nothing more than a fable.

If the ETH is true what if the aliens are boring and bland. What if they only like oatmeal and Mongolian War Chant music?

What if we find out the universe is full of cultures that are about as exciting as watching one's socks dry?

In the worse case scenario what if we find out everything we hold dear that gives us that extra umph that separates us from the lower apes isn't an umph at all?

We'd now have limits and barriers and no more room for wonder and imagination.

Didn't Socrates say something once about the value of wonder?

I can see the headlines now,

Universe Boring Says Alien Ambassador!

Cosmos Already Populated! Denizens Demand No More Rock And Roll Radio Transmissions!

Ewww!

Best,

Greg

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## Re: The UFO Twins Shurlene & Earlene - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 15 Jan 2007 08:23:48 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 Jan 2007 10:01:08 -0500  
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>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
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>Date: Mon, 15 Jan 2007 06:37:50 -0600  
>Subject: The UFO Twins Shurlene & Earlene

>Regarding SDI #427, Shurlene & Earlene - the UFO twins:

>Given they are two extremely pretty people, well spoken and  
>intelligent, consistent with a certain sincerity, and identical  
>twins with a book to sell? Hackles will be raised.

>Accused, I'm sure, of inadequate filters - if a pox on my  
>accuser - I must report that I can detect no guile in the  
>reportage of either person... a reportage seeming entirely  
>reasonable given the attention of my colleague Wayne St. John,  
>input from disparate sources as diverse as Rick Strassman and  
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>What I found particularly stunning was the pronouncement of the  
>startling claim that Nigerian traditions of many thousands of  
>years ago indicate that Martians are our ancestors! Persons who  
>came to Earth to work, ostensibly, a concept framed by pointing  
>out that persons of color pre-dominate on this planet even as  
>they don't presently dominate. Hackles stand with jaws agape.

>Wow - in short. Cool jets and smooth hackles. I suspect we'll be  
>hearing more from these two, at least as compelling as the  
>present darling Jim Sparks, no disrespect to Mr. Sparks.

Two of the most delightful women I have ever met. Shurlene and Earlene (Lena) are frequent attendees to our local (DFW) MUFON meetings and were our guest speakers for our meeting celebrating the 37th Anniversary of MUFON. Always quiet and attentive with seemingly permanent smiles on their faces. I still can't tell them apart.

This coming Sunday (Jan 21) we will have Nick Redfern discussing crop circles. The twins have attended each time Nick was here so perhaps we'll see them again.

I'll send them your regards,

Terry

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## Haut Roswell Interview By Connors & Balthaser

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Subject: Haut Roswell Interview By Connors & Balthaser

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Reviewed  
by  
Robert Barrow

Walter Haut was the public information officer stationed, on that fateful day in July of 1947, at the somewhat obscure Roswell Army Air Field in New Mexico, performing rather uneventful duties on a daily basis. Then "the crash" occurred and Lt. Haut and numerous officials and residents of the Roswell area instantly became historically significant forever. The lieutenant, however, was a little more notable than some, because he wrote the press release that quickly tipped the world press off to the alleged recovery of a flying saucer at the ranch of Mack Brazel.

Haut died in December of 2005 at age 83, but fortunately researchers Wendy Connors and Dennis Balthaser had a cherished opportunity to sit down and interview Haut about what has become known as "the Roswell Incident" of which he was an integral part, in 2000. Overwhelmingly, but for a few seconds of really insignificant audio distortion in which conversation remains intact, the recording is clear, vibrant and sounding as if made last week.

As the interview begins, we discover a man of known integrity whose military career began during WW II. Recipient of The Purple Heart, Haut had been involved in bombing Japan and at one point sustained an injury during a flight. His adventures extended to dropping test instrumentation directly into experimental atomic bombing areas and, though certain his flights were beyond range of lethal radiation exposure when bombs exploded, he did recall feeling aftershocks.

Years after the war, Haut was sent to the Roswell base, and here in the interview ensues a discussion of his relationship with Col. William Blanchard, Roswell's commanding officer whom he respected implicitly. One day in the summer of 1947, Blanchard instructed Haut to write a press release for the news services.

"(Blanchard) didn't come to me," explains Haut. "He buzzed me on the telephone and said, Walt, I want a press release, here's what I want in it. We have in our possession a flying saucer. It was picked up on a ranch north of Roswell. . .and was taken to higher headquarters, which was General (Roger) Ramey."

When asked what happened out on the ranch, Haut discusses the saucer's disposition via extreme secrecy. He had told the

interviewers on a previous occasion that Gen. Ramey lied -- the thing that crashed was not a weather balloon, the new explanation that was run up to the press later the same day.

When asked how it came to be that a balloon was suddenly substituted for a downed disc, Haut responds, "I would assume that (Ramey and Blanchard) got together when there was nobody else around and decided the best way to do that was this -- let's get the news media in here and let's just tell them our side, and let it go at that."

Lt. Haut states he did see one small body, presumably from the disc, from about 20 feet away in a hangar. The body, near the disc (or pieces of it) itself, was partially covered with a tarp. "I would venture a guess," replies Haut when asked about disc size, "of a diameter of somewhere around 25 feet." As for the body, "It was a relatively small body, comparable to a 10 or 11-year-old child. It was pretty well beat up." Pressed further about whether there was only one body present, he answers, "I don't think so. I thought there were several bodies."

The working relationship between public information officer Haut and intelligence officer Jesse Marcel -- Marcel visited the crash site, Haut did not -- is discussed. The two men worked together and their families lived in close proximity to one another, but the men weren't terribly close outside of work. "I had calls from the news media," Haut states in reference to his contact with Marcel, "how did Marcel know how to fly it?" The fact that one man was a PIO and the other on the intelligence side of the military equation meant that neither conversed in depth about the Roswell disc vs. balloon because, according to Haut, Marcel would have said he couldn't discuss the subject in his position.

As forthright as Haut becomes during the interview, one cannot logically escape the impression that he isn't telling everything he knows, and at times he seems to avoid questions asked repeatedly in progressively pointed terms. He does provide an interesting response to Connors' question regarding what he thinks crashed at Roswell, since he has told her previously that it definitely wasn't a balloon: "I don't really know. I feel that there has been information released that maybe shouldn't be released. I don't want to talk about a lot of the details. I put out a press release that Col. Blanchard told me what he wanted in the press release, and I went into town and gave it to the news media, went home and ate lunch."

Dennis Balthaser and Connors inquire multiple times about the hows and whys of the incredible change of explanations from flying disc to weather balloon. At one point, Haut responds, "I would guess that information came to Ramey and he was told to go ahead and put it out at such-and-such a time. I'm sure they had this orchestrated pretty well."

Frankly, Haut makes occasional declarations that cause us double-takes, particularly when we know that he knows things he's not exactly ready to spell out in depth, such as this curious remark: "In some instances, I think the news media has got to let go of the information and not try and push it through." What? What is that? Perhaps Haut refers to national security issues -- or maybe to something far more involved.

At another point, unexpectedly, Haut attempts weakly to draw the maybe-the-saucer-was-made-by-the-USA argument into the mix, probably making a point that never bears fruit here, but, refreshingly, he does admit he doesn't know everything -- for instance, when Connors states that Roswell was doing work on remote-controlled drone aircraft back then, Haut seems surprised and admits being in the dark about this project.

Again trying to sort out the facts about who authorized the initial press release, Connors summarizes: "So, what you're saying is that there's a high probability that General Ramey himself approved to Blanchard to go ahead and release the story?"

"Quite possibly," replies Haut.

Regarding the balloon aspect of the Roswell see-saw of explanations, an entry at the nicap.org site entitled "The Roswell Story" provides the following interesting paragraph:

[The late General Thomas DuBose was a colonel and General Ramey's chief of staff at Eighth Air Force Headquarters in Forth Worth, Texas, in 1947. Before his death in 1992, General DuBose testified that he himself had taken the telephone call from General Clements McMullen at Andrews Army Air Field in Washington, D.C., ordering the coverup. The instructions were for General Ramey to concoct a "cover story" to "get the press off our backs."]

An inquiry about concerns that at least three suggested disc crash sites have been postulated causes Haut to respond, "there have been too many mentioned."

As the interview concludes, the question of photos comes up. He claims never to have observed debris field, disc or body photos, or ever learned of their existence, but Walter Haut assumed that photos exist nevertheless.

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INTELLIGENCE SCIENCE BOARD VIEWS INTERROGATION

The current state of scientific knowledge regarding the conduct of interrogation and related forms of intelligence gathering is limited by numerous gaps in theoretical and practical understanding, according to a new book-length study from the Intelligence Science Board, an advisory panel to the U.S. intelligence community.

The study was prompted by "concerns about recent U.S. interrogation activities, subsequent investigations, and the efficacy of contemporary tactics, techniques, and procedures."

The ISB report is somewhat artfully titled "Educating Information," a term that encompasses interrogation as well as other forms of eliciting information.

The study notes that an accurate perception of the realities of interrogation has been impeded by erroneous preconceptions shaped by wish-fulfillment or popular culture.

"A major stumbling block to the study of interrogation, and especially to the conduct of interrogation in field operations, has been the all-too-common misunderstanding of the nature and scope of the discipline."

"Most observers, even those within professional circles, have unfortunately been influenced by the media's colorful (and artificial) view of interrogation as almost always involving hostility and the employment of force -- be it physical or psychological -- by the interrogator against the hapless, often slow-witted subject." (p. 95).

A detailed literature review, expert interviews and consideration of the historical record present a more qualified and uncertain picture.

Fundamentally, "there is little systematic knowledge available to tell us 'what works' in interrogation. We do not know what systems, methods, or processes of interrogation best protect the nation's security."

"For example, we lack systematic information to guide us as to who should perform interrogations. We do not know what benefits

would result if we changed the way we recruit, train, and manage our interrogators." (p. 8).

Dr. Paulette Otis, a contributor to the study (though not an ISB member), summarized her view of its practical conclusions as follows: "(1) pain does not elicit intelligence known to prevent greater harm; (2) the use of pain is counterproductive both in a tactical and strategic sense; (3) chemical and biological methods are unreliable; (4) research tends to indicate that 'educing' information without the use of harsh interrogation is more valuable."

And, of course, "'more' research is necessary," said Dr. Otis, who is Outreach Coordinator at the Center for Irregular Warfare and Operational Culture in Quantico.

The unclassified ISB study was sponsored by the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Counterintelligence Field Activity, among other U.S. intelligence entities.

See "Educing Information: Interrogation: Science and Art: Foundations for the Future," Intelligence Science Board, Phase 1 Report, December 2006 (374 pages, 2.5 MB):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/educing.pdf>

#### ARMY ESTABLISHES PSYOPS BRANCH

"Effective 16 October 2006, Psychological Operations was established as a basic branch of the Army, pursuant to the authority of Section 3063(a)(13), Title 10, United States Code."

That is the substance of General Order 30 issued by Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey on January 12, 2007. See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/go30.pdf>

According to the Department of Defense Dictionary (JP 1-02), psychological operations are defined as "planned operations to convey selected information and indicators to foreign audiences to influence their emotions, motives, objective reasoning, and ultimately the behavior of foreign governments, organizations, groups, and individuals. The purpose of psychological operations is to induce or reinforce foreign attitudes and behavior favorable to the originator's objectives. Also called PSYOP."

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Fwd Date: Tue, 16 Jan 2007 07:59:26 -0500  
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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 15 Jan 2007 08:10:35 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Crucial O'Hare UFO Footage?

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## Italian UFO Newsclippings At A Low In 2006

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2006 saw a lower number of UFO news published in Italian newspapers.

For the third consecutive year, the Eco della Stampa (Press Echo) agency collected less than 600 newsclippings (containing the word "UFO") and that last year had the minimum figure (516 items) in the descending curve after 2002, while the average number of UFO news per year had remained around 1,000 all through the '90s.

The Press Archive of the Italian Center for UFO Studies has been collecting all news items published in our country since 1946. Tables of the monthly distribution for the whole collection are available on CISU webpage <http://www.cisu.org/ecotot.htm>.

By Gian Paolo Grassino, Italian UFO NewsFlash  
No. 493, 6 Jan. 2007, available at:

<http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/itun493.htm>

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weren't invoked the day after the incident? They can take months to resolve and Dr. Haines is unlikely to give any kind of information out until his Final Report is available. I would guess that won't be until the latter part of this year. It took almost a year and a half to finally develop the full report of the incident at Andrews AFB several years ago, and that case had also become mired in Internet discussion from multiple researchers who were all acting on their own.

Around dusk and dawn we have lights hanging in the sky all around Washington, with numerous transport helicopters joined by radio traffic choppers and the landing lights as planes track down the Potomac River toward Reagan National, or across the sky toward Dullas International. Often these appear to be just hanging in the air, and they're so numerous one doesn't pay much attention any more. Given that most of the Downtown area is a No Fly Zone, I'm amazed at the traffic. But unless one acts in a bizarre manner, there's no reason to suspect something alien - IMO.

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## Luminous Object Over Santa Isabel Argentina

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Date: 01.15.07  
Source: CIUFOS-LaPampa

ARGENTINA: LUMINOUS OBJECT OVER SANTA ISABEL

\*\* A report from Raul Oscar Chaves \*\*

Luis Alberto Lopez, 41, lives in Santa Isabel, a Pampean community located some 300 km west of Santa Rosa and carries out rural duties at the La Loma Alta ranch near that town, in a region known as La Puntilla.

In mid December 2006, being alone in the field and due to the intense summer heat, he decided to sleep outdoors, in the backyard of his house. At 0200 hrs. he heard the whining of his dog, sleeping nearby, and subsequently heard the sounds made by the remaining animals, prompting him to wake up immediately.

It was at that moment, still in the bed on which he rested, that he saw with certain fear and considerable astonishment, the flight of a luminous UFO over the animal pens located near the house. The object had three lights around it - one white, another yellow and another blue "...shifting toward purple". The luminous object, which did not fly over the house but managed to flood it with light, projected an intense white light over an area of approximately 50 meters, issuing "...an almost imperceptible whistling sound, like that of a wire in the wind," but no buzzing sounds whatsoever. "The silence was almost complete."

Lopez went on to say that: "...the light moved over the animal pens, lighting them from an altitude calculated at some 50/80 meters," moving at a given time to some 200 meters from the house, "where it remained static, suspended in the air" for an estimated three minutes before suddenly vanishing toward the north of the location.

This semi-arid area is thinly populated and the presence of aircraft, or fly-overs of any kind, are not customary. Lopez believes that this circumstance is of great importance when stating that the light he saw was indeed a UFO, as in his area, sightings of these are indeed customary.

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Date: Tue, 16 Jan 2007 17:48:43 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 17 Jan 2007 08:02:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Hilkevitch O'Hare Video Interview

See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/jan/ml4-003.shtml>

Hi EBK

It may be of interest to the List that the O'Hare video clip you featured of the two newsmen chatting, is on the link below.

It was taken down from the previous site.

Cheers

Dave Haith

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From: David Sunfellow  
To: Dave Haith  
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2007 5:33 PM  
Subject: Re: [nhnews] UFO: Followup: O'Hare International UFO

>Friends told me this video was taken down the day after I sent  
>it. I've had a couple of enquiries from people who want to know  
>if anybody saved it.

>You didn't save it to your PC by any chance?

Actually, yes, I did save it. You can find a copy here:

[http://www.nhne.com/files/ohare\\_2006\\_ufo.mov](http://www.nhne.com/files/ohare_2006_ufo.mov)

David Sunfellow  
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<http://www.nhne.org/>

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[Its also at UTube and at:

<http://lucianarchy.proboards21.com/index.cgi?board=video2>

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## Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix Lights

From: Dr Lynne Kitei <[drlynn@nul](mailto:drlynn@nul.com)>  
Date: Tue, 16 Jan 2007 13:12:24 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 17 Jan 2007 08:29:01 -0500  
Subject: Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix Lights

January 19th at 8 pm & 11 pm [PT] Travel Channel's Alien Encounters featuring "The Phoenix Lights"

January 20th at 10 am [PT] Travel Channel's Alien Encounters featuring "The Phoenix Lights" <http://travel.discovery.com>

Please join us for the 10th anniversary celebration of our historic and still unexplained Arizona mass sighting of March 13, 1997

Mark your calender and check out [www.thephoenixlights.net](http://www.thephoenixlights.net) for the 2 minute trailer, updates and more!

March 1

Arizona State University exhibit featuring The Phoenix Lights at the Anthropology Bld. at Cady & Tyler Mall ASU's Tempe Campus [anthro.museum @ asu.edu](mailto:anthro.museum@asu.edu)

Contact: Scott Murphy, Exhibit Curator 480.965.6224

March 3 at 2pm

Glendale Library presentation, Coincidence or Communication? and book signing by Dr. Lynne at the Glendale City Council Chambers 5850 West Glendale Avenue Glendale, AZ

Contact: Bette Sharpe (623) 930-3431 [bsharpe@nul.com](mailto:bsharpe@nul.com)

March 4 at 4 pm

Peoria Film Festival screening of The Phoenix Lights Documentary and special award ceremony at Arrowhead Harkins Theatre

Contact: Helen McCready Peoria Chamber of Commerce Film Office Commissioner

PEORIA FILM OFFICE 623-363-1543 [www.peoriafilmoffice.com](http://www.peoriafilmoffice.com)

March 10 at 7 pm

Bentley Gallery presentation, Coincidence or Communication? and book signing by Dr. Lynne. at the new Phoenix Bentley Gallery. 215 E Grant St Phoenix, AZ

Sponsored by Barnes & Noble and the Poison Pen Book Stores

March 11 at 1, 4 & 7 pm

Scottsdale's Harkins Shea Cinema 10th anniversary screenings of the The Phoenix Lights Documentary and book signing by author

and Executive Producer, Dr. Lynne at the Harkin's Shea 14 Theatre

[Scottsdale Road & Shea Blvd] 7354 E. Shea Blvd Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Contact: (480) 948-6555

March 28 at 7 pm

Paradise Valley Community College Presentation Coincidence or Communication?, book signing and Q & A by Dr. Lynne.  
18401 N. 32nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85032  
Contact: Dr. Ed Rosenthal [ed.rosenthal.nul](mailto:ed.rosenthal.nul)

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## Spanish Ufologist Rafael Farriols Passes

From: **Edoardo Russo** <[e.russo.nul](mailto:e.russo.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 16 Jan 2007 22:13:36 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 17 Jan 2007 08:32:29 -0500  
Subject: Spanish Ufologist Rafael Farriols Passes

Source: Alejandro Agostinelli

<http://www.anomalia.org/g036.htm>

Spanish ufologist Rafael Farriols died in Barcelona, on 27  
December 2006

Born in 1928, a renowned businessman and an active ufologist  
since the '60s, he had long been known as a dedicated collector  
of any documentation about the "Ummo affair" (the hundreds of  
letters sent by self-proclaimed aliens to Spanish ufologists for  
decades), a subject Farriols organized the very first congress  
upon, in 1971.

In 1969 he wrote with Antonio Ribera a book titled "Un caso  
perfecto" (A Perfect Case) about a complex series of sightings  
and photographs taken near Madrid in 1967, and a translation was  
published in Italy, too.

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From: Italian UFO NewsFlash No. 493, 6 Jan. 2007, available at:

<http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/itun493.htm>

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## Re: Interview With FUFOR Chair Don Berliner -

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 16 Jan 2007 16:40:19 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 17 Jan 2007 08:34:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Interview With FUFOR Chair Don Berliner -

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 14 Jan 2007 22:38:35 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Interview With FUFOR Chair Don Berliner

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>>Date: Sun, 14 Jan 2007 13:34:22 -0200  
>>Subject: Interview With FUFOR Chair Don Berliner

>>Interview With FUFOR Chair Don Berliner  
>>By  
>>Milton Frank President of The Brazilian Ufology Center

<snip>

>No wonder there's little hope for ufology. Ufologists tend to be  
>many disciplines; researcher investigator, scientist (although  
>it never really dawned on me why the science part is so  
>overemphasized in a phenomenon that is, well, unknown),  
>journalist and writer. Of course, we need to. But perhaps it is  
>a good suggestion to hire professional journalists to conduct  
>proper interviews? There are many ways in which we can improve  
>ufology. This would be one.

Any journalist that decides to investigate UFO sightings should have a good background in the sciences and should have studied many UFO reports in the literature. This information is needed as a background so that the UFO researcher will know what questions to ask in order to determine whether the sighting was a misidentification, hoax, delusion or an actual report of an unknown.

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## UFO Observed In Western Iran

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Subject: UFO Observed In Western Iran

Source: FARS News Agency - Tehran, Iran

<http://tinyurl.com/ygcsk7>

2007-01-16

UFO Observed In Western Iran

TEHRAN (Fars News Agency)- A radiant unidentified flying object was observed in the sky of Central Sepidar in the vicinity of Bouyer Ahmad in western Iran at 19:00 hours local time (15:30 GMT) Monday.

Witnesses told FNA that the object has been observed for one complete hour while moving southwards.

In a similar incident last Wednesday, an Unidentified Flying Object crashed in Barrez Mounts in the central province of Kerman.

Deputy Governor General of Kerman province Abulghassem Nasrollahi told FNA that the crash, which was followed by an explosion and a thick spiral of smoke, has caused no casualties or damage to properties.

He further denied earlier reports that the explosion has been the result of a plane or chopper crash, reminding that all the passing aircrafts have been reported as sound and safe.

The official further stated that investigations were underway by police and other relevant authorities in this regard.

While other reports spoke of meteors, Nasrollahi said there were no conclusive witnesses in that regard, yet he did not dismiss the possibility that the crash has been caused by a meteor.

Eye-witnesses assured that the explosion has been caused as a result of the crash of a radiant unidentified flying object onto the ground.

Meantime, an informed source told FNA that the object has been on fire and there has been thick smoke coming out of it prior to the crash, concluding that the object couldn't have been a meteor as meteors do not smoke.

The source also said that the crash has been witnessed by people in several cities, and mentioned that the rendezvous point was located 100 kilometers from the provincial capital city of Kerman.

He said that people in the city of Rafsanjan also reported to have witnessed a similar incident several days ago.

Similar crash incidents have been witnessed frequently during the last year all across Iran, and officials believe that the objects could be spy planes or a hi-tech espionage device.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://uforeview.net/>]

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## New Documentary Examines NESARA Conspiracy Theory

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Subject: New Documentary Examines NESARA Conspiracy Theory

Without Prejudice <VBG>

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Source: PRWeb - Siesta Key, Florida, USA

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2007/1/prweb498058.htm>

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Waiting For NESARA - a new documentary about a group of ex-Mormons awaiting the announcement of a secret law which they believe will abolish the IRS, remove George Bush from office, expose him as a reptilian alien, and install a UFO-flying Jesus Christ as America's new leader - was released on DVD today.

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Zeb and Elisa Haradon, the filmmakers, found the group holding weekly meetings in the back room of a local Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in Salt Lake City a few months after September 11th, 2001. Like many people, the group was seeking an explanation for what had happened on that day. Calling themselves The Open Mind Forum, the group was claiming that President Bush had staged the attacks himself because a new secret law called "NESARA" was scheduled to be announced that day, and he used the attacks as a diversion to delay its announcement.

Guided by a host of online conspiracy theorists, the group had become convinced that NESARA - the National Economic Stabilization And Recovery Act - had been signed into law in secret during the Clinton presidency, but was not scheduled to be implemented or announced until September 2001. The law's provisions and effects were supposed to include the abolishment of the IRS, the freeing of billions of dollars in hidden funds for the poor, first contact with a plethora of alien races, the return of Jesus Christ (in a UFO), the resignation of the US government, and the exposure of George W. Bush as a "reptilian alien" allied with the Illuminati and bent on the enslavement of the world.

The Haradons filmed the group for over a year, as the war with Iraq approached in March 2003. The group believed that Bush was planning that war to further delay NESARA, and as the war's inevitability became more and more certain each day, the group's meetings began to take on a more apocalyptic tone, with their online prophets informing them that UFO allies would announce their presence and intervene to prevent the war.

Despite the group's unusual beliefs, the film does not hold them up for mockery, but simply observes quietly, a stance praised by many reviewers, "The Haradons humanized their subjects, and when the film ended I simply thought: 'Wow, these are nice people. They've found purpose in their lives. And they're cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs'." wrote one reviewer, David Johnson (dvdverdict.com). During the one-on-one interviews with the group members which appear in the film, many members of the group discuss their path starting in the Mormon church, through excommunication from that church, and finally arriving at The Open Mind Forum.

The film has played at a number of film festivals in Australia, Switzerland, and The United States. It won the award for "Best Comedy Documentary" at The 2006 Atlanta International Documentary Festival, and was named the movie of the year for 2006 by the website badlit.com. The film was released on DVD today and can be obtained at [www.indieflix.com](http://www.indieflix.com)

Direct link:

<http://www.indieflix.com/FilmDetail.aspx?tid=7443>

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## 'I Know Why the Aliens Don't Land' By Jeremy Vaeni

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Fwd Date: Wed, 17 Jan 2007 09:02:03 -0500  
Subject: 'I Know Why the Aliens Don't Land' By Jeremy Vaeni

A Review

Jeremy Vaeni's I Know Why the Aliens Don't Land! is a sprawling book that sucks us in, then teases, frustrates, and finally delivers in it's own way. As a recent addition to the growing body of alien abduction literature, Vaeni's very personal observations are probably the clearest answers to the phenomenon in memory.

Did I like the book?

Yes.

Would I recommend the book?

Hmm.....

[Uh oh. He has to think about it.]

If I were Roger Ebert, given a choice between a 'thumbs-up' and a 'thumbs-down', I'd definitely choose 'thumbs-left'.

Why? - It depends on what you want out of the book.

If you're looking for quick answers and a linear narrative, numerous hair raising events, surgical extractions of implants, and analytical discussions on what those little guys are doing invading our homes and bodies, you're going to be disappointed.

But if you want a meaningful answer as to what those little guys are doing invading our homes and bodies, you'll get it, as Lt. Colonel Philip Corso would say, if you can take it.

Vaeni's style is quirky and engaging, and restlessly jumps from one expositional form to another, making his points in the style he deems best suited for the moment. The 'spine' of the book is the use of an ongoing interview - a device employed by no less than Aristotle in his Dialogues - between a "Norm De Plume" and himself. Beyond this, the book is a kaleidoscope of prose techniques, including news clippings, poems, and both first and third person narratives. Though not born of blogging and the internet, his style suits the blogosphere well - quick, punchy, and irreverent.

We get to know Vaeni in candid - even explicit - detail. He engages us quickly. We get to know and care about him, and because of this we are willing to follow down the twists and turns of his story.

The payoff of the book is long in coming, and this reader found this distracting. Though enjoined in the author's introduction to not read but to experience the book, I began to find the teasing detours and the crazy quilt of the prose a bit tedious. Hitting Chapter 11 and confronted with the title "time out for song, poem, story, and ranting" (page 50) I lost patience with it and jumped to the end of the book and skimmed back to find an unwavering discussion on the subject of aliens pick up at Chapter 53, page 310 out of the book's 381.

And yet, I went back to read the rest.

What at first blush appear to be long digressions on unrelated matters - his emotionally torturous love life as a high school student and young adult, coming to (and living through the culture shock) of New York City, a very long narrative about his career at Nickelodeon studios and an intensely frustrating affair - give us context, helps us understand the paradoxical nature of Vaeni's struggles, and adds to the overall ambience. (I will never be able to think about Nickelodeon as anything other than a corporate political nightmare again.) These same needs could probably have been fulfilled more quickly, and possibly more effectively - the fiction writer in me would wanted to have seen a more linear narrative, demonstrating the interplay between the personal events of his life and the paranormal ones. One could argue these tangents help exposition the human condition, one of the overall points of the book, but can't help but feel like uncorrelated - albeit absorbing - digressions.

Despite the book's flaws, it is an engaging book for two reasons

Vaeni is an excellent writer. He engages, he plays, he doesn't rest. The vitality of his prose never flags. He has understood the painfully obvious fundamental (and all-too-frequently ignored) rule of writing: a writer's work needs to be interesting.

Beyond this, the real strength of I Know Why the Aliens Don't Land! is the personality and 'personableness' of the narrator. It comes through clearly. We know Jeremy Vaeni, we care about him, and because we care about him we forgive him his excesses and listen to his wisdom when he finally offers it.

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I Know Why the Aliens Don't Land! is available through Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and as an eBook through Filament Books.

- Daniel

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The Meaning of Existence (and all that):  
The Odd Little Universe of Daniel Brenton  
<http://www.danielbrenton.com>

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## Re: 'I Know Why the Aliens Don't Land' By Jeremy

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Hello;

Sincerity in a non-sneering artistry minus its scintilla of  
guile, polished or otherwise, impresses me, Mr. Brenton, and I'm  
not remotely shy about saying so. Accordingly, I wrote the  
following about Mr. Vaeni's compelling film.

Contrary to other 'testimony'? It's not just any mouth-  
breather, I suspect, who can weave together unsettlingly, even  
morbidly discomfiting electrons into a film which delivers in  
the oblique way to which you allude... as to jumping to the end?  
Don't you dare, Sir.

To derive the maximum effect from this overtly viral visual,  
watch it early one undistracted morning after a coffee. Try  
to take your eyes away... When it's completed, sit quietly for  
a moment and Grok it in fullness, eh? Sincerity you can cut  
with a knife... that cuts like a knife. Verily, you can learn  
things about, 'things'... eh?

<http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/2006/08/stunned-applause.html>

(for illustration)

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Stunned Applause

Jeremy Vaeni is another one of those guys I don't know from Bunny Pants. No, Bunny Pants isn't fair. Right out of the gate there is more respect tendered for Mr. Vaeni than mere "Bunny Pants" will allow.

See? "Bunny Pants" is an intimation that further investigation may be wasted time, and that said investigation might be considered ill advised. "Bunny Pants" abounds. Not so, Mr. Vaeni.

There is suspected there, there, reader. Investigation is warranted, I'd warrant.

We'll forget for a moment that the son-of-a-bitch can write (in a way that grabs this old soldier by his stacking-swivels)! He can also make film equally hungry for those self-same swivels aforementioned! Why, he's one of only two guys I know I'd like to be able to write 'like', actually. I'm in no way shamed.

Still, I don't know him well. He could be another clever charlatan. I've some experience with same. Still, even burned and shy? I don't think so.

I met the guy as a result of a regular and very cleverly executed column he writes for "UFO Magazine." It's ironic that I'd not found him on the INTERNET, but noticed him first in a technology as old as the 19th century... a pulp magazine, even if an excellent example of one...

He makes films, I said. "Hungry film," I said. Did I say he was funny? I mean that both ways, too. Laugh out-loud (with him)... and 'peculiar' funny. But that's a good thing.

And you get the feeling that he has throttled way back on his humor, reader, refrained from stoking that boiler gratuitously... Eh? In his way, after his fashion, passed through his filter and through his lens? He would have you take him seriously.

I shall.

His film? Well... think "Blair Witch Project" but dial it back about five points (lose a lot of the tormented snot), re-point it into the non-gratuitous but weirdly akimbo, and then push the un-trod path \*hyperspace\* button. As I've really never seen anything like it? I can't tell you what it is... reader. I fall short.

Why do you watch? I can sum it up into one word. Honesty. Honesty that is blistering to ones countenance and enough sometimes to make you squirm in your seat.

Strange honesty! Honesty that can make you flinch, but a flinch somehow strangely revisit-able. You have some difficulty believing that you saw what you saw and revisit it to find that you see what you see, you see?

Be forewarned! It is a kind of honesty that we are not used to with virtually nothing on a thousand channels of television, a billion web pages, and millions of books, papers, and magazines. Vaeni's film has an honesty that hurts as an observer watches the filmmaker explicate this hard-edged honesty safe in his TV chair at home... deceiving himself that he is not PART of the freak-show Vaeni pours through his assaulted sensibilities... gird your loins reader!

Vaeni did.

What's Jeremy Vaeni on about?

A seemingly sane and abundantly rational Jeremy Vaeni thinks he has inter-operated with the perplexing, enigmatic, and indefatigable \*other\*, boys and girls; I'd be using a duplicitously unflattering light if I just said... "abducted by



aliens."

See, I shan't give the reader the opportunity to dismiss him so quickly! I remind the reader that there is more to his heaven and Earth than he can dream... whether he chooses to regard it or not! Moreover, I encourage these lads and lassies quick with that easy dismissal regarding uncomfortable concepts to which Vaeni alludes that they are disserved by their ignorance, disturbing news does not get better with age, and that any bliss detected in ignorance is naught but a dangerous lie, reader, anyway!

Made uncomfortable by the honesty of Jeremy Vaeni, the observer is served even if it is only that an observer finds heartfelt relief they are not Jeremy Vaeni. See? In a strange way Vaeni has courage so you don't have to, reader, even as you are encouraged to a little courage all your own.

Vaeni has "sack" reader, an eccentric strength of tested convictions, apparently. In a long military career I was a veteran of combat and senior training staff at hard-corps Officer Candidate schools, folks. I know what courage is. Vaeni has same in proverbial spades and super-sized boxcars.

Additionally, in clarion answer to Peggy Lee's timelessly poignant question... what the reader sees in apparent operation around them is not "all there is." Vaeni helps strike the scales from your weary and watering eyes about that. He's convincing with regard to the outlandish he suggests because he is so damned honest about everything else!

Everything else, reader.

When you see the film? You'll understand what I mean. See the film. Everything else just gets a little bit clearer.

Winding up, I suspect the reader will agree that Vaeni's film is many things. Among these are that the film is nothing like the reader has ever seen. Its deprecating honesty is brutally, if non-violently, sincere. Its production values are excellent and damned if you don't find yourself, like extended friends and family, really liking this strange man named Jeremy Vaeni... even as he leads you to the very edge of credulity... where you'll jump, yourself, if you have a lick of sense or soul. I suspect Jeremy won't push you.

In closing: Vaeni soars and cleaves in the spirit of the finest Giordano Bruno and, that good, may even live to grace the stake of same. There are worse ways to end your days, reader. Read on!

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In addition to producing (out of thin air by report!) No One's Watching: An Alien Abductee's Story, Vaeni is a writer of a regular column in UFO Magazine, and author of a book titled I Know Why The Aliens Don't Land!

Try to keep up. I am.

See more at: <http://www.valiens.com/>

[alienview.nul](#)

[www.AlienView.net](http://www.AlienView.net)

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## Re: Crucial O'Hare UFO Footage? - Gammon

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>>>Such an explanation is the one which comes to mind for most  
>>>people, myself included. Having a father, retired Air Force,  
>>>stationed at an airport, as well as living on base for several  
>>>years, has given me many an opportunity to view landing craft  
>>>and their associated lights. I must admit that I have only  
>>>witnessed 3-4 planes preparing to land at once, and never the  
>>>six or so as as implied on tape.

>>>With regard to the video, the lights do indeed appear odd. Had  
>>>such formation occurred anywhere other than an airport then I  
>>>personally feel this video would have definitely triggered  
>>>another 'Phoenix'-type event. This said, I lean toward it being  
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>>>has recently stated that he watched the lights for approximately  
>>>thirty to forty minutes only lends credence to a more mundane  
>>>explanation.

>>>Now, the real question is, What must we do to get a hold of a  
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On the waterfront

On The Surface Of It, UFOs Could Lurk

By Kristopher Hanson  
Staff columnist

For nearly 60 years, rumors have circulated of strange flying objects emerging from the ocean off our coast and disappearing in a fantastic flash of speed and light.

Sailors, fishermen, dockworkers, police officers, coastal residents and others have reported eerie otherworldly ships emerging from and submerging into local waters.

UFOs, it seems, have established an underwater base somewhere in the deep, dark recesses between the Channel Islands and the coastline between Long Beach and Santa Barbara.

Despite a tendency to scoff at such conspiracies, I decided to do a little investigating. You know, just to be sure.

To learn more, I contacted UFO researcher Preston Bennett of Los Angeles, who appeared on the recent History Channel special "Deep Sea UFOs."

Bennett reports more than 40 documented sightings off SoCal's coast since 1947, including several in and around Long Beach-San Pedro.

"In these types of cases, UFOs are seen moving into and out of the water, floating on the surface and also traveling beneath the surface," Bennett said via e-mail. "Many of these cases are well-verified, with witnesses including police officers, lifeguards, military personnel and other professionals."

Intrigued, I contacted Lt. Chuck Engbring of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Engbring wasn't familiar with any recent UFO sightings at his agency, but recalled an incident not long ago where passengers on a commercial flight departing LAX reported seeing an unfamiliar object ascend from the sea to the sky off Point Vicente in Rancho Palos Verdes.

That incident sounded strangely similar to a sighting in early November at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. I called LAX.

Although no one could recall the Pointe Vicente incident, I was

referred to a July 22, 2002, sighting of a flying triangle off the coast.

My next inquiry was to the LBPB.

They had nothing recent to report, but there's always the famous images captured by LBPB helicopter pilots on Dec. 25, 2004.

At around 11:30 p.m. that night, the chopper's videocamera recorded a strange glowing object floating through the Long Beach sky. They forwarded the tape to local military officials, who couldn't - or wouldn't - identify it.

A copy of the tape was even given to KABC and broadcast around the world, but nobody could figure out what it was.

Maybe there was something to this UFO stuff after all?

My next inquiry was at Long Beach Airport.

Airport Spokeswoman Sharon Diggs-Jackson said that in December, a resident reported seeing unusual lights moving erratically across the night sky.

Airport officials couldn't explain it.

As I learned during my research, such sightings date back to World War II, when reports of UFOs and USOs (unidentified submarine objects) began surfacing around the area.

The mother of all sightings probably occurred on the night of Feb. 24-25, 1942, in what became known as the "Battle of Los Angeles."

Jittery from the recent attack on Pearl Harbor, military personnel manning anti-aircraft weapons along the coast were ready for action when reports spread of "unidentified aircraft" approaching from sea.

When a bright object was spotted above Santa Monica Bay, shooting began, and "the air over Los Angeles erupted like a volcano," according to press reports at the time.

No enemy plane was ever found.

Many more incidents followed in the succeeding decades, though thankfully none involved heavy weapons.

On Aug. 8, 1954, a Japanese steam ship, Aiki, was floating off the coast of Long Beach when several crew members observed an underwater UFO, Bennett reported in a February 2006 article titled "Is There an Underwater UFO Base Off the Southern California Coast?"

As the intercepted radio message from the ship reads, "Saw fireball move in and out of sea without being doused. Left wake of white smoke; course erratic; vanished from sight."

This was all getting a bit too weird.

The Press-Telegram's new offices high above downtown Long Beach provide a perfect view of the port, harbor and beyond to Catalina Island.

Despite my deep skepticism during research into this column, I found myself staring out the window across the bay, hoping to catch a glimpse of something strange emerging from beneath.

I'll let you know if anything pops into view.

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Absolutely, Federal Agencies started to get calls from all  
across the Country after the Andrews incident, and most were  
working from information that was being posted so it was almost  
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And you are, of course, entitled to your opinion. As a Federal  
worker in Washington and former news reporter, I would prefer to  
have evidence that led to a conclusion.

Steve

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## New Photographs Of Possible UFOs In Brazil

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Subject: New Photographs Of Possible UFOs In Brazil

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Photo # 1

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Description: Photo taken by Roberto Di Sena, former military. He described taken the photo anytime between 08h30 and 10h00 a.m. local time, on November 26, 2006, in a location called Alagamar, periphery of the city of Natal, state of Rio Grande no Norte, Brazil. Di Sena did not observe anything unusual in the sky and took several pictures at random, deleting a few later. Fortunately, he did not delete this one. The camera used was a Pentax Optio 60 6.0 megapixels.

Photo # 2

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Description: Photo taken by Carlos Alberto Souza, businessman. He was traveling by car with his wife Anna Almeida and brother-in-law at the Brazilian federal road BR-267 near Bataguassu, state of Mato Grosso do Sul. Souza asked the wife to take photos of the road and the beautiful scenery, which she did. Nobody saw anything unusual and the strange object was noticed only when the photo was downloaded into the computer. The camera used was a Sony Cybershot W30 6.0 megapixels.

Both images are still under analysis!

Credits:

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Best regards!

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## Celebrating 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix Lights -

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Fwd Date: Wed, 17 Jan 2007 16:39:58 -0500  
Subject: Celebrating 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix Lights -

>From: Dr Lynne Kitei <[drlynn.nul](mailto:drlynn.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 16 Jan 2007 13:12:24 -0700  
>Subject: Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix Lights

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I cannot attend any of her many book signings but I want to congratulate Lynne Kitei on the great success of her recent book and DVD on the important and still unexplained "Phoenix Lights" UFO incident of March 13, 1997.

Ironically, the string of low level lights in the sky that were seen by many that night, including Lynne, is by far the weakest evidence to this major UFO sighting in my opinion. Regarding those flares that were dropped near Phoenix by the Maryland National Guard, Lynne is quoted as saying "I have no doubt that flares were set off to avert attention".

Although Lynne's book and DVD has renewed much public attention to what happened that night over Arizona nearly a decade ago, her own personal sightings of other lights in the sky, including many prior to the Phoenix Lights UFO incident of March 13, 1997 and continue to this day can easily and reasonably be explained as aircraft approach over the busy Phoenix International Airport!

As for Lynne's personal views as to what these lights in the sky are and what their presence means to us, I do not share them, but everyone is free to express their own beliefs. I just hope her views do not distract from the ongoing pursuit of the truth on what really happened in the skies over Arizona a decade ago or is used by others to discount or dismiss this key case in modern ufology.

Nick Balaskas

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A.J., List

The first photo is suspect in that it looks like an object that could have merely been tossed in the air.

The second looks very much like a bird caught in flight.

My \$0.02

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The 8:30 PM flyover of a dark triangle is unexplained.

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Air Force Colonel Reports Lights 'Not Of This World'

By Joe Kovacs

Snaps images above Arkansas: 'I have no idea what they were'

In the wake of reports of unidentified objects flying over Chicago's O'Hare Airport, a retired Air Force pilot has his own mystery with a rash of bright, colorful lights he photographed hovering in skies over western Arkansas last week.

"I believe these lights were not of this world, and I feel a duty and responsibility to come forward," Col. Brian Fields told WND. "I have no idea what they were."

Fields, 61, was cooking chicken at his Van Buren, Ark., home Jan. 9 when just before 7 p.m., he observed two intensely bright lights as he looked to the southeast close to the horizon.

"At first I thought they were landing lights from an aircraft," he said. "As I continued to observe them they began to slowly disappear, then suddenly one reappeared, followed by two, then three. On at least one occasion four or five appeared. Each time they would slowly fade and eventually disappear. This occurred several times and when they would reappear they might do so in differing numbers and in different positions, sometimes in a triangular shape, sometimes stacked on top of each other, sometimes line abreast, etc. When the objects appeared they might stay illuminated 10 or more minutes."

Fields' wife thought the lights may have been ground-based, but Fields says he's certain they were airborne. The retired colonel spent close to 32 years in the military, flying F-16s as a member of the 188th Fighter Wing of the Arkansas Air National Guard.

"I'm certain it wasn't an aircraft [from Earth]," said Fields, who also ruled out the possibility of flares, saying they didn't descend like flares typically do. "It's not anything I ever had any experience with. They were some kind of energy or something."

Fields grabbed his Canon digital camera with 6 megapixel resolution to document what he and his wife were seeing, and snapped numerous images of the mysterious lights, which appeared white, yellow and orange.

He says the phenomenon lasted an hour and 15 minutes, and local news agencies have not published or broadcast any reports of what the couple witnessed. WND surveyed local police and sheriffs agencies, as well as Fort Chaffee, a decommissioned Army base in the region, and no one reported anything out of the ordinary.

"I just can't imagine other people didn't see it," Fields said, noting they appeared at times like a yo-yo at 5 to 10 degrees above the horizon.

Earlier this month, the Chicago Tribune reported workers for United Air Lines said they saw a flying saucerlike object hovering "low over O'Hare International Airport for several minutes before bolting through thick clouds with such intense energy that it left an eerie hole in overcast skies."

That Nov. 7 sighting took place just before sunset about 4:30 p.m.

According to Tribune columnist Jon Hilkevitch, "All the witnesses said the object was dark gray and well defined in the overcast skies. They said the craft, estimated by different accounts to be 6 feet to 24 feet in diameter, did not display any lights.

"Some said it looked like a rotating Frisbee, while others said it did not appear to be spinning. All agreed the object made no noise and it was at a fixed position in the sky, just below the 1,900-foot cloud deck, until shooting off into the clouds."

When interviewed on National Public Radio about the story, Hilkevitch indicated the event was anything but a hoax.

"That's what impressed me about this. All aviation professionals, very credible sources and they are very serious," Hilkevitch said. "They are not saying what they saw was a, you know, a spaceship from another planet, but it was unidentified, it was in restricted airspace, and they were concerned from a safety standpoint. That if this was something man-made, they needed to get it out of there because they were having busy flight operations in the early evening hours."

Back in Arkansas, Col. Fields, who says he's a Christian who has not been a believer in alien life forms from other planets, speculated what he saw could possibly be related to ancient texts from the Bible.

One of them is Luke 21:11, where Jesus discusses signs of the End Times, stating, "And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven."

Another is even more ancient, going back to the time of Noah's flood.

"That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. . . . There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown." (Genesis 6:2-4)

These Old Testament verses have been enigmatic for centuries, but many Christians believe they refer to a time in antiquity when spirit beings, perhaps angels in rebellion against God, visited Earth and had sexual relations with human women, producing "giants," which is translated from the Hebrew word "Nephilim," which some scholars say is better translated as "fallen ones."

"I believe it's prophetic, something do with what's happening in the Middle East today," said Fields. "If this is some kind of event with visitation, it's entirely possible. When the anti-Christ comes into power, it's not going to be something we expect. The deception that is going to be attached to it is going to be so powerful, you're gonna have to go against your reason to reject it."

While Fields cannot be certain of what it was he saw, he wants to tell people not to be deceived.

"Be awake, be mindful you can be deceived," he said. "There are things that can shake our world."

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://uforeview.net/>]

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From: **Bob Shell** <[bob.nul](mailto:bob.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 08:27:07 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 11:05:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Photographs Of Possible UFOs In Brazil -

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## Website Name

From: **Geoff Richardson** <[geoff.nul](mailto:geoff.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 17:50:38 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 17:07:57 -0500  
Subject: Website Name

Hi,

May I notify the members of this List that The WHY? Files website ([www.thewhyfiles.net](http://www.thewhyfiles.net)) has been in existence since 1998.

The use of the same title by another website does not imply any connection between my original website and any other website using the same name.

Geoff Richardson  
[www.thewhyfiles.net](http://www.thewhyfiles.net)

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## Another UFO Buzzes Santa Rosa Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 13:40:46 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 17:12:29 -0500  
Subject: Another UFO Buzzes Santa Rosa Argentina

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 18, 2007

Source: CIUFOS-La Pampa  
Date: January 18, 2007

Argentina: Another UFO Buzzes Santa Rosa

On December 28, 2006, the time being 17:00 hours, residents of the Plan 5000 neighborhood, located in the southern section of the city of Santa Rosa, La Pampa, were witnesses to the maneuvers of a shining silvery object.

Liliana Contreras, of legal age and a master builder by trade, was performing a job in front of her house and looked up to see an object she defined as "...having a flattened, elongated shape, with rounded edges, like a flattened Rugby ball, silver in color but very shiny."

The witness adds that the object was moving from the NNE toward the NNW, viewing it some 45 degrees toward the North.

When the roof of the house hindered her viewing, she quickly raced to the back of the house, continuing her viewing of the object until it became lost due to the sunlight. She maintains that "...the silvery object maintained a well-defined and level trajectory."

This sighting was corroborated by her brother Eduardo, who in the company of a friend on his way back home, witnessed the same phenomena.

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Secrecy News - 01/18/07

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 12:52:27 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 17:14:34 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News - 01/18/07

SECRECY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
Volume 2007, Issue No. 7  
January 18, 2007

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AN EFFORT TO RESTRICT CLASSIFIED EARMARKS

The use of the national security classification system to conceal "earmarks" - targeted allocations of funds - that are self-serving or corrupt would be eliminated if a proposal by Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) becomes law.

The proposal was offered as an amendment to Senate bill S. 1, the Legislative Transparency and Accountability Act of 2007, which is pending in the Senate.

"The amendment prohibits any bill authorization or appropriation from containing an earmark in the classified portion of that bill or accompanying a report, unless there is unclassified language that describes in general terms the nature of the earmark. The amount of the earmark is disclosed and the sponsor of the earmark is identified," Sen. Feinstein explained.

"This amendment would provide the public with the assurance that the classified parts of the defense and intelligence budgets- which are indeed large-are subjected to the same scrutiny and openness as everything else."

"The need for the amendment was made clear by the actions of former Congressman Duke Cunningham. According to a report by the House Intelligence Committee, Cunningham was able to enact a staggering \$70 million to \$80 million in classified earmarks over a 5-year period. These earmarks benefited his business partners and were not known to most Members of the Congress or the public," Sen. Feinstein said.

See her January 16 remarks on the measure here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007\\_cr/earmark.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/earmark.html)

The fate of the Legislative Transparency bill was uncertain after Republican Senators objected to a Democratic refusal to consider an amendment concerning a line-item veto.

WARRANTLESS SURVEILLANCE CASES GO TO FISA COURT



Attorney General Alberto Gonzales notified the Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday that President Bush will not reauthorize the controversial Terrorist Surveillance Program and that the surveillance activities conducted in that program will henceforth be subject to authorization by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

The Attorney General's January 17 letter to Senators Patrick Leahy and Arlen Specter is here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/fisa/ag011707.pdf>

The initial responses of Senators Leahy and Specter are here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007\\_cr/fisa011707.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/fisa011707.html)

The numerous questions raised by the Attorney General's letter were asked though mostly not answered in a background briefing for reporters which is transcribed here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2007/01/doj011707.html>

Background on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/fisa/index.html>

#### SELECTED CRS REPORTS

Some noteworthy new reports of the Congressional Research Service that have not been made readily available to the public include the following.

"Iran: Profile and Statements of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad," January 16, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RS22569.pdf>

"Iraq: Regional Perspectives and U.S. Policy," January 12, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL33793.pdf>

"A Joint Committee on Intelligence: Proposals and Options from the 9/11 Commission and Others," updated December 20, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL32525.pdf>

"Sea-Based Ballistic Missile Defense - Background and Issues for Congress," updated December 19, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL33745.pdf>

"Federal Emergency Management Policy Changes After Hurricane Katrina: A Summary of Statutory Provisions," December 15, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homsec/RL33729.pdf>

#### WP: HOW TO BURY A SECRET

The imposition of a deadline for automatic declassification of most 25 year old, historically valuable classified records on December 31, 2006 rewrote the bureaucratic software that governs the national security classification system. In principle, official secrecy can no longer be indefinite and open-ended.

Nevertheless, declassification will not be translated into disclosure and public access until the severe logistical and financial challenges that are facing the National Archives can be overcome.

The Washington Post took a look at the lay of the land in "How to Bury A Secret: Turn it into Paperwork" by Lynne Duke, January 16, 2007:

<http://tinyurl.com/35lwa9>

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Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 14:32:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 17:35:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Photographs Of Possible UFOs In Brazil -

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Hi Bob, Terry, all...

Brazilian UFO expert engineer Claudeir Covo has analyzed the first photo (not the second one) and concluded that the object is something in the air, but not as small as a hubcap. I first suspected of a copy & paste procedure from other (legitimate) UFO photo to one recently shot. That was not the case. We are still going on in the investigation and thank you for any new info to lead us to a conclusion.

A. J.

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## Re: Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 15:44:47 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 07:47:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix

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>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
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I don't believe Nick was referencing the enormous V-shaped craft witnessed by so many; there is much confusion with the mainstream media mixing the 5 videos shot of the "10.00 pm flare drop" and the declaration of the 8:30 witnesses. Moreover, there are shots of inbound aircraft lights salted into the mix.

For clarity, I recommend reading eye-witness Mike Fortson's article, The Non-Investigation of The Phoenix Lights - My View, found at:

<http://tinyurl.com/23xzj6>

Cheers,

Frank

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Fwd Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 08:05:53 -0500  
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Source: WorldNetDaily.Com - Catharpin, Virginia, USA

[http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=53841](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=53841)

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UFO Frenzy Ignited By Air Force Officer

Others report strange phenomenon, digital expert views possible  
'pilot'

By Joe Kovacs  
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A retired Air Force colonel who photographed mysterious, colorful lights hovering over western Arkansas last week has ignited a frenzy of interest in unexplained airborne phenomena, as WND has received numerous reports of similar sightings across the U.S., while a digital expert has filtered the pictures to reveal startling images of what he says could be the "pilot" of the unidentified craft.

"I believe these lights were not of this world, and I feel a duty and responsibility to come forward", said Col. Brian Fields, who spent nearly 32 years in the military piloting F-16 fighter jets. "I have no idea what they were."

As WND exclusively reported, Fields, 61, was at his Van Buren, Ark., home Jan. 9 when just before 7 p.m., he observed two intensely bright lights as he looked to the southeast close to the horizon.

"At first I thought they were landing lights from an aircraft", he said. "As I continued to observe them they began to slowly disappear, then suddenly one reappeared, followed by two, then three. On at least one occasion four or five appeared. Each time they would slowly fade and eventually disappear. This occurred several times and when they would reappear they might do so in differing numbers and in different positions, sometimes in a triangular shape, sometimes stacked on top of each other, sometimes line abreast, etc. When the objects appeared they might stay illuminated 10 or more minutes."

Fields' wife thought the lights may have been ground-based, but Fields says he's certain they were airborne.

"I'm certain it wasn't an aircraft [from Earth]", said Fields, who also ruled out the possibility of flares, saying they didn't descend like flares typically do. "It's not anything I ever had any experience with... They were some kind of energy or

something."

Fields snapped numerous images of the white, yellow and orange lights using a Canon digital camera with 6 megapixel resolution.

The story received heightened exposure after being posted on the Drudge Report yesterday, and became one of the most-viewed news reports in WND history. That prompted many others to contact WND, saying they witnessed the same or similar phenomenon.

"When I read this story, I literally got chill bumps all over my body, because it was exactly as I remember it also", said Will Childers of Camden, Ark., who says he saw the same lights Jan. 10 at approximately 7:15 p.m. in southern Arkansas.

A pilot from Lancaster, Pa., says he witnessed the mystery lights two years ago over northwestern Arkansas.

"I contacted Air Traffic Control and asked if they were handling or painting any aircraft off my left, and they informed me there no aircraft visible on radar in that direction for a couple of hundred miles", Rick Armellino told WND. "About 15 or 20 minutes after first noticing these two lights, both began changing position relative to one another, and then multiplied into about five or six smaller lights which began orbiting each another fairly briskly, and then simply just disappeared, leaving me very perplexed."

Richard Mobley, a software developer who commutes from Scottsdale, Ariz., to his home in Tucson, says he witnessed "the same exact thing" Fields described, noting his incident took place Nov. 15, 2006.

Mobley registered the following characteristics about the behavior of the objects:

- They appeared over the Gila Indian Reservation and moved southeast;
- I saw one, then two, then three, then four and five of these objects light up;
- Each lit up at a different time and went out at different times;
- Sometimes they would be in a row, and at other times they would appear stacked close to each other (bunched up or on top of each other);
- They were about 6,000 to 10,000 feet off the ground moving, high enough to flying over the mountain range;
- The light (when lit) was a round, super intense amber light which seemed to illuminate the ground below them;
- They would light up for about five to seven minutes and then dim down and go out;
- After about three minutes of being out, they would light back up, going from dim to intense amber light (not clear color like airplane landing lights);
- There was an aircraft in the area which had landing lights on as well a beacon light (red and green on the wings and tail) so to distinguish between these object and a plane was easy;
- At the height they were flying at and the amount of light given off, it showed that these objects were quite large.

In Belton, Texas, Jim Martin, a national sales manager for Clear Channel Radio says he, too, "observed a bright, white round light looking exactly like Col. Fields' pictures", but his sighting was Dec. 22, 2006.

Martin speculated it might have been a meteor headed directly toward him since "it did not vary in location in the sky" and that "it slowly dissipated without losing altitude."

And Jeff Pement of Pensacola, Fla., says he saw the same phenomenon as well.



"Except for the duration of time the lights stay visible, the description of the lights is exactly as I have seen it. Some of my friends think I am crazy. A few have witnessed them as I have taken them to the spot where I would typically see them. When I read Col. Fields' words describing what he saw, it was as if I was relating the event to someone."

A spokesman for the Air Force Space Command headquarters at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado told WND he had not heard anything like what was reported, but he would check into it.

In Fields' hometown of Van Buren, comet-watcher Mike Holloway was photographing Comet McNaught in the sky the same night of the colonel's sighting, and he said what Fields had witnessed was apparently something quite different from the comet.

"I do not think this has anything to do with the comet that was visible in the west sky just after sunset", Holloway told WND. "I imaged the comet on the 8th and 9th of January, and these lights look nothing like the comet."

Meanwhile, a digital-production expert in Columbia, S.C., analyzed the photographs taken by Fields, processing both the yellow-light image and the orange-light image through various filters using computer software.

"I was kind of surprised", said Mark Kirby, president and CEO of EIC Research, Inc.

When Kirby did a black-and-white analysis of the yellow light image, he noted "it looks like a clean silhouette of someone sitting behind a console or flight control."

When he examined the orange light, he said the result was "a bit scary", as he perceived what seemed like a face looking directly ahead.

"You could literally see two eyes and a mouth", Kirby said. "It looked like someone looking at you."

Kirby, who says he doesn't really believe in extraterrestrial life from elsewhere in the universe, wondered, "Could this be the first actual photo of visitors from another planet?"

He also proffered a more earthly explanation, saying, "It's not far-fetched to believe it's something our military has developed."

Nearly a decade ago, in March 1997, hundreds of Arizona residents witnessed strange illuminations in the sky, which have come to be known as "the Phoenix Lights", a mystery which has yet to be resolved.

Some readers have suggested the possibility of "earthquake lights", which are believed to be flashes or glows of light associated with strong seismic activity.

Still others maintain the "not of this world" lights were definitely nothing supernatural.

"I get a little annoyed by 'prior military people' talking about 'strange lights in the sky,'" said James Whitesell of Greenwood, Ind. "Tell the former Air Force officer to step back and take a deep breath... It was likely an illumination round of some type."

Stephen Richard Armour, an American missionary working as a video producer in Brazil since 1977, thinks the event could likely be a hoax similar to one he witnessed.

"Some clever kids had taken a clear [2 liter] Coke bottle, inverted it and cut little breathing holes in the top and one in the exact center of the inverted bottom", he said. "They had then put a lit candle in the cap, stuck a toothpick tied to a string in the center hole and had then hung the string down about 50 feet or so from [a] black kite, hanging from the dark string they used. When they flew the kite up high, it was big enough to pull the candlelit Coke bottle up, which then very convincingly, bobbed up and down (like a yo-yo) with the kite."

Armour suggests Fields, who is honestly reporting what he saw,

was simply "suckered".

"No aliens, no demons", he said, "only kids or malicious adults with some multiple kite variation of this trick."

[Thanks to Chaz Stuart for the lead]

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Subject: Iranians Report 'Radiant UFO'

Source: YNetNews.Com - Tel Aviv, Israel

<http://tinyurl.com/yofvre>

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Iranians Report 'Radiant UFO'

Iranian news agency reports 'a radiant unidentified flying object in Western Iran'

by  
Yaakov Lappin

A UFO omitting a "yellow ray" has been seen across Western Iran, the Fars News Agency claimed in a report recently.

"Witnesses told FNA (Fars News Agency) that the object has been observed for more than an hour," the report said, adding: "In a similar incident last Monday, an Unidentified Flying Object was witnessed in the same area and at the same time."

According to eye witnesses, "the UFO has been as big as a ball, with a yellow ray and a bright reddish color in the center. They also stated that the object has been flying at a very low altitude."

The FNA said Iranian officials declined to comment.

The Iranian news outlet also reported a UFO "crashing" last Wednesday, "in Barrez Mounts in the central province of Kerman."

"Deputy Governor General of Kerman province Abulghassem Nasrollahi told FNA that the crash, which was followed by an explosion and a thick spiral of smoke, has caused no casualties or damage to properties," the report said, adding: "He further denied earlier reports that the explosion has been the result of a plane or chopper crash, reminding that all the passing aircrafts have been reported as sound and safe."

Iranian authorities were investigating the crash, described by witnesses as an explosion "caused as a result of the crash of a radiant unidentified flying object onto the ground. "

"Meantime, an informed source told FNA that the object has been on fire and there has been thick smoke coming out of it prior to the crash, concluding that the object couldn't have been a meteor as meteors do not smoke," the article said.

It added: "The source also said that the crash has been witnessed by people in several cities, and mentioned that the rendezvous point was located 100 kilometers from the provincial capital city of Kerman . He said that people in the city of Rafsanjan also reported to have witnessed a similar incident several days ago."

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## UFO Over Arkansas Similar To Phoenix Lights?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 09:21:47 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 09:21:47 -0500  
Subject: UFO Over Arkansas Similar To Phoenix Lights?

Source: The National Ledger - Apache Junction, Arizona, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/yw9ao4>

Jan 18, 2007

[Several links in article below at site]

UFO Over Arkansas: New Sighting Similar To Phoenix Lights?  
By Michael Amsterdam

With the ten year anniversary of 'The Phoenix Lights' approaching in March and the still unexplained UFO that was spotted over Chicago's O'Hare airport it seems as if the buzz about unexplained objects witnessed flying over space is again reaching mainstream sources.

The Chicago Tribune reported earlier that the story about the UFO that was witnessed by at least a dozen people over the airport was their most viewed online story of the month. There is still no credible explanation as to what the witnesses viewed over the airport.

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Now a retired Air Force pilot is reporting that he spotted and photographed what he believes is a UFO over his home in Arkansas. According to an online report from World Net Daily the retired Colonel first believed that the lights were that of an aircraft. But after observing he decided otherwise.

"I believe these lights were not of this world, and I feel a duty and responsibility to come forward," Col. Brian Fields told WND.Com. "I have no idea what they were."

The article notes that just like with the witnesses said with the Phoenix Lights, he believed that the lights were not military flares as they did not descend. "I'm certain it wasn't an aircraft [from Earth]," said Fields, who also ruled out the possibility of flares, saying they didn't descend like flares typically do. "It's not anything I ever had any experience with . . . They were some kind of energy or something."

Many skeptics are convinced that the 'Phoenix Lights' shown in videos are indeed flares, but like Col. Fields, those witnesses claimed that the lights did not descend.

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The report from WND's Joe Kovacs notes that the event in Arkansas lasted an hour and 15 minutes. With the Phoenix lights, the reports said those particular lasted between fifteen and thirty minutes but there were more events that evening than just the highly publicized orbs that have been widely shown and scrutinized and the subject of various television programs.

Several witnesses claim they witnessed a craft flying above several Arizona cities as the 'craft' moved from northern Arizona south to Tucson and then back through Phoenix. There were numerous witnesses of both the orbs and the 'craft.'

If anyone else spotted the orbs in Arkansas they have yet to come forward. "I just can't imagine other people didn't see it," Fields said, noting they appeared at times like a yo-yo at 5 to 10 degrees above the horizon.

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"At first I thought they were landing lights from an aircraft," Fields said of the Arkansas sighting.

"As I continued to observe them they began to slowly disappear, then suddenly one reappeared, followed by two, then three. On at least one occasion four or five appeared. Each time they would slowly fade and eventually disappear. This occurred several times and when they would reappear they might do so in differing numbers and in different positions, sometimes in a triangular shape, sometimes stacked on top of each other, sometimes line abreast, etc. When the objects appeared they might stay illuminated 10 or more minutes."

Of course it is impossible to tell what this man saw, but like so many other witnesses he is convinced that it was not an aircraft, or flares.

World Net Daily has several photographs and more on the story [here](#)

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## How To Leak A Secret And Not Get Caught

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 09:26:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 09:26:12 -0500  
Subject: How To Leak A Secret And Not Get Caught

Source: New Scientist Magazine - Sutton, Surrey, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/yn9q7z>

12 January 2007

How To Leak A Secret And Not Get Caught  
by  
Paul Marks

Leaking a sensitive government document can mean risking a jail sentence - but not for much longer if an online service called WikiLeaks goes ahead. WikiLeaks is designed to allow anyone to post documents on the web without fear of being traced.

The creators of the site are thought to include political activists and open-source software engineers, though they are keeping their identities secret. Their goal is to ensure that whistle-blowers and journalists are not thrown into jail for emailing sensitive documents. That was the fate of Chinese journalist Shi Tao, who was sentenced to a 10-year term in 2005 after publicising an email from Chinese officials about the anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre.

According to the group's website [www.wikileaks.org](http://www.wikileaks.org), its primary targets include China, Russia, and oppressive regimes in Eurasia, the Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa. It is not limited to these countries, however, and people anywhere will be able to use the site to reveal unethical behaviour by governments and corporations.

Normally an email or a document posted to a website can be traced back to its source because each data packet carries the IP address of the last server that it passed through. To prevent this, WikiLeaks will exploit an anonymising protocol known as The Onion Router (Tor), which routes data through a network of servers that use cryptography to hide the path that the packets took. Bruce Schneier, a cryptographer based in Silicon Valley, California, explains it like this. "Imagine a large room jammed full of people in which many of them are passing around envelopes. How would you know where any of them started?"

Julien Pain, a campaigner with Reporters Without Borders in Paris, France, sees Tor as a valuable step towards guaranteeing anonymity. "Enabling cyber-dissidents to leak information is a crucial issue we now face in many countries," he says. There are however, fears that whistle-blowers might still be at risk. "I would not trust my life or even my liberty to Tor," says Ben Laurie, a London-based computer security expert. In the past, determined cryptographers have breached Tor's security, and though each breach has led to improvements to Tor there is always a risk others will be discovered.

The WikiLeaks team do not plan to control what is disclosed on the site, raising fears that the anonymity it offers could be misused. "The initiative could drown in fabricated documents,

pornographic records or become hijacked to serve vendettas," warns Steven Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists in Washington DC.

The safeguard against this, according to the WikiLeaks team, is that false postings will be sniffed out by users, who will be free to comment on what is posted. This is what happens with Wikipedia, which although unconnected to WikiLeaks is based on the same open-source software. "WikiLeaks will provide a forum for the entire global community to examine any document relentlessly for credibility," the site claims.

WikiLeaks is raising funds and testing its software. It hopes to launch in February.

From issue 2586 of New Scientist magazine, 12 January 2007, page 26

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## Re: New Photographs Of Possible UFOs In Brazil -

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 10:30:42 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 09:29:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Photographs Of Possible UFOs In Brazil -

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 14:32:52 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Photographs Of Possible UFOs In Brazil

>Brazilian UFO expert engineer Claudeir Covo has analyzed the  
>first photo (not the second one) and concluded that the object  
>is something in the air, but not as small as a hubcap. I first  
>suspected of a copy & paste procedure from other (legitimate)  
>UFO photo to one recently shot. That was not the case. We are  
>still going on in the investigation and thank you for any new  
>info to lead us to a conclusion.

I would like to know Covo's basis for inferring the object's size. My impression is that it is quite small.

However, examine what appear to be reflections on the near-specular surface of the object. There is a main dark region towards the front containing some internal variation in density, a bright gap on the right, then another small discrete dark region. If these are reflections (and there is no reason to believe they are not) then this pattern corresponds to detail in the scene reflected and contains information about distance and size.

The pattern suggests a main dark area against the skyline behind the photographer over his left shoulder (such as a house or trees) and a secondary narrow dark feature off to his right (such as maybe an individual tree or utility pole). If you can visit the location the basic geometry of reflection might be a clue..

If the segment of brighter reflection between the dark reflections is about 15 degrees wide (as I roughly estimate) then this corresponds to a separation of about 7 m between the "house" and "pole" at a distance from the disc of 30m, i.e objects in the photographer's immediate vicinity, or a separation of 120m for a distance of 500m, or 240m for 1km and so in proportion, with the skyline features needing to be more prominent in real terms the greater the distance. If these are "horizon" features, say 10 km away, then they are 2400m (about a mile and a half) apart suggesting very prominent skyline objects.

Martin Shough

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## Re: UFO Frenzy Ignited By Air Force Officer - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 07:07:39 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 09:47:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Frenzy Ignited By Air Force Officer - Boone

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/jan/m19-002.shtml>

If you notice in this story, the World Net Daily states that the original story became one of their most viewed stories in their history.

Those high statistics also were reported by the Chicago Tribune when they broke the O'Hare story.

I grew up in the mainstream news business. High statistics mean everything. Considering the internet is beating traditional print, a hot UFO story seems to be what the doctor ordered.

Best,

Greg

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## Little Red Hen Syndrome

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 07:33:10 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 09:50:50 -0500  
Subject: Little Red Hen Syndrome

I find comfort in the old children's fables.

From Aesop on up, there's always a lesson to be learned and an entertaining story to be told.

Recently, Disney studios put out a computer animated feature called Chicken Little, in which the old story is told - this time with a UFO twist.

It's an hysterically funny movie and now has a place amongst my favorite UFO flicks.

Watching this movie reminded me of another fable that could be UFO related - the old Russian fable, The Little Red Hen.

Especially nowadays with this unusual appearance of high-end UFO reports. Ever since I was a wee lad studying about UFOs I noticed how so many of you here and those that have passed doing the Little Red Hen thing.

Who will help you plant the grain, harvest it, mill it, bake it?

Nobody.

Who will help you eat it? Everybody.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 13:42:17 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 17:58:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 15:44:47 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix Lights

>Don, Et Al,

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 13:18:03 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix Lights

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 01:22:42 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix Lights

>The 8:30 PM flyover of a dark triangle is unexplained.

>>It certainly wasn't aircraft on approach to Phoenix as Nick has  
>>stated. The 747 pilot on the ground who saw this thing would have  
>>suggested that if it was a remote possibility.

>>Don

>I don't believe Nick was referencing the enormous V-shaped craft  
>witnessed by so many; there is much confusion with the  
>mainstream media mixing the 5 videos shot of the "10.00 pm flare  
>drop" and the declaration of the 8:30 witnesses. Moreover, there  
>are shots of inbound aircraft lights salted into the mix.

>For clarity, I recommend reading eye-witness Mike Fortson's  
>article, The Non-Investigation of The Phoenix Lights - My View,  
>found at:

><http://tinyurl.com/23xzj6>

Hi Frank,

I have read Fortson's comments. I was referring to the 8:30 PM  
event. I recalled seeing a Airline 747 pilot's telling of his  
experience that night [documentary] and I believe that was  
during the 8:30 event.

Don Ledger

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## Buzz Aldrin?

From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 14:07:50 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 08:00:18 -0500  
Subject: Buzz Aldrin?

List members,

Last year Buzz Aldrin featured heavily in a new documentary about the first Moon landing. During that documentary he admitted for the first time that they had observed a UFO on the way to the Moon. Does anyone know the production company that made this documentary please.

Thanks,

Philip Mantle  
[www.ufodata.co.uk](http://www.ufodata.co.uk)

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## Military Secrets Of Oceans Atmosphere & UFOs

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 08:10:01 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 08:10:01 -0500  
Subject: Military Secrets Of Oceans Atmosphere & UFOs

<http://graphic.pepperdine.edu/special/2007-01-18-beard.htm>

01-18-2007

Dean David Baird=92s Distinguished Lecture Series Update  
Peter Hamilton  
Staff Writer

So far this year Dean David Baird=92s Distinguished Lecture Series has been popular with students and faculty. With speakers like U.S. Senator John Kerry and Dr. Leonard Shlain, chairman of laparoscopic surgery at the California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, this year's lectures have been interesting, and more importantly, crowd-pleasing.

On January 23, scientist Dr. Richard A. Muller, faculty senior of the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory and professor at the University of California at Berkeley, will be in Smothers Theatre to give a lecture entitled "Military Secrets of the Oceans, Atmosphere, and UFOs."

According to Baird, President Andrew Benton heard Muller speak a couple years ago and asked him to come and speak for Pepperdine. Muller chose the topic on UFO=92s, stating that it would be attractive to college students.

"I definitely think I=92m attending Dr. Muller=92s talk," said freshman Jake Wootton. "I haven=92t been to any yet, but I=92m a little interested in the UFO part of the title."

Freshman Bill Morton also plans to attend the lecture.

"I=92ve been to a couple of the previous lectures," Morton said. "But this one definitely sounds the most interesting."

Muller studied under Luis Alvarez before he won the Nobel Prize in physics in 1968, and has continued his studies in the sciences. His work includes particle physics to astrophysics, cosmology, applied physics, geo-science, climate change and the effects of astrophysics and geophysics.

Muller said some of his proudest achievements consist of his studies with Nobel Prize winner George Smoot and their detection of the cosmic microwave anisotropy, the creation of a program to use supernovas for cosmology, which is a project that ultimately discovered the acceleration of the universe and its "dark energy", and his invention of the most sensitive method now used to measure radioactivity, called "Accelerator Mass Spectrometry" or AMS.

Muller is most famous for his Nemesis theory, stating that a dim star orbiting the sun is responsible for the comet that killed the dinosaurs.

He is also associated with the Institute of Nuclear Particle Astrophysics, an organization that promotes the interdisciplinary work of nuclear and astrophysics studies. He has received a slew of awards including MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship Award (the so-called "genius" award), and the



Distinguished Teaching Award at UC Berkeley.

In his lecture at Pepperdine, Muller said he will be focusing on the physics of the atmosphere and the oceans, how that led to the "flying disks" in Roswell, N.M., and how this still affects our national security. Muller hopes this topic grabs the attention of college students here at Pepperdine. Muller=92s description of his lecture topic was meant to be ambiguous to do just that =97 draw the curious listener in.

"I want to leave the title a bit opened ended," said Muller. "If anyone wants to know more of what happened at Roswell, come to my lecture"

For 34 years Muller has been a top-level consultant to the US government on matters regarding our national security.

He said he personally knew the man who made the "flying disks" fly in the Roswell incident, where the U.S. military was experimenting with weather balloons in order to detect enemy nuclear arms. Many UFO researchers have accused the government, including the CIA and the military of with holding information about a crashed UFO. The whole incident at Roswell has sparked interest in many researchers and conspiracy theorists.

More information about Muller and his accomplishments can be found at [www.muller.lbl.gov](http://www.muller.lbl.gov); and more information about Baird=92s Distinguished Lecture Series is available at:

[www.pepperdine.edu/dean/lectureseries/](http://www.pepperdine.edu/dean/lectureseries/)

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## APTN To Broadcast Giant Yukon UFO Documentary

From: **Gord Heath** <[gordheath.nul](mailto:gordheath.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 11:13:48 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 08:18:19 -0500  
Subject: APTN To Broadcast Giant Yukon UFO Documentary

APTN - Aboriginal Peoples Television Network - will broadcast a one hour documentary, It Came From Heaven, focussed on the 'Giant UFO in the Yukon Territory' incident from December, 1996. The documentary is produced by Gloria Adamson and will be featured on the regularly scheduled program, NEDAA - Eye On Yukon.

The incident is still not well known outside of the Yukon, but was certainly talked about in the many small communities which had witnesses to this remarkable event. Investigator Martin Jasek of UFO\*BC used triangulation from witness testimony to determine the craft to be 0.75 to 1 mile in diameter - truly gigantic proportions.

<http://www.ufobc.ca/Events/index.htm>

APTN is only available in Canada.

It Came From Heaven  
to be broadcast Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007  
on APTN, program NEDAA - Eye On Yukon  
check your local listings for APTN cable channel information

Broadcast times Southern Canada Markets - timezone and time

PT - 6:00 PM  
MT - 7:00 PM  
CT - 8:00 PM  
ET - 9:00 PM  
AT - 10:00 PM  
NT - 10:30 PM

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PT - 6:30 PM  
MT - 7:30 PM  
CT - 8:30 PM  
ET - 9:30 PM  
AT - 10:30 PM  
NT - 11:00 PM

People who are interested in more information about the event can visit the Yukon UFO Research site pages on this event hosted on the UFO\*BC website at:

<http://www.ufobc.ca/yukon/22index.htm>.

UFO\*BC also sells a 43 page special report written by investigator, Martin Jasek containing witness testimonies, maps, site photographs and graphics for \$12 Canadian (\$12 US for shipment to US).

<http://www.ufobc.ca/Store/giantufo.htm>

Cheers,

Gord Heath

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## FM Radio Gives Away Aliens?

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 12:48:30 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 08:24:54 -0500  
Subject: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens?

FM Radio Gives Away Aliens?

<http://abc.net.au/science/news/stories/2007/1828280.htm>

Hello List

That article raise some points that the scientists have thought about, and others they maybe haven't.

For instance, and from our own experience, a species is likely to invent radio communication and use it, but only, so far as we know, for a couple of hundred years.

That's only a very small `window' in the probable life-spans of most species.

After that (IMHO) they're probably likely to a) invent something faster and more secure; b) get more cautious about "shouting at the galaxy".

However one scientist is thinking -

[Excerpt starts]

According to Loeb, the brightest signals on Earth are generated by military radars.

"There is a cautionary remark," says Loeb. "The brightest civilisations out there could be militant." In that case, "we don't want to signal ourselves".

[End of Excerpt]

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 05:54:45 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 13:55:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 13:42:17 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix Lights

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 15:44:47 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix Lights

>>Don, Et Al,

>>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 13:18:03 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix Lights

>>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2007 01:22:42 -0500  
>>>>Subject: Re: Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of Phoenix Lights

>>The 8:30 PM flyover of a dark triangle is unexplained.

>>>It certainly wasn't aircraft on approach to Phoenix as Nick has  
>>>stated. The 747 pilot on the ground who saw this thing would have  
>>>suggested that if it was a remote possibility.

>>>Don

>>I don't believe Nick was referencing the enormous V-shaped craft  
>>witnessed by so many; there is much confusion with the  
>>mainstream media mixing the 5 videos shot of the "10.00 pm flare  
>>drop" and the declaration of the 8:30 witnesses. Moreover, there  
>>are shots of inbound aircraft lights salted into the mix.

>>For clarity, I recommend reading eye-witness Mike Fortson's  
>>article, The Non-Investigation of The Phoenix Lights - My View,  
>>found at:

>><http://tinyurl.com/23xzj6>

>Hi Frank,

>I have read Fortson's comments. I was referring to the 8:30 PM  
>event. I recalled seeing a Airline 747 pilot's telling of his  
>experience that night [documentary] and I believe that was  
>during the 8:30 event.

>Don Ledger

Perhaps you're referring to Capt. Trig Johnston, whose report  
can be found here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2v97dz>

In part, he wrote:

"My initial impression was that of a formation of C-130=92s

displaying some new type of tactical lighting. But you feel a C-130's powerful Allison engines before you hear it or see it. We felt nothing. It was quiet. Real quiet, and it stayed that way.

The huge mass -- at least a mile wide -- approached from the North West. I could land on it with my 727."

Mike (Fortson) reminds me however, that Johnston's sighting occurred at 10:20 pm from north Scottsdale. In addition he asked me to share this (as he's not a "List Subscriber"):

"This morning while surfing thru my daily sites, I noticed Dr Lynne posted her schedule for the 10th anniversary of March 13. She has multiple dates throughout the Phoenix metro area and also multiple book signings. This really irritates me and it's not jealousy. It's about facts. Her DVD is titled "The Phoenix Lights Documentary" and the word documentary means, "film of fact". If this is true then one must ask, "Where are the witnesses?" Her film has very few witnesses and mostly family and friends. Where are the other videos? There are 5 known 10 o'clock videos which she claims as ET. And there is 1 - 8 o'clock very grainy video of the large craft. Where are those videos? Where are major witnesses like Tom King, Bill Hamilton, Mike Krysten and his wife? Where is Max Saracen and wife? Where is Stacy Rhoads? Where is Trig Johnston? Where is Ozma Linderman? Where is Tim Ley? You see, she has left out almost all the main ingredients for this to be called a "documentary". Truth is, she got little if any cooperation from these people. And then she made the film about her. Those photographs in the video were not taken on March 13, 1997.

I don't want this to sound like a rant but facts are facts. And historically speaking, we should do our best to present the facts and the witnesses in order for the truth to be available for generations to come when the massive sighting finally does get investigated."

(Mike)

Cheers,

Frank

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## Re: Radar Operation At O'Hare? - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 06:09:55 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 13:58:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Radar Operation At O'Hare? - Warren

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 16:05:48 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Radar Operation At O'Hare?

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 05:56:44 -0800  
>>Subject: Radar Operation At O'Hare?

><snip>

>>Is it possible that the UFO was in the 'cone of silence'?

>>Moreover, the report indicates that when the object exited the  
>>airport through the cloud deck, it did so at a very "high rate  
>>of speed"; if an image was indeed caught by RADAR, (at that  
>>point) certainly it would appear as an anomaly one would think.

>>If in fact the object was in a cone of silence', by O'Hare  
>>RADAR antennas perhaps it was picked up by another radar  
>>antenna elsewhere.

>>Where is the next closest RADAR antenna in proximity to  
>>O'Hare?

Martin,

Sorry for the slow response... this one slipped through the  
cracks.....

>The disposition of ATC and ARTC radar heads around Chicago is a  
>complicated question, not yet fully answered. I supplied my own  
>summary report on this to NARCAP recently. Some sites are  
>definitely identifiable, others not - unless Don Ledger has  
>succeeded in clearing this up; I know he's been trying, no doubt  
>others have too.

>AFAIK so far, the main radars serving the C-90 ATC area around  
>O'Hare are ASR-9s, of which the FAA National Airspace  
>Architecture lists three, ORD, ORD#2 & ORD#3. However the site  
>of only one is known exactly, one approximately, whilst the  
>third is conjectural, and it is not entirely clear which number  
>relates to which location. Moreover only two radars are  
>mentioned in all other sources. There is also joint-use  
>FAA/military ARSR-3 long range coverage of the region at higher  
>altitude, plus a number of weather radars (which are not very  
>favourably placed in terms of space-time resolution as I  
>discussed in a previous post).

>You mention a "cone of silence" but this is a zenithal volume  
>above an antenna, and an object at 1700-1900 ft could only be  
>in this cone if it were immediately above an antenna sited on  
>top of the C Concourse. There is certainly no radar here.

Thank you for clearing that up.

>There is an ASR radar antenna on a tower to the west of the

>airfield about 0.9 st mi. The elevation angle of the object from  
>here would be in the region of 18 degrees, well outside the cone  
>of silence and eminently detectable. However I believe that this  
>ASR antenna may anyway be the old ASR-7, originally retained as  
>back-up for the ASR-9 but now disused since the ORD TRACON  
>facility moved about 50 miles away to Elgin, whilst the #1  
>antenna is now much further west of the airport. This remains to  
>be confirmed, but, in any case, the nearest ATC radar does not  
>have a cone of silence where the object was reported.

>I don't want to get into the whole thing in detail here, but  
>although the C-90 area responsibility extends in theory from  
>surface to 13,000 ft at O'Hare this doesn't mean that everything  
>in that volume is detectable let alone paid attention to. Mainly  
>the concentration is on SSR code traffic, and no controller is  
>going to be looking for primary targets hanging right over the  
>gates - even if such a stationary echo were distinguishable from  
>clutter. The ASR-9 is also able to show precipitation  
>reflectivity from weather radars overlaid on the same screen  
>which can occlude primary echoes (this doesn't matter for  
>controlled aircraft which are shown as big bright data blocks -  
>and as Don pointed out these can themselves obscure primary  
>echoes in a crowded airport environment).

>Whether any area radar picked up an object arriving and  
>departing vertically remains to be determined when the radar  
>tapes are forthcoming from the FAA. And for that we await the  
>results of Dick Haines' application.

>Martin Shough

Thanks Martin for this important information; this "sheds light"  
on exactly what an operator would have to contend with in regards  
to what's appearing on the screen; methinks the layman assumes  
it's a "black and white issue" - clearly it's not.

I look forward to Dick's findings.

Cheers,

Frank

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## Re: What's The Anatomy Of The Opposition's

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 10:10:29 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 14:00:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: What's The Anatomy Of The Opposition's

What makes up the anatomy of the debunking and secrecy?

We've now seen for about 60 years the stonewalling and bs thrown at witnesses and experiencers.

I had to stop and think what are the common denominators of the type of persons who do this.

What's their ethnic, religious, political background?

Is there a pattern or method to their madness?

Are the majority conservative? Liberal? Christian, Jew, Muslim, Satanist?

Has anyone taken a look at the people who've headed the committees and groups that were supposed to be accountable to the public regarding the UFO issue?

That, I suspect will give us the real reason behind this nonsense.

Gens Ramey, Dubose, MJ 12, Projects Blue Book, Sign, Grudge etc.

Who were these people? What did they espouse to?

Did we get better responses from different presidential administrations? Have the Republicans been more forthcoming than Democrats?

That, again I feel will give us a danged good clue.

I'm asking because years ago something came up in a conversation with some whistleblowers and what they eluded to was far too volatile a subject for this List.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Buzz Aldrin? - Henningsen

From: Ole Henningsen <[oleh.nul](mailto:oleh.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 16:18:35 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 14:03:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Buzz Aldrin? - Henningsen

>From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 14:07:50 -0000  
>Subject: Buzz Aldrin?

>Last year Buzz Aldrin featured heavily in a new documentary  
>about the first Moon landing. During that documentary he  
>admitted for the first time that they had observed a UFO on the  
>way to the Moon. Does anyone know the production company that  
>made this documentary please.

Hello Philip

This is the link to the whole film:

<http://tinyurl.com/2cgbsb>

And the text:

APOLLO 11: THE UNTOLD STORY aka FIRST ON THE MOON: THE UNTOLD STORY One-Hour Special for Discovery Science Channel/Five When Neil Armstrong first set foot on the moon in July 1969, Apollo 11 was hailed as the supreme triumph of American technology. But behind the flag waving lies a very different story: the untold account of how close the mission came to disaster. Now, nearly forty years later, men on that mission reveal what really happened on the first voyage to the moon. It's a tale of how primitive computer technology, coupled with human errors and mechanical failures, nearly caused the tragic loss of the crew.

Best Regards,

Ole Henningsen

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## Re: Buzz Aldrin? - Pope

From: Nick Pope <[nick.nul](mailto:nick.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 15:31:25 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 14:05:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Buzz Aldrin? - Pope

>From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 14:07:50 -0000  
>Subject: Buzz Aldrin?

>Last year Buzz Aldrin featured heavily in a new documentary  
>about the first Moon landing. During that documentary he  
>admitted for the first time that they had observed a UFO on the  
>way to the Moon. Does anyone know the production company that  
>made this documentary please.

I think the show was Apollo 11: The Untold Story, which was  
made by Atlantic Productions:

<http://www.atlanticproductions.tv/docspecl.html>

It was broadcast in the UK as part of Channel Five's "Stranger  
Than Fiction" series, which also featured "The British UFO  
Mystery":

<http://tinyurl.com/272179>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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## Re: Military Secrets Of Oceans Atmosphere & UFOs -

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 11:11:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 14:07:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Military Secrets Of Oceans Atmosphere & UFOs -

>Source: The Graphic - Pepperdine University, Malibu, California, USA

><http://graphic.pepperdine.edu/special/2007-01-18-beard.htm>

>01-18-2007

>Dean David Baird's Distinguished Lecture Series Update  
>Peter Hamilton  
>Staff Writer

>So far this year Dean David Baird's Distinguished Lecture Series  
>has been popular with students and faculty. With speakers like  
>U.S. Senator John Kerry and Dr. Leonard Shlain, chairman of  
>laparoscopic surgery at the California Pacific Medical Center in  
>San Francisco, this year's lectures have been interesting, and  
>more importantly, crowd-pleasing.

>On January 23, scientist Dr. Richard A. Muller, faculty senior  
>of the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory and professor at the  
>University of California at Berkeley, will be in Smothers  
>Theatre to give a lecture entitled "Military Secrets of the  
>Oceans, Atmosphere, and UFOs."

>According to Baird, President Andrew Benton heard Muller speak a  
>couple years ago and asked him to come and speak for Pepperdine.  
>Muller chose the topic on UFO's, stating that it would be  
>attractive to college students.

<snip>

>For 34 years Muller has been a top-level consultant to the US  
>government on matters regarding our national security.

>He said he personally knew the man who made the "flying disks"  
>fly in the Roswell incident, where the U.S. military was  
>experimenting with weather balloons in order to detect enemy  
>nuclear arms. Many UFO researchers have accused the government,  
>including the CIA and the military of with holding information  
>about a crashed UFO. The whole incident at Roswell has sparked  
>interest in many researchers and conspiracy theorists.

>More information about Muller and his accomplishments can be  
>found at [www.muller.lbl.gov](http://www.muller.lbl.gov); and more information about Baird's  
>Distinguished Lecture Series is available at:

>[www.pepperdine.edu/dean/lectureseries/](http://www.pepperdine.edu/dean/lectureseries/)

Well, without going to the lecture I predict this is more  
balloons... MOGUL specifically. (He might even buy into  
the "dummy-drop" theory of Roswell.)

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## Multiple Orbs Invisible Aliens

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 11:34:58 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 14:09:44 -0500  
Subject: Multiple Orbs Invisible Aliens

Those of you interested in orbs should look at pictures of a vehicle-deer accident at:

<http://tinyurl.com/33fgwy>

I bring this up because I keep getting emails about orbs and invisible aliens and spirits and so on. I doubt that there were spirits around this scene (unless spirits of deer?).

Note that these are all flash pictures and taken near a road where there could be dust particles in the air.

See:

<http://brumac.8k.com/orb1.html>

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## Argentine Police Search For Strange Object

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 11:30:10 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 14:16:07 -0500  
Subject: Argentine Police Search For Strange Object

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 20, 2007

Source: Planeta UFO and El Tribuno (Salta)  
Date: 01.19.07

Argentina: Police Searches For Strange Object That Fell From  
Skies

<http://tinyurl.com/3ey4bf>

Rosario de Lerma and Chicoana/Numerous witnesses say it was a  
"fireball"

Area combed for 6 hours in the El Puyil wilderness, but  
nightfall brought operations to a close

Personnel from the sheriffs' offices of Campo Quijano and  
Rosario de Lerma were looking - until 20:00 hours yesterday--  
for an unidentified flying object (UFO) that allegedly fell in  
the mountains to the west of Rosario de Lima and Chicoana, in a  
wilderness known as El Puyil.

Research activities began around 10:30 the day before, when a  
woman identified as Beatriz Prieto nervously reported that "a  
fireball, looking like an airplane in flames, fell into the  
hills."

Her call was soon joined by dozens of others reporting the same,  
adding that "whatever it was, it caused a great explosion when  
it came into contact with the ground."

Victor Copa, sheriff inspector and chief of Provincial Police  
Regional Unit 1, told El Tribuno that judging from the accounts  
" all of this indicates that whatever it was fell to earth from  
space, impacting the jungle mountain ranges to the West of the  
Departments of Chicoana and Rosario de Lerma, where the search  
was concentrated."

Sources with the Direccion de Aviacion Civil and spokespersons  
of the Argentinean Air Force in the "Martin Miguel de Guemes"  
airport at El Aybal dismissed the possibility that an aircraft  
could have been in flight over the area at the time. "We have no  
flights recorded. There are no reports of missing planes or  
anything similar."

Nonetheless, given the avalanche of phone calls and the  
certainty that "something" crashed at El Puyil, the state  
aeronautics entity sent a small plane to fly over the area,  
although the effort was fruitless: the hills were covered by  
dense low fog.

Dardo Gustavo Tolaba, head of the Chicoana deputy sheriff's  
office, said: "We carried out a surface inspection and  
observation with binoculars, but with no results due to poor  
visibility. What's strange is that neither smoke nor land  
disturbance were observed. It's clear that there was some  
strange phenomenon [at work]," said the officer.



Moreover, the police sent a group of expeditionaries to Corralito in Rosario de Lerma, where there were numerous accounts from locals concerning the event. The team was made up of 20 members of the Mounted Police, Canine and High-Risk Operations Group (GOPAR), who combed the area for six hours until nightfall. Tasks will begin at dawn once more.

Senior sub-officer Osvaldo Mejia, Air Force officer of the day at the Salta Airport, stated that "we recorded all of the flights that were supposed to fly over the area, including international ones, and all of them reached their destinations. There was no contact with the control towers and a search of air club records shows no missing planes. " The Salta Airport lacks a radar, and for this reason each flight must present its flight plan before take-off, showing the route and altitude to be maintained during its flight.

The strange situation was double-checked with the Cordoba radar, which also records airplane movements over the area where the crash occurred. No anomalies were detected.

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## Argentina UFO Crash Mystery Continues

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 11:59:11 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 14:19:17 -0500  
Subject: Argentina UFO Crash Mystery Continues

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Source: El Tribuno  
Date: January 20, 2007

Argentina: Mystery Continues Regarding UFO Crash On El Manzano

[http://eltribunosalta.com.ar/edicion-salta/policiales/20070120\\_215332.php](http://eltribunosalta.com.ar/edicion-salta/policiales/20070120_215332.php)

Police determined that the impact occurred against one of the peak's slopes at an altitude of 4200 meters and at 100 km from Quijano. A team is heading out today with elements to rescue persons living or dead.

A great mobilization of security personnel, media - domestic and foreign - and a growing rumor among the locals were the result of the news concerning the collision of an Unidentified Flying Object on mid-morning Thursday to the west of the Departments of Rosario de Lerma and Chicoana.

The nature of the body that collided against the slopes of the El Manzano mountain is still underdetermined, but numerous witnesses claim having seen a fireball falling at high speed against the Andean massif.

Dardo Gustavo Tolaba, chief of the Chicoana Sheriffs' Office, claims that they managed to see the object. "We cannot say exactly what it is, really. It could be an aircraft, perhaps space junk, a meteorite or something unknown. The fact is that we were able to focus on it with high resolution binoculars during our approach and we managed to establish that it was something large and metallic. We cannot dismiss the possibility that it could be a manned object, so our duty is to reach the goal and recover anyone there, dead or alive," said the officer.

It all started when Beatriz Prieto of the Las Palmas farm informed police over the phone that an object had crashed. "It looked like an airplane in flames," said the woman. Later, other locals confirmed her report and added more details. "It exploded when it hit ground," added numerous witnesses.

Victor Copa, head of Regional Unit 1, requested the object's location via GPS. It was thus possible to define the point of impact and ascertain that it was an artificial object. With this information, a Civil Aviation airplane took off early yesterday to photograph it, but was unable to reach the appropriate altitude and returned to the airport.

A team of rescuers and high mountain specialists composed of four members of the Firefighting Division of the Provincial Police and three gendarmes from Squadron 22 of San Antonio de Los Cobres, as well as a backwoodsman sergeant first class, will leave at 5 am today toward El Manzano to find the UFO that crashed against its slopes. They will carry personal oxygen equipment, radio gear and stretchers for transporting the dead or injured. The police group will be headed by Federico Delgado and composed by corporal Marcelo Beas, a mountain rescue instructor,

corporal Esteban Romero and Agent Enrique Velez.

Accompanying them will be Sgt. Benito Barboza of the Rosario de Lerma sheriffs' office, since he is a backwoodsman from the Department of Los Andes. It is estimated that [reaching the site] will take some 48 hours.

Yesterday morning, at the request of the Police, a Cessna 182 of the Salta Aero Club piloted by Jorge McIntyre tried to reach the site unsuccessfully. "This is a Civil Aeronautics Safety committee that is constituted whenever cases of this type occur," said Javier Debenedetto, president of the Salta Aero Club. The site in question was at an elevation higher than the Cessna's flight ability. He said that the object is possibly "some space junk, that's what we tend to believe. To be a plane it would have to be a large one to fly at that altitude, since an ultralight or light-engine plane cannot cross those peaks."

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## 'Canada's Roswell' Doc On History Channel Tonight

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 13:01:00 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 14:21:50 -0500  
Subject: 'Canada's Roswell' Doc On History Channel Tonight

The History Channel - Canada - will be broadcast WKPI New York's documentary on the Shag Harbour UFO Incident at 8:00PM Eastern tonight - Saturday, January 20. The ExpressVu satellite blurb has the date wrong for the incident - 1947 instead of 1967 however the actual documentary has the right date.

I am uncertain as to whether this is being re-broadcast in the United States or just in Canada. This is it's first run in Canada though it was distributed in the US in the Spring of 2006.

Best,

Don Ledger

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### UFO Over Nobsa Colombia

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 12:20:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 15:57:25 -0500  
Subject: UFO Over Nobsa Colombia

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology - January 29, 2007

Source: El Tiempo.Com  
Date: 01.20.07

Colombia: UFO Over Nobsa (Boyaca)

Some locals claim that the objects had lights, were shiny and changed colors. An expert cautions that they weren't terrestrial.

Jose Guio, a plastic arts instructor whose workshop is in Dicho, in Nobsa (Boyaca) was taking photos of the sky at 4:30 pm on December 31, 2006 when his eyes fell upon an elliptical object like an (American) football, crossing the sky.

It was easy for Guio to focus on it with his camera lens. According to him, it floated in a single place for 40 minutes and then moved slowly toward a mountain known as Cruz de Aranda.

Guio's eyes weren't the only one to see a UFO over the municipality's airspace.

Ramiro Barragan, the town mayor said that he had seen two figures similar to the one described by the teacher "suspended in the air" on January 7.

He was at a vineyard located at Puntalarga at 3:30 p.m., and was able to see through binoculars that the object changed colors. It shifted from yellow to black to white. Adolfo Zarate, former secretary of Development for Nobsa, was another witness. "It spun on its axis and was orange-colored. Then another object showed up," said Zarate,

On January 7, the alleged UFOs also flew over the Duitama bullring near Nobsa. Several fans of the "corrida" at the local fair saw 3 glowing objects in the sky.

Alvaro Bonilla, a member of Contacto Ovni Colombia - an organization devoted to this phenomenon - traveled to Nobsa to collect information and after analyzing the photos claimed that they were non-terrestrial objects. "This is evident from their characteristics and the way they flew."

This could perhaps have something to do with an alleged magnetic power concentrated in the region's mountains. According to Jaime Viancha, an Nobsa historian, a team of engineers climbed Cerro Gavilan five years ago, next to Cruz de Aranda (where the majority of the objects have been seen) and the compasses they carried with them went haywire. Rafael Garcia, an official with Ingeominas, added that there are no reports to certify this theory.

For the time being, the residents of Nobsa are happy that their municipality, aside from tourists, is also visited by ETs.

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## O'Hare Sighting May Be Start Of A 'Flap'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 16:01:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 16:01:52 -0500  
Subject: O'Hare Sighting May Be Start Of A 'Flap'

Source: EnjoyFrance.Com - Bellevue, Washington, USA

<http://www.enjoyfrance.com/content/view/723/31/>

Saturday, 20 January 2007

The O'Hare UFO Sighting May Be Start Of A 'Flap'  
Written by Steve Andrews

In the wake of the O'Hare International Airport UFO report that was carried on CNN and other news media in November, further recent sightings suggest we may be experiencing what those in 'ufology' refer to as a 'flap,' which is a period of time in which very many of these mysterious craft are seen in the skies.

On November 7, a flying saucer-like object hovered low over O'Hare International Airport for several minutes before it flew off into thick clouds with such energy that it left a hole in the overcast sky, and dozens of United Airlines employees observed the phenomenon.

Officials at the airport initially said they knew nothing of the mysterious object, however, the Federal Aviation Administration admitted its air traffic control tower at O'Hare airport had received a call from a supervisor there who wanted to know if the controllers had spotted an elliptical-shaped craft staying motionless over Concourse C of the United Airlines terminal.

Since then, and with all the interest the O'hare airport story has sparked, further reports have surfaced of sightings of UFOs in other parts of the world. Witnesses have claimed to have watched an unidentified flying object hovering at a low altitude for more than an hour over Bouyer Ahmad, Iran.

The glowing object was spotted two days after a similar object, described as having a yellow ray and a red centre, was sighted at the same time of day, the Fars News Agency reported. These sightings are following a reported UFO crash January 10 in the Barrez Mounts, Iran.

Deputy Governor-General Abulghassem Nasrollahi of Kerman province said police and other authorities were investigating and that the crash could not have been an airplane or helicopter because all aircraft flying in the area on that day had been accounted for.

Meanwhile back in America, a retired Air Force colonel, Colonel Brian Fields, who photographed mysterious, coloured lights hovering over western Arkansas last week has sparked a frenzy of interest in the subject of UFOs.

"I believe these lights were not of this world, and I feel a duty and responsibility to come forward," said Col. Brian Fields, who spent nearly 32 years in the military piloting F-16 fighter jets, and he added: "I have no idea what they were."

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## Re: Buzz Aldrin? - Golubik

From: Viktor Golubik <[Diverge247.nul](mailto:Diverge247.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 14:50:20 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 16:04:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Buzz Aldrin? - Golubik

>From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 14:07:50 -0000  
>Subject: Buzz Aldrin?

>List members,

>Last year Buzz Aldrin featured heavily in a new documentary  
>about the first Moon landing. During that documentary he  
>admitted for the first time that they had observed a UFO on the  
>way to the Moon. Does anyone know the production company that  
>made this documentary please.

>Thanks,

>Philip Mantle  
>[www.ufodata.co.uk](http://www.ufodata.co.uk)

The first time I recall Buzz mentioning this event was on the 25th Anniversary of the Moon Walk on the Jay Leno show. It was quite unexpected! It might be more insightful to start from this earlier public account/admission(?) since it predates the other by ~12 years and, to my recollection, is a stunning reversal of his willingness to comment on such episodes.

I would try contacting The Tonight Show producers, evidently stationed, in the Los Angeles area.

Best,

golubik

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## Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens? - Golubik

From: Viktor Golubik <[Diverge247.nul](mailto:Diverge247.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 15:40:33 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 16:06:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens? - Golubik

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 12:48:30 -0000  
>Subject: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens?

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><http://abc.net.au/science/news/stories/2007/1828280.htm>

>Hello List

>That article raise some points that the scientists have thought  
>about, and others they maybe haven't.

>For instance, and from our own experience, a species is likely  
>to invent radio communication and use it, but only, so far as we  
>know, for a couple of hundred years.

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However,

If alien spacecraft are maneuvering within our telemetry systems here on Earth, then it may be the unintended (default) radio wave transmissions we should be after... perhaps just one telltale signature of their interaction with our atmosphere and their propulsive systems. Hopefully, this may be outside their absolute control for "Any" specified period of time, not just limited to 100 years.

Such spectrum analyzers are available for purchase and with the right antennas and configuration could be very sensitive. However, what's the likelihood that we (government outsiders with no budget) could confidently sort the known clutter from the unknown signature with precision? Well, getting close to a UFO with the right equipment would be a very good start at shortening the learning curve towards these ends, but at the same time not apt to happen any time soon.

golubik

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## Re: What's The Anatomy Of The Opposition's

From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs.nul](mailto:fadeddiscs.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 20:44:40 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 16:10:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: What's The Anatomy Of The Opposition's

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 10:10:29 EST  
>Subject: What's The Anatomy Of The Opposition's Mindset?

<snip>

>Has anyone taken a look at the people who've headed the  
>committees and groups that were supposed to be accountable to  
>the public regarding the UFO issue?

Greg:

1. Alfred C. Loedding And The Great Flying Saucer Wave Of 1947  
by Michael Hall and Wendy Connors.
2. Captain Edward J. Ruppelt: Summer Of The Saucers - 1952 by  
Michael Hall and Wendy Connors.

Enough background on the 'players' to shake a stick at if you've  
a mind to do it.

Wendy Connors  
[www.fadeddiscs.com](http://www.fadeddiscs.com)

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## Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens? - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 21:54:33 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 17:13:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens? - Dickenson

>From: Viktor Golubik <[Diverge247.nul](mailto:Diverge247.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 15:40:33 EST  
>Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens?

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Good point Viktor,

There's already indications that some craft give off gamma rays  
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like dead ignitions and radios, stopped clocks etc.

However, it might be that some records of 'radio signatures', in  
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Cheers

Ray D

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Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 18:35:37 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 21 Jan 2007 09:28:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens? - Golubik

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 21:54:33 -0000  
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Hi Ray,

As long as the EM signal is strong enough in amplitude to induce  
a local current in the wires which interferes/spikes the  
natural/internal current flow, much can happen with both digital  
analog electronic systems. The lower the current flow  
required for a device to operate, the more vulnerable the  
system. (We can talk about shielded systems too)

In the event of car engine shutdown and if exact distance to the  
interfering object is know, the intensity of such a burst may be

more desirable to calculate, either as a direct (intended) pulse or an (incidental) global 3D emission pattern - The energy requirements to produce just incidental radiation could be great at the source given the natural inverse square drop-off profile. And, that may merely be a sub-EM component of the total energy output, in which case, the real source output could be orders/significantly higher. I'm sure such calculations have already been attempted, but I'm not certain?

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>communication frequency bands, are already in the files, from  
>airfield control tower logs and aircraft crew reports,  
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Can't disagree...

What's nice about off-the-shelf \$100,000 spectrum analyzers is their ability to look at the frequency domain and program their search, zoom, and lock modes. Collectively they can cover a 100 Giga hertz range at any given moment... that's from 30 to 100 billion cycles per second in every sweep... so even very low frequencies can contribute to your understanding of the pattern. In which case, it would be interesting to see if any harmonic modes exist.

Very curious if any reports in the O'Hare incident made comments about radio interference patterns. Is it true that some say the incident lasted for upwards of 20 minutes? If so, that's plenty of time to have collected some unexpected sources of data and information.

Best,

golubik

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## Italian UFO Newsflash No. 494

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Fwd Date: Sun, 21 Jan 2007 12:26:01 -0500  
Subject: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 494

Italian UFO Newsflash

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- 600 Italian Sightings in 2006
- Only 3 Reports in the Air Force Statistics
- Issue 34 of CISU journal
- A UFO blog by "Focus" magazine

### 600 ITALIAN SIGHTINGS IN 2006

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

The number of reports of observations and phenomena occurring in December totaled only 17, one of the lowest figures since 2000. No special interest report is worthy a mention (a few meteors, some picture or videos, one angel hair case).

The provisional total for 2006 is 605 reports collected as of January 10: seemingly a low figure, if compared to the recent years, but even "rich" ones (eg. 2001 or 2003) had comparable numbers of know cases, in the same first month of the following year.

20% of reports were actually para-ufological (as many as 60 were crop circles retrievals); more than 30% of reports (15% of events) were explainable as meteors. About half of the observations came from Northern Italy, more than 25% from the South, and a little less than that originated in Central Italy. Nearly half of the total were directly reported to UFO organizations.

Reporting by Giorgio Abraini; UFO-Italia, 19 January;

<http://www.cisu.org/casi2006.htm>>[www.cisu.org/casi2006.htm](http://www.cisu.org/casi2006.htm)

### Only 3 Reports In The Air Force Statistics

Only three reports are claimed to have been reported for the whole year 2006 to the General Security Staff of the Italian Air Force, i.e. the only official service collecting and cataloguing OVNI (UFO) reports in our country.

Such a low number is nearly the same as previous years (never more than 10 official reports for each year since 2002), while private UFO organizations have been collecting from 500 to 1,000 reports for each of those same years.

The only three reports come to the A.F. were: from an airliner above Palermo on Sept. 3; from civilian citizens in the same area a few hours later; a daylight object seen by another

civilian in Procida, on May 3rd.

I would thus seem that the Air Staff is no longer receiving reports collected by Carabinieri, since the media reported involvement of that Italian federal police in more sightings.

Info by Gildo Persone; Air Force web site at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2rk8sr>

Issue 34 Of CISU Journal

The new issue of "UFO information review" has just been printed.

The cover story is on the recently released UK Defence report; UFO sightings by astronomers; alien abductions and false memories; the alien autopsy hoax final confession. Other articles and columns about Italian sightings in 2006, field investigations, news, book reviews, meetings and CISU activities.

The journal is sent to CISU members and to subscribers, and may also be bought through the online UFO bookshop "Upiar Store" ([www.upiar.com](http://www.upiar.com)).

Info by Gian Paolo Grassino

[http://www.cisu.org/riu33\\_36.htm](http://www.cisu.org/riu33_36.htm)>[www.cisu.org/riu33\\_36.htm](http://www.cisu.org/riu33_36.htm)

A UFO Blog By Focus Magazine

The popular science monthly magazine, Focus, has just launched a UFO blog on its website.

On The Trail Of UFOs is edited by CISU member Paolo Toselli, who has long been writing a regular column and occasional articles on UFOs in that magazine.

Info by Paolo Toselli, Ufo-Italia, 18 January

<http://www.focus.it/blogufo>>[www.focus.it/blogufo](http://www.focus.it/blogufo)

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## Clear Skies - Astronomer Sightings Catalogue

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Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 13:23:51 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 08:19:25 -0500  
Subject: Clear Skies - Astronomer Sightings Catalogue

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From: Giuseppe Stilo <[giuseppe.stilo.nul](mailto:giuseppe.stilo.nul)>

Hello List!

Since October, 2006, I've been working on a new project.

"Clear Skies" is meant to be a systematic collection, catalogue, evaluation and analysis of all available documentation about unidentified aerial phenomena watched by (both professional and amateur) astronomers all over the world since Januar 1st, 1600.

TLP (transient lunar phenomena) or any other anomalies seen on the surface of Sun, Moon and other planets will not be included.

In these first few months since the project was submitted to CISU council, a preliminary list of 146 reports have been catalogued, beginning with the earlier years (up to 1899) for practical reasons: a lesser (though not so little) number of events, and a stable (sedimented) sources sample, enabling us to test methods and procedures of inclusion, cataloguing, analysis and understanding of the context.

A special emphasis is being put on witnesses' biographical data collection (expecially for reports from before 1950) and on the search and retrieval of primary sources, expecially from scientific publications.

A preliminary list will soon be made available. Any contribution (as of cases, reports or bibliography) or suggestion from fellow researchers is welcome.

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### Small UFO Videod At Close Range In Brazil

From: A. J. Gevaerd <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 08:45:05 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 07:47:40 -0500  
Subject: Small UFO Videod At Close Range In Brazil

Dear Colleagues:

On November 11, 2006, the Brazilian UFO Magazine received through its website's contact area a really interesting message. The person who submitted it wants to remain anonymous, so we are keeping his ID on record. I can only say that he is a communication engineer with several specializations and at a good position in a large company.

His message contained an astounding report of small UFOs seen in State of Ceara, Northeast of Brazil. These small UFOs are common in Brazil. They range from a few centimeters to a few meters in diameter, and apparently are self or remotely controlled, with now crews. They have also been seen all over the world. The WW2 foo-fighters could very well be a "version" of them. In Brazil, witnesses of such phenomena can be found literally anywhere. They call these objects "sondas", which can be freely translated as "devices" or "probes".

The witnesses report that the sondas can get close to people, animals and houses, sometime entering them (using doors, windows or just through the wall and ceiling). The sondas also seem to react to people's feelings, but approaching them or going away if the witnesses feel delighted to see them or afraid of them. The sondas can enlarge and contract themselves, change colors and more rarely format, but the most amazing thing is that they seem to reside permanently in some places. Generations of the same families have witnessed sondas in action in rural areas close to small hills, creeks, rocky terrain etc.

Now, for some reason, it has been extremely hard to take photos and films of the sondas, and very few are known. However, the engineer that wrote to the Brazilian UFO Magazine has succeeded in taking photos and 12-second video of a sonda with his cell phone. He also reported having seen, with his son, several sondas in action. And at certain point one of them just exploded in front of his eyes. He then got a few fragments from the ground, still emanating some sort of light, and took pictures of them with his cell.

A very detailed and comprehensive article about the sondas has been published at the Brazilian UFO Magazine edition 120 (below). You can have a copy of it in Portuguese at the address provided. The author is the Brazilian UFO researcher and consultant of the Brazilian UFO Magazine Paulo Baraky Werner, president of the Centro de Investiga=E7=F5es e Pesquisas de Fen=F4menos A=E9reos N=E3o Identificados (Cipfani).

Despite the fact that the images provided by the engineer are in very low resolution, as he has made them with his cell, they are tremendously important to Ufology and very unique. The small video he did is attached (and at the address provided). We are in contact by e-mail with the engineer, who still refuses to be personally interviewed, and we have obtained substantial details of his experience, which is being analyzed and will be published very soon.

Enjoy.

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The video made by the witness:

<http://www.ufo.com.br/arquivos/sondas/flight.wmv>

Brazilian UFO Magazine edition 129 with Paulo Baraky Werner  
article about sondas (in Portuguese):

[www.ufo.com.br/arquivos/sondas/article.doc](http://www.ufo.com.br/arquivos/sondas/article.doc)

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## Search for Alleged Argentine UFO Called Off

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 22:44:04 -0500  
Subject: Search for Alleged Argentine UFO Called Off

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
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SOURCE: El Tribuno de Salta

<http://tinyurl.com/2dhtro>

Date: January 22, 2007

Argentina: Search For Alleged UFO Called Off  
Team reached impact site but found nothing

Provincial police decided to abandon the search for the alleged unidentified flying object that locals claimed collided last Thursday against the slopes of the mountain ranges located to the West of the Departments of Rosario de Lerma and Chicoana. The ground search team, made up of 15 members of the Provincial Police, National Gendarmerie and backwoodsmen reached the site on Cerro El Manzano where the object supposedly crashed on Saturday afternoon, at an elevation of 4,200 meters. They combed the entire area and found nothing.

Yesterday, police suspected that what the locals had seen "was the reflection of the sun over the ice in the area, and which accumulated due to a fall of hail."

As far as noise perceived in the sector goes, one of the researchers stated that "they were detonations of the devices used by tobacco-growers to fight hailstorms."

Given the police verdict, the flight by the National Gendarmerie's Pilatus PC-6 with the purpose of flying over the area, scheduled for 7 a.m. yesterday, was suspended.

The situation began when Beatriz Prieto, a worker at the Las Palmas ranch, informed police over the phone that an object had crashed. "It looked like an airplane in flames," she said.

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Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 11:59:44 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 22:50:50 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 01/22/07

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CRS DIRECTOR MOVES TO RESTRICT ANALYSTS' MEDIA CONTACTS

The Director of the Congressional Research Service last week issued a revised agency policy on "Interacting with the Media" that warns CRS analysts about the "very real risks" associated with news media contacts and imposes new restrictions on speaking to the press.

"CRS staff must report within 24 hours all on-the-record interactions with any media to their supervisor, including the name of the reporter, media affiliation, date, time, and detailed notes on the matters discussed or to be discussed," the new policy states.

"Violations of the media policy will be addressed promptly," wrote CRS director Daniel P. Mulhollan.

A copy of the CRS policy on "Interacting with the Media" was obtained by Secrecy News.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/crs011607.pdf>

The new policy "will obviously have a chilling effect on staff," said one CRS analyst on a not-for-attribution basis. "That's what it is intended to do."

The CRS has gained increasing prominence in the news media in recent years. The number of citations to CRS in the Nexis news database rose from 2,076 in 2004 to 3,101 in 2005 to 4,179 in 2006.

This growing public attention is a source of anxiety for CRS management, which fears that the agency may come to be perceived as having an institutional agenda of its own or that its impartiality will be questioned by members of Congress.

"We have all seen the way in which portions of products can be misquoted and taken out of context, potentially damaging the image of our colleagues and the Service in the eyes of some of our clients," CRS director Mulhollan wrote.

"To assist CRS in refuting misstatements or misquotations, staff must keep detailed notes of media interactions and report promptly to their supervisor," he instructed.

But the relative impartiality of the CRS and its analysts' quasi-official standing make it an attractive resource for reporters covering all kinds of domestic and foreign policy matters.

The new restrictions on CRS contacts with the press will therefore be a blow first of all to reporters and others who rely on CRS expertise.

Over time, however, the new policy may also backfire against CRS itself. If analysts cannot publish or freely comment on subjects of their expertise, some will conclude that CRS is not a hospitable venue for their professional development and they will go elsewhere.

"From my personal perspective CRS is being managed without respect and trust for the staff," said Dennis M. Roth, president of Congressional Research Employees Association, the CRS employees' union, in July 27, 2006 testimony to the House Administration Committee.

"Leadership can be accomplished in many ways, and we believe that CRS currently practices a style inappropriate, damaging, and destructive for a professional service organization.... It is autocratic, centralized, and secretive," he said.

#### THE STATE SECRETS DOCTRINE AND THE HATFILL CASE

In an unusual legal maneuver, the New York Times invoked the "state secrets" doctrine last month in a motion to dismiss the libel suit brought against it by Steven J. Hatfill, the former Army scientist who said he was erroneously linked by the Times to the 2001 anthrax attacks.

The case was dismissed on January 12, 2007 on other grounds (to be spelled out in an opinion that has not yet been published).

But in a sealed motion on December 29, the New York Times argued that the classification restrictions imposed on the case were tantamount to an assertion of the state secrets privilege. Times attorneys cited the case law on state secrets to support their argument that the case should be dismissed.

The "state secrets" doctrine, they said, "precludes a case from proceeding to trial when national security precludes a party from obtaining evidence that is... necessary to support a valid defense. Dismissal is warranted in this case because the Times has been denied access to such evidence, specifically documents and testimony concerning the work done by plaintiff [Hatfill] on classified government projects relating to bioweapons, including anthrax."

"It would be manifestly unjust and improper to require the Times to defend against the claims being advanced by Steven Hatfill without affording it access to critical information concerning his own activities that could serve to defeat those claims."

"The government has not formally intervened in this case to assert the [state secrets] privilege, as it has typically done in analogous cases," the Times acknowledged in an accompanying memorandum of law.

"Nevertheless, ... it is now evident that the government has in fact invoked the privilege through ex parte evidentiary submissions by DOD, the Department of Justice and the CIA establishing that information concerning projects worked on by plaintiff and his colleagues were properly 'classified'," the Times' attorneys claimed.

A redacted copy of the December 29 New York Times Memorandum of Law in Support of Defendant's Motion for an Order Dismissing the Complaint Under the "State Secrets" Doctrine was obtained by Secrecy News. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/statesec/nyt122906-memo.pdf>

Attorneys for Dr. Hatfill filed a sealed response on January 12 in opposition to the motion for dismissal on state secrets grounds. A redacted copy of their opposition was not immediately

available.

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## Re: Small UFO Videod At Close Range In Brazil -

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 13:07:54 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 22:52:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Small UFO Videod At Close Range In Brazil -

>From: A. J. Gevaerd <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 08:45:05 -0500  
>Subject: Small UFO Videod At Close Range In Brazil

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><http://www.ufo.com.br/arquivos/sondas/flight.wmv>

A.J.!

The visual evidence suggests to me that Senhor Anonymous is less than honest and is amusing himself at our expense.

How did Senhor Anonymous know in advance that this sonda or UFO would rise from the ground and move to the right as we see in the first few seconds of the 12 second video clip that was taken with his cell phone camera. If this video clip is of a real UFO, why did Senhor Anonymous not center his cell phone camera on it but started recording with the sonda to the extreme left of the field of view?

I would have been very excited should I have seen a UFO on the ground and once I started recording with my video camera, the nervous shaking of my hands would be evident. As for our witness, Senhor Anonymous seems to have had time to set up a tripod for his cell phone camera which is rock-steady during this brief video clip.

As for those handheld glowing fragments allegedly recovered from one of the sondas or UFOs that exploded, I was able to duplicate these still pictures (see URL blow) with just a piece of white printer paper and a bright flashlight with a narrow beam of light in a darkened room.

<http://www.ufo.com.br/arquivos/sondas/sondas.eml>

There are additional details that convinced to me that this is a hoax which I will keep to myself so as not to encourage copycats or other mischievous persons whose activities serve to discredit ufology.

At this stage of the investigation, I do not think the unchecked story and unverified images provided by Senhor Anonymous warrants so much coverage in any reputable journal, including 'Brazilian UFO Magazine'.

Nick Balaskas

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### Researcher Report On The Salta Argentina UFO Search

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 16:31:39 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 22:55:49 -0500  
Subject: Researcher Report On The Salta Argentina UFO Search

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
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SOURCE: Planeta UFO  
DATE: 01.22.07

Argentina: Researcher Report on the Salta UFO Search

A Report from Mercedes Casas (Salta, Argentina)

Yesterday I paid a visit to the sheriffs' offices of Chicoana, Rosario de la Frontera and Campo Quijano to have a chat with members of the police force. At Chincoana they were aware of the fallen object, but almost next to nothing about the expedition designed to find it. I was told that the expedition fell under the jurisdiction of Rosario and Quijano. In Rosario I was told that they had guided the members of the search team as close to the site as they could, but the rest of the way had to be done on horseback. They had indeed received word that it was a metallic object because a sheen had been detected at the alleged impact area during one of the overflights.

The sheriff wasn't in at the time, but the officer who assisted me told me that was all they knew. They didn't tell me much in Quijano, the last place I visited, which goes to show that the news story wasn't as important for people living in the area.

The only thing that has given me pause - and ought to be taken into consideration - is that one of the police officers, when discussing the subject of the absence of missing airplane reports, asked me to bear in mind that due to drug-trafficking problems in [northern Argentina], it was possible that we could be dealing with a small drug-running aircraft which of course had not filed a flight plan.

In any event, I was advised of the approximate location of Cerro El Manzano, located in Rio Toro ravine, bordering Campo Quijano. It is a ravine surrounded by mountains, traversed by the famous Tren a las Nubes (Train to the Clouds - to those who don't know it, it is a train that leaves the Salta station and heads west to the Puna, reaching the Chilean border. A tourist attraction).

Photos of the area in question will be submitted later.

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### FAA's Credibility & Varacity Over O'Hare

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 12:56:27 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 23:04:02 -0500  
Subject: FAA's Credibility & Varacity Over O'Hare

Initially when the O'Hare UFO sighting occurred, the FAA [Federal Aviation Authority] in the United States declared it a weather phenomenon. Not only was this an ill thought out and silly explanation with no regard to the actual times involved but probably issued by the wrong agency.

The FAA has no expertise in the area of anomalous aerial objects reported by not only the civilian population but by military pilots, general aviation and commercial aviation which involves airliners and airfreighters. The real expertise where the aviation portion of the FAA is concerned is with the pilots who actually fly the airplanes not with the civil servants and ground bound employees of the FAA.

Why is it we are always acquiescing to an uninformed authority when it comes to explaining these objects. There are various departments in the FAA that are concerned with aviation regulations and the whole system of air traffic control. The section of the FAA dealing with media relations is peopled by ex-media people. Other positions in the FAA are populated with supervisors and managers who don't know an aileron from an empennage. Some of these persons are parachuted into these jobs by political representatives who have to pay off a favor to the individuals and reward them with a federal job with the perks and pensions that apply thereto.

The same thing applies in Canada at Transport Canada and other federal agencies. Some employees are aviation savvy and are experts in their fields but usually at the technical level where accidents and air traffic control are concerned. They might have the expertise but do not have the ear of the public. Often policy making at the top levels is concerned with keeping the system of air travel running and making money. Any perceived threat to that trend such as a UFO report at a federally operated and controlled airport is quickly dealt with by the media representatives of the top levels of management not any expert at the FAA. They have no expert in this area.

The response to a UFO report such as that of O'Hare on Nov.7,2006 is knee jerk in nature and not an informed one. In this regard Jon and other reporters should note that in their articles. Even the weather response had no credibility as informed scientific fact and that too should be noted.

It should have been asked where this expertise came from... certainly the FAA does not process it. This is the pervue of the US Weather Service. They have the scientists who are knowledgeable about weather phenomena, not the FAA.

The history should be checked for this phenomenon of the UFO and the study by those informed in this area by the media. The media falls down and frankly dismal in its approach to these reports; often the questions they ask and their attitude toward it are embarrassingly simpleminded. In Jon's case, he at least treated it as a puzzling event - and I was one who sent him one of those hundreds of e-mails he received - praising him for doing so. He took the trouble to issue and FOIA request and stirred up a hornets nest as a result. This attention to detail is not always the case. The databases regarding pilot reports of UFOs/UAP



number in the thousands some of which include highly dangerous near misses and in some cases collisions with these things never mind the on-record incidents of pilots reporting these objects harassing them and then never being seen again with ATC losing contact with them while they on the radio reporting the episode. This is a fact not fiction. This can be a dangerous phenomenon often not reported by pilots because they fear just the kind of nonsense offered up by the FAA for the O'Hare incident.

Often they are made to look the fool. I find it curious and very disturbing that United Airlines have attempted to subvert freedom of speech by ordering their employees not to speak of this incident. A few thoughts in a limited forum.

Best,

Don Ledger

Pilot, Author "Swissair Down" the crash of Swissair Flight 111.  
NARCAP Representative for Canada.

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## Interview With Anders Liljegren Of UFO-Sweden

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Fwd Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 23:09:33 -0500  
Subject: Interview With Anders Liljegren Of UFO-Sweden

Interview With Anders Liljegren Chairman and Co-Founder of AFU  
- UFO-Sweden  
By Milton Frank, Brazilia's Ufology Center President

Also see Hakan Blomqvist at:

<http://www.cubbrasil.net/happyman.html>

One of the founding members of UFO-Sweden in 1970, and co-founder (with Hakan Blomqvist and Kjell Jonsson) of the predecessor to Archives for UFO Research, in 1973. Involved in the study of several Swedish close encounters, particularly the Domsten case (Swedish booklet written with Clas Svahn) and the Mariannelund (Gideon Johansson) humanoid case.

One of the first researchers in Sweden to gain access to the government archives on the waves of "ghost fliers" (1930's) and "ghost rockets" (1946). Hundreds of articles published in Swedish and English; editor of the AFU Newsletter since 1976 (issue #50 published in December 2005). Today the principal manager and chairman of AFU.

1 - Why did you start to study and search Ufology? Have you ever seen an UFO? If so, how was your experience?

I was born in 1950. I had a brother who was very interested in everything flying. He died of leukemia when I was only three. I inherited his box full of books & models of airplanes. This was the foundation. When I was maybe 10-11 I started to collect clippings about technological things, including flying saucers (which I then thought of as a technological construction in a simplistic way). By 15-16 I started to read UFO books and in 1969 -1970 I was one of several people who co-started UFO-Sweden, which is now the main Swedish organization with about 1.300 members (to be compared to 9 million citizens in Sweden). I have never seen anything that still remains a UFO, meaning I have seen a few things that later on got their perfectly natural explanation. So my interest is not self-experience-oriented but more of a collection mania, but of course with overtones where I have (in vain) tried to fully understand the phenomenon under study.

2 - Could you explain to us what AFU is? What kind of files and material do you have in AFU archives? How did you gather all those archives?

What a gigantic question! AFU was born in 1973, when a few of us felt the need for a lending library for UFO literature that would be open to anyone who pays an annual small fee. This line of work is still a part of AFU, although we have now diversified in many other directions. We started with about 350 books donated by a Stockholm ufologist. Now we have about 8.000 books in the library, representing about 6.500 different titles. About 700 titles are added each year now.

We have had a fantastic growth especially during the last 10-15 years. From the corner of a room in one of our founding member's apartment, we now have four archive facilities along the same city road with a total area of 250 square meters. The collection

represents about 600-650 meters on our shelves.

We now collect almost anything related to UFOs and belief (or non-belief!) in UFOs and theories related to them or to the related folklore of extraterrestrial visits =96 now, in historic and pre-historic times. We, of course, have the national collection of Swedish UFO reports (at least 20.000 of them) and now also the Danish collection (deposition by the Danish national group). We have accepted donations =96 and sometimes we have even bought =96 from hundreds of Swedish, Scandinavian, European and international collectors and donors.

Our main collections are: books & booklets, magazines (about 25.000 unique issues), clippings (about 30.000 Swedish plus growing collections from many other countries), UFO reports & related documents, audio tape cassettes (about 2.000 including witness interviews, public talks, media programs), some 600 videos (a part of our collection in large growth right now!), a small SF collection, an almost complete collection of the maps of Sweden (to help field investigations), personal and organizational files from hundreds of groups (mainly in Scandinavia), paraphernalia (like models, posters, T-shirts, you name it=85). Most of these things have been donated to us.

The material arrives here in postal boxes from countries like France, Russia, the United States, and other corners of the world. Clas Svahn (chairman of UFO-Sweden since more than 15 years) is our "whipper" of materials and his cars have taken tons of materials to our doors from all across Sweden, Scandinavia and the UK. In November he made the fourth tour between UK ufologists and collected another car-load, which has already been catalogued and filed =96 for the most part, see [www.afu.info/recdons06.htm](http://www.afu.info/recdons06.htm).

3 - I know that you have been writing some UFO articles. Can you tell us what article you wrote you most like? Do you intend to translate some of your articles to Portuguese? Do you have any article published in Brazil? Did you ever write a book?

Writing is the part of my life that I have been forced to set aside due to lack of time. I still have a professional job, six hours a day, to care for =96 and the administration of the archives, which takes more than the remainder of my spare time. I still mourn not being able to bring the rich Scandinavian material on our ghost fliers (1930s) and our ghost rockets (1946) to the international audience's attention. This is a probably a loss to international UFO studies, to some extent, although Clas Svahn and I have still managed to write a few lengthy articles on the subject. I have planned a few books but failed to find the time and concentration to finish them. If anyone should like to translate some of our articles in English to Portuguese they are more than welcome! Maybe it has been done? The best thing I have written is probably about the investigation of the Gideon Johansson humanoid encounter, which unfortunately is yet mostly in Swedish. I spent a week on the phone, interviewing most people connected to the witness and also hours at the library, and finally I think I found a psychological solution to the case. Any solution to a case thrills me.

4 - Could you tell us how your involvement in the study of Domsten Case was?

I was mainly doing the table work here, like library studies, while Clas Svahn was the one active in the field with interviews of everyone involved. Together I think we put together a very definite picture that the case was a hoax. We also managed to find the inspirations for creating the story: a local ghost story and a science fiction cartoon in the Tom Trick series. We were thrilled by finding the solution (and finally learning about the death-bed confession of one of the claimants) to this case which had been one of the primers in Swedish ufology for decades, and also published internationally. I can still remember the disappointment it created in some of the audience in the late 1980s, as Clas Svahn presented the result at a national UFO conference. Dead silence in the audience. It was really like killing a darling. I love that. I just wish we could kill another darling the other way =96 finding positive proof.

5 - You were one of the first researchers in Sweden to gain access to the government archives on the waves of "ghost fliers"

(1930's) and "ghost rockets" (1946). How was it? What conclusions did you get?

As for the ghost fliers I am 99 % confident of a perfectly natural explanation to the phenomenon. This was between the two World Wars, the winters of 1933/1934 and 1936/1937. Hitler had just entered as the modern emperor of Germany. This bears every sign of an intelligence and training operation by Russian and/or German air forces directed against the mining ores of northern Sweden. But we have still failed to find the definitive document to prove this thesis, in any archive. I must admit that we have not tried very hard; this is one of the little devils poking at me from over my shoulder. If anyone should like to fund this study we would be more than happy to do it, taking leave from our works for the needed daily money.

As for the ghost rockets of 1946 it's more complicated. There we still have 150-200 mostly Swedish cases (of more than 1.000) that remain unsolved, in my mind. It is a start of the modern UFO era, but not with flying saucers (meaning daylight discs). I think we have only one case in the whole wave that could be a DD. The objects were mainly cigar-, rocket- or airplane-like, sometimes behaving in a very advanced way. The Defense Staff committee couldn't explain many of the cases in 1946, and I think we have also failed in a good number of cases. The ghost rocket phenomenon continues with a few cases pouring in now and then. At least we have big question marks over our heads. But the good cases of 1946 are wrapped (as usual) in a plethora of meteoric phenomena and high-altitude over flights of newly imported Vampire jets.

6 - What are the top 10 cases of World Ufology in your opinion?

This is a tough one. I would like a few days to concentrate on that question. I think I would still single out Roswell as one of the ten. Making a list of the ten would probably involve a few days of thinking and thumbing through the literature. But Roswell is a mysterious thing. I am glad that people like Nick Redfern are trying to find new inklings on the problem but I am not confident that the mystery is permanently solved and buried. This summer I have been watching and cataloguing (for the AFU archives) a good number of Roswell video documentaries and I am still impressed with SOME of the materials, excluding, of course, things like the Santilli film and some of the less believable witnesses. Roswell is the mother of cover-up cases, although I regularly don't believe in a great cover-up by any of the governments of the world. If there is a cover-up it's generally more about ignorance than about knowledge.

7- What is the most important UFO CASE in Sweden in your opinion? Why do you believe so?

Since several of the good ones have failed to stand the test I must single out the Gotland case, reported by AFU donor K.G=F6sta Rehn in the UFO Encyclopedia by Ronald Story. But we still need many pieces of that puzzle and it could be a "looser", too. It rests entirely on witness testimony but is the mother of a very good daylight disc case with the extremely detailed descriptions of the two discs. It impressed me very much when first published by Rehn, and it still does.

8 - In Brazil right now we have the tendency to separate Spiritual Ufology to Scientific Ufology. What do you think about that? What do you think about Spiritual Ufology and Scientific Ufology? Can they live together or separate?

I don't think they can live together, not in one and the same organization, if that organization is to survive in the long run... AFU is possibly the one and only exception, because we are an archives institution that has as an AIM to collect material from ALL aspects of ufology, including even the extreme spiritual cults. This is our mission: to care for preservation of it all, whether "serious", "semi-serious" or anything else.

UFO-Sweden was from the start of the spiritual type, with me and a few other types trying to balance with some "science" thinking. It didn't work at that time, so we split up. This was not the only split from UFO-Sweden =96 until it was, finally, "completely" on the "scientific" side and with the spiritual ufologists offside. Now it works, at least in my mind! Spiritual ufology is now very low profiled in Sweden, but still existing

to a degree where it doesn't interfere with serious investigations and attempts to find explanations for the phenomena reported.

9 - What would you say to a young man that intends to be a Ufology searcher?

A very good question this one. I have myself asked it of people I have interviewed. A few points: Never expect to make a living from serious ufology, unless you maybe combine it with a broad academic or journalistic career. Question every belief, even the most "self-evident" (like extraterrestrial spaceships!). A good point would be to work more from a semi-folkloric viewpoint of collecting a large number of stories and materials into a catalogue before taking a stand on the origin(s) of it all. The complete picture is formed by the individual cases so be careful with the minute details of EVERY case.

10- Do you read about Brazilian Ufology Cases? What Brazilian cases do you know? What do you think about them?

I remember a few, mainly from the repertoire of Olavo T. Fontes, like the Itaip=FA case and, of course, the sexual abduction of Antonio Villas Boas. Rehn translated many APRO cases for his books in Swedish. I also read a lot of Brazilian humanoid stories in the 1960s =96 1980s, the golden age of the Flying Saucer Review under Charles Bowen's editorship.

Brazilian ufology seems to me a lot like Finnish ufology, the stories coming from the country neighboring us to the immediate east. At least the multitude of contactee stories!! There is a lot of spiritual undertones, both positive and negative. The very negative stories of blood-sucking chupacabras, ray-burned people & mutilations (a large wave of this in Argentina, don't know about Brazil in this sense=85) makes you think about "devils in the skies".

11 - What is your opinion about Ufology future?

With so many wild-brains in the field (particularly the American conspiracy scene that has such a big influence on us all) I can see no future for ufology as a science, except for being, perhaps a part of ethnology with outside actors studying our odd behavior (in place of us studying the very UFO phenomenon!). This is bad, and sad, because there is obviously a strong core of truly mysterious cases & materials that should not be ignored.

There is also a tendency for repetition every decade or every-other decade. Every new generation of ufologists repeats the mistakes of the "elderly" and view us as overly skeptical, even as debunkers. The people that survive this process, still taking a part in active ufology, and learning by doing, are very few, but they can make a difference by joining forces, nationally and trans-nationally. Some small such nucleus of people can be found in many nations and it's very much up to us. The internet and its mailing-lists is now strong glue between us all. So let's be hopeful!

12 - I really would like you to live a message to The Brazilian Ufology Center. Right now we have more than 26.400 members and they really would like to hear what you have to say to them.

26.400 means 125 ufologists in every million (counting 188 million people living in Brazil). By comparison, we are about 1.300 paying members out of 9 million people in Sweden. So we are on roughly equal terms! Effective work can be accomplished on a few levels: case collection (maybe you should view and pride yourself more as modern folklorists?), data analysis (is there a database of Brazilian cases, we have one of 12.000 Swedish cases) and recruiting intelligent and hard-working people with good general contacts in the society for the boards of your organizations.

Of course, if there was a Brazilian Archives for UFO Research (maybe there is, without us knowing it?) we would support it because having a chain of national-international archives to preserve the material and traditions of every generation of ufologists will strengthen us and give ufology a permanent history, tradition and good reputation even in academic circles.

AFU in Sweden cannot possibly cover the complete globe with our work, even though we have that ambition in some ways! The ambition is effectively stopped by such "minor" things as our lack of understanding what has been written in a foreign language, such as Portuguese!! We are currently working our ways into the ufology's from countries like Finland, Russia and France, where we can't fully appreciate and understand what we collect and preserve without the help of native ufologists from those countries.

This is a weakness that can only be countered, in the long run, by creating a chain of national or regional archives, which would unite through the internet. From our point of view the creation of a sister AFU-Brazil (specializing in collection of Portuguese materials) would be a good thing and we could send you hundreds of kilos of European materials in exchange for the extra copies created within your own donation "system" and which we would be happy to receive here.

We've just had our first big grant of 82.000 SEK from the Swedish National Archives for buying new shelves for a new archive we are just inaugurating, see [www.afu.info/projects.htm](http://www.afu.info/projects.htm). We have worked more than three decades for this success so you have to be very, very patient. January/07

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### X-PPAC Congressional Alert 1/22/07

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Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee

Congressional Alert  
[Faxed to all Congressional DC and home district offices]

Date: January 22, 2007  
Attn: Chief of Staff  
Re: Doomsday Clock vs. Paradigm Clock

Washington, DC -- On January 17, 2007 the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists reset the Doomsday Clock two minutes closer to 'midnight' -- nuclear war. The guiding analysis for resetting the Doomsday Clock to 11:55 is provided at the Bulletin website, but comes down to a fundamental failure by all nations to "take care of business" after the Cold War ended in late 1991. The contribution to this failure of policy by the United States is not insignificant and the United States Congress must shoulder much of the responsibility.

The Doomsday Clock was first published in June of 1947. Since that time another 'timepiece' has been ticking in parallel with the Doomsday Clock. It is the Paradigm Clock published to the Internet in April of 1998 and set retroactively from July of 1947 to monitor proximity to another "midnight" -- Disclosure -- the formal acknowledgment by governmental authority of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race.

The "Truth Embargo" placed upon the facts of this extraterrestrial reality has become a profoundly destructive charade which undermines the social contract and the basic trust of the American people in their government -- now at an unprecedented low.

The United States Congress has completely abrogated its responsibility to and oversight of this issue. Such abrogation has metastasized to a range of critical policies. The last Congressional hearing targeting extraterrestrial-related phenomena was 39 years ago. Eighty percent or more of the American people when polled by leading media now state they believe their government is lying about the issue. This is a staggering number for which the United States Congress must also take a great measure of responsibility.

The six decades since 1947 has been a race between the two clocks. Which would come first - Disclosure or destruction? The United States Congress is running out of time to reconstitute its proper function and begin talking truth to the American people.

It is time for Members of Congress who are closeted with regard to the matter of an extraterrestrial presence to step forward. Fear of a few bad jokes from Jay Leno and David Letterman does not justify silence and inaction. Wanting to be President does not justify silence and inaction.

Congressional staff closeted on this issue also have a decision to make -- do you not also serve the truth and the American people? It=92s time to stand up, speak out and advise your boss to do the same.

Stephen Bassett,  
Executive Director

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Paradigm Clock

[www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/timechangechronicleportal.html](http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/timechangechronicleportal.html)

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### Alien Abduction The Need for Healing

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Alien Abduction: The Need for Healing  
By Rick Nielsen, <http://alienabductionaccounts.blogspot.com/>

My preface I don't consider myself a mental health professional. However, so far I have sixteen years of paid, professional experience as an agent of the state, counseling all kinds of people from backgrounds whose diversity stems from ethnicity, age, gender, belief system and mental state. This experience includes twelve years as a full-time state employee in positions titled Counselor, in the adult corrections field.

If value is found in this article, let this be an introduction to the topic only. I readily acknowledge those more qualified than me.

Let the healing begin Should I see a counselor about this? The appropriate answer is, "Maybe you should." If your experiences are preventing you from feeling capable and effective, or if remembering them is preventing you from enjoying life, maybe you should. Choose a competent and credentialed mental health professional. You can start by asking your doctor.

If it's not interfering with your life, but you want to deal with it anyway, what should you do? When faced with events that one cannot control, what can be done?

There are general tactics one can use, as well as specific techniques available to help one through this.

Generally speaking Generally, we are each responsible for those acts we commit when conscious. We are not responsible for things we do when unconscious or semi-conscious or when forced by someone else. Likewise, harmful acts against us, perpetrated by others, are not our responsibility.

For acts committed against others by our own bodies, for example vehicular assaults and homicides committed while "under the influence", we can expect to be held responsible. The assumption in this case is that we chose to ingest those substances that incapacitated us and led to our criminal behaviors.

But how do we deal with those harmful acts against us? Viktor Frankl suggested an approach that seems most appropriate: we can choose our response. In his book "Man's Search for Meaning" he said:

"We who lived in concentration camps can remember the men who walked through the huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread. They may have been few in number, but they offer sufficient proof that everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's own attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way." "Man's Search for Meaning", page 104

I highly recommend all of his books, audio and video productions to everyone, whether they have been victimized themselves or whether they want to understand those who have been victimized. Dr. Frankl's works help the healing, and the personal empowerment, begin.

Specifically speaking

Specifically, we can look at two anxiety disorders to gain treatment techniques that help move us back into productive, healthy lives. They are post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and post-abduction syndrome (PAS). PTSD is recognized by professional mental health classification and treatment organizations, while PAS is not, as yet.

Neither of these, PTSD or PAS, has been proven to completely deal with our current topic. These are presented as only possible avenues for research and use. Also, PAS is presented here without reference to treatment, because no methods were found, in the research for this article. On the other hand, PTSD is presented with its most effective treatments. It is hoped that until a specific treatment is available for PAS, the methods used for PTSD and other anxiety disorders will help.

Post-abduction Syndrome (PAS)

The word "abduction" in PAS refers to alien abduction. PAS does not refer to humans abducting humans, (i.e., kidnapping), but only to alien abductions. PAS shares many symptoms with PTSD. But it is not the same.

PAS is based on those symptoms originally listed by alien abduction researcher Budd Hopkins and described in his books Missing Time and Intruders.

PAS symptoms include:

- Persistent re-experiencing of the traumatic event characterized by flashbacks
- Persistent avoidance of stimuli associated with the trauma
- Denial of the event
- Labeling the event something else
- Phobic avoidance of areas or situations where contact occurred
- Refraining from sleep at the time contact occurred
- Emotional reaction to literature, pictures, or videos about alien entities
- Numbing of emotions characterized by inability to feel intimacy, pleasure, or to express emotions
- Diminished interest previously enjoyed activities
- May have no expectation of normal life events or normal life span
- May fear abduction with no return or lengthy abduction
- Hyper-vigilance, exaggerated startle response, irritability, and/or panic attacks

As mentioned earlier, there is no treatment or cure listed with PAS, as presently proposed. It is hoped that the treatments used for authenticated anxiety disorders, like PTSD, are helpful to those experiencing PAS.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and treatment

PTSD refers to stressful events that the person experiences as highly traumatic. Like PAS, PTSD has everything to do with not being able to trust your environment anymore. It's very serious and debilitating.

It is possible for individuals to experience traumatic stress without manifesting Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. But PTSD is an anxiety disorder and not to be confused with normal grief and adjustment after traumatic events. For most people, the emotional effects of traumatic events will tend to subside after several months. If they last longer, then a psychiatric disorder may be diagnosed. It is also possible to suffer other psychiatric disorders in addition to PTSD. These disorders often include depression, anxiety disorders and addictions. PTSD may have a delayed onset of months, years or even decades and may be triggered by an external factor or factors.

Treatment

There are dozens of treatments suggested for PTSD. PTSD is commonly treated using a combination of psychotherapy and psychotropic drug therapy.

The most effective psychotherapeutic treatment for PTSD is Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR). Extremely briefly, EMDR is an eight-phase treatment that includes the following actions occurring simultaneously and under supervision:

- Patient focuses inwardly on a most traumatic scene from her past
- Patient focuses outwardly on their doctor's finger, following it back and forth with their eyes
- Patient visualizes a pre-chosen positive picture

A more detailed explanation of the treatment can be found at the EMDR website listed in the references at the end of this article. Parenthetically, it is interesting that the eyes are the focus of the PTSD therapy EMDR.

Bottom line

Whether alien abductions occur in our physical world or not, their effects can be real, and real devastating, to their victims. It should be encouraging to know that help is available. It should be hopeful to know there are ways to manage our responses to these intrusions. It should be better still to go on living our lives with purpose.

A short list of references

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## Re: FAA's Credibility & Varacity Over O'Hare -

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>Often they are made to look the fool. I find it curious and very  
>disturbing that United Airlines have attempted to subvert  
>freedom of speech by ordering their employees not to speak of  
>this incident. A few thoughts in a limited forum.

>Don Ledger  
>Pilot, Author "Swissair Down" the crash of Swissair Flight 111.  
>NARCAP Representative for Canada.

Don & List,

Surely the only folk qualified to judge craft and their flight characteristics are pilots? And that includes astronauts. But they're specifically barred from speaking, by military law and maybe now even by civil 'law' or 'guidelines' (corporate censorship).

Astronomers, meteorologists (weather people), other scientists and folk in 'administration' have no experience or knowledge of flying and so should be ignored. But they're the only ones asked or allowed to speak, because their careers are controlled by gov't.

Here's some references which I think are still valid and checkable -

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and

<http://tinyurl.com/fjx9c> Page 958 onwards

"Aug 1952 - referring to the very last time reports were obtained from professional astronomers - but only by fellow astronomer J Allen Hynek presenting himself as willing to "chat - off the record". Their apparently new, and clearly increasing reluctance to talk was presumably due to fear of official punishment."

"August 1953 US Air Force Regulation (200-2) criminalized AF personnel speaking to public or Press about 'sightings'. Base commanders were authorized to publicize 'sightings' only if they could be firmly identified as 'familiar or known objects'. I.e - only 'debunking' reports allowed. Quote: 'UFOs: The Government Files' - Peter Brookesmith, Brown Books, London, 1996 (p 38)."

"Former Director of Central Intelligence, Vice Admiral R.H. Hillenkoetter: "It is time for the truth to be brought out in open Congressional hearings. Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about the UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are lead to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense. To hide the facts, the

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Air Force has silenced its personnel." Quote - The New York Times, Sunday, February 28, 1960: 'Air Force Order on Saucers Cited' p. L30."

All this should tell us something about the motives of the corporate media and those who've made the laws: they don't want the truth or even informed comment.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Group Welcomes All UFO Enthusiasts

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<http://www.gazette.com/display.php?id=3D1329090>

January 21, 2007

Life

Group Welcomes All UFO Enthusiasts

By Bill Radford  
The Gazette

Steven Alexander believes the truth is still out there =97 and he=92s back looking for it.

In the early 1990s, TV=92s =93The X-Files=94 rekindled Alexander=92s long-held interest in UFOs. He founded the UFO Institute in Colorado Springs, a group devoted to investigating and documenting UFO sightings, in 1993.

=93We=92re out to find answers,=94 he told The Gazette then.

The group sought those answers for years, but faded away at the end of the decade. Now Alexander, 53, is forming another group =97 a Springs chapter of the newly formed UFO Institute International. He met with fellow UFO enthusiasts recently in Las Vegas to help set up the organization.

=93I think in six months we=92ll have up to eight active chapters, from New Orleans to Amarillo to Albuquerque,=94 he says.

Monthly meetings will provide local members the chance to share their experiences and sightings, and special presentations will cover topics such as alien abductions and the 1947 Roswell incident. The group, as before, also will investigate sightings.

The club is for anyone interested in UFOs, Alexander says, from scientific types to believers in the more metaphysical. =93We just ask that they come in with an open mind.=94

Members will adhere to a code of etiquette, he said, and be respectful even if they find someone=92s tale outlandish. That understanding attitude was sometimes stretched to the limit with the old club.

=93We would get offers like, =91I can make the aliens come and meet me at the Wal-Mart parking lot on Platte Avenue at 10 o=92clock.=92 A couple of us would show up out there and the person was like, =91Can you see them?=92 Well, no.=94

Alexander knows some people might regard the group as =93those UFO nuts,=94 but he said that attitude is becoming less prevalent.

A 2005 survey commissioned by the National Geographic Channel found 60 percent of Americans believe life exists on other

planets. Alexander, of course, is among those believers.

=93I look out at space and can=92t imagine God would build such a universe and put all of his eggs in this one little basket called Earth.=94

He doesn=92t claim to have encountered a visitor from another planet, but he has seen something he can=92t explain.

In 1977, while driving from Leadville to Colorado Springs, he saw =93a peculiar-looking light.=94

=93It was just green and it was moving this way and that way, and a little bit up and down, not like a steady airplane thing.=94

He assumed it was an Army helicopter.

But 30 years later and with experience in the military =97 he=92s a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve =97 he=92s confident it was no helicopter.

=93What it might have been, I=92m not sure.=94

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#### MEETINGS

The Colorado Springs chapter of UFO Institute International will hold an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Penrose Library, 20 N. Cascade Ave. Subsequent meetings will be 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Police Operations Center, 705 S. Nevada Ave. For more information, e-mail [ufoinstituteinternational.nul](mailto:ufoinstituteinternational.nul)

One of the roles of the UFO Institute International will be to evaluate and document UFO sightings. The Colorado Mutual UFO Network also investigates sightings in the state. For more information, go to [www.comufon.org](http://www.comufon.org).

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://uforeview.net/>]

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>From: Stephen Bassett - X-PPAC <[director.nul-ppac.org](mailto:director.nul-ppac.org)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 15:15:17 -0800  
>Subject: X-PPAC Congressional Alert 1/22/07

>Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee  
  
>Congressional Alert  
>[Faxed to all Congressional DC and home district offices]

>Date: January 22, 2007  
>Attn: Chief of Staff  
>Re: Doomsday Clock vs. Paradigm Clock

>Washington, DC -- On January 17, 2007 the Bulletin of the Atomic  
>Scientists reset the Doomsday Clock two minutes closer to  
>'midnight' -- nuclear war.

<snip>

>The Doomsday Clock was first published in June of 1947. Since  
>that time another 'timepiece' has been ticking in parallel with  
>the Doomsday Clock. It is the Paradigm Clock published to the  
>Internet in April of 1998 and set retroactively from July of  
>1947 to monitor proximity to another "midnight" -- Disclosure --  
>the formal acknowledgment by governmental authority of an  
>extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race.

<snip>

>The six decades since 1947 has been a race between the two  
>clocks. Which would come first - Disclosure or destruction? The  
>United States Congress is running out of time to reconstitute  
>its proper function and begin talking truth to the American  
>people.

Herein lies the gigantic false assumption that makes this sort  
of `scolding' a total waste of time, money, and energy.

>It is time for Members of Congress who are closeted with regard  
>to the matter of an extraterrestrial presence to step forward.  
>Fear of a few bad jokes from Jay Leno and David Letterman does  
>not justify silence and inaction. Wanting to be President does  
>not justify silence and inaction.

I'm not sure what is meant by 'closeted' here, but the  
assumption that members of Congress and their staffs know all  
about UFOs and are too scared to admit it is absurd on the face  
of it. They have bought into the pop culture version of UFOs  
and, with perhaps a few very rare exceptions, know absolutely  
nothing about serious UFO cases, much less an 'alien presence.'

>Congressional staff closeted on this issue also have a decision  
>to make -- do you not also serve the truth and the American  
>people? It=92s time to stand up, speak out and advise your boss  
>to do the same.

They don't know diddly about any such great truth, and so  
consider this sort of message to be strictly from cranks and



`believers.' First we need to educate them about the serious, hardcore evidence devoid of a misguided context of lecturing and moralizing. As with the fabled story of the mule, first you have to get his attention. This won't get his attention. It will only evoke his derision.

- Dick

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## Re: Small UFO Videoed At Close Range In Brazil -

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 11:24:38 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 12:31:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Small UFO Videoed At Close Range In Brazil -

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 13:07:54 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>Subject: Re: Small UFO Videoed At Close Range In Brazil

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 08:45:05 -0500  
>>Subject: Small UFO Videoed At Close Range In Brazil

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Hi Nick

Thanks for your comments.

I definitely don't have any reason not TO believe in the sincerity of someone who seems to be legitimately seeking for an explanation to what he claims to have witnessed with his teenager kid. Specially if you consider that the person in question made sure that I understood, from the very beginning of our exchange of e-mails, that he DOES NOT believe in "UFO stories" and wants no publicity whatsoever about his sightings, completely refusing to have his name published. Plus, he has also refused my offers to send an engineer to talk to him about the experience, as he is an engineer himself and could feel more comfortable with a colleague taking seriously his accounts. He doesn't seek any benefit from his story at all and at this moment he is even refusing to keep the e-mail exchange we started.

Plus, those questions of yours about the images, suspecting that he could have used a tripod to make the video etc, seem exaggerated. If the images were very good in quality and had a really outstanding "revelation", than I could speculate that he could have faked them and start wondering how he did so. But being the images so poor, so unsophisticated etc, why would he bother to fake something like that? Specially if he is gaining nothing by doing so? As for the question that the video is steady, not shaken, please remember that it is only a few seconds long, and anybody can do a steady film in so short time, no big deal. Finally, as to someone's question to why the alleged "sonda" is in the left area of the video, not in the center of it, as expected, the counter question is: why not? I am still talking to the guy, by e-mail, and will find out that very shortly.

At this point, I can only regret that a witnesses can be discarded "a priori", or put under suspicion only for trying to show to a UFO research some material that he got, to describe an experience that he had, to both these facts that he seems legitimate seeking explanations. This discussion has been on in Brazil as well, I am afraid. As an educated man, the witness has access to internet and if he sees that her report has "a priori" been put under suspicion, as well as his character and intentions, I can only see that very probably he will refuse to continue talking to the researcher. Perhaps, this discussion over the www - again "a priori" - may refrain other potential witnesses, with probably great facts to tell, from coming

forward to do so.

I believe that the case has to be investigated and it is being investigated. But we can't jump into conclusions before that.

Cheers.

- A. J.

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## Government Fails To Look Into O'Hare UFO

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Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 12:41:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 12:41:33 -0500  
Subject: Government Fails To Look Into O'Hare UFO

Source: The Exponent - Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, USA

[http://www.purdueexponent.org/index.php?module=article&story\\_id=3746](http://www.purdueexponent.org/index.php?module=article&story_id=3746)

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Government Fails To Look Into O'Hare UFO  
By Editorial Board

Earth was visited by aliens in November. Or at least it's possible. Many employees of O'Hare Airport in Chicago have come forward and described a round gray object hovering just below cloud level around 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 7. But since then, there has not been a single probe by the FAA or the government.

It is understandable that every alien spacecraft sighting is not investigated. Simply poking around the Internet for 10 seconds looking for information on UFOs will reveal an astonishing amount of sightings. But there is something different about the O'Hare case. In this instance, many employees and a few pilots have come forward and presented United Airlines (where most of the employees worked) and the FAA with accounts of an object hovering over Terminal C. Six of these individuals have spoken with the media under the condition of anonymity. These individuals, although viewing the aircraft from different vantage points, all describe roughly the same account of the visit, including the object suddenly bursting through the cloud cover and leaving a hole behind.

Both the amount of witnesses and their credibility is extremely high. That is what sets the O'Hare sighting apart from most other sightings. These employees are well-trained mechanics, managers and pilots whose main motivation for reporting the sighting was the safety of airline passengers. But even after such a large amount of people risked their livelihoods and reputations to report a UFO, nobody has taken them seriously.

United refuses to acknowledge that any incident ever occurred, saying there is no record of the event. The FAA has chosen not to investigate, chalking everything up to a weather phenomenon. Why?

By ignoring the statements of a multitude of incredible witnesses, the organizations hope the issue will just go away. It probably will. But this is not a viable course of action. There should be an investigation about the sighting, if for no other reason than the fact that objects flying over restricted airspace could cause accidents killing hundreds of people. Maybe it wasn't a UFO, but the public deserves to know their plane isn't going to be blindsided upon runway approach by a weather balloon. And maybe, during the investigation, we find out what visited O'Hare. The truth is out there

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## Re: FAA's Credibility & Varacity Over O'Hare -

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Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 12:58:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 13:09:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: FAA's Credibility & Varacity Over O'Hare -

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 11:56:34 -0000  
>Subject: Re: FAA's Credibility & Varacity Over O'Hare

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 12:56:27 -0400  
>>Subject: FAA's Credibility & Veracity Over O'Hare UFO

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>>Often they are made to look the fool. I find it curious and very  
>>disturbing that United Airlines have attempted to subvert  
>>freedom of speech by ordering their employees not to speak of  
>>this incident. A few thoughts in a limited forum.

>>Don Ledger  
>>Pilot, Author "Swissair Down" the crash of Swissair Flight 111.  
>>NARCAP Representative for Canada.

>Don & List,

>Surely the only folk qualified to judge craft and their flight  
>characteristics are pilots? And that includes astronauts. But  
>they're specifically barred from speaking, by military law and  
>maybe now even by civil 'law' or 'guidelines' (corporate  
> censorship).

>Astronomers, meteorologists (weather people), other scientists  
>and folk in 'administration' have no experience or knowledge of  
>flying and so should be ignored. But they're the only ones asked  
>or allowed to speak, because their careers are controlled by  
>gov't.

>Here's some references which I think are still valid and  
>checkable -

>[www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/sep/m26-001.shtml](http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/sep/m26-001.shtml)

>and

><http://tinyurl.com/fjx9c> Page 958 onwards

>"Aug 1952 - referring to the very last time reports were  
>obtained from professional astronomers - but only by fellow  
>astronomer J Allen Hynek presenting himself as willing to "chat  
>- off the record". Their apparently new, and clearly increasing  
>reluctance to talk was presumably due to fear of official  
>punishment."

>"August 1953 US Air Force Regulation (200-2) criminalized AF  
>personnel speaking to public or Press about 'sightings'. Base  
>commanders were authorized to publicize 'sightings' only if they  
>could be firmly identified as 'familiar or known objects'. I.e -  
>only 'debunking' reports allowed. Quote: 'UFOs:'The Government  
>Files' - Peter Brookesmith, Brown Books, London, 1996 (p 38)."

>"Former Director of Central Intelligence, Vice Admiral R.H.

>Hillenkoetter: "It is time for the truth to be brought out in  
>open Congressional hearings. Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air  
>Force officers are soberly concerned about the UFOs. But through  
>official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are lead to believe  
>the unknown flying objects are nonsense. To hide the facts, the  
>Air Force has silenced its personnel." Quote - The New York  
>Times, Sunday, February 28, 1960: 'Air Force Order on Saucers  
>Cited' p. L30."

>All this should tell us something about the motives of the  
>corporate media and those who've made the laws: they don't want  
>the truth or even informed comment.

Hi Ray,

I believe that any employer would have the right to limit the an  
employee's contact with the press regarding job related  
activities, and that would include anything seen by the employee  
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obligation to research it for the curious (or the Press, which  
may or may not come back to haunt them in the form of bad  
publicity).

Somehow I think we're all going to be stuck in speculation-land  
until we get Richard Haine's report.

Steve

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Fwd Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 17:30:11 -0500  
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kept witnesses under wraps - until the court case, when we'd all  
expect the witnesses to tell the truth. Anything else would be  
criminal action, perverting the course of justice, conspiracy  
to... whatever.

There's a grand old tradition which (I believe) we inherited  
from the Norse-men - justice not only has to be done, it has to  
be seen to be done. Seen by the public, that is.

But this case, and many similar cases for sixty-odd years,  
hasn't had its day in court. Most cases haven't even been  
properly investigated. In addition, in many cases it seems  
there's been pressure on witnesses to lie - some extreme  
pressures - and false evidence from authorities, perjury,  
if on oath.

I think we can draw some conclusions from all that.

Cheers

Ray D

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Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 18:19:01 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 20:57:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: FAA's Credibility & Varacity Over O'Hare -

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## Re: Clear Skies - Astronomer Sightings Catalogue -

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 19:25:14 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 05:48:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Clear Skies - Astronomer Sightings Catalogue -

>From: Edoardo Russo <[e.russo.nul](mailto:e.russo.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 13:23:51 +0100  
>Subject: Clear Skies - Astronomer Sightings Catalogue

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>Since October, 2006, I've been working on a new project.

>"Clear Skies" is meant to be a systematic collection, catalogue,  
>evaluation and analysis of all available documentation about  
>unidentified aerial phenomena watched by (both professional and  
>amateur) astronomers all over the world since Januar 1st, 1600.

>TLP (transient lunar phenomena) or any other anomalies seen on  
>the surface of Sun, Moon and other planets will not be included.

Hello Edoardo!

Many TLPs are space objects passing between the observer on Earth and the Moon in the distant background. Other interesting TLPs are short lived flashes of light that are attributed to meteoroid or space debris impacts with the Moon.

The sky (the entire celestial sphere) contains over 41,000 square degrees. Although the Moon is only half a degree in diameter and covers just 0.2 square degrees of the sky, it is probably the most observed 0.2 square degrees in the whole sky! Why should your "Clear Skies" project be that selective so most of these reported "unidentified aerial phenomena" or UFOs are ignored?

Another similar project to yours is the recent and relatively short one by NASA. In just over 100 hours of observing (not since the year 1600 as for your project) they have recorded 82 TLPs. Most of these TLPs are Earth orbiting satellites while others are believed to be explosions on the Moon from impacts by meteoroids.

Check out the URL below for further details.

[http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2007/23jan\\_ltps.htm?list105130](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2007/23jan_ltps.htm?list105130)

The unexpectedly high rate of explosions on the Moon caused by meteoroids that can be seen from the Earth with small backyard telescopes is cause for concern. This fact and a recently published study that a single very large meteoroid or asteroid which was once thought to form a single very large crater on the Moon, in fact creates many thousands of secondary ones all around the lunar orb. This has NASA worried that future manned lunar settlements or permanent bases may not be that permanent after all!

Nick Balaskas

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From: Jason Gammon <[BoyintheMachine.nul](mailto:BoyintheMachine.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 02:09:23 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 05:52:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: FAA's Credibility & Varacity Over O'Hare -

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>Steve

Though I have not heard of UA officially issuing a 'zip it'  
policy with regard to the November incident, I do believe  
concerns of just such are quite valid. A corporation need not  
act in an 'official' manner in order to enforce it's will upon  
employees, i.e., 'Bad things happen to pilots who see things...'

In other cases pilots who witnessed a UFO have claimed subtle  
pressure to deny their sighting, often with veiled threats to  
the security of their employment.

One must also take into account 'the ridicule factor', and fear  
of falling victim to it, especially if such witnesses believe  
that authorities are uninterested or hostile to the subject.

- Jason Gammon

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## UFOs In Arkansas And Across Louisiana Skies

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 06:16:45 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 06:16:45 -0500  
Subject: UFOs In Arkansas And Across Louisiana Skies

Source: WDC Media - Stonyford, California, USA

<http://www.wdcmedia.com/pressReleaseArticle.php?ID=3D233>

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Christian News and Media Agency  
For Immediate Release

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To: News Assignment Desk

Media Contact:  
Rev Bresciani at [ampro.nul](mailto:ampro.nul)

[WDC News Post] -- UFO sightings are not unusual these days and unless someone claims to have been abducted there is little chance they will be labeled as kooks. The sightings in Arkansas were seen by a retired Air Force Colonel. Hardly a kook!

Colonel Brian Fields a 61 year old retired Air Force officer took photos of UFOs dancing and creating various formations in the skies over Van Buren Arkansas. For well over an hour Fields snapped pictures of the sightings with a digital camera. Since the Colonel told news agencies of his observations many other people have checked in with similar reports in that part of Arkansas.

EIC Research a highly regarded phototronics supplier and laboratory has shown enhancements of Fields pictures that seem to show something that resembles a man or more like a winged angel piloting the craft. Fields who is a down to earth former F-16 pilot is not sure what he saw but insists it was not of this world.

No reports have reached news agencies in nearby Louisiana that I know of, but this author saw one object that fits Fields description of the UFOs sighted in Arkansas. On the same night Fields photographed the objects I saw one gray object fly from horizon to horizon at a speed that would make a commercial flight or military aircraft look like it was standing still.

The object went across the skies in perhaps a little less than two seconds and was flying from the Gulf Coast in a north, north westerly direction which is directly inline with the Van Buren area of Arkansas. I immediately mentioned the sighting to my wife but I have no intention of reporting it to authorities. I consider such things unusual but not all that important.

The pictures enhanced by EIC that show a possible angelic creature can be seen on several online sites. I only decided to write about my own observations after viewing the enhancements on The World Net Daily site at <http://www.worldnetdaily> posted on January 19, 2007.

I have had three other encounters with UFOs in my lifetime and although I've never been abducted nor had any specific communication with them I do not think they are something to go bonkers about.

I am inclined to think that most thinking about UFOs is incorrect and is probably part of the "strong delusion" spoken of in 2 Thessalonians 2:7, that is going to be visited on people in the last days. I have researched the idea of ETIs (extra terrestrial intelligences) over a quarter of a century and my views are compatible with other mainstream Christian researchers like Kelly Seagraves or the late Zola Levitt.

The short version of it all is that the so called craft are not physical at all. Rather they are metaphysical in nature. Metaphysical is the only word science can use without actually saying "spiritual." This is another way of saying that they are not ETIs but most likely they are ECIs or "extra celestial intelligences." The Bible says that two thirds of the angelic host remained with God and one third went off with the God of this world (Satan) and the sightings come from one or the other group of beings. In theological language the objects were either sightings of Gods angels or Satan's angels.

I deal more at length with this subject in an article entitled "UFOs what is the Christian View of Them" on my own website. To my surprise this is one of the most often read articles I have ever written. While I don't share the enthusiasm of the dyed in the wool UFO enthusiast I am very interested in how Christians interpret this influence on their lives.

Any influence regardless of how titillating or scientifically intriguing should still come under the warning given by the apostle Paul. Whether its ETIs or ECIs if sightings take anything away from the finished work of Christ there is only one answer for how to deal with that kind of phenomena and it is as follows="But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Galatians 1:8

UFO sightings do leave behind a message whether we like it or not. It doesn't matter whether the messages are explicit as in the case of those who report abductions or inferred as in the generally accepted "scientific" interpretations of their significance, they do leave a message. If that message is contrary to the gospel it is most certainly part of the end times deception. Although not detailed, warnings of signs from the heavens were given by the Lord himself.

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Luke 21:25

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## MUFON Turns UFO Skeptics Into Believers

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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MUFON Turns UFO Skeptics To Believers  
Valerie Hisam

For 22-year old Kristen Cennington, seeing a UFO was strange enough once, but seeing one a second time turned her into a believer.

Cennington works with the Mutual UFO Network, an international organization that has recently landed its headquarters north of Fort Collins. MUFON, as it's better known to its members, aims to educate skeptics that UFOs do exist and field calls around the globe.

James Carrion, 41, is the newest director of MUFON and has taken the organization to Bellevue.

"We basically listen to peoples' stories that other officials don't want to listen to," Carrion said. "What we find, is that truth is much stranger than fiction."

Carrion has been interested in UFOs since he was boy where he naturally ended up doing field investigations after 10 years with the organization, which has been around since 1969.

Not long after Cennington moved to Colorado in April, she noticed an unusual object in the sky while sitting on her porch one afternoon. The UFO appeared to be floating and when the shiny object shot straight up in the air and disappeared, there was no doubt in her mind that it was a flying saucer.

A few months later, Cennington saw another strange object floating in the sky and this time she thought, "It's coming to get me."

But Cennington's sightings have not been the only ones in the state, and in fact there are tens of thousands of UFO sightings all around the world each year. With the help of organizations like MUFON people are able to report any odd behavior and have an investigation take place.

"We have a mission," Carrion said. "It is a myth that only crazy people see the weird; most are competent observers that when they are seeing something that they can't explain and at first try to explain it, that then is when they call us."

Cennington, MUFON's local business manager, admits some callers could be potentially mentally ill.

"We get a lot of weird people and a lot that could be clinically

crazy," Cennington said. "But I've realized it's not safe anywhere; it's all over the world. I didn't use to think about how an alien could come take you away."

Although Cennington has only worked with Carrion and MUFON for a few months, she is already a believer in the paranormal, while Carrion calls himself a skeptic believer - meaning that although he has never seen a UFO, "there is something to this phenomenon but I just don't know what it is.

"There is one of two things going on: One, either we have a higher intelligence controlling things and we don't know how extraterrestrials exhibit technology greater than ours. Or two, the government has exotic technology that we would like to be shared, but they are secretly maintaining it from the public."

But not all groups that study UFOs believe in the extra terrestrial life or the government-control theory. According to the Committee for the Skeptical Inquiry, not all answers are aliens or the government.

"We try to provide the alternative point of view," said Barry Karr, 41, the executive director for CSI. "With all of the TV shows today about aliens visiting the planet, in this particular category of UFOs, we look at the claims and reports to see if there are other explanations that should be touched upon."

But for Karr, it isn't a matter as to if people are actually seeing UFOs, it is more a matter of the evidence that says that there is extraterrestrial life out there. Karr said that there is "no question that people are seeing things," but he just can't accept that they all have to do with aliens.

So are aliens really visiting Earth?

"I think it would be great if we did have evidence of life visiting us, but right now, we haven't got enough evidence that there is something visiting us from other planets," Karr said.

For Carrion and Cennington, other life out there is 100 percent possible, and they are just waiting for the phone calls and emails so that they can go and investigate another sighting.

"(Working at MUFON) has definitely changed my perceptions of UFOs," Cennington said. "It has changed my perspective of what's really going on and what possibly is most definitely going on. There are the possibilities that you never really thought about before."

"There's thousands upon thousands of people seeing the same things, so there has to be something going on," Carrion said. "This isn't fiction, it is truly life imitating art where the truth is stranger than fiction, and some of things in our case files are way stranger than folks can imagine."

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Former NASA Official To Visit UC  
Virginia Baker

Scott Hubbard, formerly of NASA and the Mars Mission Program is scheduled to speak Thursday as part of the Fellows of the Graduate School Distinguished Lecture series.

Hubbard, now with the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence Institute at Stanford University, said he believes the lecture will be of great interest to the public.

"There has always been that question 'Are we alone in the universe?' that has been fundamental to human beings ... as far back as the written record," Hubbard said. "There has always been speculations of 'things' out there ... human beings have wondered for thousands of years [about the prospect of extraterrestrial life]."

Hubbard is one of several speakers this year.

Thursday's lecture, "The Challenges of Space Exploration: The Search for Life in the Universe," is open to the public and features the search for life in our Solar System.

Hubbard will be discussing the search for life on Europa, one of the moons of Jupiter. "Most believe [Europa] has an ice covering that is miles thick. There very well could be water underneath," Hubbard said. "[There could be] life in the ocean circling Jupiter."

On Friday, Hubbard is set to give a second lecture.

The second lecture, which will be one segment of the Herman Schneider Lecture Series, is only open to engineering students.

According to Hubbard, the two lectures have common elements, but the second lecture, "Mars Exploration with Humans and Robots: Personal Reflections and Future Directions" is a bit more technical in nature.

"I will describe challenges for future robotic explorations as well as adding my own personal reflections as well as speculations about exploring space with people and robots," he said.

Hubbard will be incorporating elements of his current and past work into his lectures as well. Hubbard was with NASA for more than 20 years and was involved in the thought process that later became the Mars Pathfinder.

In late 2000, after two failures of the Mars robot missions, he was called back in to reconstruct the Mars program.

Hubbard is now at Stanford University, where he is working with students to find signs of life, as well as entrepreneurial space travel, where thrill seekers can buy tickets on spacecraft.

"Privately funded rockets are being made ... such as Virgin Galactica, which within the next few years, will be offering four minute rides into space for about \$100,000 a ride," Hubbard said.

Thursday's lecture is scheduled to be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Aronoff Center Auditorium in the College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning facility.

The lecture will be followed by a reception in the Atrium, Room 3000.

Friday's lecture is scheduled to be held from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. in Room 427 in the Engineering Research Center.

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From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
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ARMY SEEKS TO CATALYZE OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE

A new U.S. Army Field Manual is intended to advance the development and use of open source intelligence (OSINT), which is intelligence that is derived from publicly available data legally obtained.

"The value of publicly available information as a source of intelligence has... often been overlooked in Army intelligence operations. This manual provides a catalyst for renewing the Army's awareness of the value of open sources; establishing a common understanding of OSINT; and developing systematic approaches to collection, processing, and analysis of publicly available information."

The growing military appreciation of open source intelligence arises from the ever-increasing quality of public sources and the evident limitations of traditional classified approaches.

"Open source research is the most effective means of retrieving authoritative and detailed information on the terrain, weather, and civil considerations as well as external variables that affect or influence the operational environment."

Yet "our reliance on classified databases... has... often left our soldiers uninformed and ill-prepared to capitalize on the huge reservoir of unclassified information available from open sources."

OSINT is naturally not the solution to all problems or without limitations of its own, the manual says.

"More than any other intelligence discipline, the OSINT discipline could unintentionally provide indicators of US military operations [to hostile observers]."

Furthermore, "Deception and bias are of particular concern in OSINT operations. Unlike other disciplines, OSINT operations do not normally collect information by direct observation of activities and conditions within the area of interest."

Characteristically, perhaps, the new Army manual on OSINT is marked "for official use only" and it has not been approved for

public release. As such, it would not have qualified as an "open source." Until now.

A copy of the manual was obtained by Secrecy News and posted on the Federation of American Scientists web site.

See "Open Source Intelligence," U.S. Army Field Manual Interim FMI 2-22.9, December 2006 (161 pages, 2 MB PDF):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fmi2-22-9.pdf>

The management of open source intelligence activities across the U.S. intelligence community was addressed in a July 2006 Intelligence Community Directive (ICD 301) on the National Open Source Enterprise:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/icd/icd-301.pdf>

#### SOME NEW INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY DIRECTIVES

Several recent Intelligence Community Directives (ICDs) were released by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence on January 22 in response to a Freedom of Information Act request from the Federation of American Scientists.

Though mostly dry and uninformative, they are nevertheless important as expressions of bureaucratic definition and control.

The newly released directives include:

ICD 105, "Acquisition," August 15, 2006

ICD 300, "Management, Integration, and Oversight of Intelligence Collection and Covert Action," October 3, 2006

ICD 602, "Human Capital -- Intelligence Community Critical Pay Positions," August 16, 2006

ICD 900, "Mission Management," December 21, 2006

These and other publicly disclosed Intelligence Community Directives are available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/icd/index.html>

#### SPECIAL FORCES USE OF PACK ANIMALS

U.S. special operations forces typically make use of some of the most sophisticated military and intelligence gear available. But sometimes a "no tech" solution is the right one.

So, for example, Special Forces "may find themselves involved in operations in rural or remote environments... using pack animals," including horses, donkeys and mules.

"Pack animal operations are ideally suited for, but not limited to, conducting various missions in high mountain terrain, deserts, and dense jungle terrain."

An Army Special Forces manual provides instruction and doctrinal guidance for using pack animals in training and combat missions.

"This manual provides the techniques of animal pack transport and for organizing and operating pack animal units. It captures some of the expertise and techniques that have been lost in the United States Army over the last 50 years."

The 225 page manual provides a basic introduction to the characteristics of each of the various pack animals, some rudiments of veterinary care, and miscellaneous lore.

"Mules are intelligent and possess a strong sense of self-preservation. A packer cannot make a mule do something if the mule thinks it will get hurt, no matter how much persuasion is used.... many people confuse this trait with stubbornness." (p. 2-1)

"Elephants are considered an endangered species and as such should not be used by U.S. military personnel... Elephants are



not the easygoing, kind, loving creatures that people believe them to be. They are, of course, not evil either." (p. 10-8)

The Special Forces manual has not been approved for public release, but a copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Special Forces Use of Pack Animals," Field Manual FM 3-05.213, June 2004 (in a very large 16.5 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-05-213.pdf>

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## Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 12:22:55 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 09:53:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Boone

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 11:54:12 -0500  
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Wow! Maybe the flood gates will open now and more pics will  
appear.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 12:59:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 10:00:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Kaeser

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People have had far too long to create images for me to put too  
much stock in an anonymous cell phone photo. I would like to see  
some sort of verification of what it is reported to represent.

Steve

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## Re: FAA's Credibility & Varacity Over O'Hare -

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 14:21:25 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 10:07:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: FAA's Credibility & Varacity Over O'Hare -

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 12:58:09 -0500  
>Subject: Re: FAA's Credibility & Varacity Over O'Hare

>>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 11:56:34 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: FAA's Credibility & Varacity Over O'Hare

<snip>

>>All this should tell us something about the motives of the  
>>corporate media and those who've made the laws: they don't want  
>>the truth or even informed comment.

>I believe that any employer would have the right to limit the an  
>employee's contact with the press regarding job related  
>activities, and that would include anything seen by the employee  
>while on the payroll. I'm not convinced so much that there was a  
>cover up, but rather that the Airlilne just wasn't set up to  
>respond to the questions they were getting and really had no  
>obligation to research it for the curious (or the Press, which  
>may or may not come back to haunt them in the form of bad  
>publicity).

>Somehow I think we're all going to be stuck in speculation-land  
>until we get Richard Haines's report.

I'm not stuck in speculation-land, Steve...

As for the airlines having the right to determine whether their  
employees have the right to report publicly what they have seen  
is basically BS.

Unless United Airlines is secretly manufacturing these objects,  
this isn't a company secret. They are subverting their employees  
right to free speech.

Don't make it easy for them by turning your head away.

Don Ledger

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## Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 10:22:15 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 10:09:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Warren

Errol, List,

Thanks for sharing!

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>[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

Note the 'uprights' in the bottom of the pic; one would think  
that these could help verify if this is indeed at O'Hare. The  
object in question does resemble the artist's rendering seen  
on CNN's Anderson Cooper Show.

Bruce! What say you!?

Frank

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## Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
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>genuine, belies the FAA's protestations that the Tower/Crews saw  
>nothing...

Without any provenance or attribution to a specific witness,  
this hardly merits a second glance. Genuine or not, it would be  
trivial to fabricate in Photoshop. I'm surprised that more of  
these haven't surfaced already.

It's an unfortunate aspect of the digital age that such images  
have little value as evidence (confessing that I stopped lugging  
around my film camera a long time ago).

Mike

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## Of Hynek Pilots & O'Hare

From: Ray Stanford <[dinosaurtracker.nul](mailto:dinosaurtracker.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 11:02:55 -0500  
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An Allen Hynek Interlude

[Non-subscriber post --ebk]

Although I'm not on the UFO UpDates mailing List, I still read the more interesting posts to it, and rather regularly.

With the recent List-talk about pilot-sighting censorship and pilot fears to talk, I thought the List might enjoy a short account of an Allen Hynek interlude I experienced during one of his considerable number of visits with me since we met for the first time in Socorro, April, 1964. Whether it was while I was still living in Phoenix, after I moved to San Antonio, Texas (1969), or after my project using electronic and optical instruments to monitor and record UFOs got really set up in Austin, I do not recall.

Well, after all the years, the quotes may not be absolutely verbatim, but wherever it happened, I had met Allen at some airport, and after his luggage had arrived on the turnstile, being the younger, I asked him, "Allen, let me grab the heavier part of that stuff."

Allen grinned in a funny way that puzzled me, but he nodded at his briefcase and said, "In that case, Ray, better grab my brief case."

I probably looked at him like I thought he was out of his mind until I grabbed the briefcase handle and started to lift it. I couldn't believe the weight! That little case felt as though it might have weighed over fifty pounds, so I exclaimed, "Allen, have you started collecting nickel-iron meteorites' like me?!"

"Wait, Ray," Allen said, grinning and stroking his beard, "Just sit down there for a minute and look inside it."

I did exactly that and was startled, because it was crammed full with heavy, fancy, cut-glass bottles, full of expensive looking (judging by the fancy bottles) whiskey!

"My gosh, Allen, I hope you haven't started drinking heavily!" I declared in utter bewilderment.

"My gosh no!", Allen replied quickly, "You see, when I fly out of here, I'm heading for a meeting with a bunch of pilots, whom I hope to get loosened up enough to talk in an uninhibited way about their sightings."

I told him I'd buy that story. Not a drinking man, but a thinking (ahead) man!

Next time Allen visited, I asked him if the technique was successful. "Well," he replied, smiling "It seemed to help with those few who got carried away enough to keep at it."

Well, Richard Haines, I know you're not on this List, but in case you end up reading this and the interviewing gets tough in the O'Hare case, are you Listening? :)



Ray Stanford

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## Why Don't They Fake It?

From: **Regan Lee - Orange Orb** <[rlee.nul](mailto:rlee.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 21:38:24 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 11:10:36 -0500  
Subject: Why Don't They Fake It?

I've had this thought many times over the past ten years or more; when it comes to UFO sightings, why don't we get more of a big show from the powers that be that everything is okay, it's all taken care of?

Not a denial, or some silly insulting explanation about the usual: swamp gas, plasma, weird clouds, flares... but a puffed up show of "we're in charge, and don't worry".

Of course, a lot of us will know they're full of it, but it'll still make us feel better, if only for a few moments. And anyway, it'd be amusing to watch them earn their money by coming out dressed in their uniforms and acting all official.

These thoughts, and the recent O'Hare sighting, inspired me to write this:

Why Don't They Fake It?

An excerpt:

The point is, we have layers upon layers of baffled bureaucracies that don't know a damn thing, and have long ago given up any illusion of pretending to care.

Damn it. When we see weird objects in the skies above our cities, I expect local, state, and federal agencies to act like they have everything under control. That they know what's what.

I want a few people - in uniform, if at all possible - to hit the airwaves, the radio, CNN, and somberly state that they are investigating, or that it's classified, or that... anything, something, as long as that something conveys a solid sense of 'We Know What We're Doing'.

The rest can be read on the blog:

Orange Orb: <http://orangeorb.blogspot.com>

R. Lee

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## Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - de Plaige

From: **Didier de Plaige** <[rimarchives.nul](mailto:rimarchives.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 16:24:00 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 11:17:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - de Plaige

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 10:22:15 -0800  
>Subject: Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces?

>Errol,

>Thanks for sharing!

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>>genuine, belies the FAA's protestations that the Tower/Crews saw  
>>nothing...

It sure seems to have been taken from:

<http://tinyurl.com/38v95o>

that's where the fake at ATS originated.

DdP

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## Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <[BoyintheMachine.nul](mailto:BoyintheMachine.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 11:20:56 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 16:12:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Gammon

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Please congratulate the 'witness' for taking a wonderful picture  
of a drop of water..

- Jason Gammon

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## Lights 'Not Of This World' Mystery Finally Solved

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Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 16:22:59 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 16:22:59 -0500  
Subject: Lights 'Not Of This World' Mystery Finally Solved

Source: WorldNetDaily - Catharpin, Virginia

[http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=3D53936](http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=3D53936)

January 24, 2007

Lights 'Not Of This World' Mystery Finally Solved  
Air Force reveals weapons tests that sparked global UFO frenzy

By Joe Kovacs

Mysterious lights in the sky witnessed and photographed by an Air Force colonel who described them as "not of this world" apparently have an explanation of this Earth after all, WND can reveal.

Officials say the colorful illuminations seen Jan. 9 over western Arkansas came from special military flares that slowly parachuted to the ground as part of an Air Force training mission involving A-10 aircraft pilots at nearby Fort Chaffee, a base used for testing weaponry.

"We were flying A-10s in that area and they were using flares," Jessica D'Aurizio, chief of public affairs at the 917th Wing of the Air Force Reserve at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, told WND.

She says the flares, which stay lit for about five minutes, produce nearly 2 million candlepower.

"It brightens up the target area," D'Aurizio said. "They go down in parachutes, so they're very bright. That had to be what it was, I'm sure."

As WND exclusively reported last week, F-16 fighter pilot Col. Brian Fields, now retired at 61, was at his Van Buren, Ark., home Jan. 9 when just before 7 p.m., he observed two intensely bright lights as he looked to the southeast close to the horizon.

"At first I thought they were landing lights from an aircraft," he said. "As I continued to observe them they began to slowly disappear, then suddenly one reappeared, followed by two, then three. On at least one occasion four or five appeared. Each time they would slowly fade and eventually disappear. This occurred several times and when they would reappear they might do so in differing numbers and in different positions, sometimes in a triangular shape, sometimes stacked on top of each other, sometimes line abreast, etc. When the objects appeared they might stay illuminated 10 or more minutes."

He added, "I believe these lights were not of this world, and I feel a duty and responsibility to come forward."

Lt. Col. Pete Gauger, executive staff officer at the 188th

Fighter Wing of the Arkansas Air National Guard, confirmed A-10s were on the Fort Chaffee bombing range dropping suspended flares at the time Fields documented the lights some five to ten degrees above the horizon.

"They would drop multiple flares," he said. "That probably solves your mystery. It's beyond coincidence."

Gauger said WND's initial report caused a lot of interest among media outlets, especially after being featured on the Drudge Report.

"It was widely read," he said. "I read it, and I didn't immediately tie it in [to the training]."

Fort Chaffee, which is run by the Arkansas Army National Guard, is situated on approximately 61,000 acres not far from Fields' residence in Van Buren.

"Just a small portion of it is for the Air National Guard to fire and test weapons," said Kim Kimmey, chief warrant officer at Fort Chaffee.

According to the Federation of American Scientists Military Analysis Network, A-10 aircraft "have excellent maneuverability at low air speeds and altitude, and are highly accurate weapons-delivery platforms. They can loiter near battle areas for extended periods of time and operate under 1,000-foot ceilings with 1.5-mile visibility. Their wide combat radius and short takeoff and landing capability permit operations in and out of locations near front lines. Using night vision goggles, A-10/OA-10 pilots can conduct their missions during darkness."

D'Aurizio at Barksdale AFB told WND there were four A-10 planes as part of the training mission the night of Jan. 9, and they used LUU-2 flares.

According to GlobalSecurity.org, "The mechanism has a timer on it that deploys the parachute and ignites the flare candle. The flare candle burns magnesium which burns at high temperature emitting an intense bright white light. The consumption of the aluminum cylinder that contains the flare 'candle' may add some orange to the light."

"I did not know that such 'parachute flares' existed and never considered the possibility," Col. Fields told WND upon learning the reason behind the mysterious lights. "I am grateful, however, that the truth has been determined and those that may have been disturbed by this event will be able to rest."

Fields, a Christian who originally speculated his sighting might have had something to do with End Time prophecies from the Bible, still wants people to remain vigilant.

"Because this event was explained does not change the fact that we live in perilous times =96 and we must still be awake, alert, and know that a great deception is still coming."

WND's original story sparked a flurry of interest in unexplained phenomena and UFO activity, with many readers saying they had seen or experienced lights similar to those witnessed by Fields.

D'Aurizio said when the flares are deployed, "It's not unusual to have people think there's something strange going on."

Not everyone is quick to accept the Air Force's explanation.

"Are you trying to tell us that a retired Air Force colonel doesn't know the difference between flares and lights from a UFO? But the Air Force trusted him enough to fly F-16s, multi-million dollar jets?" asks Jim Chadbourne of Waterford, Conn. "When are the media going to stop listening to the government's crap and report the truth?"

Other feedback to WND became comical at times.

Jeff Anno of Cincinnati, Ohio, supplied his own image, explaining, "I looked closely at the orange picture and something looked fishy. It looked like the [Volkswagen] logo."

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## French To Reveal UFO Secrets

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 16:26:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 16:26:28 -0500  
Subject: French To Reveal UFO Secrets

Source: The Sun - London, UK

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/article/0,,2-2007040056,00.html>

January 25, 2007

French To Reveal UFO Secrets  
By Vince Soodin

Here's our first great story looking at stories that are simply out of this world.

Every week we'll we bring you the best news on UFOs, the paranormal and any strange happenings that remain unexplained.

And we want to hear from you for any extra-terrestrial tales that you think we should look into by emailing Out Of This World reporter Vince Soodin at [vince.soodin.nul-sun.co.uk](mailto:vince.soodin.nul-sun.co.uk)

Read our first story on mysterious UFO sightings across the English Channel below.

UFO sightings in France are set to be revealed - exciting paranormal enthusiasts in the UK.

The archive of over 1,600 incidents will be released by France's National Space Studies Centre (CNES) and has led to calls for the UK to publish all its sightings.

The highly-anticipated online archive was due to go live this month but has now been delayed until at least March, said the space agency.

Nick Pope, former head of the Ministry of Defence's UFO projects division, said the France archive could track the paths of unidentified flying objects across the Channel. \*

Nick said: "I really welcome the French move. There is a huge interest in UFO sightings. It will be great to see if there are reports in there which relate to classic UFO sightings."

Nick believes an online archive should be published here and claims that many reports gathered by the Ministry of Defence are still kept under wraps.

He said: "There is a lot of files which have not seen the light of day. If the MoD published them, it would be a huge step forward.

"I don't believe there is a cover up but the MoD leaves itself open to that accusation."

However the MoD said it has released information on sightings on a annual basis.

A spokesman told the Sun online: "We regularly receive Freedom of Information requests on UFOs and these are published in full over time.

The MoD said that based it remained "open-minded" about the existence of extraterrestrial life-forms.

But added: "To date we know of no evidence that substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena".

Yesterday CNES told the Sun online the launch of its archive, dating back 30 years, would be delayed.

A spokeswoman said: "The archive is not online yet. It will be in mid-March."

The archive - likely to be revealed on the CNES website - consists of around 6,000 reports, many relating to the same incident, filed by the public and airline professionals.

Earlier this month agency official Jacques Arnould said: "Often they are made to the Gendarmerie, which provides an official witness statement and some come from airline pilots."

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## Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 13:25:32 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 16:31:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Ledger

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 12:59:09 -0500  
>Subject: Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces?

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>People have had far too long to create images for me to put too  
>much stock in an anonymous cell phone photo. I would like to see  
>some sort of verification of what it is reported to represent.

I agree, Steve. If one goes to:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/>

they will see two other links called hoax one and hoax two. Hoax one shows one persons experiment with the use of a similar photo that can be found by searching google showing aircraft on approach to that runway, which apparently is at O'Hare, with their landing lights on. One of the landing lights looks to have been covered with a generated "UFO". Additionally the field in the picture looks foggy and there was no fog at O'Hare during that time period, just low and solid overcast at 1,900 feet.

In hoax #two to you will see a picture of the two towers at O'Hare with a generated UFO above them. This same two tower shot can be found without the UFO on Wikipedia at:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/O'Hare\\_International\\_Airport](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/O'Hare_International_Airport)

And so it begins.

Don Ledger

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From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 10:15:23 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 16:33:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Warren

>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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Mike, Et Al,

Obviously the picture would gain rank with support from a witness etc.; however, methinks things can be culled from the photograph; for example, is there enough background scenery to deduce whether the pic was taken at O'Hare? (Notice the "dark uprights in the bottom of the pic) Was the object in the pic a product of "image software," or is it in fact an authentic part of the image?

If in fact, the picture was taken at O'hare, and the background identified, then it should be possible to get a rough idea where the photographer was standing, and more importantly the rough location of the object in respect to the airport geography.

If all this matches up, i.e., location, genuine image, and the object's location being over "concourse "C," of course it wouldn't be a "smoking gun"; however the "needle in the hoax meter" would give a more favorable reading.....

Cheers,

Frank

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## Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens? - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 18:29:32 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 16:35:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens? - Dickenson

>From: Viktor Golubik <[Diverge247.nul](mailto:Diverge247.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 18:35:37 EST  
>Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 21:54:33 -0000  
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<snip>

>>However, it might be that some records of `radio signatures', in  
>>communication frequency bands, are already in the files, from  
>>airfield control tower logs and aircraft crew reports,  
>>especially those of fighters sent up on intercept attempts.

><snip>

>What's nice about off-the-shelf \$100,000 spectrum analyzers is  
>their ability to look at the frequency domain and program their  
>search, zoom, and lock modes. Collectively they can cover a 100  
>Giga hertz range at any given moment... that's from 30 to 100  
>billion cycles per second in every sweep... so even very low  
>frequencies can contribute to your understanding of the pattern.  
>In which case, it would be interesting to see if any harmonic  
>modes exist.

<snip>

Hi Viktor, (sorry for delay)

Agree wholeheartedly with all you say and your recommendations.

BTW for a few years helped run a military satellite earth-station, that's acquiring + locking-on (could be difficult then), receiving (and controlling if necessary) the down-put. Spectrum analyzers are needed (very wide signal - lots of noise) and we had good ones, with high spec frequency generators to boot, both for identification, locking & also for demodulation. But I had to sign for about 4 million pounds worth (now nearly 8 million dollars) in total whenever taking over duty.

As you've indicated, I think that gear is still pretty expensive, so it's the biggest corporations and gov'ts who're likeliest to have done any work already.

Even so, have a vague memory of reports of someone (in USA?) fitting out a medium-size van with some sort of UFO detector gear, and saw photos of it adorned with dish aerials and other antennae. Wonder what frequencies and bandwidths he was equipped to monitor? And what `signature' was expected? And did he get any results?

Cheers

Ray D

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Hello Mike,

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>- Jason Gammon

It's not a drop of water, Jason. It's a regeneration of a  
photograph of aircraft strung out at O'Hare. The object is  
probably pasted over one of the landing lights. Go Here:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread236709/pg33#pid2899674>

Don Ledger

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## Re: Of Hynek Pilots & O'Hare - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 17:25:04 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2007 06:59:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Of Hynek Pilots & O'Hare - Groff

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinosaurtracker.nul](mailto:dinosaurtracker.nul)>  
>To: <[errol.nul](mailto:errol.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 18:49:10 -0500  
>Subject: Of Hynek Pilots & O'Hare

>An Allen Hynek Interlude

>[Non-subscriber post --ebk]

>Although I'm not on the UFO UpDates mailing List, I still read  
>the more interesting posts to it, and rather regularly.

>With the recent List-talk about pilot-sighting censorship and  
>pilot fears to talk, I thought the List might enjoy a short  
>account of an Allen Hynek interlude I experienced during one of  
>his considerable number of visits with me since we met for the  
>first time in Socorro, April, 1964. Whether it was while I was  
>still living in Phoenix, after I moved to San Antonio, Texas  
>(1969), or after my project using electronic and optical  
>instruments to monitor and record UFOs got really set up in  
>Austin, I do not recall.

>Well, after all the years, the quotes may not be absolutely  
>verbatim, but wherever it happened, I had met Allen at some  
>airport, and after his luggage had arrived on the turnstile,  
>being the younger, I asked him, "Allen, let me grab the heavier  
>part of that stuff."

>Allen grinned in a funny way that puzzled me, but he nodded at  
>his briefcase and said, "In that case, Ray, better grab my brief  
>case."

>I probably looked at him like I thought he was out of his mind  
>until I grabbed the briefcase handle and started to lift it. I  
>couldn't believe the weight! That little case felt as though it  
>might have weighed over fifty pounds, so I exclaimed, "Allen,  
>have you started collecting nickel-iron meteorites' like me?!"

>"Wait, Ray," Allen said, grinning and stroking his beard, "Just  
>sit down there for a minute and look inside it."

>I did exactly that and was startled, because it was crammed full  
>with heavy, fancy, cut-glass bottles, full of expensive looking  
>(judging by the fancy bottles) whiskey!

>"My gosh, Allen, I hope you haven't started drinking heavily!" I  
>declared in utter bewilderment.

>"My gosh no!", Allen replied quickly, "You see, when I fly out  
>of here, I'm heading for a meeting with a bunch of pilots, whom  
>I hope to get loosened up enough to talk in an uninhibited way  
>about their sightings."

<snip>

>Ray Stanford

Ray, List

This is an age old ploy. I used to practice Kendo years ago and the story goes that in the age of the Samurai, one trick was to take your Sensei out and get him drunk in order to pry martial Arts secrets out of him. We used to do that with our Sensei, Kenshi Nabeshima, and you know, it worked.

Just because he was drunk didn't mean the information he passed was errant.

Terry

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<http://tinyurl.com/3dxbqr>

January 25, 2007

[Video at site]

911 Operators Get Several Calls About UFO

By Natalie Dick - WCNC-TV  
E-mail Natalie: [ndick.nul](mailto:ndick.nul)

LINCOLN COUNTY -- Countless calls were made to emergency centers from across the Carolinas from people who reported seeing an unexplained bright light falling from the sky.

It was spotted around 8 p.m. Wednesday night.

A number of people called Lincoln County 911 to describe the object.

"It was unusually bright, like a comet coming down. They're usually straight down. This one went quite a ways across the sky and finally the light went out."

It was an unidentified object that was seen by people from Greer, South Carolina to Asheville at the exact time. It was so vivid that the Lincoln County 911 dispatcher sent an officer to check it out.

Dispatch: "Did you see it?"

Officer: "10-4."

Dispatch: "We've gotten several calls."

Officer: "I'm out on 27 heading west. I don=92t know what it was=85 like a shooting star or something."

Lincolnton psychologist Granville Angell was with clients in a home office when it caught his eye. He immediately ran outside.

"It was like a ball that grew a tail. It was about 20 to 30 degrees above the horizon. Uh, and it came from west to east. It was like a shallow arc across the sky and descended down," he said.

At first Angell feared it might be an airplane crashing, but a former military pilot himself, he said the colors weren't right. The orb was a bluish-white and he said it moved too slowly to be a comet.

"It was a very shallow descent and a glowing flare as it went down. It was visible for about, oh, 10-15 seconds," he

explained. "Heaven only knows what it could be, but some type of a UFO. I'm not saying an alien but something."

Then, just as suddenly as it appeared, all who saw it said it disappeared into the horizon without answers to what the strange sight was.

Interestingly the National Weather Service fielded more than a dozen calls, and of course there was no report of a downed plane, so the strange object remains a mystery.

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

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## Kelltown Reports A Close Encounter Of Some Kind

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Source: The Moultrie Observer - Georgia, USA

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January 25, 2007

Kelltown Reports A Close Encounter - Of Some Kind

Jana Cone  
The Tifton Gazette

KELLTOWN - A South Georgia ufologist has reported a sighting of a UFO in a small community between Moultrie and Tifton about a week ago.

The UFO was sighted near the community of Kelltown in Tift County about 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, according to Billy Rachael of Thomasville, who documents UFO sightings for the national organization Mutual UFO Network.

"It was spectacular," Rachael said.

Rachael said the sighting was made of a lone unidentified flying object just at dark along Highway 319 South.

"It was flying at fairly low level," Rachael said. "It had a lot of lights. It had a ring around the center of it, like the planet Saturn."

Rachael said UFOs with the ring around the center are not seen as often as other shapes.

"It was impressive," he said. "About 10 to 12 cars pulled over to the side of the road so they could watch it."

Rachael, who was born and raised in Thomasville, worked in Tifton for three years at WTIF. "I have been a radio-newsman for 35 years," he said. He is now retired and documents UFO sightings as a hobby.

"I was working in Tifton during the UFO wave of 1972 to 1974," he said. "The sightings started near Dawson and eventually spread to 12 states. There were just a lot of sightings."

Rachael recalled a sighting in 1973 that occurred between Tifton and Ashburn.

"A woman was on Interstate 75 going to Ashburn and all of a sudden her car went dead," he said. "She had to have her car towed in."

The woman said she saw a spacecraft and spaceman nearby her vehicle.

Rachael said he spoke with the woman's mechanic and the man told him the woman's car engine had melted from the inside out.

"Spacecraft have been known to stop car engines," Rachael's said.

Around that same time, Rachael's said a UFO was seen in Doerun. It was flying close to the bridge at the Ocklocknee river.

"The spacecraft actually landed in the roadway and blocked traffic," Rachael's said. "The man who saw that one said it looked like the top of a grain silo."

Rachael's said he has been documenting sightings for 40 years now.

"I take it very seriously," he said. "Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan reported seeing UFOs and both Barry Goldwater and Gerald Ford were very interested in the subject."

Rachael's said his first sighting was a daytime sighting in Thomasville in 1967.

"It was going along in level flight, real close, about 2,000 feet above us," he said. "One minute it was there and then it was gone in a second."

"There was no exhaust and no sound," Rachael's said. "The craft was smooth, with no openings."

He said it was shaped like a barbell, long in the middle and round on the ends. "It was shiny," he said, "like polished silver."

Rachael's said that within minutes the sky filled with U.S. Air Force planes.

"I think they were tracking it on radar," he said.

Rachael's pointed out that not all UFOs are spacecraft.

"Anything you can't identify is a UFO," he said. "Lots of people see things that are UFOs but not all of them are spacecraft."

Rachael's said MUFON "is the most prestigious (organization) in the UFO field."

"It has been around since 1969," he said.

Rachael's said MUFON meets the first Saturday of each month in Boston, Ga., at the Boston hardware store.

"We have been meeting there since April last year," Rachael's said. "Before that we met in Cairo."

"We get together and talk about the latest sightings," he said.

The Tifton Gazette was unable to confirm the UFO sighting in Kelltown last week by contacting the Tift County Sheriff's Office and the Georgia State Patrol for any incident reports.

"We didn't have any reports of a sighting," David Haire, public information officer with TCSO, said.

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Barksdale Fliers Are Source Of UFO Story  
A-10s' flares fooled people on the ground

By John Andrew Prime  
[jprime.nul](mailto:jprime.nul)

It wasn't little green men, but rather green-suited airmen from Barksdale Air Force Base who lit up the skies over Arkansas on Jan. 9.

The online publication WorldNet Daily initially reported the appearance of mysterious lights over northwest Arkansas, brought to their attention by a retired Air Force F-16 pilot who lives near Van Buren, Ark., and was perplexed by the sight.

"As soon as we saw the story, we knew it was us," said Lt. Col. Jim Macaulay, commander of the Air Force Reserve's 47th Fighter Squadron, which flies A-10 fighters here.

The story was picked up by the Drudge Report, and Wednesday, WorldNet reported it had discovered the source: A-10 pilots training at nearby Fort Chaffee.

But the pilots training that night were students from the 47th Fighter Squadron, which offers pilots nationwide advanced training in the service's toughest ground-attack fighter.

"We had a number of pilots going out there that night, working the Razorback Range just southeast of Fort Smith," Macaulay said, chuckling over the incident. "There were three flights of two airplanes each, and they each spent probably 30 to 45 minutes on the range.

"We actually have a number of Fort Smith pilots going through training now, and when they saw the story, they were intrigued, and then they were amused because at least three of them were on the flight that night."

What drew the retired F-16 pilot's attention were flares the A-10s dropped over targets, Macaulay said.

"They're somewhere on the order of 5 million candlepower," said Macaulay, a veteran pilot with more than 4,300 hours in the twin-jet A-10. "We use them to illuminate a target area so we can discern vehicles or potential targets on the ground. They fall for about 3=BD minutes under parachutes after they're lit."

The flares create a cone of light and burn out up to 1,000 feet above the ground, he said.

The flare, technically called the LUU-2, is in use by about 30 nations around the world.

The local squadron, which traces its history to December 1940, doesn't make the news often these days but once was all over the press.

It was based in Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Several of its pilots were among those who managed to get in the air that day to score kills against the attackers, and it suffered one of the service's first battle losses in the war when one of its pilots, 2nd Lt. John Dains, was shot down. Then the 47th Pursuit Squadron, it flew Curtiss P-40 fighters.

Macaulay said there have been previous reports of the same flare misidentification.

"It shouldn't have come as a surprise," he said. "It's not the A-10s that get mistaken for something out of this world, it's the weapons we use, the flares specifically. The flare itself is benign -- it's a tool."

Jessica D'Aurizio, spokeswoman for the squadron's parent unit the 917th Wing, said she can't remember anything like this happening since 1991, when she came on board.

"But that's not to say it hasn't happened," she said. "The guys tell me that in the late '90s somewhere around Phoenix, someone saw A-10 flares and thought the same thing."

Arizona is home to its own pack of A-10 pilots, based out of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base near Tucson.

"I doubt it was us," she said.

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Source: WLTX-TV - Columbia, South Carolina

<http://www.wltx.com/FYI/story.aspx?storyid=46285>

1/25/2007

Was There A UFO Above Charlotte?

Charlotte, NC (AP)- Some people in the Charlotte area called 911 dispatchers and reported seeing a weird hovering light in the sky.

Emergency dispatchers answered the calls in Iredell, Lincoln, Mooresville and Huntersville Wednesday night. One Lincoln County officer reportedly saw it, and the National Weather Service in Greer, South Carolina got similar calls.

Even stranger - people in between the two areas in York, Gaston and Cleveland counties had no such 911 reports.

The Federal Aviation Administration had no reports of plane crashes, and law enforcement officers said they didn't see any extra-errestrials.

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## Still Wrong

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Source: Joshua Rosenau's Blog - New York, New York, USA

[http://scienceblogs.com/tfk/2007/01/still\\_wrong.php](http://scienceblogs.com/tfk/2007/01/still_wrong.php)

January 26, 2007

Category: Culture Wars

Still Wrong  
by Josh Rosenau

Roddy Bullock repeats some questions, as if they get more interesting the millionth time:

"Question: What do you call a person who hypothesizes an unseen intelligent being and searches outer space for confirming material evidence?

Answer: A scientist.

Question: What do you call a person who hypothesizes an unseen intelligent being and searches inner space for confirming material evidence?

Answer: A religious nut."

What he's trying to do in repeating this pair of questions twice, is to suggest that the search for extraterrestrial life is the same as what IDolators do. And so long as you ask the wrong questions, the two could bear some resemblance. But here are the right questions:

What do you call a person who hypothesizes intelligent life like his/her own and searches the sky for data to test that hypothesis?

What do you call a person who assumes a supernatural being crafted the universe to be just-so, and forces anything and everything to fit that assumption?

The answers are the same as what Bullock offered.

He continues:

"Surprised? You should be. How can the exact same methodology be both touted as scientific and doubted as religious? Are radio telescopes searching for Morse code-like evidence of space aliens inherently scientific while electron microscopes discovering source code-like evidence of design in the cell are not? Why are alien hunters with the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) permitted to infer intelligence if ever they find evidence of specified complexity, but microbiologists who

actually find such evidence are lambasted for inferring the same cause?"

SETI doesn't look for specified complexity. They look for simplicity. And any inference of intelligence that they make is based on a set of hypotheses about the natural intelligences that we know about, not about beings unbound by natural laws.

SETI researchers think about what sort of signal they would send, and look for signals like that. They do not use Dembski's bogus formulae, nor do they use his explanatory filter, let alone Behe's irreducible complexity. They look for patterns that match what they think an intelligence like their own would produce.

We know of nothing but evolutionary processes that could possibly have produced DNA, flagella, or any other biological phenomenon. That isn't to say that we stop looking, it means that we have to demonstrate that a mechanism is physically and biologically possible before we would invoke it as an explanation. IDolators skip that step.

We know nothing about what a supernatural creator could possibly do, nor what sorts of things such a being might choose to create. They offer no mechanism, and try to treat their lack of a mechanism as some sort of virtue. It is not. Without a mechanism, it's impossible to suggest what their designer wouldn't do, and without knowing that, it's impossible to falsify design.

And that is why scientists and "religious nuts" are different.

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Hello List,

This is a follow-on from a previous post at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/jan/m18-003.shtml>

The main witness, a 61-year-old with 32 years military service, some of which was spent as an F-16 pilot is quoted as saying:

"I believe these lights were not of this world, and I feel a duty and responsibility to come forward," Col. Brian Fields told WND. "I have no idea what they were."

And:

"I'm certain it wasn't an aircraft [from Earth]," said Fields, who also ruled out the possibility of flares, saying they didn't descend like flares typically do. "It's not anything I ever had any experience with. They were some kind of energy or something."

Now, I know that some members of this List will scream "cover up!" at the explanation that these were flares, but hopefully someone with a bit of sense will follow this up and determine if the explanation is viable. I also fully expect that it will turn out to be so.

If that is the case, what does that say about the value placed on the testimony of "expert witnesses"? I have tried making this

point in the past, yet some people still seem to place inordinate importance on so called "expert witnesses".

This is not intended to be a slur on the witnesses concerned, I have previously been in the position of saying "that is definitely not a helicopter" based on considerable familiarity with helicopter activities, only to discover that what we all saw was in fact a police helicopter.

I actually have a recording on video of me asserting that the object was not a helicopter). I have also chased Sirius for a hundred miles before turning back - still not knowing that it was Sirius until the following day.

I have no doubt that in most cases, the witnesses genuinely believe that what they saw was not a conventional object, but human perception, even for the most "expert" of witnesses is fallible.

Other good examples of the fallibility of "expert witnesses" include the "Cosford Incident" which is covered in detail at:

<http://www.uk-ufo.org/cosford>

and the 1990 Tornado case which has been admirably covered (in English) by the UFO Working Group Netherlands at:

<http://www.ufonet.nl/nieuws/tornado/index2.html>

Another aspect of this Arkansas case is the religious interpretation placed on the event by the witness.

Regards,

Joe

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## UFO Digest Articles For January 25, 2007

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Subject: UFO Digest Articles For January 25, 2007

The List might find some of these articles interesting:

Interview with Mrs. Betty Andreasson - Luca, on the 40th Anniversary of the South Ashburnham 1967 Incident;

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0107/andreasson.html>

Skeptics: Let's Not Ignore Them Completely:

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0107/skeptics.html>

Interrogation of journalist, novelist: Interest in UFOs, unusual topics grows:

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0107/interrogation.html>

Second interrogation of writer shows interest in unusual phenomena:

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0107/interrogation4.html>

Reptilians for Breakfast:

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0107/breakfast.html>

Aerial Phenomena: Understanding The Implications:

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0107/aerialphenomena.html>

Alien Abduction: The Need for Healing:

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0107/needforhealing.html>

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Thanks,

Dirk

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BTW, I didn't type this message. This List doesn't exist. Why? Because all the "expert witnesses" don't exist because I have no confidence in "expert witnesses" anymore.

Best,

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## Re: 911 Operators Get Several Calls About UFO -

From: Mark Turner <[markt.nul](mailto:markt.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2007 09:46:01 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2007 10:16:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: 911 Operators Get Several Calls About UFO -

>911 Operators Get Several Calls About UFO

>By Natalie Dick - WCNC-TV  
>E-mail Natalie: [ndick.nul](mailto:ndick.nul)

>LINCOLN COUNTY -- Countless calls were made to emergency centers  
>from across the Carolinas from people who reported seeing an  
>unexplained bright light falling from the sky.

Very interesting. This is the same phenomenon my wife observed while driving in Wake Forest, NC, well east of these locations. However, she observed this light at 6:30 PM on \*Tuesday\* night, not Wednesday.

Regards,

Mark Turner  
[www.mindblogging.com](http://www.mindblogging.com)

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## Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2007 07:54:52 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 11:35:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Tarbell

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 10:15:23 -0800  
>Subject: Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces?

>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 11:25:34 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces?

>>>A poor image purporting to be that of the object seen over O'Hare  
>>>International Airport, in November of last year, is posted here:

>>><http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/>

>>>It seems to have been taken from an elevated position and, if  
>>>genuine, belies the FAA's protestations that the Tower/Crews saw  
>>>nothing...

>>Without any provenance or attribution to a specific witness,  
>>this hardly merits a second glance. Genuine or not, it would be  
>>trivial to fabricate in Photoshop. I'm surprised that more of  
>>these haven't surfaced already.

>>It's an unfortunate aspect of the digital age that such images  
>>have little value as evidence (confessing that I stopped lugging  
>>around my film camera a long time ago).

>Mike, Et Al,

>Obviously the picture would gain rank with support from a  
>witness etc.; however, methinks things can be culled from the  
>photograph; for example, is there enough background scenery to  
>deduce whether the pic was taken at O'Hare? (Notice the "dark  
>uprights in the bottom of the pic) Was the object in the pic a  
>product of "image software," or is it in fact an authentic  
>part of the image?

>If in fact, the picture was taken at O'hare, and the background  
>identified, then it should be possible to get a rough idea where  
>the photographer was standing, and more importantly the rough  
>location of the object in respect to the airport geography.

>If all this matches up, i.e., location, genuine image, and the  
>object's location being over "concourse "C," of course it  
>wouldn't be a "smoking gun"; however the "needle in the hoax  
>meter" would give a more favorable reading.....

Hi Frank,

Although this image has already fallen into disrepute, we can  
assume that more clever ones will follow, so it is still worth  
commenting on the topic in general.

I agree that there is an enormous amount of information in this  
image that can be analyzed. The issue is whether this is time  
well spent.

Hoaxers have a clear advantage here. The resources required to convincingly discredit hoaxed digital images are generally far greater than those required to generate them. Given the time passed since the O'Hare event, anonymous digital images such as this one should be ignored outright.

Mike

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From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2007 15:32:15 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 11:38:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Barksdale Fliers Are Source Of UFO Story -

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
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Hi Joe

Interesting isn't it. I think we are indeed unrealistic and  
unreasonable about witness expertise. An Air Force Col who has  
"never heard of" parachute flares? That made my eyebrows go up a  
notch. Well he's no expert on parachute flares, that's for sure.  
But what does this mean?

Col Brian said he first thought they were a/c landing lights,  
but after watching them a while he decided they weren't.  
Apparently he was right to do so, and if it had stopped there I  
think one could make a case that this Air Force Col had  
demonstrated an unremarkable "expertise" in the area of a/c  
landing lights.

But it didn't stop there. Although he had no real idea what he  
was watching, his christian mind-set provided him with a  
context. He imagined they were something like weird energy  
creatures, not of this world, divine Signs of the Apocalypse.  
Pretty wild, and he was not at all shy to tell the world that he  
thought these were signs of the End Times. He even thought later  
that there might be angels or demons to be found in large blow  
ups of his photos.

But what did he actually describe seeing? Patterns of lights  
drifting in the sky at distance, about 5 - 10 degrees above the  
horizon, sometimes bobbing "like a yo-yo", slowly disappearing  
and then reappearing in different positions. He specifically  
ruled out flares, because "they didn't descend like flares  
typically do." (The National Ledger - Apache Junction, Arizona,  
Jan 18, 2007)

Well, this is pretty tame stuff isn't it? Why? How do we square  
his powerful predisposition to misinterpret a sighting of an  
unfamiliar type of flares as a cosmic miracle with the fact that  
he described what sound like... well, parachute flares?

And we "know" what he described sounded like parachute flares,  
because we have an "expert witness" - oh yes! "As soon as we saw  
the story, we knew it was us," said Lt. Col. Jim Macaulay,



commander of the Air Force Reserve's 47th Fighter Squadron whose A-10 pilots had been dropping them. The resemblance was "beyond coincidence" he said.

I find all of this very intriguing and difficult. If Col Brian had been in the position of Col Macaulay, and if we were (let us say) making sceptical inquiries about a sighting of bright meandering lights, and if Col Brian had said "I saw them myself and based on my 30 years experience there's no doubt in my mind these were aircraft landing lights/flares/what-have-you", I suspect some of us would be citing Col Brian as an expert witness. I would be very tempted, let me confess.

So the lessons to be drawn from events like this are various and double-edged. For another example, factual inconsistency is one might say inconsistent with expert credibility. Yet I doubt many are concerned that according to Col Macaulay LUU-2 flares burn for 3 1/2 minutes at 5 million candlepower, whilst according to the Public Relations chief at Barksdale they burn for 5 minutes at 2 million candlepower.

"Well, what's a few million candlepower here or there," says my cynical demon, "when we have a good explanation? It only goes to show that you can't believe anything from anybody in this game."

"Not so," says my sceptical angel. "It shows that it is possible for so-called expert testimony to reveal useful information about things we don't immediately understand, provided we are careful to interpret it with all the cunning of the devil!"

Martin Shough

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## Orb Busting Software

From: **Bob Shell** <[bob.nul](mailto:bob.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2007 11:29:16 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 11:45:22 -0500  
Subject: Orb Busting Software

I'm Technical Editor for Digital Camera Magazine and receive tons of press releases daily. I asked permission from the company before posting to UFO Updates.

Their website is:

<http://fotonation.com/>

But the release isn't up there yet.

Below is part of the release from the photographic industry technology company.

You will note the last item. The photo industry recognizes that "ghostly orbs" are an imaging artifact, and has been seeking software solutions to eliminate them.

Coming soon, a "rod" eliminating filter!

Bob Shell

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New Fotonation Products To Be Introduced At PMA:

Mobile Camera Phone Products

World's first face tracking technology for mobile camera phones  
- tracks up to 9 faces at once

Award winning red-eye detection and correction technology for mobile camera phones

Embedded MTP-Synchronize and transfer photos, videos and music between mobile phones and Windows Vista

Imaging Technologies

Dust removal for DSC and mobile phone camera modules

Face Recognition-(advanced technology preview)

Ghost Buster!-Detection and correction of ghostly orbs!  
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## Re: Barksdale Fliers Are Source Of UFO Story -

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2007 12:10:31 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 11:48:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Barksdale Fliers Are Source Of UFO Story -

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2007 09:03:33 EST  
>Subject: Re: Barksdale Fliers Are Source Of UFO Story

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2007 13:04:36 +0000  
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The key statement here is that the witness "reported his  
\_interpretation\_ of what he saw. Note that he also provided a  
description and even photos. Had he stuck to the \_observation\_  
and left out the \_interpretation\_ everything would be "OK"... no  
embarrassment on any side.

However, witnesses and the media in particular want  
interpretation. It is the job of the ufologist to separate  
observation (description of the event) from interpretation and  
then look for a solution based on the observations. When I first  
saw that story of the colonel's sighting my first thought was  
flares. I erroneously assumed that someone would have checked to  
see if the colonel was looking toward a flare-drop area. I

further assumed that who had looked hadn't found any such area and therefore the colonel's story was "inexplicable."

Greg didn't throw out the story because he knew there were flares that had been dropped. He threw it out when the interpretation became just too bizarre to support (an image of an "alien pilot" in a photo that could not under normal conditions at least, show anything other than bright lights.). In practice this can be a valuable criterion, but in principle that is not the reason to throw it out. The reason to throw it out is that the observational data are consistent with some particular phenomenon, in this case falling parachute flares.

I suppose that if the colonel had been aware of the existence of such flares (apparently he had not paid attention to the discussions about the Phoenix lights) he he wouldn't have been so quick to interpret these lights as "unearthly."

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Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2007 17:31:01 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 11:50:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Barksdale Fliers Are Source Of UFO Story -

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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Hello Greg,

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I never said that expert witnesses have no value, or that any witness has no value. My point was that why should so-called expert witnesses be credited with greater weight than amateur witnesses, when they don't actually know what it was that they saw?

If an expert witness recognises a 747 and their expertise is in aircraft recognition, that makes sense. If the same expert witness doesn't recognise the aircraft, it doesn't mean that it was an alien spaceship, angel, or demon.

In this case it would appear (subject to someone following the report up) that the witness did not recognise a specific type of flare in specific circumstances. Ideally, someone local should request copies of the flight logs etc. to confirm the position and timing of the flare activity, and compare this to details from a personal in-situ interview with the witness. If the flare explanation is viable, this should then be put to the witness. Of course, for some people, that is too difficult, it is much easier to shout "cover up!" and "the aliens are coming!".

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Of course not, but witness testimony on it's own can not be taken as fact. It is a starting-point for investigation and validation.

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Why would you reject one witness's evidence solely on the basis of another witness's imaginative description?

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The problem (historically) is that all too often, the "expertise" of a given witness has dazzled the investigator(s) into not carrying out a thorough investigation.

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where you know that the supposed flares were not responsible?

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Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2007 13:02:15 -0700  
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Quite so. Plenty of hoaxes there as well, but at least we are  
confident that a physical object/effect was imaged (whether it  
be a hubcap, etc).

In my opinion it should be the default policy to reject digital  
images out of hand. With so many sophisticated digital editing  
tools available to hoaxers, it's a waste of time and talent to  
analyze such images. Although this particular O'Hare image was  
quickly dispatched, the next one might come from some former  
Pixar animator with too much time on his hands...

The only exception I can see is if there were multiple digital  
images from independent witnesses at different aspect angles, in  
which case it is fairly straightforward to establish whether  
they are geometrically consistent (and hence a vastly more  
difficult hoax).

I would guess that far less than 1% of cameras in use in the  
general public are film-type, whereas thirty years ago all of  
them were. What had been a powerful and ubiquitous source of  
potential hard evidence has effectively been purged from the  
face of the earth. A good conspiracy theory or two in there.

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It has been my experience from polls taken after my lecture that  
90% of UFO sightings aren't reported, primarily because of the  
fear of ridicule. Since the Tribune treated the story with  
respect, I would expect that encouraged other witnesses to come  
forth. Furthermore once the media found out that the Trib story  
received more hits (over a million) than any other story ever  
on their website, and that it led the count 4 days running, and  
that Hilkevitch was contacted from all over the world, that  
certainly would have encouraged many other media to treat the  
subject more fairly.

Stan Friedman

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Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 12:12:31 -0500  
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Source: Linda Moulton Howe's Earthfiles.Com

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news/news.cfm?ID=1200&category=Environment>

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## Re: Barksdale Fliers Are Source Of UFO Story -

From: Jason Gammon <[BoyintheMachine.nul](mailto:BoyintheMachine.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2007 18:32:52 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 12:14:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Barksdale Fliers Are Source Of UFO Story -

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2007 09:03:33 EST  
>Subject: Re: Barksdale Fliers Are Source Of UFO Story

>The value of "expert witnesses"? Well if an "expert witness" has  
>no value then no witnesses have any value.

>That just invalidates any witness testimony whatsoever. So we  
>should toss out any witness testimony regardless of the crime or  
>event?

>Let's just go back to stringin' guys up based on hearsay. Or  
>invading countries on speculation.

>The retired colonel reported his interpretation of what he saw.  
>He provided pictures to back it up. I recall some guy on the  
>radio saying he could see an alien pilot in the pics. That's  
>when I tossed the story out the window with the bathwater.

>Is the problem the eyewitness or the eyewitness to the  
>eyewitness?

>What's the greater problem to me isn't this story but the  
>barrage of UFO stories hitting the wires since the O'Hare  
>incident. Just about everybody and their third cousin is  
>reporting UFOs. Meteors, Russian rockets breaking up, swamp gas,  
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I completely agree. The concept of 'expert witness' means absolutely nothing with regard to this phenomena. Likewise, 'expert opinions' aren't worth their salt either. To me the claim of expert witness/expert opinion implies an individual having a long history of UFO sightings/interactions, something a tad bit problematic. Unfortunately, when it comes to this phenomena we are all in the same boat, and one having tattered sails at that.

- Jason Gammon

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## Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <[BoyintheMachine.nul](mailto:BoyintheMachine.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2007 19:13:04 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 12:16:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces? - Gammon

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 18:42:30 -0400  
>Subject: Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces?

>>From: Jason Gammon <[BoyintheMachine.nul](mailto:BoyintheMachine.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 25 Jan 2007 11:20:56 EST  
>>Subject: Re: O'Hare Image Surfaces?

>>>A poor image purporting to be that of the object seen over O'Hare  
>>>International Aiport, in November of last year, is posted here:

>>><http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/>

>>>It seems to have been taken from an elevated position and, if  
>>>genuine, belies the FAA's protestations that the Tower/Crews saw  
>>>nothing...

>>>ebk

>>Please congratulate the 'witness' for taking a wonderful picture  
>>of a drop of water..

>>- Jason Gammon

>It's not a drop of water, Jason. It's a regeneration of a  
>photograph of aircraft strung out at O'Hare. The object is  
>probably pasted over one of the landing lights. Go Here:

><http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread236709/pg33#pid2899674>

>Don Ledger

Don, I've already read the hoax theory presented at the above  
link. I'm not so sure that this theory is what actually took  
place, mainly because it would be very easy to simply snap an  
image with a drop of water on the lens and voila, a 'UFO.'

I'm not sure if you or anyone else have read Linda Howe's  
article yet, but she has written that at least two experts have  
claimed the pictures were not edited. I might add that this  
doesn't mean that it is a genuine UFO, or even the same object  
seen by the November witnesses. Here's a quote from the site and  
a link;

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<http://tinyurl.com/35zaue>

Then again, 'virtually no sign of being edited', would imply  
that it indeed shows at least one sign of being precisely just  
that, edited!

- Jason Gammon

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From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 18:34:09 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 14:14:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: LMH Site On O'Hare UFO - Shough

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 15:11:38 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 14:23:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: FAA's Credibility & Varacity Over O'Hare -

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 11:56:34 -0000  
>Subject: Re: FAA's Credibility & Varacity Over O'Hare

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2007 12:56:27 -0400  
>>Subject: FAA's Credibility & Veracity Over O'Hare UFO

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>>Often they are made to look the fool. I find it curious and very  
>>disturbing that United Airlines have attempted to subvert  
>>freedom of speech by ordering their employees not to speak of  
>>this incident. A few thoughts in a limited forum.

>Surely the only folk qualified to judge craft and their flight  
>characteristics are pilots? And that includes astronauts. But  
>they're specifically barred from speaking, by military law and  
>maybe now even by civil 'law' or 'guidelines' (corporate  
> censorship).

>Astronomers, meteorologists (weather people), other scientists  
>and folk in 'administration' have no experience or knowledge of  
>flying and so should be ignored. But they're the only ones asked  
>or allowed to speak, because their careers are controlled by  
>gov't.

Where the problem arises is the pilot's inability to identify  
what he or she has seen. For that they are called lousy  
witnesses by Oberg and Hynek who miss the point. The latter  
recanted if I remember correctly. On SDI last Saturday evening,  
Dave Furlotte mentioned James Oberg referring to the NTSB  
calling pilots poor witnesses when it comes to accidents etc.  
which was translated over to the UFO phenomenon.

The NTSB is made up of pilots and aero-maintenance personnel and  
buttressed by forensic technologists and science. They second  
and draw from many persuasions [FBI, police, military, NASA\*] to  
get their jobs done when an accident occurs. I find it odd that  
they would make it a point to target pilots. I'd like to see the  
statement where that is claimed by the NTSB.

The pilot will tell you were it was at what altitude for how  
long it was viewed-often to the second-its direction, apparent  
size, light colours, etc., it's not their job to explain, just  
report it and try and determine whether it's a threat to their  
aircraft. Why they are expected to know what the hell these  
things are when we don't know ourselves puzzles me. Let me run  
an example past the readers of this List.

Venus may look big and bright from the ground but it gets  
dramatically more so when you are airborne. Let that planet  
sneak up [the aircraft's speed over the ground] over the horizon  
on a clear, moonless but frosty night when you are not expecting  
it and you are immediately concerned about this huge light  
that's fixed in your windshield. You might suspect that it is a  
star or a planet but you can't take that chance, so you check it

out because that's your job. You ask ATC about traffic at your 12 o'clock and find there is no reported or radar traffic at your 12 o'clock.

You suspect Venus but because you don't carry Starry Nights or Heavens Above in the cockpit you have no way of checking that out. If you are on an IFR flight plan or flight following you can't just bank away or break out of your assigned altitude. You have to sweat it out for awhile.

What are you sweating out?

Possible collision with another aircraft.

There is one thing you learn when you are flying and that is objects visually at a distance tend to seem to stay there for awhile and then suddenly they are in your face and you have to react. Sometimes the reaction time is too close for comfort.

The pilot in this scenario is in a quandary. There is no reported traffic, no radar contact and we can throw in the fact that the tower 'he's' been working is well below the horizon of this event so they can't see it. The TCAS [Traffic Collision Avoidance System] is not going off giving him a Resolution Authority so he doesn't have an excuse to legally leave his assigned altitude and flight track. Yet he has this brilliant light which is flickering away [various layers of heat escaping from the still warm surface of the Earth] right on the nose of his aircraft. He knows that radar can't see everything that flies, so it could be military or a plastic or composite homebuilt or factorybuilt [many of which are invisible to radar] that is flying under VFR rules.

Time and space doesn't allow me the luxury of going into the dozens of parameters which have suddenly presented themselves to the pilots on that flight deck so I'll keep it simple.

As soon as the captain makes a move ATC will know it and will violate him for doing it, for which he will have to answer later on. ATC might have to move other aircraft in that sector around as a result upsetting the delicate balance of airspace versus number of aircraft occupying the same block of airspace, all traveling on slightly different headings, some of which are 180 degrees to your own.

All of this for Venus? Imagine what's going through the pilot's mind when he sees the damn thing. Risk against probability. But does he/she have that luxury with 50 or 350 souls on board?

But we don't know for sure it's Venus though it's suspected. If you had an astronomer on the flight deck he or she couldn't be positive of it being Venus even though it was suspected. Jill Tartar and her husband were in a light plane at night and spooked by the Moon as they attested to on the Peter Jennings' UFO special report - last I heard she was an astronomer.

Anyway the final piece of this little scenario is that at 600 mph there's a good chance that this is another aircraft traveling at the same speed - opposite direction - with a closing speed of 1,200 mph or 20 miles a minute. If the other aircraft is suspected at being between 20 and 50 miles away you have between 1 and 2.5 minutes to react. If its one minute and you have already wasted half that time to check ATC, then check again to be sure, even with some of the other aircraft in your block, there is not much time left to react.

Your husband or wife and kids are in the back of the airplane - what do you want the pilot to do? And don't forget this scenario is just about a suspected planet Venus, not the real thing.

Flying an airplane is a personal experience, like sex. If you haven't experienced it yourself, you can't be shown or told what it's like. TV and the movie depictions are full of crap - often laughably so. Pilots don't only not report UFOs if they don't have to, because it might be embarrassing, but because they are risking not only their livelihood but something they love doing.

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Don Ledger

\* Dr. Richard Haines was often called upon by the NTSB to participate on airline accidents during his tenure with NASA/AMES and has had much more experience dealing with pilots than either James Oberg and Allen Hynek. Dr. Haines thinks pilots are excellent witnesses.

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The photos that have come forward almost certainly have nothing  
to do with the original sighting over O'Hare. One of the  
witnesses has looked at them, and declared that neither looks  
anything like the object he witnessed on November 07. I allow  
for the possibility that they may be part of a disinformation  
ploy.

I recommend that, in order to save precious time, we drop  
further discussion of these hoaxed photos. Just by continuing  
the discussion about them, we may be playing into the hands of  
folks who don't want the American People to know the truth about  
that incident.

Peter

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Hi Don & List,

I was provoked to send that first post by experience of pilots'  
common sense and rather amazing coolness under stress.

One small example was a military flight en route to Singapore  
(carrying 'my' mil cargo, plus me - think I was a sergeant - and  
some other blokes), when we were looking for our next landing,  
at night, over middle of Indian Ocean.

Below was many thousands of feet of densely packed thunder  
clouds, and presumably below that was the Indian Ocean  
containing one tiny island (surrounded - in my imagination - by  
close-packed sharks).

'Control' couldn't help - they had total cloud cover and  
couldn't see us (maybe not on radar either). I happened to be in  
the cockpit att. for a chat and stuff, so the 'Skipper' (the RAF  
captain and main pilot) told me to take over the cloud radar and  
give him 'left or right' calls if I could see any clear lanes  
through the mass of thunder-heads. So we descended, but not too  
fast or too far (because - if fuel ran out, we might have to try  
to make distance), and it all got very quiet and I personally  
got rather tense.

But the skipper carried on chatting, while turning and wheeling,  
and all eyes in the cockpit - except mine - were looking out and  
down.

Eventually we (they) saw a light which, although immediately lost again, gave us the bearing.

Yup, we finally landed successfully and all had a beer (me more than one) to relax.

Several more experiences like that (some which I can't report) taught me that piloting was about rigid self-control and coolness of judgment, none of which are noticeable talents of men-in-suits, administrators, politicians, media-men or on-demand 'scientists'.

Cheers

Ray D

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>Interesting isn't it. I think we are indeed unrealistic and  
>unreasonable about witness expertise. An Air Force Col who has  
>"never heard of" parachute flares? That made my eyebrows go up a  
>notch. Well he's no expert on parachute flares, that's for sure.  
>But what does this mean?

Somebody 'got' to him?

Eleanor White

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From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254.nul](mailto:RGates8254.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 02:44:25 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 12:25:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Orb Busting Software - Gates

>From: Bob Shell <[bob.nul](mailto:bob.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 26 Jan 2007 11:29:16 -0500  
>Subject: Orb Busting Software

>I'm Technical Editor for Digital Camera Magazine and receive  
>tons of press releases daily. I asked permission from the  
>company before posting to UFO Updates.

>Their website is:

><http://fotonation.com/>

>But the release isn't up there yet.

>Below is part of the release from the photographic industry  
>technology company.

>You will note the last item. The photo industry recognizes  
>that "ghostly orbs" are an imaging artifact, and has been  
>seeking software solutions to eliminate them.

>Coming soon, a "rod" eliminating filter!

>Bob Shell

<Brevity snip>

Bob, Listers,

Gee, I am crushed, just crushed to find out that rods were some  
kind of photographic artifact. I always thought they were fire  
flys with gas!! :)

Cheers,

Robert

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Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 20:13:48 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 12:42:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: LMH Site On O'Hare UFO - Stimson

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>>>Two Cell Phone Images of Disc Over Chicago O'Hare Airport

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>>>"Both digital experts (David Biedny and Jeff Ritzmann) agree that the  
>>>second image, very much like the first image, virtually has no signs of  
>>>being edited."

>>>-- Mark Allin, Co-Owner, AboveTopSecret.com

>>Virtually? Hmmm. This piece states that neither image shows any  
>>sign at all of any artefact or inconsistency when closely  
>>examined by experts. Various digital wizards are quoted saying  
>>there is no sign of anything odd in either photo, that both seem  
>>to show the same object taken from different sides of the  
>>airfield that afternoon. Then we're treated to the speculation  
>>that miles-wide holes in cloud occurring from time to time all  
>>over the world (meteorologically interesting to be sure) are  
>>caused by rocketing UFOs.

>>This is just depressing and unhelpful to the real investigation  
>>going on into events at O'Hare.

>>If you play with the gamma of the first image you find that an  
>>unnatural looking wedge of grey tone emerges bottom left of the  
>>"UFO". I don't insist that this is suspicious, but it is  
>>obvious, and does at least need noticing in any analysis.

>>But at least the conditions in the first photo bear some  
>>resemblance to the weather conditions at the time (solid  
>>overcast at 1900 ft, fading daylight, visibility 4 miles with  
>>haze). The second photo very obviously shows bright sky  
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digital photography when used as potential proof of UFO

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What really gets on my goat are two things: To quote Peter: 'Who don't want the American people to know the truth...' How secular can you get? Something like this affects the entire world, not just one particular country.

The other thing is why so many people are stuck in the past. It seems that it's easier to discuss Roswell than it is to sort out more recent cases, despite the technology that people have access to now.

We had the Varghina case. How many people are interested in that even though it's probably easier to get information about it? This current O'Hare case, it's going to be talked about and this will get bandied about and that will get bandied about, names will be dropped and so on.

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Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 12:44:25 EST  
Fwd Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 17:56:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: LMH Site On O'Hare UFO - Boone

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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'Nuff said, bottom line.

Puzzling as to 'why' no credible witnesses have come forward  
given the amount of media inquiries. Are these people  
unconcerned with coming forward? Are they afraid to come  
forward? If so, why are they afraid? Did someone tell them not  
to or is it just generally the old, "I don't want anyone  
thinking I'm crazy." excuse?

When they come forward we'll have something to chew on.

Best,

Greg

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From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 17:57:07 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 17:59:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: LMH Site On O'Hare UFO - Shough

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
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Something has already been resolved. Photo #2 (at least) is an obvious scam for the no-brain reasons I pointed out. This saves time. Now you don't have to bother waiting or looking for "witness testimony".

Pointing out that the weather and lighting conditions in these two supposedly simultaneous photos were grossly inconsistent, and that they were in one case grossly inconsistent with the sunset time and conditions of the event, was not an "utter waste of time" but on the contrary saves time that can be better spent. Ditto for Peter reporting their inconsistency with the object seen by his known and identified witnesses.

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## Tamaulipas Mexico UFO Sighting

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 12:52:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 18:06:35 -0500  
Subject: Tamaulipas Mexico UFO Sighting

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 28, 2007

Source: [www.analuisacid.com](http://www.analuisacid.com)  
Date: 01.17.07

Mexico: Tamaulipas UFO Sighting

According to a news item published in the January 17, 2007 edition of Reynoso's La Tarde newspaper, an unidentified flying object with multicolored lights was reported over the town of Rio Bravo (state of Tamaulipas). The event occurred around midnight.

Witnesses from the Las Americas district stated that it was an extremely brilliant circular object that hovered over some homes, causing alarm among locals, who reported the unusual experience to the newspaper.

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Special thanks to Ana Luisa Cid

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you speak, Michael. I know this because I've been involved in a  
very peripheral way with the NARCAP investigation, as have  
others on this list, and Peter Davenport has been on the case  
since almost day one. Perhaps you can tell us what "action" you  
have been taking since November 2006?

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## Re: Turkish UFO Video? - Yturria

From: **Santiago Yturria Garza** <[syturria.nul](mailto:syturria.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 19:21:57 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 18:14:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: Turkish UFO Video? - Yturria

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
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This video was recorded by a 15 member family in a country house on the woods located in Kirklarely, North Turkey near the Black Sea on July 10, 2003.

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Santiago

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From: **Terry Groff** <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 17:20:52 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 07:16:34 -0500  
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Terry

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From: **Karen Narsiff-Ellis** <[narsiff.nul](mailto:narsiff.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 23:24:52 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 07:19:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Turkish UFO Video? - Narsiff-Ellis

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Could this object be balloons all tied up together?

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>others on this list, and Peter Davenport has been on the case  
>since almost day one. Perhaps you can tell us what "action" you  
>have been taking since November 2006?

Hi Martin,

I haven't taken any action because I'm not an investigator or  
researcher or anything like that, I'm more of an interested  
observer. I do have an interest in the subject, which is why I'm  
a member of this List.

I chimed in because I think that automatically discounting any  
digital imaging is the wrong approach, since digital photography  
is the most accessible means of imaging available to most  
people. It seems very reasonable to me that most modern UFO  
photographs will come from digital cameras and/or mobile phones,

since that's what most people use. In my view, it's wrong to discount something just because it's a digital image or an MP4 movie. You'd be losing so much potential evidence by taking that stance.

As I said in my original post, another bugbear of mine is that some people tend to treat the UFO phenomenon as a solely American phenomenon when in actual fact, it's worldwide. Sightings do occur outside the USA, but they tend not to be investigated very seriously because people seem to inevitably drift back to discussing Roswell and Mogul balloons. This isn't a criticism BTW, but it is my observation and I think the archives of this List will back me up on that.

I admire the researchers and investigators who get their hands dirty and do the actual nuts and bolts hard graft with these cases, but it seems to me that much of the time when there's a new sighting, then there's a flurry of interest for a short while, then everything reverts back to normal when really, there is so much technology at peoples disposal now to seriously investigate a case as soon as it happens. Radio scanners, cameras, PCs, mobile phones and so on.

Anyway, my post wasn't supposed to be me 'having a go' at UFO people, I was just saying how I see things.

Michael

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## Re: FAA's Credibility & Veracity Over O'Hare -

From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947.nul](mailto:project1947.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 20:36:32 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 07:33:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: FAA's Credibility & Veracity Over O'Hare -

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 14:21:25 -0400  
>Subject: Re: FAA's Credibility & Veracity Over O'Hare

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 12:58:09 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: FAA's Credibility & Veracity Over O'Hare

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 23 Jan 2007 11:56:34 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: FAA's Credibility & Veracity Over O'Hare

>><snip>

>>>All this should tell us something about the motives of the  
>>>corporate media and those who've made the laws: they don't want  
>>>the truth or even informed comment.

>>I believe that any employer would have the right to limit the an  
>>employee's contact with the press regarding job related  
>>activities, and that would include anything seen by the employee  
>>while on the payroll. I'm not convinced so much that there was a  
>>cover up, but rather that the Airlilne just wasn't set up to  
>>respond to the questions they were getting and really had no  
>>obligation to research it for the curious (or the Press, which  
>>may or may not come back to haunt them in the form of bad  
>>publicity).

>>Somehow I think we're all going to be stuck in speculation-land  
>>until we get Richard Haines's report.

>I'm not stuck in speculation-land, Steve...

>As for the airlines having the right to determine whether their  
>employees have the right to report publicly what they have seen  
>is basically BS.

>Unless United Airlines is secretly manufacturing these objects,  
>this isn't a company secret. They are subverting their employees  
>right to free speech.

>Don't make it easy for them by turning your head away.

>Don Ledger

Some time ago Peter Davenport of NUFORC gave me an airline pilot  
report of one side of a conversation with USAF aircraft over  
Edwards AFB with the tower. The traffic involved an attempt to  
intercept a UFO over the base.

The pilot reported the information to his company on a reporting  
form. He didn't want his name used as it might impact his  
career.

Pilots, I've interviewed tell me that if they reported a UFO,

they might be subjected to a flight physical, and considered for grounding, so it was best to be quiet about it.

Using the report that Peter provided I set about to FOIA Edwards. I called the info office on the base to find the address for the FOIA office. Interestingly enough the Sergeant who answered the telephone was all primed on FOIA. I didn't say what I wanted to FOIA, but this guy ran down all the reasons that a FOIA would not work and all the ways the FOIA officer could avoid answering my request. Interesting.

I submitted the request to the base requesting any info on said incident, including after landing debriefings, tower logs, etc., etc.

I got a negative answer. However, at the time a Project 1947 member was a contractor at Edwards. He went to the tower and engaged the operators in conversation. At first they were wary of him, but after awhile they allowed that something had happened. They said that the supervisor asked if anyone wanted to make an entry in the tower log. Nobody did. They showed him the log for that day. No entry.

Later several knowledgeable FOIA old hands suggested a number of other requests that should have been submitted. There are ways to avoid answering if you are not the prime entity involved in an incident. It is good that our government is intent on evading Freedom of Information.

Peter also provided an incident at the Bangor submarine base. In this case, the FOIA officer was the Staff Judge Advocate. You can imagine how lawyers can find ways not to answer something. "It all depends on what the meaning of 'it' is."

One day there may be an accounting, no thanks to investigative journalists who are not interested at all in this area, as Don Berliner of FUFOR attempted to get some to investigate the above with negative results. It will be interesting to see the outcome.

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## Re: LMH Site On O'Hare UFO - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 00:16:00 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 07:39:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: LMH Site On O'Hare UFO - Ledger

>From: Michael Stimson <[Michael001.nul](mailto:Michael001.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 20:13:48 -0000  
>Subject: Re: LMH Site On O'Hare UFO

>>From: Peter B. Davenport <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 11:19:17 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: LMH Site On O'Hare UFO

>>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2007 18:34:09 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: LMH Site On O'Hare UFO

>>>>Two Cell Phone Images of Disc Over Chicago O'Hare Airport

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>>>>"Both digital experts (David Biedny and Jeff Ritzmann) agree that the  
>>>>second image, very much like the first image, virtually has no signs of  
>>>>being edited."

>>>>-- Mark Allin, Co-Owner, AboveTopSecret.com

>>>>Virtually? Hmmm. This piece states that neither image shows any  
>>>>sign at all of any artefact or inconsistency when closely  
>>>>examined by experts. Various digital wizards are quoted saying  
>>>>there is no sign of anything odd in either photo, that both seem  
>>>>to show the same object taken from different sides of the  
>>>>airfield that afternoon. Then we're treated to the speculation  
>>>>that miles-wide holes in cloud occurring from time to time all  
>>>>over the world (meteorologically interesting to be sure) are  
>>>>caused by rocketing UFOs.

>>>>This is just depressing and unhelpful to the real investigation  
>>>>going on into events at O'Hare.

<snip>

>>>>The photos that have come forward almost certainly have nothing  
>>>>to do with the original sighting over O'Hare. One of the  
>>>>witnesses has looked at them, and declared that neither looks  
>>>>anything like the object he witnessed on November 07. I allow  
>>>>for the possibility that they may be part of a disinformation  
>>>>ploy.

>>>>I recommend that, in order to save precious time, we drop  
>>>>further discussion of these hoaxed photos. Just by continuing  
>>>>the discussion about them, we may be playing into the hands of  
>>>>folks who don't want the American People to know the truth about  
>>>>that incident.

>>>>I notice a few people clamouring to drop the idea of discussing  
>>>>digital photography when used as potential proof of UFO  
>>>>activity. Digital photography is the most widely used form of  
>>>>photography in the world now. Nobody can ignore it. That's the  
>>>>way it is and that's the way that it's going to be until it's  
>>>>superceded by something else.

<snip>

>I give it two weeks at most until people go back to the comfort  
>of discussing cases which allegedly occurred at least 40 years  
>ago.

>The technology is here to get evidence right now, but UFOs are  
>assumed to be an American phenomenon as quoted above.

>There is no focus, or determination on the part of most people  
>to do anything. People like talking, but taking action is a  
>different matter. It's easier to pass opinions on Roswell than  
>it is to say 'Right. We have O'Hare and we have photos. What's  
>the story?'

There is plenty of action, Michael. You haven't been paying attention.

The photos are bogus; a waste of time and a diversion.

I've been peripherally involved since November 7. I'm contributing to NARCAP with a larger role in the works. I spoke about it twice on SDI over the last few weeks. You should know that there is a great deal of work being done on this event.

One member of this List has done a tremendous job of collating ORD [O'Hare] radar information for NARCAP.

Other members have contributed their time as well.

Sight-lines are being worked out, FOIA requests have been issued, witnesses have been interviewed, etc.

Just because the study is not visible doesn't mean that the investigation is dead. A report will be forthcoming.

It should not be forgotten that Peter Davenport has been working dilligently on this event from the getgo when it showed up at NUFORC.

There's nothing stopping yourself from getting involved on your own, BTW.

Don Ledger

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## UFOs & Airports

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Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 09:11:35 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 08:04:58 -0500  
Subject: UFOs & Airports

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Best regards!

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## Re: Turkish UFO Video - Millington

From: **Brian Millington** <[millington.nul](mailto:millington.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 13:45:21 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 08:26:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Turkish UFO Video - Millington

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 17:20:52 -0600  
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## Re: UFOs & Airports - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 13:59:53 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 13:54:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs & Airports - Shough

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I'm sure there must be reasons you haven't mentioned why this case is "amazing", AJ, but at first sight this looks to me like a cloud effect. It's described as "hovering" so apparently it didn't shift significantly.

Possibly it's related to the "cloud hole" phenomenon we discussed here before, which is thought to be caused sometimes naturally by ice crystals, sometimes artificially by jet exhausts. We saw observations and photos of cloud dispersing close to jet contrails.

Another possibility (perhaps combined) is the shadow of a length of contrail cast on an underlying cloud veil. The "object" is said to be only a few hundred meters high though, which would seem to rule out these theories.

Is there any evidence of its real height? What altitude are the clouds in the photo I wonder? Did Claudeir Covo establish the time, sun angle, weather etc?

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## UFOs Seen In Hawaii's South Shore Sky

From: **Chaz Stuart** <[daydisk2.nul](mailto:daydisk2.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 20:07:21 GMT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 06:44:24 -0500  
Subject: UFOs Seen In Hawaii's South Shore Sky

Contraails? Hysteria?

<http://www.khon2.com/home/ticker/5387746.html>

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## Re: Turkish UFO Video - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 09:15:51 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 06:50:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Turkish UFO Video - Groff

>From: Brian Millington <[millington.nul](mailto:millington.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Hi Brian,

Apparently you didn't watch the entire video. The object does  
rise and move across the tree tops and in to the sky.

Watch again.

Terry

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## Strange Days... Indeed!

From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs.nul](mailto:fadeddiscs.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 15:20:56 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 06:57:14 -0500  
Subject: Strange Days... Indeed!

Greetings to the Listarians and Lurkers,

Many of you are probably unaware that EBK's Strange Days...  
Indeed had its final broadcast on CFRB last Saturday night.

Errol unselfishly gave all of us just over 8 years of solid  
Ufology and an outlet for many researchers to reach a huge  
audience. It will be a great loss for all of us not to have EBK  
and SDI on the airwaves for a while.

I was honored to have been a regular contributor to SDI for a  
number of years and sincerely appreciate Errol's committment to  
Ufology and allowing me the opportunity to throw my proverbial  
"two cents" into the mix.

Thank you, Errol and the rest of the gang at SDI for the great  
time and opportunities. Knowing Errol, he'll be back on the  
airwaves in some form before too long. His heart has a tuning  
dial for radio that will always be hankering for a new twist.  
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Wendy Connors  
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## Re: Turkish UFO Video - Talayhan

From: **Ferhat Talayhan** <[kleinergrauer.nul](mailto:kleinergrauer.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 17:07:06 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 06:59:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Turkish UFO Video - Talayhan

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Gruezi Brian!

Take the time to take a look at the whole piece of footage,  
because as you will see, the tree tops will actually be flying  
later on in formation! :)

Best wishes from Germany,

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Secrecy News -- 01/29/07

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 07:03:37 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 01/29/07

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FY 2007 INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION BILL ADVANCES

After two years without an annual intelligence authorization and more than three months into Fiscal Year 2007, the FY 2007 intelligence authorization bill (S. 372) has been reintroduced in the Senate and reported out of the Senate Intelligence Committee. See the January 24 Committee report here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007\\_rpt/srpt110-2.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_rpt/srpt110-2.html)

"This is a critically important piece of national security legislation, and the fact that our intelligence agencies have operated without authorizing legislation for two years represents an unfortunate failure of Congressional oversight," wrote Senators Ron Wyden and Russ Feingold, who noted that they nevertheless had concerns about some of its provisions.

Among its positive features, the Senate bill would require disclosure of the amounts requested, authorized and appropriated for the National Intelligence Program (Section 107). It would further mandate consideration of disclosure of the agency budgets of each of the 16 elements of the intelligence community, as recommended by the 9-11 Commission.

Declassification of the intelligence budget is the sine qua non for establishing a sensible national security classification system.

Some other provisions of the Senate bill are controversial, and should require referral of the bill to the Senate Judiciary Committee for further deliberation, argued Kate Martin and Brittany Benowitz of the Center for National Security Studies in a January 11, 2007 assessment.

The bill, they wrote, "would permit the Intelligence Community to access vast troves of personal information on Americans collected by the FBI or other agencies while limiting application of the Privacy Act to that information (section 310); it would limit application of the Privacy Act to records maintained by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (section 416); it would exempt enormous numbers of files of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence from even the search and review

requirements of the FOIA (section 411); [and] it would permit NSA and CIA protective personnel to make warrantless arrests for offenses not committed in their presence (section 424 and 432)."

Last week the bill was referred to the Senate Armed Services Committee for a ten-day period.

#### SPECIAL FORCES FREE FALL OPERATIONS

The safe performance of parachute entries into hostile territory by Special Forces personnel is addressed in a U.S. Army manual.

Military free-fall (MFF) parachute operations "are used when enemy air defense systems, terrain restrictions, or politically sensitive environments prevent low altitude penetration or when mission needs require a clandestine insertion."

"This field manual presents a series of concise, proven techniques and guidelines that are essential to safe, successful MFF operations."

See "Special Forces Military Free-Fall Operations," Field Manual FM 3-05.211, April 2005 (295 pages, 14 MB):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-05-211.pdf>

The unclassified Special Forces manual has not been approved for public release, but a copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

Before posting the document on the Federation of American Scientists web site, we turned to M, a friendly parachutist who is attuned to national security classification concerns, and asked whether there was any reason not to do so.

"I reviewed the manual carefully and consulted with a couple of people and I didn't see anything that would suggest that any portion of the report requires special protection," he said.

#### ARMY CIVIL AFFAIRS OPERATIONS

"Civil Affairs" has recently been elevated to a branch of the U.S. Army by order of Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey on January 12, 2007.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/go29.pdf>

The role of civil affairs is to support "the interaction of military forces with the civilian populace [in or around the battlefield] to facilitate military operations and consolidate operational objectives."

According to an Army manual on civil affairs operations (pdf), "A supportive civilian population can provide resources and information that facilitate friendly operations. It can also provide a positive climate for the military and diplomatic activity a nation pursues to achieve foreign policy objectives."

Conversely, "A hostile civilian population threatens the immediate operations of deployed friendly forces and can often undermine public support at home for the policy objectives of the United States and its allies. When executed properly, civil-military operations can reduce friction between the civilian population and the military force."

The Army manual has not been approved for public release, but a copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Civil Affairs Operations," U.S. Army Field Manual FM 3-05.40, September 2006 (184 pages, 4 MB PDF).

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-05-40.pdf>

#### VARIOUS RESOURCES

In the latest ruling in the prosecution of two former officials of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee for allegedly mishandling classified information, Judge T.S. Ellis III said that press leaks regarding the case did not constitute a

violation of court rules because the leaks apparently derived from law enforcement sources and not from a sealed grand jury proceeding. On January 26, he rejected a defense motion for a hearing on the leaks. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/rosen012607.pdf>

Legal aspects of the conflicts between freedom of the press and national security secrecy are freshly examined in a study by University of Chicago Professor Geoffrey R. Stone and colleagues for the First Amendment Center. See "Government Secrecy vs. Freedom of the Press," December 2006:

<http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/PDF/Govt.Secrecy.Stone.pdf>

And some recent scraps from the Congressional Research Service include "Unmanned Vehicles for U.S. Naval Forces: Background and Issues for Congress," updated October 25, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/weapons/RS21294.pdf>

and "Privatization and the Federal Government: An Introduction," December 28, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL33777.pdf>

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## Re: Turkish UFO Video? - Yturria

From: **Santiago Yturria Garza** <[syturria.nul](mailto:syturria.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 18:24:09 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 07:42:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Turkish UFO Video? - Yturria

>From: Karen Narsiff-Ellis <[narsiff.nul](mailto:narsiff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 23:24:52 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Turkish UFO Video?

>>From: Santiago Yturria Garza <[syturria.nul](mailto:syturria.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 19:21:57 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Turkish UFO Video?

>>>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 18:25:08 +0100 (CET)  
>>>Subject: Turkish UFO Video?

>>>I'd appreciate if any List member from Turkey can  
>>>find out the date and location of the following UFO  
>>>video clip:

>>><http://videolog.uol.com.br/video?187480>

>>>Thank you and best regards,

>>>Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos  
>>>FOTOCAT Blog <http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

>>>This video was recorded by a 15 member family in a country  
>>>house on the woods located in Kirklarely, North Turkey near the  
>>>Black>Sea on July 10, 2003.

>>The case was researched by Haktan Akdogan in 2004  
>>and the family was interviewed by him at the TV  
>>station for Haktan's TV show.

>>However Haktan released the video and the interviews  
>>for the first time at the International UFO Congress  
>>in Laughlin, Nevada on February 2004. I was there  
>>and got a copy from Haktan.

>Could this object be balloons all tied up together?

>It's a fascinating video, but looking at it  
>carefully, it seems you can't rule out a big bundle  
>of balloons, weather balloons with some reflective  
>quality about them, filled with helium possibly.

I must say that this was also my first impression when I saw the  
video and I discussed with Haktan in Laughlin the possibility  
that this object may be a group of mylar balloons tied together.  
It looked like that and it's behavior was consistent.

Haktan told me this is a desolate place in the woods and the  
family saw this object landed there the night before, showing  
colored lights. That's when they became excited and the next  
day, in the early morning, all of them went to the balcony to  
see the object still there and recorded the video. Then the  
object began rising and faded away as the video shows.

Haktan Akdogan told me this is an honest, sincere family that

came forward telling their story and giving him the video. I think the family may have been confused by a mundane object that could have been some kind of experimental balloon device or weather balloon.

Hard to explain what this object, if indeed a group of balloons, was doing at this far away, desolate, location in the woods, in a difficult to reach area and showing lights the night before while landed.

I was not there so I can't give a satisfactory explanation. I trust the good faith of the family but I still think this was a mundane object and they were just confused.

Santiago

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## Re: Research & Digital Images - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 12:03:12 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 07:44:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Research & Digital Images - Tarbell

>From: Michael Stimson <[Michael001.nul](mailto:Michael001.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 23:37:49 -0000  
>Subject: Research & Digital Images [was: RLMH Site On O'Hare UFO]

<snip>

>I chimed in because I think that automatically discounting any  
>digital imaging is the wrong approach, since digital photography  
>is the most accessible means of imaging available to most  
>people. It seems very reasonable to me that most modern UFO  
>photographs will come from digital cameras and/or mobile phones,  
>since that's what most people use. In my view, it's wrong to  
>discount something just because it's a digital image or an MP4  
>movie. You'd be losing so much potential evidence by taking that  
>stance.

<snip>

Hi Michael,

Since I was recently outspoken on this topic, let me follow up a little:

Lets say the government decides that, in the interest of saving time and expense, all currency will be printed on plain office paper at 300 dpi using commercial black ink. Shortly thereafter you are approached by a stranger with a sackful of this new money, offering to buy your house for twice it's market value. How are you going to feel about this deal? If you were getting other comparable offers in the form of gold, would you even bother to consider accepting the new paper money?

The analogy is a little strained, but as far as their evidence value, digital images are just about on par with the new money. In any given instance it may be legitimate, but there is no way to be confident that it is. There is little comfort in assurances from graphics gurus who say, "well, I can't find anything wrong with it", or, "I see absolutely no signs of editing", etc. At the resolutions and bit-depths typical of uploads to the internet, undetectable edits are not only possible, they are straightforward for a knowledgeable hoaxer.

I concede that the situation with analog (film) images differs only in degree... it can't be proven conclusively that a given image is not a hoax. But the difference in degree is substantial, with much greater difficulty for the analog hoaxer to get past even a cursory examination of the image. With only a finite amount of time and resources available, I would suggest considering only offers in "gold". There are some out there.

Regards,

Mike

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## Strange Object Photographed In Costa Rica

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 14:30:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 07:48:33 -0500  
Subject: Strange Object Photographed In Costa Rica

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
January 29, 2007

Source: [www.analuisacid.com](http://www.analuisacid.com)  
Date: January 27, 2007

[http://www.analuisacid.com/costa\\_rica\\_motociclismo.htm](http://www.analuisacid.com/costa_rica_motociclismo.htm)

A photograph taken by Richard Sandi using a Canon Powershot A610 on January 27, 2007 at 11:15 a.m. during the International Motorcycling Convention held in Costa Rica.

Special thanks to Prof. Ana Luisa Cid.

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## Re: UFOs & Airports - Gevaerd

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 18:10:18 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 07:54:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs & Airports - Gevaerd

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 13:59:53 -0000  
>Subject: Re: UFOs & Airports

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 09:11:35 -0500  
>>Subject: UFOs & Airports

>>Speaking of UFOs close to airports, I recall one amazing case  
>>that happened in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on October 30, 1976.

><snip>

>>The photos are here:

>>Original:

>>[http://www.ufo.com.br/arquivos/fotos/Trazzi\\_1.jpg](http://www.ufo.com.br/arquivos/fotos/Trazzi_1.jpg)

>>Enlargement:

>>[http://www.ufo.com.br/arquivos/fotos/Trazzi\\_2.jpg](http://www.ufo.com.br/arquivos/fotos/Trazzi_2.jpg)

>I'm sure there must be reasons you haven't mentioned why this  
>case is "amazing", AJ, but at first sight this looks to me like  
>a cloud effect. It's described as "hovering" so apparently it  
>didn't shift significantly.

Why do I find this case amazing?

Let's start with the fact that the object was really big, it was  
hovering the air at a few hundred meters high for several  
minutes. No sound, no movement, nothing. Certainly not a plane.  
Hardly a cloud.

The object was described as metallic. I have a better copy of  
that photo in some backup here, and if I find it I will post for  
you. I will translate Covo's report to publish as soon as I have  
some time.

Take care.

A. J.

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## 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 16:14:38 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 08:04:31 -0500  
Subject: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction

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Source: Breitbart.Com - Los Angeles, California

<http://www.breitbart.com/news/2007/01/29/070129220701.161f20yf.html>

January 29, 2007

Researchers Say 'Hobbit' Skeleton Was Separate Human Species

Scientific evidence supports the theory that a 18,000-year old "Hobbit" skeleton unearthed in Indonesia was a new species closely related to Homo sapiens.

Some scientists had theorized that the skeletal remains found on the Indonesian island of Flores in 2003 belonged to a pygmy or a microcephalic - a human with an abnormally small skull.

But researchers from Florida State University who examined a three-dimensional computer reconstruction of the small but well-formed brain of the hominid, "classified it with normal humans." "We have answered the people who contend that the Hobbit is a microcephalic," said world-renowned paleoneurologist Dean Falk, who is also chairwoman of Florida State University's anthropology department, which conducted the research with Indonesia's Center for Archaeology along with other international partners.

Her team's study of both normal and microcephalic human brains is published in Monday's issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The computer model reproduced the surface of the brain, including its shape, grooves and vessels, revealing what Falk described as a "highly evolved brain."

The skeleton came to be known as "the Hobbit" after the diminutive characters in J.R.R. Tolkien's classic Lord Of The Rings trilogy.

The brain of the Hobbit - more accurately identified as "Homo Floresiensis" - was compared to those of 10 normal humans and nine people suffering microcephaly, a virus which stunts the development of the brain.

The complete skeleton and skull unearthed in a cave on Flores measures 1.06 meters (3.6 feet), igniting a raging controversy among anthropologists, who until then had believed the extinction of the surviving human species.

Archaeologists had found sophisticated tools and evidence of a fire near the remains of the three-foot-tall adult female with a brain roughly one-third the size of a contemporary human.

"People refused to believe that someone with that small a brain could make the tools. How could it be a sophisticated new species?" Falk said.

"It's the 64 thousand dollar question: Where did it come from?" she said. "Who did it descend from, who are its relatives, and what does it say about human evolution?" said Falk. "That's the

real excitement about this discovery."

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## Cloud Hole Near Dulles International Airport

From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 20:04:44 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 08:07:13 -0500  
Subject: Cloud Hole Near Dulles International Airport

Best example for hole in cloud image that I have ever seen.

Washington Dulles International Airport located in Dulles,  
Virginia.

<http://www.weatherbook.com/recentphotosOctober2003.html>

October 7, 2003:

A hole in the clouds appears near Dulles Airport.  
Photo Credit: Kevin Ambrose

Source: [http://www.weatherbook.com/images/10\\_7\\_03\\_web.jpg](http://www.weatherbook.com/images/10_7_03_web.jpg)

John

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## Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens? - Turner

From: **Mark Turner** <[markt.nul](mailto:markt.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 07:29:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 08:22:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens? - Turner

>From: Viktor Golubik <[Diverge247.nul](mailto:Diverge247.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 15:40:33 EST  
>Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens?

>If alien spacecraft are maneuvering within our telemetry systems  
>here on Earth, then it may be the unintended (default) radio  
>wave transmissions we should be after... perhaps just one  
>telltale signature of their interaction with our atmosphere and  
>their propulsive systems.

<snip>

>Such spectrum analyzers are available for purchase and with the  
>right antennas and configuration could be very sensitive.  
>However, what's the likelihood that we (government outsiders  
>with no budget) could confidently sort the known clutter from  
>the unknown signature with precision?

Viktor, it sounds like this is quite possible, and far less  
expensive than you think. See the following links for details.

I think this may be an excellent way to track alien spacecraft.

Super-Radar, Done Dirt Cheap:

[http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/03\\_42/b3854113.htm](http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/03_42/b3854113.htm)

Manastash Ridge Radar:

<http://rrsl.ee.washington.edu/Projects/Manastash/>

GNU Radio:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GNU\\_Radio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GNU_Radio)

Regards,

Mark

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## The Expedition To Mars

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 13:11:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 13:11:34 -0500  
Subject: The Expedition To Mars

Source: The Guardian - University of Southern California,  
San Diego, California, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/ytd65g>

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

The Expedition To Mars

UCSD professor leads team that may prove the existence of life  
on Mars in the year 2013.

By Christina Homer  
Staff Writer

Perhaps one of the most intriguing and popular issues in today's science fiction and fantasy genres is the question of whether life exists outside Earth. From movies like "Contact" and "E.T." to television shows like "Star Trek" and "Stargate," human beings are drawn to the idea that we may not be alone in the universe.

But what was only a concept may now be reality - at least by 2013. Professor Jeffrey Bada, director of the NASA Specialized Center of Research and Training in Exobiology at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, has marked the date as a personal deadline to prove life's existence on Mars. His main tool will be the Urey Mars Organic and Oxidant Detector, a device designed to sample soil from the surface of Mars and test for life.

The Urey will be traveling aboard the ExoMars Mission, an internationally designed rover carrying a variety of devices to Mars.

Once the Urey collects a sample of crushed rock, it goes into high gear. The device is actually a collection of a few highly specialized instruments. First, its Mars Organic Detector, the principal element of the machine, separates the organic material in the sample from the rock and soil, analyzing the amounts of amino acids, among other organic substances, present in the soil.

If the M.O.D. were to detect any amino acids in the samples, the Microfabricated Capillary Electrophoresis instrument, a device developed at UC Berkeley by Richard Mathies, a professor and member of the California Institute for Quantitative Biomedical Research, begins its work. The CE uses a process similar to gel electrophoresis, a biological technique in which an electrical charge is applied to gel containing samples of genetic material. After analysis, scientists can eventually determine the order of bases in a segment of DNA.

Similar techniques are applied in the MCE, except on a much smaller scale. "Our contribution is what is known as a lab on a chip," Mathies said.



The ultimate goal is to determine the orientation, either "right-handed" or "left-handed," of any amino acids discovered, known as chirality. Scientists have noticed that on Earth, amino acids derived from inorganic sources generally have equal proportions of each type of chirality. Organic samples on Earth always have an excess of left-handed amino acids.

Bada and Mathies said they hope to discover an excess of one chirality of amino acids in the samples on Mars, indicating the presence of life.

The Urey also contains a device that will measure the presence of water vapors in the hope of determining if there is still a significant amount of water on or near the surface of Mars.

One of the most novel developments in the Urey, the device will yield results hundreds or thousands of times more sensitive than other similar devices that were used on the 1976 Viking rovers, the only other Mars mission to test for life.

Another important feature is that the rover carrying the Urey can drill up to two meters below the Martian surface, where radiation may not yet have degraded any biochemical compounds that might be present.

This radiation is troublesome in other ways as well. "That's the key thing," Mathies said. "We have to develop systems that are robust enough and basically self-contained so that we can fly them to Mars and do the experiments on Mars."

He explained that the team is optimistic. A year and a half ago, the development team flew down to the Atacama desert in Chile, an inland valley next to the Andes, to test a prototype design in the harsh climate. They ran the device for almost two weeks without any incident.

The Urey is scheduled to leave Earth in 2013, probably during the late fall or early winter. Although the date seems far off, Bada said that there is a lot of work to do to prepare.

"There is a long history here," Bada said. "I have been part of a group here at UCSD and the Salk Institute and the Scripps Research Institute trying to figure out the processes that led to life on Earth. This has been a long-term project funded by NASA."

The project began 15 years ago when Bada hosted a talk at the California Institute of Technology. A representative from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. who happened to be there took an interest in Bada's findings. That began a long-term collaboration. Richard Mathies joined the team about five years later. Bada explained the team named the instrument after Harold Urey because of his contributions to chemistry and UCSD.

"We put together this proposal, which was reviewed by NASA," Bada said. "Prior to that we had already submitted this instrument as a candidate instrument for the European Space Agency's ExoMars mission."

They accepted that instrument design, but the team wanted NASA's support as well. Bada's team submitted a grant proposal on Aug. 1 of last year and received approval on Jan. 8, 2007 for an amount of \$750,000 from NASA.

"The one thing I've learned about this is that you have to be very, very patient," Bada said.

Now that funding has been approved, however, work is beginning at a faster pace. In addition to their weekly teleconferences, Bada explained that team members will begin meeting face-to-face on a regular basis.

And if they should discover evidence of past or present life on Mars?

"Any discovery of extraterrestrial life would fundamentally change our understanding of our existence in the universe," Mathies said.

He sees it as the fourth major step in understanding the universe. Humans realized that the Earth was not flat, they

realized that it was not the center of the universe and then they began examining the genetic code, the molecular basis of existence. He believes that the next step will be to realize that humans are not alone in the universe.

"If we found evidence of life it would just change our whole knowledge base about life and how ubiquitous it is," Bada said. He believes that if we find life on two planets within the same solar system, life must be everywhere in the universe.

Of course, discovery of an alien life form would raise a lot of other questions: How similar is this life to terrestrial life? Are these organisms related? Are they compatible with Earth's organisms?

However, there will be plenty of time for those speculations once the team gets definitive results from the Urey. Until then, Bada said. "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I just feel very fortunate to be involved in it."

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## Can Humanity Survive? Want to Bet on It?

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By John Tierney

Sixty ago years, a group of physicists concerned about nuclear weapons created the Doomsday Clock and set its hands at seven minutes to midnight. Now, the clock's keepers, alarmed by new dangers like climate change, have moved the hands up to 11:55 p.m.

My first reaction was a sigh of relief. After all, the 1947 doomsday prediction marked the start of a golden age. Never have so many humans lived so long and maybe never so peacefully as during the past 60 years. The per-capita rate of violence, particularly in the West, seems remarkably low by historical standards. If the clock's keepers are worried once again, their track record suggests we're in for even happier days.

But there's one novel twist that gives me pause. When the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists announced two weeks ago in Washington that it was adjusting the clock, it was joined in a trans-Atlantic press conference by scientists at the Royal Society in London. One of them was the society's president, Martin Rees, a new breed of doomsayer.

Dr. Rees, a cosmologist at Cambridge and Britain's astronomer royal, doesn't just issue gloomy predictions. He doesn't just move the hands of an imaginary and inscrutable clock. (Its keepers have never explained what one of their minutes equals on anyone else's clock or calendar.)

No, Dr. Rees is braver. He gives odds on doomsday and offers to bet on disaster. In his 2003 book, *Our Final Hour*, he gives civilization no more than a 50 percent chance of surviving until 2100.

Dr. Rees is not a knee-jerk technophobe; he expects great advances as researchers around the world link their knowledge but he fears that progress will be undone by what he calls the new global village idiots. He's sure enough of himself to post an offer on Long Bets, a clever innovation on the Web that Stewart Brand helped start with money from Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon.com.

Long Bets is a nonprofit foundation that calls itself an arena for competitive, accountable predictions. It lets anyone make a prediction and take wagers on it, with the proceeds going to a charity named by the winner. The bets made so far are from \$200 to \$10,000, on topics ranging from the driving habits of Americans in 2010 to whether the universe will stop expanding.

Mitchell Kapor, the software guru, is betting that in 2029 no computer will have passed the Turing test (by conversing so much like a human that you couldn't tell the difference). The physicist Freeman Dyson's money is on the first extraterrestrial life being found somewhere other than a planet or its satellite.

Five years ago, Dr. Rees posted this prediction: "By 2020, bioterror or bioerror will lead to one million casualties in a single event." He reasoned that by 2020 there will be thousands even millions of people with the capability to cause a catastrophic biological disaster. My concern is not only organized terrorist groups, but individual weirdos with the mindset of the people who now design computer viruses.

He didn't get any takers on LongBets.org, which seems to me a missed opportunity. So I've posted an offer there to bet him \$200 not a huge sum, but enough to put both our reputations on the line. I realize that betting on disaster may sound ghoulish, but neither of us will personally profit (if I win, the money goes to the International Red Cross). And I think bets like this serve a purpose.

Besides stimulating public debate, they focus the issue and discipline prophets. No matter how good their intentions, prophets face strong temptations to hype. In the current issue of The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, Dr. Rees wryly describes what happened in 2003 when he turned in a manuscript titled, "Our Final Century?"

"My British publisher removed the question mark from the book's title," he recalls, "and the U.S. publisher changed it to Our Final Hour." Pessimism, it seems, makes for better marketing.

It doesn't make for better public policy though. Heralds of the bioterror apocalypse have actually worsened the problem of bioterror, as Milton Leitenberg points out in a 2005 report for the Strategic Studies Institute of the United States Army War College.

Mr. Leitenberg is a scholar at the University of Maryland who has been studying biological weapons for decades and debunking wild predictions. Dr. Rees is not alone. Senator Bill Frist called bioterrorism "the greatest existential threat we have in the world today" and urged a military effort that "even dwarfs the Manhattan Project."

Such rhetoric, Mr. Leitenberg says, has had the perverse effect of encouraging terrorists to seek out biological weapons. But despite the much-publicized attempts of Al Qaeda and a Japanese group to go biological, terrorists haven't had much luck, because it's still quite hard for individuals or nongovernmental groups to obtain, manufacture or deploy biological weapons of mass destruction.

Mr. Leitenberg says the biggest threat is of a state deploying biological weapons, and he notes the encouraging decline in the number of countries working on this technology. Meanwhile, though, America has been so spooked by the horror-movie scenarios that it's pouring money into defense against biological weapons. Dr. Leitenberg says that's a mistake, both because it diverts resources from more serious threats like natural diseases and epidemics and because it could start a new biological arms race as other countries understandably fear that the United States is doing more than just playing defense.

It's possible, as Dr. Rees fears, that terrorists will get a lot more sophisticated at biotech in the next decade, or that researchers will make some terrible mistake. The technology is getting cheaper and spreading rapidly. But so are the tools for preventing and coping with mistakes.

Whatever happens, I don't expect biotechnology to pose an "existential threat." The disaster predicted by Dr. Rees would be horrific, but humanity has survived worse, like the flu epidemic of 1918 that killed tens of millions of people. I know there are fears of new microorganisms or nanobots gobbling up our species, but I'm confident we'd somehow stop the Doomsday Clock from striking midnight.

In fact, the wager I'd really like to make with Dr. Rees is that

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we=92ll make it to 2100. I=92ve posted that prediction on Long Bets, and I=92d be glad to give him better odds than the 50-50 chance he gives civilization of surviving the century.

I even think one of us might survive to see the payoff, although my techno-optimism has its limits. I hope some version of me will be around in 2100, but I wouldn=92t bet on it.

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## Dropping In On Earthlings

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Monday, January 29, 2007

Dropping In On Earthlings  
by Rick Darby

They seem worn-out, repetitive, even a little pass=E9 by now, like a fashion trend from another decade. Even the comedians' quips and the cute newspaper headlines are slightly quaint. I'm talking about UFO reports.

Nevertheless, they still appear. The Chicago Tribune reported (registration required) on Jan. 1, 2007, a sighting at O'Hare Airport:

"A flying saucerlike object hovered low over O'Hare International Airport for several minutes before bolting through thick clouds with such intense energy that it left an eerie hole in overcast skies, said some United Airlines employees who observed the phenomenon. The sighting occurred during daylight, about 4:30 p.m., just before sunset.

All the witnesses said the object was dark gray and well defined in the overcast skies. They said the craft, estimated by different accounts to be 6 feet to 24 feet in diameter, did not display any lights. Some said it looked like a rotating Frisbee, while others said it did not appear to be spinning. All agreed the object made no noise and it was at a fixed position in the sky, just below the 1,900-foot cloud deck, until shooting off into the clouds.

'I tend to be scientific by nature, and I don't understand why aliens would hover over a busy airport,' said a United mechanic who was in the cockpit of a Boeing 777 that he was taxiing to a maintenance hangar when he observed the metallic-looking object above Gate C17. 'But I know that what I saw and what a lot of other people saw stood out very clearly, and it definitely was not an [Earth] aircraft,' the mechanic said."

Until recently I had not taken more than a casual interest in UFO phenomena. While by no means a hard-core skeptic, I was repelled by the large volume of quite loony stuff written on the subject - to see what I mean, search Amazon.com under the heading "UFO" - and the nearly inexhaustible claims and theories. It is as though UFOs are similar to Rorschach test ink blots, interpreted according to the assumptions and personality anyone brings to them.

I did have some sympathy with whatever serious and level-headed UFO researchers might be out there, since it appeared that they suffered at the hands of the same kind of boneheaded scientists

who have held back the progress of psychical research, a field of which I am an amateur devotee. These are the scientists who won't look at evidence if it contradicts their view of fundamental natural laws and what they "know" can and can't be. Robert A. Heinlein compared them to the yokel who saw a rhinoceros for the first time and said, "There ain't no such animal."

Still, I figured I didn't have time to read a dozen books to get my bearings and work out which UFO researchers might be credible and what the evidence suggested. But by luck, synchronicity, mysterious plan or what you will, I happened to run across a copy of *Uninvited Guests*, by Richard Hall, at a library book sale. The subtitle ("A Documented History of UFO Sightings, Alien Encounters and Coverups") wasn't entirely promising - conspiracy theories are meat and potatoes to UFO buffs - but I glanced through it anyway. The tone of the writing impressed me as sane, and a glance at the author's bio note told me he'd played major roles in several of the most respected military-sponsored and civilian UFO studies, including the famous National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP). So I spent a buck on the book in the hope that this might be the key to the subject that I had been looking for.

*Uninvited Guests* was published in 1988. Hall has more recently updated it with *The UFO Evidence*, although it appears from the Amazon.com reviews that he has not basically changed his outlook. Hall strikes me as the right man for the job of collecting and analyzing the bizarre, and often disturbing, evidence of UFO encounters, as well as such alleged phenomena as seeing or being abducted by extraterrestrials. He acknowledges that (as with many psychical phenomena) there is no absolute proof of UFOs or aliens. He agrees that many claimed sightings are the product of unusual natural phenomena or deranged minds.

But - again as in psychical research - unless you believe that hundreds of psychologically normal, not overimaginative and responsible people all over the world are involved in a pointless hoax or were hallucinating for no known reason, they have experienced UFOs.

Hall considers a large number of anecdotes, including stories about bodies of aliens from crashed UFOs kept secretly at military bases. (He's agnostic on that one - there are a few seemingly credible witnesses in the files, but he shows that a video circulated among "saucer" buffs of a supposed alien autopsy is a fraud.) There are discussions of many theories about the nature of UFOs, including such "sophisticated" ones as Carl Jung's that UFOs are some sort of mass projection of archetypes in a contemporary form, or that they are visitors from the past, the future, or a parallel universe. Time travel hypotheses involve well known paradoxes, and Hall quite reasonably points out that to claim UFOs as tourists from "another dimension" or "parallel universe" is logically and scientifically meaningless.

Hall believes that, taking the evidence as a whole into account, the extraterrestrial hypothesis (which UFO researchers abbreviate ETH) is the most likely. He isn't dogmatic about it; it's just that after more than 20 years (at the time of writing) of direct involvement in the subject, checking documentation and reading eyewitness interviews conducted by people known to him to be of sound mind, every other theory requires assumptions that are even harder to swallow than the ETH.

If you are curious about UFO phenomena, but lack the time or inclination for an in-depth study, here are some of the tentative conclusions, observations, and surmises that Hall's book leads to:

1. "Flying saucers" are only one configuration of observed UFO. Most are round (horizontally) and relatively flat (vertically), often with a dome on the top or bottom, sometimes with windows or "portholes" in the dome; but others appear elongated. Some are described as spinning. Color is often silver (matte or reflective), sometimes gray. Colored lights are often reported on the object, and sometimes beams of light emerge from it. Descriptions of size vary widely, from a few feet to hundreds of feet.
2. They maneuver at fantastic trajectories that seem to defy the

known laws of physics, and at speeds from hovering to several thousand mph. They may be seen at any altitude but a surprising (to me) number appear near or occasionally at ground level. They play "cat-and-mouse" games, traveling over, in front of, or behind cars or aircraft, often quite close.

3. They are associated with disturbances in electromagnetic fields. In the vicinity of UFOs, engines and electrical equipment frequently stop, then resume when the UFO leaves.

4. Human viewers or experiencers sometimes, though not always, exhibit psychological or physical symptoms afterward.

5. There have been periods of heavy UFO activity interrupted by relative lulls. Sightings go back at least a hundred years, or much longer depending on what evidence you accept, but they started in earnest post-World War II. At first, they just appeared in the sky; then (roughly, in the '60s) began to initiate "close encounters"; later, in the '70s, reports of appearances of aliens and abductions started coming to the fore. In recent years, there have been much-publicized cases of people remembering being probed and studied aboard spaceships, recalled under hypnosis.

6. "Aliens" are often described as little, though not green, men (and sometimes women). They, too, seem to vary considerably in physiology. "Humanoid" is an often-used term. Although most reports speak of creatures only three or four feet high, there are a few reported giants.

What on earth (or not of the earth) are we to make of all this?

Obviously, if UFOs are interplanetary craft, there are many kinds. It also appears that the extraterrestrials, if such they are, are of different species or races.

Why are they here? Their behavior suggests that they are studying us; their motives can hardly be guessed because we don't know anything about their psychology or culture. It is possibly significant that while people who encounter UFOs, particularly those who say they have seen "aliens," are often scared out of their wits, there is little evidence of any overtly hostile activity on the intruders' part. While the ETs have technology far in advance of our own, Hall suspects they are not omniscient. (If they were, why would they need to study humans?) He thinks it possible that even some of the terrifying examinations and occasional damage to equipment might be the result of ignorance or clumsiness ("Oops, that needle in the navel was not supposed to hurt"; "that plane got too close and we didn't mean to damage it").

Hall (and many other UFO researchers) speculate that the UFO crews are preparing us for an eventual meeting, getting us used to the idea gradually so we won't be totally shocked and panicked when the time comes. The evidence so far does indicate that with the astonishing technology available to them, these ETs could clean our clocks with no trouble at all if some War of the Worlds type of invasion was on their minds, and they haven't.

All this, mind you, is speculation. But as speculation goes, Hall's seems to be as sensible as any, and a lot more so than much of it about this perplexing subject.

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## Re: Strange Days... Indeed! - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 06:56:06 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 13:32:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed! - Lehmberg

>From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs.nul](mailto:fadeddiscs.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 15:20:56 +0000  
>Subject: Strange Days... Indeed!

>Greetings to the Listarians and Lurkers,

>Many of you are probably unaware that EBK's Strange Days...  
>Indeed had its final broadcast on CFRB last Saturday night.

>Errol unselfishly gave all of us just over 8 years of solid  
>Ufology and an outlet for many researchers to reach a huge  
>audience. It will be a great loss for all of us not to have EBK  
>and SDI on the airwaves for a while.

>I was honored to have been a regular contributor to SDI for a  
>number of years and sincerely appreciate Errol's committment to  
>Ufology and allowing me the opportunity to throw my proverbial  
>"two cents" into the mix.

>Thank you, Errol and the rest of the gang at SDI for the great  
>time and opportunities. Knowing Errol, he'll be back on the  
>airwaves in some form before too long. His heart has a tuning  
>dial for radio that will always be hankering for a new twist.  
><G>

No dirges here, either. Actually, it's a time to rejoice...  
severed are irrelevant ties to a capricious and arbitrary 20th  
Century 'network'. Errol's ship has inarguable sails and he has that  
clear star to which we sail, eh? The 21st Century winds beckon as  
seas swell, our course straight into the path of the future's wave.

The further out to open sea? The better we will fare, and be...  
Allow me some small hyperbole, won't you folks... it's truth  
I speak! The preceding proserly only clenches it...

Errol is poised to advantage heretofore unknown communicational  
potentialities via cyberspace.

Terence McKenna spoke of a French Military concept that is  
effective in certain situations according to Clauswitz, Sun Yat  
Sin, and Montross. It's worked whenever I've used it... in and  
out of combat.

Called a "Forward Escape", it's a full throttle advance to a  
critical point right into the teeth of a 'situation', akin to  
reaching out to snatch a hand-full of very sensitive cheek at  
the corner of a snarling Rotweiler's mouth and squeezing...  
...can drop most puppies to their knees with a sorry whimper.

Audacity and Open-minded Confidence. Errol Bruce Knapp's VSN is  
the stuff of same.

I suspect one door closes so another may open, sincerely.  
Traditional Commercial radio just holds us back...

What is all this really but an opportunity to improve the  
situation... eh?

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

Read on!

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## Re: Strange Days... Indeed! - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 07:58:01 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 13:33:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed! - Boone

>From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs.nul](mailto:fadeddiscs.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 15:20:56 +0000  
>Subject: Strange Days... Indeed!

>Greetings to the Listarians and Lurkers,

>Many of you are probably unaware that EBK's Strange Days...  
>Indeed had its final broadcast on CFRB last Saturday night.

<snip>

Wo! That caught me by surprise!

Lemme guess, the hockey news is more important? I'm sure EBK can  
get another gig easily.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <[bob.nul](mailto:bob.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 08:56:59 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 13:35:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - Shell

On Jan 30, 2007, at 8:04 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>The brain of the Hobbit - more accurately identified as "Homo  
>Floresiensis" - was compared to those of 10 normal humans and  
>nine people suffering microcephaly, a virus which stunts the  
>development of the brain.

While microcephaly can be an effect of some virus infections during pregnancy, it is grossly inaccurate to say that microcephaly is a virus. I hope the rest of the article is more accurately written.

Bob Shell

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## Re: Turkish UFO Video - Millington

From: **Brian Millington** <[millington.nul](mailto:millington.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 15:17:19 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 08:25:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Turkish UFO Video - Millington

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 09:15:51 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Turkish UFO Video

>>From: Brian Millington <[millington.nul](mailto:millington.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 13:45:21 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Turkish UFO Video

>>>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 17:20:52 -0600  
>>>Subject: Re: Turkish UFO Video?

>>>>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 18:25:08 +0100 (CET)  
>>>>Subject: Turkish UFO Video?

>>>>I'd appreciate if any List member from Turkey can find out  
>>>>the date and location of the following UFO video clip:

>>>><http://videolog.uol.com.br/video?187480>

>>>Hi VJ,

>>>I have no dates or locations but I've looked at this video  
>>>several times and, the more I see it, the more it looks like a  
>>>conglomeration of Mylar balloons tied together.

<snip>

>Hi Brian,

>Apparently you didn't watch the entire video. The object does  
>rise and move across the tree tops and in to the sky.

Hello Terry

Oh my, you are quite right. I hang my head in shame! My  
apologies to all concerned. I had truly thought when the video  
was first faded out, that it was finished, and I just switched  
off!

At first sight it does look interesting. Certainly it is  
'unknown' and it is 'flying', and it is an 'object' or  
objects, but is it a 'UFO special' in the conventional sense  
that we understand the term?

At times it seems to drift like any other windblown object, so  
as someone said, it could be balloons tied together.

Then there's a short sequence where 2-3 individual elements at  
the bottom of the bundle each seem to have a rectangular  
projection at each side, like little wings; but it seems  
unlikely that birds are involved. Maybe that's part of the  
digital rectangle effect that occurs on enlargement of such poor

quality shots.

Any chance that it's nothing more than just a bunch of balloons from somebody's wedding celebration or something similar, with labels attached; maybe even from the very party who filmed it and promptly claimed it as 'UFO' material?

Can anyone give us a transcription of the Turkish sound track?

Of course it could be a genuine 'UFO' puzzle artefact, but it is certainly going to be very hard to tell because of the lack of picture quality.

It is always going to be very hard to check such digital sightings unless there is a huge all-round improvement in resolution quality.

Brian

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## Re: Strange Object Photographed In Costa Rica -

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 16:18:04 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 12:31:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: Strange Object Photographed In Costa Rica -

>From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 14:30:37 -0500  
>Subject: Strange Object Photographed In Costa Rica

>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
>January 29, 2007

>Source: [www.analuisacid.com](http://www.analuisacid.com)  
>Date: January 27, 2007

>[http://www.analuisacid.com/costa\\_rica\\_motociclismo.htm](http://www.analuisacid.com/costa_rica_motociclismo.htm)

>A photograph taken by Richard Sandi using a Canon Powershot  
>A610  
>on January 27, 2007 at 11:15 a.m. during the International  
>Motorcycling Convention held in Costa Rica.

"Probable ufo" it says. Probable bird I suggest.

Why is it we only see these "birds" when they happen to look  
like edge-on discoids? someone may ask.

Because the images showing spread wings never get a second look.

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## Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - Sawyer

From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 08:38:10 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 13:42:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - Sawyer

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egerman.nul](mailto:egerman.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 16:14:38 -0800  
>Subject: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction

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>Source: Breitbart.Com - Los Angeles, California

><http://www.breitbart.com/news/2007/01/29/070129220701.161f20yf.html>

>January 29, 2007

>Researchers Say 'Hobbit' Skeleton Was Separate Human Species

>Scientific evidence supports the theory that a 18,000-year old  
>"Hobbit" skeleton unearthed in Indonesia was a new species  
>closely related to Homo sapiens.

>Some scientists had theorized that the skeletal remains found on  
>the Indonesian island of Flores in 2003 belonged to a pygmy or a  
>microcephalic - a human with an abnormally small skull.

>But researchers from Florida State University who examined a  
>three-dimensional computer reconstruction of the small but well-  
>formed brain of the hominid, "classified it with normal humans."  
>"We have answered the people who contend that the Hobbit is a  
>microcephalic," said world-renowned paleoneurologist Dean Falk,  
>who is also chairwoman of Florida State University's  
>anthropology department, which conducted the research with  
>Indonesia's Center for Archaeology along with other  
>international partners.

>Her team's study of both normal and microcephalic human brains  
>is published in Monday's issue of Proceedings of the National  
>Academy of Sciences. The computer model reproduced the surface  
>of the brain, including its shape, grooves and vessels,  
>revealing what Falk described as a "highly evolved brain."

>The skeleton came to be known as "the Hobbit" after the  
>diminutive characters in J.R.R. Tolkien's classic Lord Of The  
>Rings trilogy.

>The brain of the Hobbit - more accurately identified as "Homo  
>Floresiensis" - was compared to those of 10 normal humans and  
>nine people suffering microcephaly, a virus which stunts the  
>development of the brain.

>The complete skeleton and skull unearthed in a cave on Flores  
>measures 1.06 meters (3.6 feet), igniting a raging controversy  
>among anthropologists, who until then had believed the  
>extinction of the surviving human species.

<snip>

Why is the issue defined here as a comparison between normal  
human brains and microcephalic ones? The real question is  
whether the "Flores Hobbit" was of the same species as homo

sapiens. I just watched a documentary on people who have a form of dwarfism called "primordial dwarfism", of which there are at least 5 types, even though this form of dwarfism is extremely rare. Overall there are over 200 forms of dwarfism. In primordial dwarfism, of which there are approximately 200 known cases world-wide, the brain, skeleton, and body are all proportionate, just like in average-size humans. They're just very little people, including several who are even smaller than the Flores example.

What evidence is there in the Flores find that points to a separate species? Well, it's quite controversial, to say the least: an associate of Dean Falk argues that a new species designation is merited by the fact that unlike pygmies or proportionate dwarfs, the long arms, short legs, thickness of bones, and receding chin in the original Flores island example argues for a species derived from Homo Erectus, and that may have become smaller over many thousands of years due to isolation on Flores island, somewhat like fossils discovered on another, I seem to recall, Indonesian island of a dwarf or small elephant, where it was also argued that the small size evolved over time due to limited resources. Searching the net, I also found references to 6 additional small fossil skeletons being found on Flores. So, it seems the matter is still pretty much unresolved, IMHO.

See:

<http://www.primordialdwarfism/>

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2006/05/060519100438.htm>

Now if we could just unearth the fossilized remains of a "typical grey," with those big, beautiful eye sockets, we might have something truly intriguing! I'm rather fond of Mac Tonnies "cryptoterrestrial" thought experiment, and think it worthy of careful investigation and analysis, though I tend to favor Vallee's thinking about the phenomenon, and suspect we are dealing with a chameleon-like "meta" phenomena, in that what is witnessed, or "displayed", is not all that likely to be as perceived, due to the multiplicity and variety of UAP phenomena seen over time, and the seeming "evolution" of UAP's witnessed and/or recorded with external or scientific instrumentation of different kinds. There's almost a pattern of no pattern, a kind of inherent "plausible deniability" evident. But there is a very real signal within the noise. Or that no one really knows, as where's the proof?

Wasn't it J.B.S. Haldane who once said, to paraphrase, that the universe was not only stranger than we know, but stranger than we can know? This relates to Vallee and Davis' paper on incommensurability and anomalous phenomena, which seems very important to keep in mind.

See: [http://www.nidsci.org/pdf/vallee\\_davis.pdf](http://www.nidsci.org/pdf/vallee_davis.pdf)

It's best to keep an open mind while rigorously using the best tools of science and mind to investigate the actual nature of any phenomena whose real origins we still do not know before we theorize too much. The "other" is still unknown. We must be our own questioning "devil's advocate" and never assume based on the evident particulars of any UAP/UFO incident(s) that what we may see or think reveals the nature or origins of this scientific mystery--Vallee once said that UFO phenomena are not just a matter of scientific investigation but also counter-intelligence.

Stay sharp.

---Steve

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## Hole Punch Clouds

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 13:48:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 13:48:00 -0500  
Subject: Hole Punch Clouds

Source: WTOK-TV - Meridian, Mississippi, USA

<http://www.wtok.com/news/headlines/5403261.html>

Jan 29, 2007

Cloud Formations Draw Interest

Reporter: Lindsey Brown

On Monday, people from Mississippi to Texas reported seeing what they thought was a meteor flying through the sky.

Meteorologists with the National Weather Service in Jackson said the occurrence can be explained and it wasn't a meteor.

Instead they say airplane exhaust mixed with the precipitation to cause a hole in the clouds.

Capt. Jim Thornton of the Mississippi National Guard said he heard a loud sound, then looked up and saw the line through the sky.

"The only sound I heard was like a crack in the sky, and it continued north, just a matter of seconds. Most unbelievable thing I've ever seen in my life," said Thornton.

The National Weather Service calls the phenomenon "hole punch clouds."

[Thanks to John Scheldroup for the lead]

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## Re: Strange Days... Indeed! - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 11:02:56 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 13:51:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed! - Nielsen

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 06:56:06 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Strange Days... Indeed!

>>From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs.nul](mailto:fadeddiscs.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 15:20:56 +0000  
>>Subject: Strange Days... Indeed!

>>Greetings to the Listarians and Lurkers,

>>Many of you are probably unaware that EBK's Strange Days...  
>>Indeed had its final broadcast on CFRB last Saturday night.

<snip>

>No dirges here, either. Actually, it's a time to rejoice...  
>severed are irrelevant ties to a capricious and arbitrary 20th  
>Century 'network'. Errol's ship has inarguable sails and he has that  
>clear star to which we sail, eh? The 21st Century winds beckon as  
>seas swell, our course straight into the path of the future's wave.

<snip>

>Errol is poised to advantage heretofore unknown communicational  
>potentialities via cyberspace.

<snip>

>I suspect one door closes so another may open, sincerely.  
>Traditional Commercial radio just holds us back...

>What is all this really but an opportunity to improve the  
>situation... eh?

<snip>

Exactly Alfred!

Mr. Bruce-Knapp can access the streaming audio, (and maybe  
video), online chat and email characteristics of web-based  
communications, as I'm sure he's already anticipating.

I look forward to those new Strange Days... Indeeds!

Rick Nielsen  
<http://alienabductionaccounts.blogspot.com/>

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## Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens? - Sawyer

From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 11:14:55 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 13:53:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens? - Sawyer

>From: Mark Turner <[markt.nul](mailto:markt.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 07:29:34 -0500  
>Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens?

>>From: Viktor Golubik <[Diverge247.nul](mailto:Diverge247.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 15:40:33 EST  
>>Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens?

>>If alien spacecraft are maneuvering within our telemetry systems  
>>here on Earth, then it may be the unintended (default) radio  
>>wave transmissions we should be after... perhaps just one  
>>telltale signature of their interaction with our atmosphere and  
>>their propulsive systems.

><snip>

>>Such spectrum analyzers are available for purchase and with the  
>>right antennas and configuration could be very sensitive.  
>>However, what's the likelihood that we (government outsiders  
>>with no budget) could confidently sort the known clutter from  
>>the unknown signature with precision?

>Viktor, it sounds like this is quite possible, and far less  
>expensive than you think. See the following links for details.

>I think this may be an excellent way to track alien spacecraft.

>Super-Radar, Done Dirt Cheap:

>[http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/03\\_42/b3854113.htm](http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/03_42/b3854113.htm)

Well, maybe. I note that the Business Week article says "Cellldar will detect the movement of ground vehicles and determine whether cell-phone signals are bouncing off a tank, truck, or armored personnel carrier" and that "it 'sees' only radio waves echoing off hard surfaces". This is a critical issue. If cellldar or its' derivatives can only detect things that have hard surfaces from which to bounce a signal off of, then an excruciatingly relevant question arises in the context of whether there is any possibility of its being used for UAP/UFO detection.

Like, will it detect stealth craft, whether air or land-based? No, I don't think so. Like radar, which requires an emitter source and detects the return of said signal back to a receiver, cellldar, although not needing a detectable receiver, seems to require a non-stealthy, hard surface to interrupt the radio waves in order to detect the object being surveilled.

So, if cellldar can't detect stealth craft, which we've already had flying for over 25 years with older human technology, do you think it could detect a UFO, even if it's made of some kind of alloyed metal, if the design and shaping of the surfaces of any such possible craft, made with non-human technology at least hundreds or thousands of years in advance of our own, is factored in? Extremely doubtful. Well, what about the effects on the atmosphere itself, where even if you couldn't detect such a

craft, the idea of detecting its' "wake" or disturbance in the atmosphere itself may allow detection? Equally unlikely, as there may be other technologies associated with such an "alien" craft that modify or reduce that effect at least to the degree that is required to evade detection or movement tracking.

I mean, come on, we are talking about UFO detection. If "they" can get here from where/when/what ever they come from, and have been able to avoid providing definitive proof of their presence through all prior forms of detection (except perhaps when they "want" to provide some "display", like the RB-47 case) what are the odds this newer technology will provide a reliable, practical way of accomplishing this goal? Slim to none. Well, what about those cases stretching back for more than 50 years that have been detected by radar? Um, maybe there was some "intent" behind those cases to allow that kind of tracking to occur - even then, they seem to be able to disappear and reappear at will whenever and where ever they "want" when chased or otherwise observed. Don't get me wrong - since this is just speculation, the technology ought to be tried, because you never know what you might achieve until you try it out in the real world. But given the history and known chameleon-like "morphology" of prior UFO incidents, I doubt this will be effective. And if celldar doesn't work, at least we can build on these ever more esoteric technologies to perhaps evolve a system of systems which may, someday, give us a means of detecting and tracking some kinds of UFO's.

Ever get the feeling that, whether UAP/UFOs are "real" in the sense that they may represent some form of non-human intelligence or conciousness, part of the "game" is to cause us to strive even more strongly to develop the means, whether technological or not, to find out what they are?

One of the net results, or possible intents, is to advance the evolution of the means, whether technical, biological, or otherwise to understand the nature of not just the phenomena, but reality itself. I'm only guessing, but that in and of itself, even if there are no non-human intelligences involved, affects our perceptions of reality, and has a direct but subtle effect on our evolution as human beings and the technologies we develop to extend and enhance our capabilities to "know better", as it were. Here's to hoping that may be the case. This is why, in a way, I sure hope the military and intelligence communities have some kind of attention paid to and do advanced research on the phenomena, even if it's in secret, since to ignore this issue and some of the possible repercussions of the phenomena has possibly crucial national security implications. Remember the old NSA draft paper that was declassified regarding "surprise" material? Read that and you'll get part of my drift.

Steve

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## Re: Can Humanity Survive? Want to Bet on It? -

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 11:26:57 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 13:55:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Can Humanity Survive? Want to Bet on It? -

>Source: The New York Times - New York, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/2efhwx>

>Published: January 30, 2007

>Can Humanity Survive? Want to Bet on It?  
>By John Tierney

>Sixty ago years, a group of physicists concerned about nuclear  
>weapons created the Doomsday Clock and set its hands at seven  
>minutes to midnight. Now, the clock=92s keepers, alarmed by new  
>dangers like climate change, have moved the hands up to 11:55  
>p.m.

>My first reaction was a sigh of relief. After all, the 1947  
>doomsday prediction marked the start of a golden age. Never have  
>so many humans lived so long =97 and maybe never so peacefully =97  
>as during the past 60 years. The per-capita rate of violence,  
>particularly in the West, seems remarkably low by historical  
>standards. If the clock=92s keepers are worried once again, their  
>track record suggests we=92re in for even happier days.

>But there=92s one novel twist that gives me pause. When the  
>Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists announced two weeks ago in  
>Washington that it was adjusting the clock, it was joined in a  
>trans-Atlantic press conference by scientists at the Royal  
>Society in London. One of them was the society=92s president,  
>Martin Rees, a new breed of doomsayer.

>Dr. Rees, a cosmologist at Cambridge and Britain=92s astronomer  
>royal, doesn=92t just issue gloomy predictions. He doesn=92t just  
>move the hands of an imaginary and inscrutable clock. (Its  
>keepers have never explained what one of their minutes equals on  
>anyone else=92s clock or calendar.)

>No, Dr. Rees is braver. He gives odds on doomsday and offers to  
>bet on disaster. In his 2003 book, =93Our Final Hour,=94 he gives  
>civilization no more than a 50 percent chance of surviving until  
>2100.

>Dr. Rees is not a knee-jerk technophobe =97 he expects great  
>advances as researchers around the world link their knowledge =97  
>but he fears that progress will be undone by what he calls the  
>new global village idiots. He=92s sure enough of himself to post  
>an offer on Long Bets, a clever innovation on the Web that  
>Stewart Brand helped start with money from Jeff Bezos, the  
>founder of Amazon.com.

>Long Bets is a nonprofit foundation that calls itself an =93arena  
>for competitive, accountable predictions.=94 It lets anyone make a  
>prediction and take wagers on it, with the proceeds going to a  
>charity named by the winner. The bets made so far are from \$200  
>to \$10,000, on topics ranging from the driving habits of  
>Americans in 2010 to whether the universe will stop expanding.  
>Mitchell Kapor, the software guru, is betting that in 2029 no  
>computer will have passed the Turing test (by conversing so much  
>like a human that you couldn=92t tell the difference). The  
>physicist Freeman Dyson=92s money is on the first extraterrestrial

>life=92s being found somewhere other than a planet or its  
>satellite.

<snip>

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

I'd like to turn back the hands a bit of those doomsdayers and their pessimistic purviews with their taudry timepieces.

Let me speak of freedom of speech, that grand old guaranteed inalienable right, the basis of every other freedom. That genie is out of the bottle and enough of us masses already know that we as humanity can't ever go completely back to that freedom's lack. We just won't abide that. We'll do everything in our collective powers to maintain those freedoms, based on free speech, as fundamentally required for human existence.

Think for a moment how all those ancient "wonders of the world" were only made infrequently when approved by the disparate despots who wanted vainglory for themselves and their personal goals made public works.

Then compare with those many advancements humanity has made because we esteem free thought and free speech and free belief and their requisite acts and other freedoms, "as long as my fist doesn't reach your nose", or the nose of those who can't defend themselves.

As long as we, and every other person on this planet, have the freedom to say there is a need to consider a doomsday clock, and all the good and bad in this world that we're collectively doing to ourselves, we will endure.

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## Update of FOTOCAT Blog First Quarter 2007

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 21:19:56 +0100 (CET)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 13:57:31 -0500  
Subject: Update of FOTOCAT Blog First Quarter 2007

Update Of Project FOTOCAT'S Blog - First Quarter 2007

Highlights of quarterly update in <http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

=BA FOTOCAT database reaches 7,170 entries and it is targeted to 10,000 reports

=BA FOTOCAT Report #3 gets started: Barry Greenwood to coauthor paper on UFO photography during year 1947

=BA Lunar enigma: were UFOs photographed over the Moon during the Apollo 16 extra-vehicular activity?

=BA Stereo UFO pictures taken in Spain in 1978 now discovered and studied

=BA Review of the 1960s decade (statistics derived from FOTOCAT databank)

And much more on this blog you are kindly invited to visit.

Cooperation with FOTOCAT Project is welcome in the form of submission of cases, donation of materials on photographic observations, etc.

The last released paper from FOTOCAT records is reminded: "Argentina, The Year 1965 in Photos" This can be read at"

<http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat/argentina1965en.pdf>

Sincerely,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos  
Manager, FOTOCAT Project

FOTOCAT Blog <http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

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## Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 15:58:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 14:00:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - White

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 16:14:38 -0800  
>Subject: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction

<snip>

>"People refused to believe that someone with that small a brain  
>could make the tools. How could it be a sophisticated new  
>species?" Falk said.

One only has to look at the incredible out-in-the-branches style  
basketball-size (plus) squirrel nests (dreys), which withstand  
high winds, snow, even ice storms, to realize brain size isn't  
the only factor in determining intelligence.

If someone sat me down with a basket of twigs, I couldn't  
accomplish that in a lifetime.

Eleanor White

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Secrecy News -- 01/30/07

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 14:52:34 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 14:02:19 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 01/30/07

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A TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FOR THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

The Office of the Vice President under Dick Cheney seems to cultivate secrecy as an end in itself, and not simply to protect national security or personal privacy. The OVP will not even confirm how many staff people work there, who they are, or much of anything else.

"Cheney's office refuses to give any details to reporters," observed Justin Rood in TPMmuckraker, noting further that the OVP "is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act, so any such request would be futile."

<http://www.tpmuckraker.com/archives/002427.php>

Similarly, a Cheney spokesman recently told reporter Laura Rozen, "If we have a personnel announcement we'd like you to know about, we'll tell you."

<http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/features/2007/0701.rozen.html>

Some Americans still find this willful obscurity offensive to democratic principles, and TPMmuckraker summoned the blogosphere to help pierce the veil.

Secrecy News was able to contribute a 2004 telephone directory for the OVP, which is marked "for official use only," naturally. Though it is no longer current -- it still lists the departed Scooter Libby as assistant to the Vice President, for example -- it provides a good sense of the size and structure of the OVP.

The 2004 OVP telephone directory is posted here (with phone and fax numbers redacted by Secrecy News):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/bush/vp2004.pdf>

Readers discussed the matter on TPMmuckraker here:

<http://www.tpmuckraker.com/archives/002432.php>

MORE ON STATE SECRETS AND THE HATFILL CASE

Attorneys for former government scientist Steven J. Hatfill, who is suing the New York Times for linking him to the 2001 anthrax attacks, filed a vigorous rebuttal earlier this month against a Times argument that the "state secrets" doctrine should dictate dismissal of the lawsuit.

The Hatfill rebuttal was filed in federal court in Virginia in sealed form on January 12. On the same day, however, the Court dismissed the case for unrelated reasons that have not yet been published.

In a December 12 motion, the New York Times had argued that classification restrictions imposed on government witnesses were equivalent to an assertion of the state secrets privilege and that the case should be dismissed on that basis, since the restrictions limited the Times' ability to obtain the information needed for its defense (Secrecy News, January 22).

That's nonsense, said Dr. Hatfill's attorneys.

"For one thing, a court may not even consider dismissal of a case on "state secret" grounds until after a department head of a government agency invokes that doctrine, something that has never occurred here," they wrote.

"And the notion that the inability of The Times to obtain any of this imagined evidence should relieve The Times of the burden of defending itself based on what it actually knew when it ruined Dr. Hatfill's life is nothing short of offensive."

Since the case has now been dismissed, it is unlikely that the Court will resolve the dispute over the applicability of the "state secrets" doctrine. But the sealed opposition from Dr. Hatfill's attorneys has just been released in redacted form and is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/statesec/hatfill1011207.pdf>

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Some noteworthy new reports of the Congressional Research Service that are not readily available to the public include the following, obtained by Secrecy News.

"Congressional Restrictions on U.S. Military Operations in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Somalia, and Kosovo: Funding and Non-Funding Approaches," January 16, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL33803.pdf>

"Defense Contracting in Iraq: Issues and Options for Congress," January 26, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL33834.pdf>

"The U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review: An Overview," January 24, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/intel/RL33833.pdf>

"Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act, as Passed by the House of Representatives," updated January 18, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/intel/RL33637.pdf>

"North Korea's Nuclear Weapons Development and Diplomacy," updated January 3, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/nuke/RL33590.pdf>

"International Terrorism: Threat, Policy, and Response," updated January 3, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/terror/RL33600.pdf>

"Protection of National Security Information," updated December 26, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/secrecy/RL33502.pdf>

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## Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 11:13:36 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 16:46:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - Gehrman

>From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 08:38:10 -0800  
>Subject: Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction

>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 16:14:38 -0800  
>>Subject: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction

<Snip>

>Searching the net, I also  
>found references to 6 additional small fossil skeletons being  
>found on Flores. So, it seems the matter is still pretty much  
>unresolved, IMHO.

Hi Steve,

Below is some more information on the hobbit of Flores:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/6311619.stm>

Maybe this will help you make up your mind.

Ed

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## Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens? - Smith

From: James Smith <[lunartravel.nul](mailto:lunartravel.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 14:58:06 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 16:48:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens? - Smith

>From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 11:14:55 -0800  
>Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens?

>>From: Mark Turner <[markt.nul](mailto:markt.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 07:29:34 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens?

>>>From: Viktor Golubik <[Diverge247.nul](mailto:Diverge247.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 15:40:33 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens?

>>>If alien spacecraft are maneuvering within our telemetry systems  
>>>here on Earth, then it may be the unintended (default) radio  
>>>wave transmissions we should be after... perhaps just one  
>>>telltale signature of their interaction with our atmosphere and  
>>>their propulsive systems.

>>>Such spectrum analyzers are available for purchase and with the  
>>>right antennas and configuration could be very sensitive.  
>>>However, what's the likelihood that we (government outsiders  
>>>with no budget) could confidently sort the known clutter from  
>>>the unknown signature with precision?

The sad, realistic fact is that very few people devote any time  
to collecting this type of data. Mainly there is a handful of  
folk who monitor EMF "signals" due to meteors. A smaller group  
monitor VLF/ULF for geophysical reasons. And a few folk even  
track satellites/aircraft using the EMF reflecting from them.

There are many cases of the UFO presense affecting radios and  
electricity. It is likely that UFOs (at least the ones we really  
are interested in) MUST generate an EMF field (even if its a  
secondary effect) in order to function, but if no one monitors  
the fields then no one is the wiser. I checked for any  
magnetometer sensors in the Chicago area to see if there were  
any unusual variations during the OHare incident but the closest  
one was over 500 miles away!!!

>>Viktor, it sounds like this is quite possible, and far less  
>>expensive than you think. See the following links for details.

>>I think this may be an excellent way to track alien spacecraft.

>>Super-Radar, Done Dirt Cheap:

>>[http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/03\\_42/b3854113.htm](http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/03_42/b3854113.htm)

We've been thru this radar concept before. Some think it  
may work, others not.

>Well, maybe. I note that the Business Week article says "Celldar  
>will detect the movement of ground vehicles and determine  
>whether cell-phone signals are bouncing off a tank, truck, or  
>armored personnel carrier" and that "it 'sees' only radio waves  
>echoing off hard surfaces". This is a critical issue. If

>cellidar or its' derivatives can only detect things that have  
>hard surfaces from which to bounce a signal off of, then an  
>excruciatngly relevant question arises in the context of whether  
>there is any possibility of its being used for UAP/UFO  
>detection.

There is only a mixed possibility. History shows UFOs both appearing on radar and not appearing. Its most likely that radar is somewhat flawed in detecting UFOs perhaps due to the physics surrounding the phenomena.

>Like, will it detect stealth craft, whether air or land-based?  
>No, I don't think so. Like radar, which requires an emitter  
>source and detects the return of said signal back to a receiver,  
>cellidar, although not needing a detectable receiver, seems to  
>require a non-stealthy, hard surface to interrupt the radio  
>waves in order to detect the object being surveilled.

At least for passive radar, it seems like reflections are needed. I think I read somewhere a proposal for a system that could monitor a distant signal coming in and determine based on reductions of the signal intensity whether something was BLOCKING the source signal. Seems pretty unlikely to implement though with lots of potential noise/error (clouds moving/ionosphere).

>So, if cellidar can't detect stealth craft, which we've already  
>had flying for over 25 years with older human technology, do you  
>think it could detect a UFO, even if it's made of some kind of  
>alloyed metal, if the design and shaping of the surfaces of any  
>such possible craft, made with non-human technology at least  
>hundreds or thousands of years in advance of our own, is  
>factored in? Extremely doubtful. Well, what about the effects on  
>the atmosphere itself, where even if you couldn't detect such a  
>craft, the idea of detecting its' "wake" or disturbance in the  
>atmosphere itself may allow detection? Equally unlikely, as  
>there may be other technologies associated with such an "alien"  
>craft that modify or reduce that effect at least to the degree  
>that is required to evade detection or movement tracking.

Yes, its likely tied up with the physics of the UFO too. So wakes are likely out.

>I mean, come on, we are talking about UFO detection. If "they"  
>can get here from where/when/what ever they come from, and have  
>been able to avoid providing definitive proof of their presence  
>through all prior forms of detection (except perhaps when they  
>"want" to provide some "display", like the RB-47 case) what are  
>the odds this newer technology will provide a reliable,  
>practical way of accomplishing this goal? Slim to none. Well,  
>what about those cases stretching back for more than 50 years  
>that \_have\_ been detected by radar? Um, maybe there was some  
>"intent" behind those cases to allow that kind of tracking to  
>occur - even then, they seem to be able to disappear and  
>reappear at will whenever and where ever they "want" when chased  
>or otherwise observed. Don't get me wrong - since this is just  
>speculation, the technology ought to be tried, because you never  
>know what you might achieve until you try it out in the real  
>world. But given the history and known chameleon-like  
>"morphology" of prior UFO incidents, I doubt this will be  
>effective. And if cellidar doesn't work, at least we can build on  
>these ever more esoteric technologies to perhaps evolve a system  
>of systems which may, someday, give us a means of detecting and  
>tracking some kinds of UFO's.

Since UFOs don't "cloak" themselves (they ARE seen), they must not care too much about whether they are noticed. Thus it seems more likely that the random ability to be detected by radar is more a function of the basic physics (shape?) of the UFO rather than purposeful cloaking (as is their ability to not generate sonic booms every time they zip away). I think there is much more of a likelihood of success of monitoring EMF spectrum and crosscorrelating the results with video imagery.

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## Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 20:15:31 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 16:50:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - Dickenson

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 15:58:00 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction

>One only has to look at the incredible out-in-the-branches style  
>basketball-size (plus) squirrel nests (dreys), which withstand  
>high winds, snow, even ice storms, to realize brain size isn't  
>the only factor in determining intelligence.

>If someone sat me down with a basket of twigs, I couldn't  
>accomplish that in a lifetime.

Right Eleanor,

Maybe once again a case of some `experts' reacting  
chauvinistically & anthropomorphically (is that a word?).

Has anyone else read of medium-sized insects (literally pin-  
heads) being trained to do simple things - and they remember.  
That's quite apart from the question of "who's doing the  
thinking?" when a termites' nest decides to build underground to  
avoid human attention - that gets a bit scary.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: Hole Punch Clouds - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 13:46:54 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 16:51:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Hole Punch Clouds - Tarbell

<snip>

>On Monday, people from Mississippi to Texas reported seeing what  
>they thought was a meteor flying through the sky.

>Meteorologists with the National Weather Service in Jackson said  
>the occurrence can be explained and it wasn't a meteor.

<snip>

>The National Weather Service calls the phenomenon "hole punch  
>clouds."

See also:

[http://www.srh.noaa.gov/mob/121103hole\\_punch/holepunch-main.html](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/mob/121103hole_punch/holepunch-main.html)

As discussed in a previous post, there are reasons to suspect that this fairly rare phenomenon is unrelated to what was observed at O'Hare, not least of which is that supercooled water should not be prevalent (if present at all) in low-altitude urban atmosphere, due to the abundance of particulates providing nucleation sites for crystallization.

Notice also that these "flash-freeze" holes are generally not particularly "clean", since the newly-formed ice crystals are also good light scatterers. I am not aware of any O'Hare witness account that is specific about how stark the hole was, i.e., was it literally a cookie-cutter hole inscribing pure blue sky? If so, it would certainly seem to put additional constraints on the underlying mechanism.

Mike

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