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I'll be on James Whale's show on Talksport radio on Thursday night, between around 11pm and 1am.

I'm a regular guest on the show and the slot is a chance for me to discuss the latest developments in ufology and take calls from the public, expressing opinions or reporting their own UFO sightings.

I'll be talking in particular about the Chicago O'Hare airport sightings, publication of the French National Space Center's UFO archive and the recent UFO sightings in Hawaii.

Talksport broadcasts at 1089/1053am and there is the facility to listen to the show online:

<http://www1.talksport.net/index.asp>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2007 03:25:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2007 07:53:31 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - Shell

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2007 20:15:31 -0000
>Subject: Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: 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.

Ray,

Both you and Eleanor are confusing instinct with reason. Many birds build extremely elaborate nests but that doesn't mean that they reasoned out how to do it, or think about it at all. Baby birds raised by humans still "know" how to build the right nests for their species. You cannot train them to build any other kind of nest. Beavers build elaborate dams and lodges, but once again the "knowledge" of how to do it is not learned, not thought out, but is hardwired into their brains.

Thinking and learning are not the same thing. Insects, some of them anyway, can learn simple stuff like which way to go in a T maze to get to the food, but that's basic associative learning. No thought to it. Flatworms can also learn T mazes, and once they learn it is programmed into them. You cut the worm into several pieces and each piece regenerates into a whole new worm, all of them "remembering" which way to go in the maze.

The idea that a termite colony thinks it through to avoid human discovery is way out there, my friend. They are instinctively elusive. Not because of humans, but because they're good to eat, and for millions of years those colonies that weren't elusive enough were eaten.

Bees talk to each other by dancing, and tell each other where good flowers are, but once again that is hard wired behavior. Bees can learn simple stuff, but there is no evidence that they can think. No evidence they can reason, solve problems.

Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - Shell

Problem solving intelligence seems to be limited to a handful of types of mammals and a few birds.

Bob Shell

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PRG Update - 2/1/07

From: **Paradigm Research Group** <PRG.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2007 10:51:08 -0500
Subject: PRG Update - 2/1/07

PRG
Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - February 1, 2007
Paradigm Shift Newsletter

Open Letter to Albert Gore, Jr.

http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Open_Letter_Gore_1-29-07

PRG has nationally published an Open Letter to former Vice President Albert Gore, Jr. which suggests Mr. Gore has a moral obligation to challenge a government policy embargoing technology which could positively impact efforts to mitigate global warming. PRG expects An Inconvenient Truth to win the Oscar for Best Documentary and asks Mr. Gore to place the matter of sequestered technology derived from crashed extraterrestrial vehicles before the people during his acceptance remarks.

If you believe Al Gore should take the advice proffered in the January 29, 2007 Open Letter, please consider mailing or faxing a polite and thoughtful request that he do so.

Responses to the Open Letter
Contact Al Gore

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Open_Letter_Gore-Responses.htm

Fastwalkers Documentary to Open in Phoenix & Toronto
www.fastwalkers.com

The Fastwalkers Phoenix premier has been set for the Harkins Arizona Mills Theaters at 7 pm on February 21. Tickets are available on line.

<http://tinyurl.com/ysc2s9>

The Toronto premier venue on March 7 will be the De La Salle Oaklands Theatre Auditorium 131 Farnham Road in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Advance tickets are available. It is sponsored by Exopolitics Toronto. www.exopoliticstoronto.com

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 Phoenix and Toronto openings with producer Robert D. Miles and other special guests to talk about the issues in the movie and take Q&A.

Exopolitics Radio with Alfred Webre
www.1480kphx.com

In the Spring of 2007, KPHX AM 1480 Phoenix and Nova M Network are launching Exopolitics Radio, a weekly public affairs radio talk show exploring the evidence and impact of intelligent, organized life in the Universe on human society. KPHX is the

Anchor station in the Nova M Network.

Exopolitics Radio will broadcast every Saturday evening at 8 PM, Mountain Time and hosted by Alfred L. Webre. Rick Romero and Finis Productions www.finisproductions.com will produce.

Bassett 2007 Conference Speaking Schedule

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/speaking&eventschedule.html

International Institute of Integral Human Sciences - Montreal -
May 4-9

Earth Transformation Conference - Hawaii - May 11-13

Roswell Festival - Roswell, NM - July 5-7

Crash Retrieval Conference - Las Vegas - November 10-12

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Secret US Military Craft Makes UFO Headlines

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2007 08:34:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2007 10:53:24 -0500
Subject: Secret US Military Craft Makes UFO Headlines

Just thought everyone might get a kick out of this.

<http://tinyurl.com/yowrsw>

Do we have any Brazilian researchers that would like to comment?

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Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens? - Turner

From: **Mark Turner** <markt.nul>
Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2007 09:12:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2007 10:56:40 -0500
Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens? - Turner

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2007 11:14:55 -0800
>Subject: Re: FM Radio Gives Away Aliens?

<snip>

>If
>cellular 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?

Actually, yes. The passive-FM radar technology is said to detect
stealth aircraft, though the resolution is not sufficient for
precise fixes. See this "Stealth Aircraft" Wikipedia article:

<http://tinyurl.com/2qmv6p>

Regards,

Mark

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Pilots, UFOs And Job Discrimination

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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http://www.nationalledger.com/artman/publish/article_272611327.shtml

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[Several links in article]

Pilots, UFOs And Job Discrimination
By Don Allis

Has it been standard practice for major airlines to discourage their pilots from reporting a UFO sighting and/or going public by implying to them, in some way, that their jobs and pensions could be in jeopardy by them doing so? This is probably not something that the airlines would admit to, but we have all heard of such intimidations and fear factors to quiet employees from coming forth with reports.

We can only speculate that they practice such procedures in fear of scaring away perspective customers from using their airline service so they can remain competitive. They may also not want to be perceived by the public or their rivals as the joke airline, which employs mentally unstable pilots who are prone to seeing little green men.

We also don't know just how much this practice is influenced by governments who want to maintain cover-ups in order to keep the general populace ignorant to the truth of the existence of UFOs.

Pilot Commentaries: from NARCAP - National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena

"We didn't say anything. We figured nobody would believe us."

- Charter Pilot

"Upon return to my domicile, JFK, I reported our sighting to the proper authorities. I was shortly visited by two federal investigators who evidently thought I was hallucinating for one of them stated he had seen spaceships while fishing in Great South Bay and was quite obviously trying to prove that I was a loony."

- Captain, Pan Am (ret.)

"It must have been Huge! We were all due back at JFK about the same time two days later so I waited in the crew ready room to talk to them. None of them wanted to talk! They were afraid management would take them off of flying status and have them tested for booze and drugs. The story never came out!"

- Flight Engineer, TWA (ret.)

"a group of lights in the air appeared at our 12o'clock position. I called departure control and asked them if they had any traffic in that area. When they came back and said NO, what do you see, I said no, just checking. For at that time when a pilot reported seeing a UFO he was in a lot of trouble."

- Captain, Ozark Airlines (ret.)

"I, and Flight crew saw something (in broad daylight) that did things that no known aircraft could do without killing any living thing inside. I will only give sketchy details to protect the privacy of the rest of the crew. If you are interested, and all information (is) kept anonymous, contact me. I will not present myself for public ridicule."

- Captain, NW (ret.)

"Reports to NARCAP of UAP observations and incidents are riddled with this type of commentary. Over and over again conservative, responsible airmen are heard to say that they fear that their competency will be questioned, that their careers will suffer, that they will be humiliated for reporting their observations. A serious result of these fears is inaccurate or incomplete data regarding potential hazards."

- Ted Roe

Read Ted Roe's complete report:

<http://www.narcap.org/reports/TR8Bias1.htm>

Are any of the larger national UFO groups, such as MUFON, affiliated with attorneys that will work pro bono? This is a very important question to be answered and needs to be brought to serious consideration.

Is it possible to encourage pilots and other airline employees to publicly come forward with their sighting reports if one or more of these national UFO groups would back them in the courts with one or a team of attorneys that are willing to work pro bono? I believe this to be possible and very plausible. We have now reached a point of having enough universal forces and power in ufology to pull together and fight such threats against these employers. There must be many attorneys who have had sightings and/or encounters of their own and are very open to what is going on within ufology and many who are already MUFON members who would love to be able sink their teeth into a bureaucratic government bully.

If this can be done, then it is possible to reverse the FAA policy of discrimination on such practices, which would then start freeing up pilot testimonies, so that pilots will start coming forward with sighting reports. Assembling a team of attorneys that will go after cases with the appetite of voracious tigers and bring legal action to the forefront and the attention of the international press may just be the catalyst that we need. By bringing enough attention to the public through the media that is being focused directly onto the airlines, this may be enough to cause them international embarrassment. It would also focus attention on them, which they would prefer not to be made public. It then just may be possible to bring disclosure a step closer to reality by opening up a new wealth of very credible witnesses. This would make it harder for the governments to continue to discredit pilots sighting reports and to continue with their denial of the truth.

Many will have their doubts that we can rely on the mass media for honest and unbiased reporting. However I believe we can start changing the medias views through the pressure from public opinions and educating the press with the overwhelming data that is available. Sure it has been a tough job in doing so, but worldwide acceptance of ufology, and its need to hear more balanced reporting, and the undeniable mountains of data will be the catalyst to sway the press.

The O'Hare airport story that broke a short time back may be a breaking point of the major press starting to open up once again

and provide fair press coverage into this phenomenon that they have chuckled at and belittled for far to long. By the UFO groups backing legal action against employers that would threaten their employees job security and bringing legal actions to the attention of someone in the press like Jon Hilkevitch, the Chicago Tribune's transportation reporter who covered and broke the O'Hare story, then it is possible to have the news coverage spread internationally, like what occurred with the O'Hare story. It is only then that the world's attention will be forced into taking such cases seriously, which would unleash a barrage of embarrassment directed at the FAA and any major airline that tried to discredit an employee with threats of possible job and security loss.

It is my belief that the new world acceptance into the belief that we are not alone, for their growing mistrust for governments and their need to know the truth will garner enough support, financially and morally, to wager legal counter attacks against such bureaucratic bullies that have used their power in the past to quiet any reputable witnesses from coming forward. However this has been handled in the past, it now must include the world media to bring attention and embarrassments to these bullies who have so ruthlessly controlled us with their intimidations. We, as Ufologist, are very capable of being a reckoning force by pulling together as one union to fight these shameful discrimination attacks if we can only bring the media to our side. I think this is a plausible goal we can set for ourselves. Let us start focusing on educating the media with the available data, so we can bring their views into the proper perspective of the truth.

There is more than enough data available, it is just presenting it to right people in the media and getting them to digest it in order to start turning the tide that will open the floodgates in our favor. This and of itself is enough power to bring the world together to be able to demand more cooperation from our governments to stop harassments and threats against their employees.

The more of these very credible witnesses that are able to come forward, then the more the press will take notice, which in turn will encourage more witnesses to come forward until there is a non-stoppable force flow that no governments will then be able to control. We are a growing force in ufology that is capable, by coming together as one powerful group, to defend all who want to speak out openly and report on their experience so that the world will now start coming to grips with the reality we live in and to just what that reality is.

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Secrecy News -- 02/01/07

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U.S. DEMOCRACY PROMOTION EFFORTS FACE NEW RESISTANCE

U.S. Government-funded non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that work to advance civil society in developing countries are encountering new obstacles that impede their progress, according to a recent staff study for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"Increasingly, governments around the world have tightened their controls on foreign NGOs by passing laws to restrict their ability to work independently from government approval," wrote Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN) in a transmittal letter.

There is a "backlash against democracy assistance," as the National Endowment for Democracy put it in another study, which is appended to the Senate report.

"In extreme cases, democracy promoters are being harassed by authorities. In some nations governments have been able to persuade their citizens that the work of NGOs and the financial assistance provided to them by the USG is a form of American interventionism," Sen. Lugar observed.

"Thus, in some countries opposition to pro-democracy NGOs is cast as a reaffirmation of sovereignty," he wrote.

The new Senate study assessed the current status of programs in Africa, Asia, Central Europe and Latin America, and proposed principles and recommendations to guide further work of this kind.

See "Nongovernmental Organizations and Democracy Promotion," Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff report, December 22, 2006:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_rpt/democracy.html

JOINT DOCTRINE ON ELECTRONIC WARFARE

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has issued new doctrine on the conduct of electronic warfare.

"The recognized need for military forces to have unimpeded access to and use of the [electromagnetic environment] creates vulnerabilities and opportunities for electronic warfare (EW) in support of military operations."

"The purpose of EW is to deny the opponent an advantage in the EM spectrum and ensure friendly unimpeded access to the EM spectrum portion of the information environment."

"EW can be applied from air, sea, land, and space by manned and unmanned systems."

See "Electronic Warfare," Joint Publication JP 3-13.1, 25 January 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3-13-1.pdf>

CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY TO LIMIT MILITARY OPS (CRS)

The constitutional allocation of war powers between Congress and the President and the authority of Congress to restrict ongoing military operations are considered in a new report from the Congressional Research Service.

See "Congressional Authority To Limit U.S. Military Operations in Iraq," January 29, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33837.pdf>

A related study on "Congressional Use of Funding Cutoffs Since 1970 Involving U.S. Military Forces and Overseas Deployments" was updated on January 16, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RS20775.pdf>

Also new (or newly updated) from CRS are these:

"Germany's Relations with Israel: Background and Implications for German Middle East Policy," January 19, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33808.pdf>

"North Korean Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States," updated January 3, 2007:

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http://www.presstelegram.com/ucla/ci_5028150

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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 LBPD.

They had nothing recent to report, but there's always the famous images captured by LBPD 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, Aliko, 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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[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Is Earth - Titan-Typical Of 'Solar Systems'?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2007 20:25:56 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2007 20:58:18 -0500
Subject: Is Earth - Titan-Typical Of 'Solar Systems'?

Hello List,

We've been told that 'life' needs various things but it all seems to boil down to organic life - like us - needing atmosphere and liquid (solvent). Not necessarily the 'perfect' oxygen or the 'perfect' H2O, because evolution doesn't deal with 'theoretical ideals', it takes what's available.

Recent data from ESA's Cassini-Huygens shows atmosphere (clouds) and liquids (lakes / seas) - at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2ajq6h>

"Cassini images mammoth cloud engulfing Titan's North Pole"

We're beginning to learn that planets (and moons) seem to be the norm rather than the exception - even close by.

<http://tinyurl.com/yv6kac>

So perhaps we should be re-evaluating several factors in the Drake Equation?

"It is difficult to imagine a habitat that could not support a suitable form of life".

'Evolving the Alien' by Jack Cohen & Ian Stewart, 2002, ISBN 0-09-187927-2

BTW - don't forget (I can't) all those sulfur related reports.

Cheers

Ray D

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Strange Bright Object Photographed Over Leeds UK

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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2007 21:42:15 -0500
Subject: Strange Bright Object Photographed Over Leeds UK

On Thursday, February 1st, 2007, a video recorded on a cameraphone was sent to Russel Callaghan at UFOData Magazine. It also appeared on local BBC TV news programme, Look North.

The clip can be found at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MArCbVRiOVw>

By a remarkable stroke of fortune, UFOData Magazine researcher and features writer, Sacha Christie saw the object and took a great photograph. It can be found on the UFOData Forum (<http://www.ufodata.co.uk/forum>)

Enquiries have been made into what this could be, including contacting RAF Fylingdales, and UFOData Magazine will publish the findings when we learn more.

The object is somewhat similar to what was photographed in Wales in 2003. That was initially thought to be a meteor or bolide exploding in the atmosphere and it made the Astronomy Picture of the Day for 1st October, 2003. That was eventually explained as an aeroplane contrail illuminated by the setting sun. What was seen today, however, does not seem to be the same, as the object was seen to move across the sky.

Hopefully more answers will emerge soon.

Thanks,

Steve Johnson
Features Writer
UFOData Magazine

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Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2007 18:18:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2007 21:44:45 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - White

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2007 03:25:43 -0500
>Subject: Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction

<snip>

>Ray,

>Both you and Eleanor are confusing instinct with reason.

Nevertheless, an animal must decide how to use each individual twig. Decisions have to be made. Having been a very intense squirrel observer for years, they are not robots, not even close. Instinct provides the general direction, but they make decisions, in the same manner as a journeyman or master craftsman makes decisions even though he operates from a body of training.

If the squirrel example doesn't work, how about the African grey parrots who actually understand the meaning of their words?

And there are intriguing hints published here and there that doctors and scientists are beginning to think in terms of the mind not necessarily being restricted to the material in the brain. Possibly that the mind is actually far larger than the skull. This hints at the existence of a soul, and it's possible part of intellect is held in the spirit, as, opposed to the biochemical realm.

Those people with hydrocephalus who have little brain tissue but have been known to perform at above average levels in school are suggestive of this.

As an engineer, for many years, the linking of brain power to brain size was a comfortable assumption for me, but the more I observe and learn from many sources, animals included, the more I realize that there are probably factors far beyond those taught in university. In many arenas.

Eleanor White

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Sydney Security Guard Takes UFO Photo

From: **Bill Chalker** <bill_c.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 12:49:29 +1100
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2007 22:09:37 -0500
Subject: Sydney Security Guard Takes UFO Photo

With the permission of the security guard James I have placed the UFO photo he took on January 7, along with my preliminary report at:

<http://theozfiles.blogspot.com/>

An interesting incident.

More to come.

Regards,

Bill Chalker
UFOIC

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Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 03:15:30 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Feb 2007 22:45:41 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction - Dickenson

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2007 03:25:43 -0500
>Subject: Re: 'Hobbit' Brain Reconstruction

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Hi Bob,

With no regard to anything I might've already said,

<http://tinyurl.com/2jc7tb>

would you like to define 'instinct' and elucidate its workings?

If you're a bit desperate, might recommend Gene Wolfe - he seems to think it doesn't exist.

And if you're really desperate, I might jokingly recommend the Vatican.

Even so, I'll accept any attempt at a (closely reasoned) definition and elucidation.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Strange Bright Object Photographed Over Leeds

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 06:00:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2007 12:11:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Bright Object Photographed Over Leeds

>From: Steven Johnson <steven.johnson1.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2007 21:21:51 -0000
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Thanks very much.

Bob Shell

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Re: Who Coined The Term Flying Saucers? - Watson

From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 12:42:14 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2007 13:12:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Who Coined The Term Flying Saucers? - Watson

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Does anyone know anymore?

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Mexican Airliner Crew Records UFO On Cellphone

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 08:02:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2007 16:51:29 -0500
Subject: Mexican Airliner Crew Records UFO On Cellphone

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology-February 2, 2007

Source: www.analuisacid.com
Date: 02.01.07

Airliner Crew Records UFO On Cellphone

A report from Ana Luisa Cid

On January 28, 2007, flight mechanic Enrique Morales Piedras recorded=97on his cellphone-- a spherical object crossing the skies over the region of the Popocat=ED9petl e Iztacc=EDhuatl volcanoes.

According to a report given to researcher Alfonso Salazar, he was aboard a Boeing 737-200, registration XA-MAC, flying between Mexico City and Puerto Vallarta.

The witness says the flight took off at 9:20 a.m. toward Texcoco on runway 5 right. The airliner began to rise and at an elevation of 10,000 feet followed the Toluca VOR. At this time Mr. Morales Piedras began to make a recording with his cellphone, since the view was inspiring, the volcanoes were covered in snow and the weather was completely clear and sunny.

As he recorded the scenery, the airliner=92s captan said: "Look, what=92s that over there?" pointing straight ahead. It was at that moment that he recorded =96 in the eleven o=92clock position =96 a spherical, seemingly metallic object at an estimated distance of 200 meters. The time was 9:23 a.m.

"What is most relevant of this evidence upon reviewing the video, aside from seeing the sphere, the audio picks up the TICAS alarm, which repeats: "Traffic, traffic..." meaning that the on-board collision avoidance radar picked up the flying object, which then moved to the left and sped away quickly," concluded researcher Alfonso Salazar, adding that as soon as he has the witness=92s authorization, he will release the recording.

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Special thanks to Ana Luisa Cid and Alfonso Salazar

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Object Causes Wonderment Iin Merida, Yucatan Mexico

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 11:24:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2007 16:56:12 -0500
Subject: Object Causes Wonderment Iin Merida, Yucatan Mexico

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
February 2, 2007

Sources: Por Esto (newspaper) Merida, Yucatan
El Diario de Yucatan (newspaper)
www.analuisacid.com

Date: 02.02.07

Mexico: Object Causes Wonderment in Merida, Yucatan

On the evening of January 27, 2007 at 8:30 p.m., dozens of people informed the local media of Yucatan, Merida of the presence of unidentified flying objects in the sky, which they described as having a circular shape with eight surrounding lights, adding that the object made oscillating movements and that it vanished into the horizon after a few minutes.

This sighting was captured on video by Mr. Rene Couch Chac=F3n from the Vicente Sol=EDs district, showing the evidence to reporters from the Por Esto newspaper and Mexican researchers Gustavo Aleman and Prof. Silvestre Leal of the OVNI Merida group.

According to the witnesses, around 6 p.m. and before the sighting of the alleged UFO, a kind of shooting star crossed the firmament from west to east, but it had a rectangular shape and a trail of light.

Victor Lara Martinez, a reporter for the Por Esto daily, says that one woman interviewed stated that some onlookers heard the alleged UFO make a noise similar to that of helicopters, although its shape did not correspond at all to the means of transportation in question.

Researchers from OVNI Merida are currently analyzing the video, saying that they wish to ascertain if a UFO or a balloon was involved, moreover because said community manufactures large "Cantoya"-type balloons surrounded by luminaries. However, and without dismissing the possibility a priori, we believe that residents of the town in question can identify one of those balloons correctly and the sighting would not have been the cause for such a commotion, one that was even worthy of mention in the press.

It should be noted that reports of nocturnal UFOs over Mexico were received on this same date.

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and Prof. Silvestre Leal

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UFO Sighting Over Islington UK

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2007 17:49:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2007 17:49:01 -0500
Subject: UFO Sighting Over Islington UK

Source: The Islington Gazette - London, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2bdnal>

02 February 2007

[Picture at site]

UFO Sighting Over Islington

Dozens of mysterious lights were spotted hovering in the sky above Archway - spreading panic among residents below.

Unidentified flying orange objects stopped traffic and left residents staring skyward in disbelief at around 5.30pm on Thursday.

Islington police received four calls within a matter of minutes.

Witness Alix McAlister, 34, a market stall trader from Bredgar Road, Archway, said: "I just picked up my son from nursery in Bredgar Road. I had just come out of the door when I noticed what was going on in the sky.

"There were a group of them - 10 to 15 of them moving together. My first impression was that they reminded me of a squadron of aeroplanes in formation. But they didn't have a proper formation and they were all moving at the same speed.

"I thought for a while that something was happening in the centre of London. Bombs and planes crossed my mind. But I realised very quickly that they didn't look like any aircraft I'd seen before.

"They were coming from the north and moving south. And then they kind of stopped and they were hovering. There was no sound. They seemed to fade away and I saw more coming and then they stopped. It lasted about 10 minutes."

Islington police informed Contact International UFO Research about the sightings. Soon after another witness contacted the Oxford-based organisation, which is devoted to solving the mystery of UFOs, and described what he saw.

A spokesman for Contact International said: "He told me he was picking his daughter up from school and he saw many people looking up in the air. Traffic had stopped and people were staring.

"He said he saw between 12 and 15 orange lights travelling across the sky. Then they would stop and then they went upwards.

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Re: Strange Bright Object Photographed Over Leeds

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 12:12:52 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2007 18:02:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Bright Object Photographed Over Leeds

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 06:00:43 -0500
>Subject: Re: Strange Bright Object Photographed Over Leeds UK

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2007 21:21:51 -0000
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>goes straight to the photo, at least tell us ****where**** on the
>page to look.

>Thanks very much.

>Bob Shell

Maybe I do have too much time on my hands but I went ahead and
did the search. The particular forum thread can be found at

<http://87.194.144.24/viewtopic.php?t=2164>

Terry

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Re: Who Coined The Term Flying Saucers? - Paijmans

From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2007 19:58:57 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2007 18:05:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Who Coined The Term Flying Saucers? - Paijmans

>From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 12:42:14 +0000
>Subject: Who Coined The Term Flying Saucers?

>Greetings,

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>with him in search of further UFOs.

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>introduced the term flying saucers rather than Bill Bequette.

>Does anyone know anymore?

Chris Aubeck has shown that the term "flying saucer" originated much
earlier:

http://caubeck.tripod.com/the_sport_of_flying_saucers/

Regards,

Theo

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Re: Who Coined The Term Flying Saucers? - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 19:13:14 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2007 19:55:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Who Coined The Term Flying Saucers? - Dickenson

>From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 12:42:14 +0000
>Subject: Who Coined The Term Flying Saucers?

<snip>

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>introduced the term flying saucers rather than Bill Bequette.

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No Nigel, but believe there are somewhat earlier sightings where witnesses also used the `saucer' or flat dish pan words or others meaning a flattish, circular object with a raised center.

And a much earlier age described sightings of flying `shields', probably because they didn't yet have saucers in their kitchens but were well aware of other circular, flattish objects with raised centers - soldiers' shields.

Cheers

Ray D

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Howard Roy?

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 16:43:56 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2007 19:58:48 -0500
Subject: Howard Roy?

I would be most grateful if anybody has any information about Howard Roy who gave a presentation to the Two State UFO Group (Mass. and RI) in the 1960s about the Betty and Barney Hill case.

The new book, Captured: The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience, by Kathleen Marden (Betty's niece) and myself quotes from something he wrote, but we are having trouble finding him or his estate to get permission.

George Fawcett can't recall anything about him though he founded the group.

I can be called toll free at 877-457-0232.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Who Coined The Term Flying Saucers? - Talayhan

From: **Ferhat Talayhan** <kleinergrauer.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 23:49:50 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2007 21:06:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Who Coined The Term Flying Saucers? - Talayhan

>From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 12:42:14 +0000
>Subject: Who Coined The Term Flying Saucers?

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Hi Nigel,

My colleague Chris Aubeck has an interesting point on this:

http://caubeck.tripod.com/the_sport_of_flying_saucers/index.html

Best wishes,

Ferhat Talayhan
www.incognitas.de

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Re: UFO Sighting Over Islington UK - Stuart

From: **Chaz Stuart** <daydisk2.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2007 20:00:44 GMT
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Feb 2007 21:28:51 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Sighting Over Islington UK - Stuart

Sounds like more of the balloons w/ lights or hot air bags to me.

--C

Website of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena
<http://www.nicap.org/>

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Re: Turkish UFO Video? - Talayhan

From: **Ferhat Talayhan** <kleinergrauer.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Feb 2007 13:56:03 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2007 17:51:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Turkish UFO Video? - Talayhan

>From: Santiago Yturria Garza <syturria.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 18:24:09 +0000
>Subject: Re: Turkish UFO Video?

>>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 28 Jan 2007 18:25:08 +0100 (CET)
>>Subject: Turkish UFO Video?

>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.

Why not cut with Occams Razor than? Has anyone sincerely
considered the possibility of a non-human spacecraft looking and
behaving like a bunch of balloons? Why do we have to make an X
file out of every bunch of BS?

>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.

Well, balloons can land everywhere, can't they? One of the
witnesses is mentioned blinking lights, not coloured lights,
reflections of the sun maybe?

>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.

They do sound honest and I have no doubt that they=B4re sincere.

Akdogan on the other hand is not what I would call a scientific
researcher. He is the exact opposite, I call him the Jaime
Maussan of Turkey. He is certainly a polite guy but his
enthusiasm considering UFOs is obviously blurring his senses.

For instance:

In 2002, there was the famous Soyuz re-entry, which had been
reported by various eye witnesses, including pilots.

Akdogan not only turned Soyuz into a meteorite, he also made up
a completely new story, including a space ship, which shot
(sic!) the meteorite into pieces, in order to save our planet
and mankind:

<http://www.siriusufo.org/viewhaber.asp?haberid=3D132&cat=3Dsondakika>

And that=B4s just one example.

So if Akdogan says this or that case might be the smoking gun or
a genuine UFO, you might want to double check it, just to make
sure..

Best wishes,

Ferhat

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Mexicoan UFO Turns Out To Be A Balloon?

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UFO Turns Out To Be A Balloon?

Carlos Uicab Sulu never thought that keeping a religious promise to the Child of Atocha would cause such a sensation and wonder in Merida.

The promise consisted in launching a balloon into the sky, which was observed by several citizens of Merida, some of whom videotaped and photographed the balloon, not knowing what it was.

As we reported yesterday, the sighting of a strange light that caused curiosity among many people was recorded on Saturday.

Uicab Sulu promise to launch a balloon in the saint's honor, and took advantage of a novena held in a house of the San Jose Vergel district. The balloon was raised aloft by a diesel flame and was adorned with luminaries.

Comment from Ana Luisa Cid: Merida researchers have not confirmed this news item. However it is feasible that the case may have been an error of perception on the part of the eyewitnesses, who mistook a balloon for a UFO.

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Special thanks to Ana Luisa Cid and Diario de Yucatan

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Why We Haven't Discovered/Been Discovered By Aliens

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<http://www.geekzone.co.nz/inane/2075>

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Why We Haven't Discovered/Been Discovered By Aliens

By J.W.

According to a lot of people we already have been visited by aliens, and there are those that are prepared to publicly and unwaveringly claim they have been visited, however I'm not so sure, but at the same time I don't know so I make no judgement on them, nor do I make any judgement on Area 51 or the events that occurred at Roswell - etc.

However making the assumption that the conspiracies are not true, I would like to offer my personal predictions about why we haven't met or been discovered by intelligent life from another planet.

1. Distance - this is a totally obvious one, our galaxy is approx 20,000 parsecs across, or in more human terms (with a totally incomprehensible number) 6.1713605 =D7 1017 kilometres across.

Thats a fairly staggering number, 6171360500000000000KM.

Currently we don't know of physics that would enable us to explore any region that big with any sort of capability.

Slashdot discussed a paper that went into depth about this particular theory, so I won't cover it too much, however lets face it, we are struggling to explore our solar system - which is kind of like struggling to search an empty matchbox, versus mapping each molecule in the sea and seabed.

2. We are the aliens.

My personal view, that I like to have even though there is no way for it to be based in any sort of factual arena is the reason that we have not been visited by aliens, or communicated with aliens is because we are the first and fastest evolving, and that it will be us exploring the galaxy and the universe and finding other civilizations, bringing them up to date etc.

"I can visualise a world without war, without violence, a place of peaceful cooperation and calm... I can see us attacking and invading that world because they'd never see it coming and wouldn't stand a chance"

Lets face it, in all probability it is just as likely that we

are the most advanced intelligent lifeform in the galaxy if not the universe as it is that we are run of the mill middle of the road or even slow to develop.

As we have not discovered any other intelligent life, we can only postulate on what is the probable cause for this.

3. Lack of funding.

It could also be that intelligent lifeforms elsewhere face the same beauraucratic issues that we do and never have enough funding or budget to explore on a wider scale, so instead of exploring the whole haystack, the can only explore part of one peice of hay at a time. (needle in a haystack etc.)

So thats my thoughts at a glance on why we haven't been visited or discovered intelligent life.

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

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Multicolored Snow FallingIn Siberia

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There are numerous news reports about colored snow that has been falling in Siberia. The snow varies in color from orange through green. Here are some reports:

<http://www.kirotv.com/weather/10912994/detail.html>

<http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=6032459>

This incident has already spawned at least one humorous response:

<http://www.thespoof.com/news/spoof.cfm?headline=s3i14490>

I wonder if this is related to the red rain in India?

Bob Shell

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It's Not A Plane It's Not A UFO

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Sunday, February 4, 2007

It's Not A Plane; It's Not A UFO =97 Venus Dominates Evening
Western Sky

Jack Wine
Stargazing

No, it's not an alien spacecraft that you're seeing =97 it's the planet Venus. The brightest of the planets will remain the evening star through late June; it will then go into retrograde and be lost in the sun's glare until late September. At that point, it will rise in the east about 30 minutes before sunrise and will become the morning star.

About this time every year I receive several phone calls asking, "What is that bright object in the evening western sky?"

Evidently they must stay awake in bed at night and ponder this question, because I usually get the calls early in the morning. At times it's very tempting to act as if it must be something extraterrestrial. I have been told on occasion that it moves back and forth and changes color. Actually the color changes are from refraction of light from Venus shining through dust particles and ice crystals in our atmosphere. The dancing is caused by thermal activity, which distorts the image when the planet gets close to the horizon.

Elsewhere in the sky, Comet McNaught has become the brightest comet in 40 years. The only problem for us is the fact it was visible here in the northern hemisphere low in the evening sky for just about two weeks. The best view we got of this comet here was Jan. 12, when it was visible for about 35 minutes after sunset.

Even after the main body of the comet had dropped below the western horizon, the tail, which was extremely bright and wide, was seen from this area for several days.

Below the equator, this comet has been a spectacular sight. Hundreds of pictures taken from below the equator can be found on www.spaceweather.com. Comet McNaught is a nonperiodic comet, which means it will be thousands of years before it returns, if ever.

Mercury is just above the western horizon the first week in February. On Wednesday it reaches the greatest elongation, when it will lie 18 degrees east of the sun. Look for it about 7 degrees to the lower right of Venus.

Saturn rose in the east-northeast at 7 p.m. Saturday and is well placed for viewing all month. The best time to see the ringed

planet in February is at midnight, when it's highest in the sky.

Mars appears in the morning sky just north of the Sagittarius Teapot handle. Uranus and Neptune are, for the most part, too low in the western sky to view this month. Jupiter at midmonth rises in the southeast at 4 a.m. Full moon occurred Friday, and new moon is Feb. 17.

Write News Leader columnist Jack Wine at starman34.nul

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<http://tinyurl.com/257ncv>

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UFOs Spotted!

By Markus Ermisch
Staff reporter

UFO activity has been light as of late in the skies above Kamloops.

The last sighting of a "boomerang-shaped object" was reported at 1:02 a.m. on April 24, 2006.

Many UFO sightings, however, are unreported, according to Fred Legace, manager of Kamloops Airport.

"I think there are unidentified flying objects, lots of them, because there are quite a few movements that are not tracked by civilian air traffic control."

These UFOs are usually military overflights which, according to Legace, "fall into the unexplained category, because no one is out there telling you what they are."

Another source of UFO reports is the fact Kamloops lies along the landing approach of airplanes heading to Vancouver International Airport. This leads to quite a bit of activity, especially at night, according to Legace, as planes already fly at a lower altitude.

Yet despite rational explanations, UFO sightings contain a mysterious and unexplained element.

Brian Vike is a man who is all too aware of that.

Working from his Houston home, the hobby astronomer has spent more than two decades recording UFO sightings from across the continent, including Kamloops.

"Hello, Brian. Last night at 1:02 a.m. my girlfriend and myself saw a boomerang-shaped object fly over our home in Kamloops," states the April 2006 report posted on Vike's HBCC UFO Research website.

"It appeared to be grey-white with an illuminated edge."

Said object was visible for about 30 seconds, and then it vanished in the night sky, with a flash "like flipping a coin in the sun."

Vike disputes none of the reports he posts because, after all, how can one dispute something that has not been identified?

"Open your mind up a little bit," he said. "All these people who are saying they're seeing something - that doesn't mean it's an alien craft. It just means that it's a UFO, an unidentified flying object. It could be an aircraft, but at the time, we don't now."

Back in 2003, when the wildfires laid waste to the forests in the southern Interior, UFO sightings in the Thompson and Okanagan soared, and Vike's expertise was hotly sought.

"There was a lot of stuff going on back in 2003," he said. "I honestly can't explain it. But that year? Why that year?"

Vike said he realizes numerous aircraft, including water bombers and helicopters, were flying over the burning area. Plumes of smoke, as well as fires, obstructed visibility.

Yet Vike said most sightings were credible.

"The period of time down there was just bizarre," he said.

To date, the proof of the existence of UFOs consists of blurry photographs or shaky film footage, but Vike said he hopes that at some point there will be a first encounter.

Once that first encounter happens, however, that UFO would cease to be a UFO.

But there will be others, including here in Kamloops, and Vike will continue to faithfully record them all.

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Interview With Colin Andrews

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Interview With Colin Andrews
by the staff of Brazilian Ufology Center - CUB
<http://www.cubbrasil.net/colin.html>

1 - Why did you get involved with Ufology? Do you believe in UFO phenomena? Have you ever seen an UFO? If so, how was your experience?

My family had a very close eye witness experience with a UFO when I was about 13 years old. My mother, father and younger brother were driving in a very secluded country lane, near Stonehenge, England, when they suddenly came into an opening in the trees and saw a disc shaped UFO. It was hovering just about 150 feet from them and just a few feet above some trees. My father stopped the car and he and my brother got out and walked to the side of the small country road and watched it. A bright beam of light then came down from the disc onto the trees below and the disc began to swing left and right and my mother became afraid and called them to get back in the car. They all watched as the UFO rose up, the beam went off and the disc flashed away into the distance and out of sight in parts of a second. They returned home and told me all about it and knowing them as I obviously did, I believed from then on that UFOs are real.

I have seen several objects, which I think, might have been UFOs. I have been lucky enough to travel the world investigating and also being involved with highly sophisticated surveillance operations and has filmed some.

2 - What do you think about the UFO research done worldwide? What is the future about UFO research in your opinion?

I admire anyone who steps forward and does research. I admire them because I know how hard it is to maintain credibility and be open with the interest in the UFO. The US government did a very effective campaign on discrediting the actual terms. Its outrageous what they have done and a miss-service to humanity. They have lied and continue to lie and will be proven to have done so when at some point they will be forced to admit this.

3 - Have you ever contact a circle maker group? Are there really those groups to making circles during dawn time? What do you think about those groups?

Yes I have made contact with many of them and coordinated a special investigation with private detectives and other agencies into this problem. Some of the circle makers do this to deceive and have fun with the researchers and public, others do it for what they call 'experiential art' and some I believe are government inspired to cause the public to loose interest.

4 - Do you believe that is there any relationship between UFOs and Crop Circles? Is there any evidence that those Crop Circles is related with UFOs?

I believe they are connected in some way but not necessarily making the real ones - in fact I don't think they make them. We

have films of these same objects inside crop circles and they are also seen interacting with humans but no evidence they make them - in my opinion.

5 - There is a lot of people who believe that the Crop Circles are preserved because the Circles mysteries make money with tourism. What do you think about it?

I don't think money has anything to do with the main body of activity, perhaps there are a few events that are driven by money - it's not the main driving force. That said the counties of Hampshire and Wiltshire in England certainly see large numbers of people from abroad that travel there to see the circles. It's a mixed bag.

6 - what do you think about the 'saucer nests' found in Australia and elsewhere 40 years ago? The so-called saucer nests are bona-fide cases in which some UFO sightings left real circles on the ground, sometimes radioactive, sometimes dry spots in the middle of an otherwise wet terrain. Fungi were found growing fast in these saucer nests, but nothing like that happens in the modern crop circles. What do you think about these kinds of alleged UFO-related circles?

I totally believe in Tully; Australian events were real and indeed occurred several times in the same lagoon. I flew to Australia to interview some of the witnesses to that 1966 event and also others nearby. I am certain UFOs were involved in those cases but they are different to crop circles.

7 - why these English Crop Circles are so well designed with those complex forms and arrangement? What would be the reasonable behind such a strange behavior by these UFO-extraterrestrial entities to draw these non-sense features in fields lost in the middle of England?

Like I said, this is a complex situation. I believe 'life force' energies exist between humans and extraterrestrials but we don't know anything about other dimension or even what the human mind attracts when it focuses upon certain events like crop circles. We create our own reality and play a 'growing, evolving part' in the future. Until we know how the highest levels of nature and life operate we will not be able to say we have resolved the mystery. I do though believe that unless we have open minds, we will go nowhere and learn nothing. It's similar to the art of dowsing. If you don't have an open mind, it will not work for you, if you embrace the possibility, it will be miraculous for you. I am a very good dowser and can assure you of this fact - most scientists do not believe this, this limits them very much.

8 - Do you believe that's possible to have a relationship between the Crop Circles in England and Nazca Lines in Peru for instance? Can have those Crop Circles the same usefulness as Nazca Lines? What do you think about it?

It's possible. Some of the designs on the Nazca plain are similar to some of the crop patterns and also the alignments suggest possible links. Beyond that, we really do not know.

9 - In your opinion what is the usefulness of those Crop Circles? What is it for?

Developing our consciousness and to allow us an opportunity to experience a new phenomenon and how we see it develop or not dependant upon our curiosity and actions. We can make or break, believe or deny it's always down to freedom of choice. Are we predominantly open or closed-minded? Are we honest or dishonest at the deepest part of our soles? These are very important questions that humanity is now being forced to face. The future depends upon honesty and respect but we might not be on course. If we give a true mystery a chance to evolve and can use our hearts and minds to help it along and don't try and derail the progression and at the same time be careful with the religious aspects that get fired up, we stand a chance of great knowledge and true spirituality coming out of this. Even some of the hoaxers are seeing this and each side of the equation is being engaged and interacted with. This I know and it's the most important part.

10 - What do you think about Ufology Future?

If its left to governments and without public pressure, I think it will be many years before we get to know more. If major UFO activity is recorded and witnessed like O'Hare, Chicago airport recently, things might change rather quickly. I encourage all UFO organizations to be professional and to speak out when ever possible.

11 - You are very popular because the research you have done about Crop Circles. What are the main conclusions you found after your research?

Many are real, but are also rather less complex circles and designs. These same simple designs show no damage to plants, no pressure on the ground, have high levels of magnetism in them, which also shares the same distribution profile and the design itself. I also cannot eliminate some of the complex patterns. The design replicating our own solar system was as far as we could tell authentic and gave dates ahead - this I refer to in detail in my last book 'crop circles- signs of contact'.

12 - I really would like you to leave a message to Brazilian Ufology Center people. Right now we have 28.000 members and they'll like to hear something from you.

My wife and I traveled a few years ago to speak at the large UFO convention in Brazil and very much enjoyed your country and your people. I think Brazil is very special because the people are very open-minded and I believe your government is more helpful than many others. I encourage you all to work closely with other groups and to try very hard to keep clear of personal ego and attention from getting in the way. I also would encourage experimentation and meditation at quiet places and to give opportunity for forces other than human to interact with you. This has been very successful with us and with Dr. Steve Greer when we have worked with him.

I thank you for your kind words and your interest in my work and wish you well with your own.

Colin Andrews

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Interview With Geoff Dittman Of UFOFOROM:
Ufology Research of Manitoba

by Milton Frank
President Brazilian Ufology Center

1 - Why did you start to study and research ufology? Have you ever seen a UFO? If so, how was your experience?

My love of a good mystery I think is what ultimately drew me to ufology. I have never personally seen a UFO, though not from lack of trying.

2 - What is UFOFOROM? How did it come up? Who was the founder? What is the work of UFOFOROM?

UFOFOROM stands for UFOlogy Research of Manitoba. It is the primary UFO research organization in the Canadian province of Manitoba. It was founded in 1975, and is a small and loosely organized group. There typically are only a few researchers involved in UFOFOROM at any given time, and it is not open to the general public.

3 - What are the most interesting cases for ufologists to study in your opinion?

Those would have to be the so-called Close Encounters of the Second Kind, or CE2 cases. These are the sightings involving physical effects on the environment or witnesses. With most UFO cases, ufologists can only study reports of UFOs, which are subject to the interpretations of the eyewitnesses. Did the eyewitnesses accurately interpret what was really there? Maybe, maybe not, as most ufologists discover early on that the mind can play tricks on the best of us given the right circumstances. But with CE2s, there is something that can be studied scientifically. Unfortunately, such cases are quite rare. UFOFOROM has been cataloging cases since 1989, and in that time we have collected almost 6,000 UFO reports. Of that, there have only been 57 CE2 cases. That's less than 1%. Unfortunately when a case does come up, researchers often can't afford to do a proper scientific investigation. The pockets of the volunteers just aren't deep enough to cover the expenses required.

4 - Now a day it is very normal to find sects and beliefs related to UFO phenomenon. About Canada we've heard about UFOLAND and Rael. What do you think about this? What is your opinion about it?

Yes, Canada has had its fair share of UFO/space related cults too.

Sometimes with unfortunate results, such as Solar Temple, which existed in Quebec? I haven't paid much attention to such groups for a while now, though around ten years ago or so I did. From a ufological standpoint, I don't think they matter much. While they might give us all a bit of a bad name, they don't typically get enough publicity to do us much harm. From a sociological standpoint, these groups are quite interesting, which is why I

studied them years ago. And of course, the sometimes-harmful effects they have on their members are also of concern, but what any of us can do about such things is beyond me.

5 - What are the main cases that you've been researching in Canada? What is in your opinion the most important job you've done like an ufology researcher? Can you tell us a little bit about this research work?

My main contribution has been with the Canadian UFO Survey, which I have been involved with since about 1993. I've also done other smaller things, such as compiling a catalog of UFO cases involving injury to the witness.

Most recently, I and a UFOFORUM colleague named Chris Rutkowski wrote a book published last summer entitled The Canadian UFO Report: The Best Cases Revealed. It is a history of UFOLOGY in Canada going back as far as 1663 and up to 2005. While UFOs haven't got as much attention in Canada as they have in some other countries, there is still an impressive list of cases. We have had pretty much the full spectrum of cases: close encounters, injury cases, crash cases, men-in-black, etc.

6 - What is the Annual Canada Survey? What is your contribution to it? How many people work in this survey? What conclusions did you get from this survey?

This is a survey of all known UFO reports in Canada every year. We compile a database, do elementary statistical analysis of the data, and interpret and publish the results in a written annual report that usually gets published around March of every year. It was started back in 1989, and we have since collected almost 6,000 reports in that time. In the early years we were only getting 100 to 150 cases a year, but in the last five years or so the numbers have been considerably higher. We almost hit 900 cases a couple of years ago. They have declined somewhat the last two years, but we are still being overwhelmed with reports.

Chris Rutkowski and I first enter the reports into the database, and then attempt to come up with a conclusion (unexplained, explained, probable/possible explanation, and insufficient information to come to a conclusion). We then analyze the data, and write the report. Most of the other researchers in the country contribute their reports to the Survey. We typically have a dozen or more contributors. As well, the military and another government department (Transport Canada) also send us their UFO reports.

As for conclusions, after all those reports the only conclusion we have arrived at is that we should continue to study the phenomenon. There isn't evidence of alien activity, but there is evidence that something is going on. It's just a question of what that something is. Aliens, natural phenomena, a psycho / socio phenomena, or a combination of all of the above?

We still have learned a few things from the data. UFO reports have increased significantly in recent years. The reports are coming from all over the country, with no region seemingly being favored over others in the long run. UFO sightings typically involve a simple light in the night sky, though a significant number of cases (about 37%) involve the sighting of a structured object. More UFOs are seen during the summer months, particularly between 8:00pm and 1:00am. While the average number of witnesses per case varies from year to year, it has always been greater than one.

Anyone wanting to view the annual reports, or take a look at the raw data can go to the Canadian UFO Survey website at <http://www.canadianuforeport.com/survey>

7 - Could you tell us about your first UFO report? How was it? In each case it was? How did you feel after finishing it? What conclusions did you find out?

My first exposure to a UFO incident was as a child. There was a fairly famous UFO sighting by my family's cottage in Quebec. The incident involved a UFO landing on a nearby farm, scaring the farmer and leaving several round patches of burned grass. In other words, this was one of those elusive Close Encounters of the Second Kind. This sighting was quite famous, (or maybe infamous is a better word), in the community, and entered the

local mythology. For years afterwards, it would sporadically become a topic of conversation of locals. It is still unexplained. This is what first got me interested in the mystery, as it really got my imagination going at the time.

8 - What would you say to a young man or woman that intends to be an UFO researcher? What is the most important thing that an UFO researcher has to learn in your opinion?

Knowledge of astronomical and atmospheric phenomena would obviously be very helpful. While having an open mind is nice, it shouldn't be too open. The vast majority of UFO cases have a natural explanation.

Anyone new to the field also needs to realize that they will not "get to the bottom of it all" anytime soon. So many researchers charge head first into UFOLOGY, putting in incredible hours studying the phenomenon, only to get discouraged when they realize the answers aren't readily available. The excitement they used to feel in the early days of studying reports turns to boredom as cases begin to all seem the same, and they get bogged down with all the inconclusive evidence. They then get discouraged and drop out. This hurts UFOLOGY in that we keep losing good researchers shortly after they acquire the skills it takes to properly study the phenomenon. New researchers have to remember to keep it slow and steady, and be willing to live with a lack of closure.

9 - What is the Ufology future in your opinion?

That's a depressing question. I don't mean to sound pessimistic, but as we come to the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the modern UFO era in North America (the Kenneth Arnold case in 1947) I can't help but wonder what we have accomplished in all those years. In short, very little. And I don't expect we will accomplish much more in the years to come. At least not the near future anyways. But that isn't the fault of researchers. We have had, and continue to have, a lot of dedicated and intelligent people in this field. Unfortunately however, it takes more than that to acquire scientific evidence. When it comes right down to it, it takes a lot of money. When you think about it, how many of the great scientific advances that have been accomplished in the last sixty years would have occurred had the researchers not received a lot of money from either government or corporate sources? Not many. And money isn't something that is readily available in UFOLOGY.

So what we really need is government funding. And in Canada anyways, that isn't going to happen anytime soon.

10 - Do you know some Brazilian UFO CASES? Do you read about them? Which UFO cases have you heard about Brazil?

My knowledge of Brazilian UFO cases is largely limited to the research of Jacques Vall=E9e and Bob Pratt. This is partially because I don't speak Portuguese, and partially because there are enough more local Canadian and American cases for me to read about to keep me occupied. But based on the cases written about by Pratt and Vall=E9e, there certainly have been some interesting cases in Brazil over the years.

11 - In your opinion, which is the top 3 cases, happened in Canada? Why do you believe so?

One of the best cases in Canada is the Stefan Michalak case of 1967. It occurred in the cottage community of Falcon Lake Manitoba, where Michalak was out in the wilderness engaging in some amateur prospecting. During this time, he observed several disc-shaped objects hovering in the sky before him. One of those objects eventually landed nearby. Michalak approached the craft. After a brief period where Michalak tried unsuccessfully to communicate with any occupants, the object rose up into the air. While doing this, a blast of hot air came out of some sort of exhaust vent, setting Michalak's shirt on fire. All the objects departed, and Michalak, after putting the fire out, staggered back to civilization. He suffered from numerous physical ailments after the sighting, including burns, weight loss, an odd rash, and recurring dizziness. What make this case so important are not only the physical effects, but the fact that it was investigated by numerous bodies, including the RCMP (Canada's national police force), the Royal Canadian Air Force,

and the U.S. Air Force sponsored UFO investigation, the Condon Committee. The different organizations were not able to come up with a viable explanation.

Another top-notch case occurred much more recently. In December of 1996, at least 31 eyewitnesses, many of whom were independent of one another, observed an enormous (estimated to be around 0.9km long) UFO slowly and silently travel over Yukon Territory (this is a sparsely populated territory in northern Canada). The case was studied by Martin Jasek, who a real first rated job looking into the incident.

Probably one of the more famous Canadian cases is the alleged UFO crash at Shag Harbour back in 1967. As it was initially seen as a possible plane crash, the incident prompted an investigation by the RCMP, the Coast Guard, and the Military. After a fairly intensive search, nothing was recovered. But what the eyewitnesses saw crash into the harbour was never satisfactorily explained either.

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Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2007 09:19:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2007 12:25:11 -0500
Subject: Montreal Incident Of 1990?

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Visual Evidence Of Phoenix Lights Craft?

From: David Kinsella <d.kinsella_80.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2007 09:36:47 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2007 12:54:46 -0500
Subject: Visual Evidence Of Phoenix Lights Craft?

Hello Everyone,

I'd like to know if there are any photographs or video footage of the gigantic boomerang-shaped craft - correct me if I'm wrong - that was observed flying over Phoenix, AZ in 1997.

We know there are a good number of pictures and pieces of footage of the balls of light that appeared on that same night but so far I haven't come across any visual evidence of the craft.

Any info would be appreciate, thanks.

Best,

David

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From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2007 13:08:57 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2007 14:08:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Why We Haven't Discovered/Been Discovered By

>Source: The GeekZone.Co - Wellington, New Zealand

><http://www.geekzone.co.nz/inane/2075>

>1-Feb-2007

>Why We Haven't Discovered/Been Discovered By Aliens

>By J.W.

>According to a lot of people we already have been visited by
>aliens, and there are those that are prepared to publicly and
>unwaveringly claim they have been visited, however I'm not so
>sure, but at the same time I don't know so I make no judgement
>on them, nor do I make any judgement on Area 51 or the events
>that occurred at Roswell - etc.

>However making the assumption that the conspiracies are not
>>true, I would like to offer my personal predictions about why we
>haven't met or been discovered by intelligent life from another
>planet.

>1. Distance - this is a totally obvious one, our galaxy is
>approx 20,000 parsecs across, or in more human terms (with a
>totally incomprehensible number) 6.1713605 =D7 1017 kilometres
>across.

>Thats a fairly staggering number, 617136050000000000KM.

>Currently we don't know of physics that would enable us to
>explore any region that big with any sort of capability.

>Slashdot discussed a paper that went into depth about this
>particular theory, so I won't cover it too much, however lets
>face it, we are struggling to explore our solar system - which
>is kind of like struggling to search an empty matchbox, versus
>mapping each molecule in the sea and seabed.

The standard 'distance as proof we are not being visited' has
already been exposed as being an unsound argument. For example,
Advanced Intelligent Machines, Artificial Intelligence, could
travel the stellar distances quite fine. The key here is the
concept of time.

>2. We are the aliens.

>My personal view, that I like to have even though there is no
>way for it to be based in any sort of factual arena is the
>reason that we have not been visited by aliens, or communicated
>with aliens is because we are the first and fastest evolving,
>and that it will be us exploring the galaxy and the universe and
>finding other civilizations, bringing them up to date etc.

>"I can visualise a world without war, without violence, a place
>of peaceful cooperation and calm.... I can see us attacking and
>invading that world because they'd never see it coming and
>wouldn't stand a chance"

>Lets face it, in all probability it is just as likely that we
>are the most advanced intelligent lifeform in the galaxy if not
>the universe as it is that we are run of the mill middle of the
>road or even slow to develop.

>As we have not discovered any other intelligent life, we can
>only postulate on what is the probable cause for this.

The above has no relevance to the subject.

>3. Lack of funding.

>It could also be that intelligent lifeforms elsewhere face the
>same beauraucratic issues that we do and never have enough
>funding or budget to explore on a wider scale, so instead of
>exploring the whole haystack, the can only explore part of one
>peice of hay at a time. (needle in a haystack etc.)

>So thats my thoughts at a glance on why we haven't been visited
>or discovered intelligent life.

Another unlikely scenario. The future is not Capitalism. Believe it or not, a modified form of Communism will most likely be adapted by any organic extraterrestrial species. Consider a futuristic society where people are managed by Intelligent Machines. This scenario would prove ideal for Communism, due to the complete removal of humans from positions of power, thus preventing possible corruption. Likewise, money as we know it will not play a part in our future as well. Capitalism is just not sustainable. It's likely a form of 'currency' based on energy surplus/deficits will be utilized. Such a system will of course do away with the concept of 'rarity as priceless', as everything will be based on the energy used to manufacture or obtain such item and not it's 'rarity.' (I must stress I'm not a Commie, just doing some unbiased intelligent speculation concerning the future, something which should also help us when applied to extraterrestrials.)

- Jason Gammon

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Re: Montreal Incident Of 1990? - Mancusi

From: **Bruno Mancusi** <swissufo.nul>
Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2007 20:52:52 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2007 15:28:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Montreal Incident Of 1990? - Mancusi

>From: Brian Callaghan <bjcallaghan.nul>
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It is surely the 7 Nov 1990 sighting above the Bonaventure Hotel.
The phenomenon was seen during more than 3 hours.
(Christian Page in 'Actes des septiemes Rencontres Europeennes
de Lyon, 10-11-12 avril 1993', SOS OVNI, Aix-en-Provence,
France 1993, p. 20.)

See also:

http://quebec.pararesearchers.org/html/bonaventure_incident.html
http://archives.cbc.ca/IDC-1-69-725-4366/life_society/ufos/clip10

Perhaps it is best known by French-speaking ufologists...

Regards

Bruno

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Re: Montreal Incident Of 1990? - ebk

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2007 15:52:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2007 15:52:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Montreal Incident Of 1990? - ebk

>From: Brian Callaghan <bjcallaghan.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 03 Feb 2007 09:19:58 -0500
>Subject: Montreal Incident Of 1990?

<snip>

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Brian,

Below are the contents of a file from my early days of being
on-line on an Atari SE. Its source and date are unknown -
since back then I wasn't aware of attribution protocols.

Perhaps another List-member has that information?

ebk

Haines, Richard, Dr.

A well-known research scientist, Dr Richard Haines has three
degrees in psychology from the Pacific Lutheran College, Tacoma,
Washington and Michigan State University, and further education
in Engineering from the University of Washington, Seattle, as
well as an FAA Pilot Ground School Certificate. Recently
retired, his past employment includes posts with the National
Research Council, Boeing Airplane CO. and at NASA's Ames
Research Centre, where he served as Chief of the Space Human
Factors Office and as a research scientist, Life Sciences
Division, as well as for the Research Institute for Advanced
Computer Science.

Dr Haines directed 'focused human vision research' for the
manned space programme, spacecraft window design for the Space
Station Freedom programme, and 'visual cue extraction from the
real world' during landing by pilots of commercial aircraft. In
1989 he was appointed Project Manager for NASA's Remote Coaching
Facility, which he helped design and develop. This facility is
engaged in defining teleoperational concepts, transmission
bandwidth requirements, and other telescience needs for carrying
out future operations on the Space Station Freedom.

Dr Haine's four US patents include designs for a visual
examination apparatus for glaucoma and a simulator scene display
evaluation device. He is the author of numerous articles in
scientific journals and has produced three NASA technical films.
He has edited 'UFO Phenomena and the Behavioral Scientist'
(1979)1 and is the author of 'Observing UFOs' (1980)2,
'Melbourne Episode: Case Study of a Missing Pilot' (1987)3; and
'Advance Aerial Devices Reported During the Korean War (1990)4
(available from LDA Press at PO Box 880, Los Altos, California

94023-0880).

Dr Haines has made several scientific research trips to the former Soviet Union in order to discuss UFOs, and a report on his meetings with scientists (including those from the USSR Academy of Sciences) appears in 'The UFO Report 1992' by Timothy Good.5

In 1991, together with Russian colleagues, he founded the Joint USA-CIS Aerial Anomaly Federation.

Guenette, Bernard

Bernard Guenette is a professional computer graphics expert and author, who lives in Montreal. A member of MUFON, he has been interested in UFOs for many years, and was fortunate to witness the object over Montreal on the night of November 7, 1990.

A Large Stationary Object Above Montreal by Dr. Richard Haines and Bernard Guenette

This article describes the background and analysis of two colour photographs and numerous eye-witness descriptions of an angularly large stationary aerial object seen on November 7, 1990 between about 7:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. EST, as it hovered over the downtown area of Montreal, Canada.

Although the huge object was seen by between forty and seventy-five people (including policemen) standing on the rooftop of the International Hilton Bonaventure Hotel, and at ground-level within a large area, and was photographed by a newspaper journalist on the hotel's rooftop, there was no official follow-up nor very much interest shown in the event by government officials.

The original 35mm colour negatives and positive colour negatives and positive colour prints were subjected to microscopic examination and to computer-based enhancements of various kinds. They were also related to the drawings and narrative descriptions of the object made by many eye-witnesses.

The Initial Sighting Over Montreal on Wednesday, 7 November 1990, the sun set at 4:28 p.m. local (EST) time. (All times cited are p.m. Eastern Standard Time, unless noted otherwise.) The air was clear and cold. But a high relative humidity near the ground of approximately 95 per cent gradually turned into a thin haze extending from the ground to an altitude of several thousand feet. There were only a few scattered clouds present at between 5,000 and 8,000 feet.

At 7:30, co-author Bernard Guenette and a Mr. P. Lachapelle were in Old Montreal walking near the corner of Saint-Sulpice Street and Rue de Bresolles, about ten city blocks east-south-east from the Hilton. They noticed many fire-trucks, police cars and other emergency vehicles, and a commotion nearby which blocked the road; a practice fire alert was underway. Bernard happened to glance directly upward and saw a small greenish Aurora Borealis-like phenomenon with long streamers extending out from it, which did not move during the thirty to sixty seconds they looked at it. Both men felt that the phenomenon was at a very high altitude.

All of the other original eye-witnesses to the object were located on the seventeenth-floor rooftop of the International Hilton Bonaventure Hotel (hereafter referred to simply as the Hilton) in central downtown Montreal, which boasts an outdoor heated swimming pool and other facilities. An American woman tourist was swimming in the pool, and she was the first to sight the strange lighted object, directly overhead in the night sky, at about 7:15. Later, she described it as having an oval shape with a yellowish colour. She then notified Mrs. L.S.P., the hotel's pool lifeguard, who alerted the hotel's security officer, Albert Sterling, at about 7:30. He arrived at about 7:35 and also looked up at the large object hovering in the 'almost cloudless sky', and soon (7:38) telephoned the Montreal Urban Community Police Station No. 25 for assistance. His first impression was that it was 'fallen debris from the sky, a

satellite or other space object'. He also tried to call the Montreal Dorval International Airport to ask what the object could be, but the line was busy.

Meanwhile, between 7.30 and 7.35, Mrs. L.S.P. called La Presse newspaper office and also urged other guests to come outside to look at the apparition. Mr Sterling said that the object was situated over the south-east corner of the pool and that there were about twelve people present at that time. There were about twelve people present at that time. There were as many as seventy-five people present during the entire period the object was visible, according to Mrs. L.S.P. At 7.55, after the object became brighter, Mr Sterling telephoned the Police Station a second time.

At 8.00, Marcel Laroche, the first of three journalists to be involved, arrived from the newspaper La Presse.

Officer F. Lipp=82 of the MUCP was dispatched at 8.07 and arrived at about 8.11. He spoke with Mr Sterling and looked at the object himself. Later (in MUCP file #25-901107-059), he described what he saw as three yellowish lights, from each of which a single beam of light emanated. The object itself was luminous and round and did not appear to move.

Officer Lipp=82 Mr Laroche and Mrs L.S.P. all saw a small ('Cessna-type') private aircraft fly directly beneath the clouds and much farther below the object. Officer Lipp=82 felt that the object was '...much higher than the plane' and Laroche estimated that the aircraft was at an altitude of 1,200 feet above ground level (AGL). Mrs L.S.P. and Mr Laroche referred to the aircraft as 'miniscule' in relation to the aerial object. (non-scheduled private aircraft must maintain a vertical clearance of at least 1,000 feet above the highest obstruction within a lateral radius of 2,000 feet. Mount Royal, with an altitude of 1,199 feet, is the highest point near downtown Montreal and is located 1.3 miles north-west of the Hilton. It has radio and tv antennas on its top so that the minimum legal flight altitude is 1,200 feet AGL. In addition, private aircraft may not fly above 2,000 feet altitude unless the plane is 'instrument flight rules' (IFR) equipped and the pilot is rated to fly in 'instrument meteorological conditions (IMC), due to potential interference with air traffic to and from Dorval Airport. Most private pilots between 1,500 and 1,800 feet.)

Jules Beliveau, another La Presse journalist, received a letter (dated 8 November 1990) from a Fran=87ois Chevrefils who said that his friend (Mr Jean --) witnessed the object sometime between 7.30 and 8.00 from his small plane. Although he completed a MUFON sighting form, he declined any further interviews, and may not have been the pilot of the small aircraft that was seen.

At 8.15, a mother and her daughter driving on Champlain Boulevard in south-west Montreal, near the Douglas Hospital, reported seeing two large white spots of light in the sky along with a number of smaller lights which did not appear to move and were silent. This sighting location is about 4.2 miles west-south-west from the Hilton.

Officer Lipp=82 telephoned Sgt Masson at 8.20 for back-up and at 8.30, Masson arrived on the Hilton rooftop. Overwhelmed by the appearance of the object, Masson called the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) at 8.44. Inspector Minkoff of the RCMP said that Inspector Morin would be assigned to handle the case. Meanwhile, Officer Lipp=82 telephoned the MUCP's District Director, Denis Pare, who immediately telephoned the RCMP for 'in situ assistance'. Lipp=82 also called the control tower at Dorval International Airport.

He was informed (at 8.52) that he was not the first to call about the strange object and that nothing was seen on the airport radar. Almost simultaneously, Sgt Letendre, telephone operator at the RCMP Operations Centre, also called the Dorval airport and was referred to the Flight Path (Plans de Vol) Department.

Mr Laroche returned to his car for his personal 35 mm camera between 8.30 and 8.45 and returned to the rooftop of the Hilton.

At 9.00, Mr B=82liveau and Robert Mailloux, both La Presse journalists, arrived at the Hilton. Late, Mr B=82liveau described

seeing what is sketched in Figure 4. Because of the earlier telephone call by Sgt Masson for more assistance Denis Pare arrived at 9.00. Investigator Morin of the RCMP was also dispatched to the scene. However, before leaving his home, he called Major Thompson (commander of military operations of Canada's Department of National Defence - St. Hubert base) to discover whether or not military operations were being held in the area. He was told they were not.

The Photographs It was between 9.00 and 9.05 when Mr Laroche took the first of several photos with his camera. When he realised that the conditions were so dark that the photograph might not come out, he called a photographer at La Presse, using his cellular telephone, for advice, and was told to stabilise the camera on a bench near by and to use a 30-second manual exposure. The second exposure was taken about two or three minutes later. Co-author Bernard Gu=82nette contacted Mr Laroche on 8 April 1991 in order to inspect the photographs and negatives. Mr Laroche said, 'I have received no communications from any officials - Defence Department, RCMP or Montreal UCP - about any aspects of this event.' Mr Laroche was employed by La Presse as a journalist and not as a photographer and, therefore, owns all rights to the photographs he took. Nevertheless, he has not tried to capitalise on this fact to date. Mr Laroche mailed Dr Haines frames containing the two UFO photos, as well as some additional (unrelated) frames from the same roll of film.

One of the two photographs was published with an article in an edition of La Presse, which stated: 'Mr Sterling described some clouds in the sky. The lighted object had six lights on the perimeter of a large circle with a ray of light emitted from each one. Most witnesses described the rays as white, while some also claimed they saw blue, yellow and red lights. 6

Further Developments Having been called at his home, RCMP Faction Officer, Inspector Luc Morin (General Inquiries Department, RCMP), arrived at the Hilton at 9.30 and also saw the object; his description is very similar to that shown in Figure XX. At about this time, all three journalists left for their offices at La Presse to write the article which appeared on 8 November. Personnel from the Quebec Provincial Police (QPP) and the Canadian Security Service (CSIS) may also have been present along with the RCMP and MUCP, according to a witness who was qualified to make this observation.

Also present on the rooftop at 9.40 was another Hilton Hotel guest, an Air Canada Pilot. He remarked that he estimated the altitude of the object was between 8,000 and 10,000 feet, although the cloud ceiling was at about 3,500 feet at the time.

Thoughtfully, Officer Lipp=82 contacted the superintendent of a forty-five-story commercial building being built across the street to the west of the Hilton (at 1000 de la Gaucheti=8Are) to turn off all the intense lights which were located on the top of a construction crane. As was expected no influence was noticed on the appearance of the object when these lights were extinguished. There is no possibility that the object was a direct or indirect result of these construction lights shining upward on to the bottom of clouds due to the very great difference in cloud base height above the top of the building. Likewise, the calculated angle (from vertical) from the top of the Hilton to the top of the forty-five-story commercial building was about 60 degrees, which is much lower than the object.

As Officer Lipp=82 was telephoning Lt Proulx of the MUCP's Survey (monitoring) Department at 9.45 for a video camera to be brought to the Hilton, Officer O'Connor arrived from the MUCP's Judicial Identity Department in order to take photographs with his 35mm photographic camera. (Officer Michel Cote of the MUCP Survey Department arrived at the hotel at 10.20 with a camcorder but the object was no longer visible, so he left again). No photographs were taken, however, because 'the clouds were too thick', even though the object was still faintly visible to the eye. He did not try to obtain a low-contrast image using a very long exposure (as the journalist had successfully managed to do).

Investigator Morin telephoned the Montreal Headquarters of the RCMP at 9.58, some twenty-eight minutes after he first saw the object, to request more assistance in order to 'solve this mystery'. Morin stated that the object disappeared from sight at

about 10.10, due to increasingly dense cloud cover. If true, this suggests that the object remained at a constant altitude while the cloud base became lower and lower, but this is impossible to verify. The cloud base was about 3,600 feet above ground level (AGL), very opaque, and from 4,000 to 5,000 feet thick, when the object was last seen. Mr Sterling later estimated that by about 10.00, the object had moved to a position above the north-west corner of the pool. Inspector Morin left the Hilton at 10.10; the MUCP policeman left at 10.30.

Mr Sterling's estimate of the visual (angular) size of the object's body (see fig XXX) is inconsistent with his statement that the object moved from the south-east to the north-west corner of the pool during the course of the entire sighting period. If the object was at an altitude of even 3,000 feet and subtended an angle of 20 degrees, it would be 1,058 feet across. A horizontal movement of such a large object of only 65 feet, the diagonal dimension of the swimming pool, is only 6 per cent of the objects width. This very small movement, extended evenly over two-and-a-half-hour period, very likely would be perceptually invisible. It is more likely that his estimate of the objects position was in error and influenced by where he was standing when he made these judgments.

A Mr Pierre Caumartin said that while he was driving home from work between 10.30 and 11.00, he saw some 'very odd lights, a strange luminous object in a boomerang shape low in the sky at about the level of the clouds'. Its lights wwere 'very big and strong'. He thought that it might have illuminated the interior of his car. Upon arriving near his home in the eastern section of Montreal, not far from the Longue-Pointe Military Base, he watched the object hover near the Hydro-Quebec Longue-Pointe power station, which receives 12,000 volts of electricity. When he got out of his car, he heard a 'purring' sound, and thought the object was a dirigible with only a gondola visible below the cloud base. His total sighting lasted from ten to fifteen minutes.

The Longue-Pointe Military base is the largest military base of the Montreal Canadian Forces Garrison, with forty-eight regular units and detachments, of about 1,900 persons, twenty-five reserve units with 3,000 persons and ninety-seven cadet corps with 7,500 persons. It also supports three military schools. No one at the base could be found who saw the aerial object on November 7.

A power failure (hors tension) was experienced between 11.08 and 11.50 at the Longue-Pointe Military Base. The base is recieves a 12,000 volt feed from the Hydro-Quebec Longue-Pointe power station. It is the only one which broke down on November 7 1990 between 11.08 and 11.50. A check of the operating records of telecommunications networks, amateur radio operators and telephone circuits during the evening of November 7 1990 did not uncover any unusual malfunctions.

In summary, all of the professionally trained eye-witnesses inspected the luminous, stationary object for between one and two-and-a-half hours; yet no one was able to obtain any photographic, magnetic, radio frequency, microwave radiation or other 'hard' evidence of the aerial object, or even request that an aircraft be sent up to investigate. One has to ask how long an unusual aerial phenomenon must remain stationary and in plain sight in order to evoke an adequate scientific and/or technical analysis response. This is yet another reason why traditional science has not become involved in UFO studies.

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Hi Jason,

This isn't to deny your reasoning - but you've got a problem:
those two 'c' words (capitalism and communism) are both used to
describe the same and also contradictory systems.

Face it, if a planet is fully inhabited and 'exploited' there
are only two possible alternatives: mass slavery if anyone
insists on being richer than the others, the resources are
finite don't forget (and slavery has been enforced under both
"c" word systems); or equal sharing and 'ownership' of resources
(which could have been the norm world-wide in the ancient past,
from Indus Valley, which lasted in England until the 'Enclosure
Acts' and theft of the 'commons', and which seemed to persist in
much of North America until disrupted by invading Europeans).

Returning to this thread's original claim - think the likeliest
explanation (of _all_ symptoms) was given by Profs. Jack Cohen &
Ian Stewart when referring to truly advanced beings - "We simply
would not know they were here unless they wanted us to" (from
Evolving The Alien, 2002), and later "[some aliens] might exist
only in the gaps where the human perceptual systems are in their
refractory phase and cannot register their existence." (from
What Does a Martian Look Like? The Science of Extra-terrestrial
Life').

However there's a warning note added by Jacques Vallee - "UFOs
do exist. They are astounding physical anomalies that have the
ability to affect the perception of time and space and the
consciousness of those who come close to them... the UFO
phenomenon represents evidence for other dimensions beyond
space-time" and "Somebody is going to an awful lot of trouble to
convince the world that we are threatened by beings from outer
space."

Re: Why We Haven't Discovered/Been Discovered By

As you can probably see, there seems to be more than one
'agency' at work.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Multicolored Snow FallingIn Siberia -

From: **Brian Millington** <millington.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2007 22:10:22 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2007 16:39:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Multicolored Snow FallingIn Siberia -

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 3 Feb 2007 10:41:28 -0500
>Subject: Multicolored Snow FallingIn Siberia

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>Smelly Multi-Colored Snow Falls In Siberia

<snip>

>I wonder if this is related to the red rain in India?

It would be good to have a analysis of the stuff falling in
Siberia for comparison.

Brian Millington

[Much discussed topic here - see:

<http://tinyurl.com/ywu2a5>

--ebk]

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Re: Why We Haven't Discovered/Been Discovered By

From: Greg Boone Evolbaby.nul
Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2007 16:13:28 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2007 07:11:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Why We Haven't Discovered/Been Discovered By

>Source: The GeekZone.Co - Wellington, New Zealand

><http://www.geekzone.co.nz/inane/2075>

>1-Feb-2007

>Why We Haven't Discovered/Been Discovered By Aliens

>By J.W.

<snip>

>However making the assumption that the conspiracies are not
>>true, I would like to offer my personal predictions about why we
>haven't met or been discovered by intelligent life from another
>planet.

>1. Distance - this is a totally obvious one, our galaxy is
>approx 20,000 parsecs across, or in more human terms (with a
>totally incomprehensible number) 6.1713605 =D7 1017 kilometres
>across.

<snip>

Distance isn't the problem. The inability to solve the problem
of assuming distance is the via to travel is the problem.
Distance used to be a problem with we humans 100+ years ago
before the invention of trains, cars, planes and fast boats.
What's a problem today will only be a problem tomorrow if we
neglect to confront and see the problem for what it is, real or
imagined.

As for that big number mentioned I can see the puppet character
The Count from Sesame Street going after that one.

>2. We are the aliens.

>My personal view, that I like to have even though there is no
>way for it to be based in any sort of factual arena is the
>reason that we have not been visited by aliens, or communicated
>with aliens is because we are the first and fastest evolving,
>and that it will be us exploring the galaxy and the universe and
>finding other civilizations, bringing them up to date etc.

We're no where near the top of the food chain on this planet.
Mosquitoes and those gnat like bugs that fly into the center
fielder's eye after a hit making it a homer are. Those gnat like
bugs are awesome. They know exactly which outfielder to
sacrifice a 'fly' in the eye to.

<snip>

>3. Lack of funding.

>It could also be that intelligent lifeforms elsewhere face the
>same beauraucratic issues that we do and never have enough
>funding or budget to explore on a wider scale, so instead of

>exploring the whole haystack, the can only explore part of one
>peice of hay at a time. (needle in a haystack etc.)

There's no such thing as a lack of funding. Only a lack of interest and cooperation to engage in an activity. Example being some of us want cars to run on water. Some of us don't.

Bottom line is we've already discovered aliens and aliens have already discovered us. Problem is aliens have been trying to tell their supreme alien overlords that life exists on Earth and the overlords don't believe them. Neither do the other alien neighbors. Everytime a flying saucer comes to Earth and sees us humans they radio back to their planet and are met with laughs and ridicule. They then get upset, kidnap some humans and bring them back to their planet but the governments there say they made the humans with artificial genetic engineering.

Even the alien news services are in on the gag. They run demeaning photos of the alien voyagers to Earth with headlines like,

"Aliens Exist On Earth Says Saucer Lagged Explorer".

Then their neighbors tease them and they freak out and come back to Earth and get more specimens and before you know it us humans and other earthly denizens are spread out all throughout the galaxy.

Best,

Greg

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Ice Meteors

From: Gord Heath <gordheath.nul>
Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2007 15:34:22 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2007 07:43:27 -0500
Subject: Ice Meteors

Since the mention of recent multi-colored snowfalls in Siberia, I thought List readers might be interested in the following news photo that may relate to recent storms in Florida:

http://www.ctv.ca/gallery/html/weekly_photo_20070202/photo_9.html

We had a similar report back in January 2000, here in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, that we reported on our UFOBC website.

<http://www.ufobc.ca/Supernatural/Forteana/whizzbang.htm>

It seems to me, that some of these large ice chunks do not fall from airplanes. It makes most sense to me that they are 'ice meteors' or else just some 'Forteana phenomena' like the fish and frog falls that are occasionally reported.

This was shortly followed by an ice-fall which hit a truck in Medicine Hat, Alberta in February 2000.

<http://www.aufosg.com/page78.html>

Some scientists believe these are results of strange atmospheric conditions.

<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/news/758461/posts>

<http://www.damninteresting.com/?p=506>

<http://tierra.rediris.es/megacryometeors/index2.html>

Not classic UFOs, but an interesting mystery nonetheless...

Cheers,

Gord Heath
UFOBC

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Re: Multicolored Snow Falling In Siberia - Boone

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>falling in Siberia. The snow varies in color from orange through
>green. Here are some reports:

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I recall as a kid reading an encyclopedia article that noted
multicolored snow on the tops of mountains. It was attributed to
pollen.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Interview With Geoff Dittman Of UFOROM -

From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Feb 2007 11:15:17 +1000
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2007 07:56:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Interview With Geoff Dittman Of UFOROM -

From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex.ufobras.nul>
To: ufoupdates.nul
Date: Sat, 3 Feb 2007 11:15:01 -0200
Subject: Interview With Geoff Dittman Of UFOROM

Interview With Geoff Dittman Of UFOROM:
Ufology Research of Manitoba

by Milton Frank
President Brazilian Ufology Center

<snip>

9 - What is the Ufology future in your opinion?

That's a depressing question. I don't mean to sound pessimistic, but as we come to the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the modern UFO era in North America (the Kenneth Arnold case in 1947) I can't help but wonder what we have accomplished in all those years. In short, very little. And I don't expect we will accomplish much more in the years to come. At least not the near future anyways. But that isn't the fault of researchers.

<snip>

I suggest any researcher who shares Geoff's view take heart in knowing they play an irreplaceable role in helping people who report UFO sightings and close encounters maintain their sanity in a seemingly insane situation. By educating reportees in the knowledge they are not alone in what they've seen or experienced gives them something to grasp on to as many begin their quest into what I call the slippery world of "more", eg....

1. My world is filled with more than I realised
2. My idea of reality is now more
3. Am I so much more than I once thought?
4. Can humanity be more than it is?
5. How many more populated worlds are there in the universe?
6. Do more worlds exist in other dimensions?
7. How many more dimensions are there?

You get the idea...

When people turn that key in their minds it changes everything for them and everyone/everything else. And isn't this on the long list of why so many researchers give their time to this subject, eg. to bring out the truth thereby achieving change. Yet the reality is change has been occurring underfoot all along by the personal support every reportee receives.

I've heard many statements in UFO circles to the effect that if researchers can change one persons life by doing what they do then it's all been worth it. Well guess what? You are achieving

just that. So please don't ever underestimate the work you do.
To be there for another human being in a time of question or
crisis is invaluable.

Sheryl

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Leupp Residents Report Another UFO

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Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2007 08:16:13 -0500
Subject: Leupp Residents Report Another UFO

Source: The Navajo Hopi Observer - Flagstaff, Arizona, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/ynk36r>

1/30/2007

Leupp Residents Report Another UFO Sighting In Night Time Sky
by
Rebecca Schubert

LEUPP--The possibility of life beyond earth is indubitable. So, we all wait on earth until that moment when something will attempt to make contact or visit this planet.

For residents in Leupp, the wait ended with the most recent incident of a UFO visiting the area reportedly took place at approximately 7:40 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 24.

According to Sean and Deanna Dover, they were driving home from Flagstaff toward Leupp when Deanna spotted a curious looking object above their Honda Accord.

"I saw a bright light and told my brother to watch it," Deanna, 20, said. "Then it disappeared, then reappeared. I didn't see it as much as he did, because I had to concentrate on driving."

"We were about 10 miles out of Leupp and my sister said she saw something," Sean, a senior at Sinaugua High School, said. "It had a circle around it and was about one-and-a-half miles above us. It had three lights and was a triangular shape. We kept on driving and when we reached Leupp we saw it had four lights," Sean said.

The UFO then flew over the Church of the Nazarene and the Leupp Public School, they said.

"When it reached the edge of town it went into stealth mode and had only one dim light," Sean remembered.

The pair drove through Leupp and rushed home to tell their parents what they'd experienced.

"We went inside and got my dad's Night Vision," Sean said explaining that his father is a Navajo Nation Police Ranger equipped with the special device enabling the user to see clearly in the dark.

Sean, Deanna and their parents then went outside to watch the object.

"Then two jets intercepted it in the air. They came from the southwest," Sean said. "Then it headed east. Eight minutes later it lost them and circled back to Leupp. When it got here it started blinking its lights."

Sean explained his confidence in the identification of the

object as a UFO and not any other type of aircraft.

"It was traveling too fast to be an airplane and not emitting any noises that a helicopter or plane would have made flying that high," Sean said.

As the family viewed the events, their mother Daisy's friend and colleague Denise Fredericks, a fifth grade teacher at the Leupp Elementary School was witnessing the same things from her nearby home.

"I was coming home from my son's basketball game in Dilkon. When I came inside the house my husband said, 'Daisy just called and said there was something in the sky,' then I saw a triangular thing go overhead," Fredericks said.

Fredericks and Daisy Scott-Dover then met in the center of Leupp near the gas station and watched the events with approximately 30 other stargazers.

"There were two other planes and another aircraft that it looked like was refueling them," Fredericks said.

"It was flying straight and then it turned. It went toward Bird Springs and then turned toward Tolani Lake and then came back this way," she said.

Each of the witnesses described the object as triangular with three or four tiers. On the underside of the craft was a sphere with a pulsating light.

Fredericks and Scott-Dover said the UFO emitted a "yellowish" light and was approximately twice the size of the Leupp Elementary School gymnasium.

The UFO circled the area 15 times.

On the last turn, the craft lights went dark, then suddenly and rapidly illuminated. Finally, the UFO headed southeast toward Winslow.

According to the viewers, several other witnesses attempted to snap shots of the events. However, due to the darkness and distance from the ground, capturing the aircrafts in a photo was not possible.

Each of those interviewed said the events were unique due to the proximity of UFO to the ground, as well as the fact that it was traveling alone. However, it was not the first time they had experienced the presence of a UFO.

"It was really interesting to watch. I believe that it really was a UFO because of my family's history. I've seen [UFOs] too many times to remember," Sean said. "Leupp is a hot spot for UFOs."

Sean said that "normally" there are numerous UFOs traveling together in a triangular formation.

"We see them, well, I don't want to say we see them all the time, but it's happened before," Deanna said. "When they had that big sighting in Phoenix back in 1991, we saw the same lights here the night before. I guess it's just that no one ever calls it in or reports it here. This was pretty cool. I've never seen anything that detailed before...because it was so close."

Dover-Scott and Fredericks agreed that Leupp residents are no strangers to such events and cited similar experiences 15 and 17 years ago.

"We get so excited about these things," Fredericks said. "It was unbelievable because you hear of sightings, but when it happens to you...."

"I guess people don't talk about it because it's kind of a mystery," Deanna offered.

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

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Falling Ice Generates Conspiracy Theories

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Source: The Tampa Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://www.tbo.com/news/metro/MGBY9K3BSXE.html>

Feb 5, 2007

Falling Ice Generates Conspiracy Theories

By Jason Geary
The Tampa Tribune

TAMPA - A large block of ice plummets from the Florida heavens, wrecking a Ford Mustang parked on a neighborhood street and triggering theories on its origin from across the country.

Readers fascinated by the 18-inch frozen chunk that smashed into Andres Javage's car Jan. 28 have suggested investigators not overlook "the UFO angle" and check whether there might be a connection with China "blowing up" a satellite.

Still, others were convinced the falling ice was simply a hoax.

Weather experts said weather conditions that day wouldn't create such a large ice brick. Meanwhile, the Federal Aviation Administration is checking whether a passing airplane might be to blame.

As authorities puzzle over what caused the phenomenon, Javage, 20, can take heart in knowing his smashed car is not alone.

News reports tell of similar tales of mayhem from falling ice chunks, including one that crashed into a California gymnasium last year and another striking a house in Pennsylvania only weeks ago.

Nina Gambone knows how mysterious ice can disrupt a life.

The 33-year-old Massachusetts woman thought she heard a bomb explode outside her home in Leominster on Jan. 27, 2005. "I was sort of scared to go outside," she said.

She discovered a beach-ball size piece of ice ripped into the roof of her 1991 Toyota Corolla. Moments earlier, she and her 14-year-old son had parked the car and gone inside.

"If my son had still been sitting there, he would have been killed," she said.

Gambone said her insurance company wouldn't cover the damage, and the FAA never identified whether an airplane was responsible.

The graphic artist and Web designer built a Web site detailing her frustrating situation, complete with pictures of the wreckage and tracking images showing the airplane that she thinks caused the damage.

Kathleen Bergen, an FAA spokeswoman in Atlanta, said investigators are researching what aircraft were overhead about the time the Mustang was struck in Tampa.

Javage's father, Carlos, said his son has full insurance coverage on his car.

"To me it came off an aircraft, no doubt in my mind," Carlos Javage said.

John Young, who lives across the street from where the Mustang was struck, said some of the ice remains in his freezer for safekeeping - particularly if any testing needs to be done on it.

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>Smelly Multi-Colored Snow Falls In Siberia

>POSTED: 10:02 am PST February 2, 2007

>MOSCOW -- Russian emergency workers have flown
>to a Siberian region where smelly, orange, yellow and green-
>colored snow fell earlier this week covering about 40 square
>miles, officials said Friday.

>The ministry said the snow, which fell Wednesday afternoon,
>was yellow, green and orange and had an oily texture and
>unpleasant smell.

>The RIA-Novosti news agency, meanwhile, cited an emergency
>official in the adjacent region of Tyumen, west of Omsk, as
>saying strange colored snow had fallen there as well.

<http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=6032459>

>I wonder if this is related to the red rain in India?

Details of the 'red rain' of Kerala, India are at:

<http://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0601022>

<http://www.astrobiology.cf.ac.uk/redrain.html>

It would be good to have such a lab analysis of the stuff
falling in Siberia for comparison. However, from the description
given, it does not appear to be the same material or anything
like it. In fact, it seems more likely to be industrial waste
from high factory chimneys. Many factories in Russia have no
chimney filters. More likely an oil refinery is to blame for
this environmental pollution.

Brian Millington

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ET Has Called Earth Home?

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Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Feb 2007 08:21:51 -0500
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Source: Philippine Daily Inquirer - Makat, Philippines

<http://tinyurl.com/249z6y>

02/05/2007

ET Has Called Earth Home?
By Jaime Licauco
Inquirer

MANILA, Philippines--EACH soul that incarnates on Earth brings with it memories of its life=92s sojourns or travels in other planetary systems and galaxies.

Many people are not originally from this planet. Most are extraterrestrials (ET) from other worlds.

This is the extraordinary thesis of American researcher Scott Mandelker, who wrote the book =93From Elsewhere, Being ET in America.=94 According to him, humans have been seeded into Earth to nourish and develop this planet for habitation by other life forms at some future date.

Many beings from other galaxies have been migrating to this planet for thousands of years completely unknown to others, even to themselves.

We can detect these ETs among us if we are sensitive and discerning enough. These ETs do not hold the same values most earth people have. They do not conform easily to outward pressures. They have a mind of their own and they think in ways that separate them from the rest of humanity.

They are pioneers who change the course of events on this planet, whether in terms of new thoughts or ideas, new inventions or gadgets, new religion, new ways of relating to people.

Sometimes regarded as weird, they can rarely be ignored. Men and women of extraordinary other-worldly talents and skills include such beings as Nikola Tesla, William Shakespeare, Socrates, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, Francis Bacon, Ramses II, Moses and Jesus, to name just a few.

Their ideas often shock when first articulated or stated. They may defy current, cultural and moral standards. But, in the end, their contribution will be upheld by future generations.

Before entering the hall or inner chambers of the Oracle of Delphi, the querent (defined by Wikipedia as an individual who goes to some form of psychic reader) will see on each gate the signs =93Know thy self=94 and =93Nothing to excess.=94 The first task of every human being is to know himself/herself. Only by knowing one=92s true identity can he/she attain enlightenment or =93gnosis.=94

When we are asked the question =93Who are you?=94 how do we answer?

We may give our name, family name, parents, schools attended, degrees earned, place of birth, even one=92s Social Security System or Government Service Insurance System number.

But do these define us or tell others who we are? No, they only give out information outside of us. For we are not our names, our parents, our school, or SSS number. These are all outside of us and reveal nothing about who we really are.

So the ancient Greeks were correct in insisting that the initiate first answered that question before he/she could be allowed entry into the innermost chambers of the Oracle, where the high priestess sat in a deep trance, ready to answer any question asked her.

If we can but stop for a moment to reflect on that seemingly simple question, =93Who are you?=94 we will begin to notice that there is more to us than what we have enumerated about ourselves. Perhaps there is some truth to the theory that we are of extraterrestrial origin. And, therefore, all our answers, no matter how extensive or how long, are all wrong!

We can truly say we come from outer space or, if you are more religiously inclined, we may say from heaven. What the heck are we doing in this calamity-prone planet? Some say, =93This dying planet.=94

Well, to be honest, humankind has almost failed in its task of nourishing this planet. Instead, humans have helped bring about our planet=92s imminent death by their wanton destruction of the environment, the ozone layer and natural resources. We have lost touch with our mission of preserving this planet for future extraterrestrial generations.

We don=92t yet have the capability of interplanetary travel. We are doomed to stay here, so let us stop destroying it. We have nowhere else to go=97at least for the time being, until we again learn interstellar travel and habitation.

Note: For inquiries on books, paranormal services and seminars on Inner Mind Development, ESP and Intuition Development, and Soulmates, Karma & Reincarnation conducted by this writer, please call 8107245, 8926806, or fax 8159890. E-mail: innerawareness.2005.nul)

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>By Jason Geary
>The Tampa Tribune

>TAMPA - A large block of ice plummets from the Florida heavens,
>wrecking a Ford Mustang parked on a neighborhood street and
>triggering theories on its origin from across the country.

Remember that everyone discounted meteorites until they simply could not get away with it any longer.

Remember that falls of blocks of ice like this have been reported for hundreds of years, long before airplanes were a convenient excuse.

Two things need to be done. First someone needs to take some samples from the inside of one of these blocks and analyze the water. Water from terrestrial sources ought to show specific contaminants.

Secondly, someone should calculate the mass of the ice block when it hit, and figure out from that and the damage just how fast it was moving.

I think what we're seeing in some of these cases is what is left of large ice meteors, large enough that a big chunk survives and doesn't completely vaporize as it falls through our atmosphere.

We know that some comets are made up mostly of ice, and there may be ice asteroids as well. Ice meteors is not a particularly big stretch.

Bob Shell

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Re: Why We Haven't Discovered/Been Discovered By

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Feb 2007 10:11:24 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Feb 2007 08:25:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Why We Haven't Discovered/Been Discovered By

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2007 20:16:09 -0000
>Subject: Re: Why We Haven't Discovered/Been Discovered By Aliens

>>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2007 13:08:57 EST
>>Subject: Re: Why We Haven't Discovered/Been Discovered By Aliens

<snip>

>>...The future is not Capitalism. Believe it or not, a modified
>>form of Communism will most likely be adapted by any organic
>>extraterrestrial species. Consider a futuristic society where
>>people are managed by Intelligent Machines. This scenario would
>>prove ideal for Communism, due to the complete removal of humans
>>from positions of power, thus preventing possible corruption.
>>Likewise, money as we know it will not play a part in our future
>>as well. Capitalism is just not sustainable. It's likely a form
>>of 'currency' based on energy surplus/deficits will be utilized.
>>Such a system will of course do away with the concept of 'rarity
>>as priceless', as everything will be based on the energy used to
>>manufacture or obtain such item and not it's 'rarity.' (I must
>>stress I'm not a Commie, just doing some unbiased intelligent
>>speculation concerning the future, something which should also
>>help us when applied to extraterrestrials.)

>Hi Jason,

>This isn't to deny your reasoning - but you've got a problem:
>those two 'c' words (capitalism and communism) are both used to
>describe the same and also contradictory systems.

>Face it, if a planet is fully inhabited and 'exploited' there
>are only two possible alternatives: mass slavery if anyone
>insists on being richer than the others, the resources are
>finite don't forget (and slavery has been enforced under both
>"c" word systems); or equal sharing and 'ownership' of resources
>(which could have been the norm world-wide in the ancient past,
>from Indus Valley, which lasted in England until the 'Enclosure
>Acts' and theft of the 'commons', and which seemed to persist in
>much of North America until disrupted by invading Europeans).

Yes, both 'C' words have many things in common. I guess the
main deciding factor would be that humans would be in control
of their own destiny, not an outside force. Let humans decide
their own course of action, Free Will.

>Returning to this thread's original claim - think the likeliest
>explanation (of _all_ symptoms) was given by Profs. Jack Cohen &
>Ian Stewart when referring to truly advanced beings - "We simply
>would not know they were here unless they wanted us to" (from
>Evolving The Alien, 2002), and later "[some aliens] might exist
>only in the gaps where the human perceptual systems are in their
>refractory phase and cannot register their existence." (from
>What Does a Martian Look Like? The Science of Extra-terrestrial
>Life').

We could only pray that an alien rebel with a heart of gold would experience 'humanness' and would be willing to sacrifice their own existence in order to free humanity from any state of slavery or extinction.

>However there's a warning note added by Jacques Vallee - "UFOs >do exist. They are astounding physical anomalies that have the >ability to affect the perception of time and space and the >consciousness of those who come close to them... the UFO >phenomenon represents evidence for other dimensions beyond >space-time" and "Somebody is going to an awful lot of trouble to >convince the world that we are threatened by beings from outer >space."

I question why Vallee thinks himself immune from the 'deceptiveness' of the phenomena. I won't speculate on magic and elves, but all of the phenomena can be explained rationally and scientifically. Put yourself in 'their' shoes. They are protecting something. This is their weakness.

>As you can probably see, there seems to be more than one >'agency' at work.

Are you immune to their 'deceptiveness?' They are one.

- Jason Gammon

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Large UFO Spotted Near Winslow Arizona

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Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Feb 2007 08:32:18 -0500
Subject: Large UFO Spotted Near Winslow Arizona

Source: The Winslow Mail - Prescott Valley, Arizona, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2rtdmb>

1/31/2007

Large UFO Spotted Near Winslow

Northern Arizona Navajos watch a strange ship fly around for over an hour

By Rebecca Schubert
Winslow Mail

[Artistic rendering by Sean Dover of what he claimed to have saw flying above Leupp, Ariz. on his way back home from school in Flagstaff.]

LEUPP - ["Loop"] Ariz. The possibility of life beyond earth is indubitable. So, we all wait on earth until that moment when something will attempt to make contact or visit this planet.

For some residents in Leupp, the wait ended with the most recent incident of a UFO visiting the area. It reportedly took place at approximately 7:40 p.m., Wed., Jan. 24 and was visible until after 9 p.m.

According to Sean and Deanna Dover, they were driving home from Flagstaff toward Leupp when Deanna spotted a curious looking object above their Honda Accord.

"I saw a bright light and told my brother to watch it," Deanna, 20, said. "Then it disappeared, then reappeared. I didn't see it as much as he did, because I had to concentrate on driving."

"We were about 10 miles out of Leupp and my sister said she saw something," said Sean, a senior at Sinagua High School. "It had a circle around it and was about one-and-a-half miles above us. It had three lights and was a triangular shape. We kept on driving and when we reached Leupp we saw it had four lights," Sean said.

The UFO then flew over the Church of the Nazarene and the Leupp Public School, they said.

"When it reached the edge of town it went into stealth mode and had only one dim light," Sean remembered.

The pair drove through Leupp and rushed home to tell their parents what they'd experienced.

"We went inside and got my dad's night vision goggles," Sean said explaining that his father is a Navajo Nation Police Ranger equipped with the special device enabling the user to see clearly in the dark.

Sean, Deanna and their parents then went outside to watch the object.

"Then two jets intercepted it in the air. They came from the southwest," Sean said. "Then it headed east. Eight minutes later it lost them and circled back to Leupp. When it got here it started blinking its lights."

Sean explained his confidence in the identification of the object as a UFO and not any other type of aircraft.

"It was traveling too fast to be an airplane and not emitting any noises that a helicopter or plane would have made flying that high," Sean said.

As the family viewed the events, their mother Daisy's friend and colleague Denise Fredericks, a fifth grade teacher at the Leupp Elementary School was witnessing the same things from her nearby home.

"I was coming home from my son's basketball game in Dilkon. When I came inside the house my husband said, 'Daisy just called and said there was something in the sky,' then I saw a triangular thing go overhead," Fredericks said.

Fredericks and Daisy Scott-Dover then met in the center of Leupp near the gas station and watched the events with approximately 30 other stargazers.

"There were two other planes and another aircraft that it looked like was refueling them," Fredericks said.

"It was flying straight and then it turned. It went toward Bird Springs and then turned toward Tolani Lake and then came back this way," she said.

Each of the witnesses described the object as triangular with three or four tiers. On the underside of the craft was a sphere with a pulsating light.

Fredericks and Scott-Dover said the UFO emitted a "yellowish" light and was approximately twice the size of the Leupp Elementary School gymnasium.

The UFO circled the area 15 times.

On the last turn, the craft lights went dark, then suddenly and rapidly illuminated across in a sequential pattern. Finally, the UFO headed southeast toward Winslow.

According to the viewers, several other witnesses attempted to snap shots of the events. However, due to the darkness and distance from the ground, capturing the aircrafts in a photo was not possible.

Each of those interviewed said the events were unique due to the proximity of UFO to the ground, as well as the fact that it was traveling alone. However, it was not the first time they had experienced the presence of a UFO.

"It was really interesting to watch. I believe that it really was a UFO because of my family's history. I've seen [UFO'S] too many times to remember," Sean said. "Leupp is a hot spot for UFO's."

Sean said that "normally" there are numerous UFO's traveling together in a triangular formation.

"We see them, well, I don't want to say we see them all the time, but it's happened before," Deanna said. "When they had that big sighting in Phoenix back in 1991, we saw the same lights here the night before. I guess it's just that no one ever calls it in or reports it here. This was pretty cool. I've never seen anything that detailed before because it was so close."

Dover-Scott and Fredericks agreed that Leupp residents are no strangers to such events and cited similar experiences 15 and 17 years ago.

"We get so excited about these things," Fredericks said. "It was unbelievable because you hear of sightings, but when it happens

to you=8A."

"I guess people don't talk about it because it's kind of a mystery," Deanna offered.

[Thanks to Lance P. for the lead]

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Re: Ice Meteors - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 Feb 2007 13:38:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Feb 2007 08:34:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Ice Meteors - Ledger

>From: Gord Heath <gordheath.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 04 Feb 2007 15:34:22 -0800
>Subject: Ice Meteors

>Since the mention of recent multi-colored snowfalls in
>Siberia, I thought List readers might be interested in the
>following news photo that may relate to recent storms in
>Florida:

>http://www.ctv.ca/gallery/html/weekly_photo_20070202/photo_9.html

>We had a similar report back in January 2000, here in Surrey,
>British Columbia, Canada, that we reported on our UFOBC website.

><http://www.ufobc.ca/Supernatural/Forteana/whizzbang.htm>

>It seems to me, that some of these large ice chunks do not fall
>from airplanes. It makes most sense to me that they are 'ice
>meteors' or else just some 'Fortean phenomena' like the fish and
>frog falls that are occasionally reported.

>This was shortly followed by an ice-fall which hit a truck in
>Medicine Hat, Alberta in February 2000.

><http://www.aufosg.com/page78.html>

>Some scientists believe these are results of strange atmospheric
>conditions.

><http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/news/758461/posts>

><http://www.damninteresting.com/?p=506>

><http://tierra.rediris.es/megacryometeors/index2.html>

>Not classic UFOs, but an interesting mystery nonetheless...

Some years ago there was an atmospheric scientist who was puzzled by photographic evidence via weather satellites of huge objects impacting the upper atmosphere at the poles that seemed to dissipate rather than having fiery re-entries. He deduced that these were hundreds or thousands of house sized chunks of ice that didn't survive the journey downward intact-each day. He was pooh pawed by the mainstream.

Some of you might recall this from about 5-7 years ago. Maybe he was right and the chunks of ice we are hearing about now are from some of these larger chunks that didn't completely melt.

Don Ledger

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Re: Visual Evidence Of Phoenix Lights Craft? -

From: Peter B. Davenport <director.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Feb 2007 10:29:13 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Feb 2007 08:36:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Visual Evidence Of Phoenix Lights Craft? -

>From: David Kinsella <d_kinsella_80.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2007 09:36:47 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Visual Evidence Of Phoenix Lights Craft?

>Hello Everyone,

>I'd like to know if there are any photographs or video footage of the
>gigantic boomerang-shaped craft - correct me if I'm wrong
>- that was observed flying over Phoenix, AZ in 1997.

>We know there are a good number of pictures and pieces of footage of the
>balls of light that appeared on that same night but so far I haven't come
>across any visual evidence of the craft.

>Any info would be appreciate, thanks.

David,

There were several video tape recordings made of the objects that appeared over Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico on Thursday night, March 13, 1997.

Shortly after the event had occurred, it was reported by investigators and news media that six or seven videos had been taken by citizens on the ground. I have a copy of one of them in my possession.

Seven hours after the incident had begun, NUFORC received a telephone call from a USAF Airman, who reported that the two F-15 "C" fighters had taken photos of at least one object. The Airman reported to us that after he had helped lift the pilot from one of the fighters, he then raced around to the starboard wing of the aircraft, removed at least one video tape from the "LANTIRN II" pod, and raced it to a waiting T-39, whose engines were already running. The T-39 then taxied to the main runway, accompanied by an F-15, and the two jets took off together, headed for a destination unknown to the Airman.

Three days later, the Airman called NUFORC to report that he had just been transferred to a base in Greenland. We have not heard from him since.

Peter Davenport
NUFORC

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UFO Sightings In Midwest? No, But Meteor Light

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Date: Tue, 06 Feb 2007 08:39:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Feb 2007 08:39:47 -0500
Subject: UFO Sightings In Midwest? No, But Meteor Light

Source: The National Ledger - Apache Junction, Arizona, USA

http://www.nationalledger.com/artman/publish/article_272611397.shtml

Feb 5, 2007

[Links in article]

UFO Sightings In Midwest? No, But Meteor Light Show Fills Sky
By Gene Byrd

Great balls of fire. Scores of people all over the Midwest and Upper Midwestern United States reported seeing flames and fiery explosions in the sky Sunday night. The Associated Press reports that from southeastern Wisconsin to as far as Des Moines, Iowa and St. Louis, people reported seeing balls of fire, possibly meteors, streaking across the sky on Sunday night.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports that calls flooded 911 operators and area police departments, the Missouri Highway Patrol said. Callers described the spectacle in various ways, some saying it looked like a plane crash and others calling it a ball of fire in the sky.

A preliminary report Sunday indicated that the lights were from a meteor, said Maj. April Cunningham, a spokeswoman for North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, which watches for airborne threats to the United States and Canada, reports AP.

"We had a pilot reporting seeing a meteor and that's really all the information we have tonight," Cunningham said. Reports came from residents in central Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Wisconsin and Minnesota, the Missouri Highway Patrol said.

According to the Post-Dispatch, the patrol forwarded the information to the Federal Aviation Administration and had no reports of damage or landings from the potential meteor or space debris

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Recent Canadian sighting Reports Received

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Feb 2007 16:45:10 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Feb 2007 08:43:37 -0500
Subject: Recent Canadian sighting Reports Received

January 18, 2007

Over the Arctic Ocean in the High Arctic, North West Territories
At 2220Z, the pilot and crew of a United Airlines flight from
Chicago to Hong Kong watched as a "flaming ball" passed by their
aircraft. They reported that the object passed them "from high
to low" and "appeared to be on a flat trajectory" and was
"dropping wreckage." It was only observed for about one second
before it dropped into the cloud cover below. The altitude of
the object was estimated to be about 34,000 feet. The latitude
of the sighting was about 9 degrees from the North Pole.

January 27, 2007

Winnipeg, Manitoba

I was just sitting in my apartment watching hockey when at
approx 10:15 pm something caught my eye out the window. (4th
floor facing south) My first instinct was something was falling
from the sky possibly a plane, but I couldn't hear any noise and
for the 4-5 seconds I observed it, I could see it was a bright
bluish-green colored light and a second strobing or pulsating
light. (I think that's why I thought it was a plane at first.)
It was traveling North to South falling steeply and quickly and
fell out of my view in the southern horizon. It appeared to be
headed to crash into the ground 1 or 2 kilometers away but I
heard or saw no evidence of explosion, the light just vanished.

January 27, 2007

Stony Mountain, Manitoba

At approximately 10:30 pm, we were travelling on Hwy 11 heading
south into Stony Mountain. It lasted about 6 seconds in total
until it disappeared. It was a bright blue object with a
white/light blue tail that Dave thought was a falling star. We
continued watching and we believe it was about 200-300 feet when
it turned to a bright green and then disappeared. We don't know
if it actually hit ground or if it disintegrated.

January 28, 2007

Baie-Comeau, Quebec

UFO observed between 17:20PM and 17:55 PM local. Object was
moving slowly from town towards the north i.e. toward the Hydro-
Quebec Manic 2 dam Its colour was a mix of yellow and green.

January 31, 2007

Hibbard, Quebec

1900 hrs local

A witness watched a large, round "haManitobaurger" shaped object with
8 "portholes" and several lights underneath. It appeared to be
"as big as a house" and about 150 feet tall and and 60 feet
wide. The object was green in colour, and appeared to be
hovering about 500 feet above the trees, making no noise. After
10 minutes, it moved away and was lost to sight. The witness'
dog had been barking for about half an hour before he went to
investigate.

February 4, 2007

Hibbard, Quebec

1833 hrs local

The same or similar object as in the previous report was seen

again by the same witness. This time, the object was much lower, only about 50 feet above the trees, and was seen for only about four or five minutes.

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Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos?

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Source: Alien Video.Net - Proxy Registration

<http://www.alienvideo.net/chicago-ohare-airport-ufo.php>

February 1, 2007

[I've traced this story back as far as I can - it seems to have originated at the above URL --ebk]

Dan Aykroyd Says O'Hare Footage Exists
by Derrick

And he has it! According to the former Saturday Night Live star, Dan Aykroyd and his group of filmmakers have come into possession of exclusive O'Hare Airport UFO photographs and video footage.

During a recent promotion for his line of Tequila beverages, I had a chance to speak briefly with Aykroyd about the topic of UFOs.

"Will you be releasing any more UFO documentaries?"

"We should have another DVD out by next year," Aykroyd replied. "You know there was a major sighting in Chicago recently," he said in referring to the O'Hare Airport UFO.

Acknowledging the event, I asked if there would be any exclusive O'Hare UFO content in the film. To my surprise, he said not only will they be exposing new photographs of the O'Hare Airport UFO, but exclusive video footage. Dan appeared excited about the new film and the O'Hare story, "it will have photographs, video, and the whole works!".

Lucrative Video Footage

If someone at Chicago's O'Hare Airport was in fact able to capture video footage of the November 2006 sighting, this person may also happen have an understanding of the immense value of such lucrative content. Quality UFO & Extraterrestrial video footage has been known to generate relatively big dollars. In 'holding out for the cash' an O'Hare eyewitness could in theory, make a lot of money off of the first & perhaps only video taken of this significant event in UFO history.

Greedy? Perhaps, but not something too many people would pass up on.

Dan Aykroyd on Speed Dial

Recognizing the opportunity to make loads of cash from a lucrative UFO video, who would you contact? Considering his appearances on the Outer Limits, his UFO TV series, and the recent documentary Dan Aykroyd: Unplugged on UFOs, it's not hard to see how Aykroyd would be a prime contact for delivering sensitive UFO video footage.

In cooperation with Dan on an upcoming film, not only would the witness be able to capitalize on possibly a large lump sum payment, but also on royalties for every DVD sold.

Aykyroyd indicated the new DVD will be released sometime next year. For any UFO documentary news, previews, and reviews stay updated right here on Alien Video

Expect a full preview for the film on Alien Video in anticipation of the film's release.

The plot thickens once again in the O'Hare UFO story as we now embrace a well established hollywood actor who has indicated that there is in fact video footage. It seems that now, it is not a question of whether or not such footage exists, but a question of when will it be available to the public.

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Empiricists Theorists Clash In Search For Alien

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Source: Fox News.Com

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,250381,00.html>

Tuesday, February 06, 2007

Empiricists, Theorists Clash In Search For Alien Life
By Leonard David

There is ongoing theoretical debate regarding how and where to spot other worlds circling distant stars. And there are new ground and in-space observational tools that are locking into real-time data.

Presently, 200-plus known extrasolar planets have been found - mostly huge gas giants like Jupiter within our own solar system of Sun-orbiting planets.

Given these discoveries - just within the last 10 years or so - under what conditions can we expect terrestrial planets to crop up? Moreover, just how common are habitable planets in the universe?

Planet scouting scientists met here January 26-28 at a media workshop sponsored by the University of Colorado's Center for Astrobiology to share theories as well as new observational information.

While the planetary plotting thickens, it's also a stew of opposite conclusions, assumptions, talk of new or weird physics, along with downright uncertainties.

It all adds up to a collegial clash between those that predict contrasted to observational findings.

Debate revived and revitalized

What's now taking place is that extrasolar planet researchers are shifting into high gear given ground and space-based tools. That being the case, will theories on spotting Earth-like worlds be overtaken by actual observation?

"Absolutely," responded Alan Boss, a research staff member at the Carnegie Institution's Department of Terrestrial Magnetism in Washington, D.C.

"Theorists spent several decades debating the formation of our solar system, where the basic physical characteristics had been known for centuries... number of planets, masses, separations, etc. That debate has now been revived and revitalized in the last decade by the ever-increasing information we are learning from extrasolar planetary systems," Boss explained to SPACE.com.

Boss said that the focus of the debate right now is on giant planets - because those are the ones that have been found to date in greatest abundance.

Theorists are parasites

But last December's liftoff of Europe's Convection, Rotation and planetary Transits (COROT) telescope - along with next year's slated takeoff of NASA's Kepler mission - signal near future discoveries of hot and warm super-Earths and habitable Earths, Boss suggested.

"We can expect an equally contentious debate over how to explain their formation and orbital evolution, though perhaps a debate that is not quite so contentious as the current debate over giant planet formation, given the two wildly different formation mechanisms being considered for them," Boss said.

A theory that explains the previously known might be plausible, Boss continued, but unless it can predict the unknown, it is of little value - and even then may eventually be proven incorrect by further observations.

"Theorists truly are parasites... and derive their sustenance from the growing body of observational evidence about other planetary systems," Boss concluded.

Synergistic understanding

"The standard theorist line is never believe in an observation unless it has been confirmed theoretically," said Jack Lissauer, a space scientist in the Planetary Systems Branch at NASA's Ames Research Center near Silicon Valley, California. "I'm trained as a theorist... but I'm interested in observations."

Lissauer is co-discoverer of the first four planets known to orbit about faint M dwarf stars. He also co-discovered two faint outer rings and two small inner moons of the planet Uranus.

To correspond to the real universe, researchers must be constrained by observations, Lissauer pointed out.

But in order to guide observations and have some idea of where to look, as well as how best to design planet-hunting instruments, that's where theorists come in.

"It's synergistic," Lissauer said. "You have to have both to be able to understand your observations theoretically and confirm your theories through observation."

Planet migration

"Both theory and observations are key," concurred Sean Raymond, a NASA postdoctoral researcher here at the University of Colorado's Center for Astrobiology and Center for Astronomy and Space Astrophysics.

"Observations make discoveries, but theory is needed to interpret them," Raymond said.

For instance, "hot Jupiters" were discovered starting in 1995, Raymond emphasized.

Most of the exoplanets identified to date are these gas giants in a stable orbit very close to their parent star.

"It was certainly strange to have giant planets so close to their stars," Raymond told SPACE.com.

Theory is what probed the origin of hot Jupiters, he said, and came up with the idea of planet migration, the current model being that these planets form farther out and migrate in to their current locations.

Cosmic cooking class

Consider it a lesson bubbling out of cosmic cooking class 101.

"It's like having dinner at someone's house. Observations can tell you the specific ingredients that went into the meal. But theory can figure out exactly how the pieces go together... how the dish was cooked," Raymond explained.

Raymond projected outward over the next decade. He foresees the

finding of Earth analogs.

"We're going to be seeing all these little small guys. That's going to be pretty cool," Raymond said.

Furthermore, more and more of them will be found in unexpected and varied environments, and around different types of stars once thought as impossible locales.

"Anytime anybody predicts, 'ooh, this could never happen'... then you'll find somebody to disprove it," Raymond advised.

Light of a living planet

Margaret Turnbull, an astronomer at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, is on a pursuit to look for life elsewhere.

She has created a catalog of nearby stars - dubbed "HabCat" - that could host life forms similar to those on Earth. This catalog is now the target list for the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

At the Space Telescope Science Institute, Turnbull is also the principle investigator of a proposed mission to deploy a small telescope on the Moon.

That instrument would be designed to look back at the Earth and provide insight into how the light of a living planet changes as continents and oceans pass in and out of view, as weather patterns move and as seasons change.

The quest for extrasolar worlds is cutting-edge research and therefore is contentious, Turnbull told SPACE.com.

"It is because you are really operating at the edge of human knowledge and human understanding," Turnbull noted. "Every new observation we make to some extent overthrows what we thought that we knew."

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From: **John Scheldroup** <jschel.nul>
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>Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2007 7:55 AM
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that the last time too.

<http://www.ufocasebook.com/twomoreohare.html>

Two More Photographs of UFO over O'Hare by Employee Editors
Note: The following post was sent to me with links to two
photographs. Allegedly, the man is an employee who was on duty
and saw the UFO at O'Hare on November 7, 2006.

Two More Photographs of UFO over O'Hare by Employee

Name: OIA employee

Date: January 28, 2007

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Secrecy News -- 02/06/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2007 13:14:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 07:38:48 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/06/07

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ISOO ASKS ATTORNEY GENERAL TO RULE ON CHENEY'S ROLE

In an extraordinary internal challenge to the unruly Office of the Vice President (OVP), the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) has formally petitioned the Attorney General to direct the OVP to comply with a requirement that executive branch organizations disclose statistics on their classification and declassification activity to ISOO.

For the last three years, Vice President Cheney's office has refused to divulge its classification statistics to ISOO, despite a seemingly explicit requirement that it do so. Prior to 2002, such information had routinely been transmitted and reported in ISOO's annual reports to the President.

The disclosure requirement appears in ISOO Directive 1 (at section 2001.80): "Each agency that creates or handles classified information shall report annually to the Director of ISOO statistics related to its security classification program."

Such ISOO directives "shall be binding upon the agencies," President Bush wrote in Executive Order 13292 (section 5.1). Significantly, an "agency" here means not only a statutorily-defined executive branch agency (which would not include the OVP), but also refers to "any other entity within the executive branch that comes into the possession of classified information" (which would include the OVP).

Last May, the Federation of American Scientists urged ISOO to press for the Vice President's compliance. (SN, 05/31/06).

"Since the Office of the Vice President has publicly staked out a position that openly defies the plain language of the executive order, ISOO now has a responsibility to clarify the matter," we wrote at that time. "Otherwise, every agency will feel free to re-interpret the order in idiosyncratic and self-serving ways."

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2006/05/isoo-ovp.pdf>

This week ISOO indicated that it was actively pursuing the matter.

"With respect to the question you raised, I was unsuccessful in achieving a common understanding with OVP," wrote ISOO director J. William Leonard in a February 5 email message.

"Accordingly, in early January, pursuant to section 6.2(b), Executive Order 12958, as amended, I wrote the Attorney General requesting that he render an interpretation on the issue," he wrote.

(Section 6.2(b) of the executive order states that "The Attorney General, upon request by the head of an agency or the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office, shall render an interpretation of this order with respect to any question arising in the course of its administration.")

"I have not received a reply to this request as of yet," Mr. Leonard wrote.

He declined to provide a copy of his January letter to the Attorney General, explaining that it is pre-decisional.

The Justice Department has been asked at least once before to resolve a dispute over implementation of the executive order on classification.

In 1999, the Central Intelligence Agency refused to accept the jurisdiction of the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel over Agency classification activity. But the Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel issued a ruling in October 1999 that the CIA classification decisions were indeed subject to ISCAP review. That state of affairs was modified by President Bush in 2003, when he effectively gave the Director of Central Intelligence a veto over ISCAP decisions.

ARMY MANUAL ON PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

A U.S. Army manual on psychological operations elaborates upon the role of PSYOP in military activities.

"The employment of any element of national power, particularly the military element, has always had a psychological dimension. Foreign perceptions of U.S. military capabilities are fundamental to strategic deterrence. The effectiveness of deterrence hinges on U.S. ability to influence the perceptions of others."

"The purpose of PSYOP is to induce or reinforce foreign attitudes and behavior favorable to U.S. national objectives... When properly employed, PSYOP can save lives of friendly and adversary forces by reducing the adversaries' will to fight. By lowering adversary morale and reducing their efficiency, PSYOP can also discourage aggressive actions and create dissidence and disaffection within their ranks, ultimately inducing surrender."

The 179 page manual has not been approved for public release, but a copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Psychological Operations," Field Manual FM 3-05.30, April 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-05-30.pdf>

LEE S. STRICKLAND, FORMER CIA OFFICER

Secrecy News was sad to learn that Lee S. Strickland, a former Central Intelligence Agency official, died on January 23.

We first encountered him perhaps 15 years ago when he was the head of the CIA Freedom of Information office, where he used to reliably deny our FOIA requests. Over the years he seemed to enlarge his horizons and to admit the possibility of contrasting views. He taught his students at the University of Maryland that information policy could be exciting as well as important. And he was a nice guy.

See this obituary for Lee Strickland from the University of Maryland of Information Studies:

http://www.clis.umd.edu/news_events/lee-strickland.shtml

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Source: United Press International - Washington, DC, USA

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Feb. 6, 2007 at 3:00 PM

NewsTrack - Quirks

Roswell Offers Official Logo For UFO Fest

ROSWELL, N.M., Feb. 6 (UPI) -- Roswell, N.M., has offered to sell local businesses the rights to print the city's official UFO logo on merchandise promoting a 2007 festival.

The logo, designed for the 2007 Amazing Roswell UFO Festival, features a space craft flying across a circular image reading "The Roswell Incident 60th Anniversary 1947-2007," the Roswell (N.M.) Daily Record reported Tuesday.

City spokesperson Renee Roach said the price for use of the logo is \$500 for one product line, \$800 for two product lines and \$1,000 for three product lines. Higher numbers of product lines are negotiable.

Roswell Mayor Sam LaGrone said he hopes local businesses will cooperate and play a role in the four-day UFO Festival, which begins July 5.

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

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Source: Hornsey & Crouch End Journal - UK

<http://tinyurl.com/25z276>

06 February 2007

Crowds Spooked By UFO Mystery

People screamed and cars came to a halt when dozens of mysterious lights hovered above Archway this week.

The "squadron" of flying orange objects left passers-by staring in disbelief at around 5.30pm last Thursday. Police received four calls within minutes.

Designer James Zafar, of Palace Road, Crouch End, watched the phenomena from Bredgar Road.

He said: "I parked the car and when I looked in the sky between the Little Angels nursery and the trees and there were balls of light in the sky. They were moving together."

Crowds also witnessed the spectacle from nearby Magdala Avenue and Highgate Hill.

Tom Cull, of Summerlee Gardens, Fortis Green, 27, a vision mixer, had just finished a guitar lesson when he noticed a crowd of people staring up at the sky in Magdala Avenue.

He said: "There were at least 30 people watching. Cars had stopped. It was kind of eerie. What I found strange about these things was the way they moved. "

Mr Cull saw the lights again when he returned home to Summerlee Gardens.

Another witness, a 49-year-old company director who did not want to be named, was about to enter Archway Tube station in Highgate Hill when he saw the lights.

He said: "There was screaming going on and everything. It was weird."

Less than 30 minutes later, similar "strange orange lights" were spotted miles away above Kings Lynn, East Anglia.

Alix McAlister, 34, a market stall trader from Bredgar Road, Archway, said: "I picked up my son from nursery in Bredgar Road. I had come out of the door when I noticed what was going on in the sky.

"There were a group of them - 10 to 15 moving together. They reminded me of a squadron of aeroplanes in formation.

"I thought something was happening in the centre of London. Bombs and planes crossed my mind but they didn't look like any

aircraft I'd seen.

"They were coming from the north and moving south, then they kind of stopped and they were hovering. There was no sound. It lasted about 10 minutes."

He believes the phenomenon was caused by "sky lanterns" or "UFO balloons" - one-off miniature hot air balloons that can be ordered online for use at parties.

They consist of a plastic bag about 28ins tall which are lit with a paraffin block, burn for up to 10 minutes and float as far as 1,000 metres up into the sky.

The truth is out there

While no-one is in any doubt something happened in the sky above Archway last Thursday, experts are at odds over what caused it.

The truth is out there - somewhere - and various experts have a mixed view on what the heart-stopping formation of lights could have been.

Police initially told a 999 caller that he had been "really really lucky" and witnessed a meteor or a shooting star, although no reference is made to either phenomenon in records filed after the sighting.

The Ministry of Defence said it had no reports of a "security incident" and that it would not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting.

The Royal Astronomical Society ruled out a cosmological explanation. A spokesman concluded that the lights were either military aircraft or some type of weather balloon.

"It was fairly soon after sunset so it could be that they were high enough to be reflecting the sun,"

"The other thing it could be is the break up of a satellite, but then that's usually like a shooting star and very quick."

Astronomer and self proclaimed "UFO sceptic" Ian Ridpath also dismissed any astronomical or climatic explanations.

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Phoenix Lights Return?

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Subject: Phoenix Lights Return?

Source: The National Ledger - Apache Junction, Arizona, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2jz9g8>

Feb 6, 2007

Arizona UFO: Phoenix Lights Return?
By Jon Shanks

Phoenix residents again lit up police switchboards and news hotlines as bright stationary lights were again visible south of the skies of Phoenix, Arizona on Tuesday night. Many residents of Arizona are particularly diligent sky watchers as the most reported UFO event in history that is commonly known as the 'Phoenix Lights' is nearing a ten-year anniversary.

On March 13, 1997 several events composed the event known as the 'Phoenix lights' with most seeing tapes and photographs of the orbs that were spotted southwest of the Valley of the Sun on news channels and TV specials.

Those lights were never fully explained to the satisfaction of many witnesses, despite numerous investigations. Months later, a Maryland National Guard spokesman came forward to claim that 'Operation Snowbird' had dropped military flares at the Goldwater range in the southwest Arizona desert.

Now nearly ten years later, the city is buzzing over another sighting of lights (pictured above). Fox 10 reports that around 8PM, SkyFox saw the lights south of Phoenix, noting to its viewers that it was the second time that mysterious lights appeared near Phoenix in the last 10 years.

Channel 3 in Phoenix reports on its website that calls poured into 3TV's newsroom, dozens of people called 911, and phone lines at KTAR radio lit up with curious callers and all kinds of theories.

everyone wants to know what the lights were, so 3TV did some investigating, the report reads. Channel 3 took video of the lights taken in Tempe looking way out west. There were at least 5 bright lights holding a very constant place in the night sky.

In a closer shot, you can see one of the lights almost flickering in place. Some of the lights simply went out one by one after about 5 minutes. The photo shown above shows more of a V shaped array of lights. That photo was snapped just after 8pm Phoenix time from Utery Pass, about 30 miles east of downtown Phoenix.

According to the website report from Channel 3, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor says there is a simple answer to the mystery -- military flares. But many witnesses are saying the lights look exactly like the Phoenix lights of 1997 leaving everyone scratching their heads in wonder, "Have they returned?"

Phoenix Lights Return?

CK Rairden contributed to this report.

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From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2007 20:20:38 -0600
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>Dan Aykroyd Says O'Hare Footage Exists
>by Derrick

>And he has it! According to the former Saturday Night Live star,
>Dan Aykroyd and his group of filmmakers have come into
>possession of exclusive O'Hare Airport UFO photographs and video
>footage.

<snip>

Errol et al,

Dan Aykroyd is a lifetime member and long time supporter of
MUFON.

I contacted James Carrion, the new MUFON International Director,
and asked him if he had any information about Aykroyd's
possession of video of the O'Hare event. This is his reply
(reprinted with permission).

"We are trying to contact Dan to find out. I agree that the
photos or video should be analyzed as soon as possible."

I'm just hoping that Aykroyd isn't sitting on this for his next
video project.

Terry

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The top image is a mirror image of this one which I found.

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Source: The Lynn News - King's Lynn, Norfolk, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2ehtuc>

07 February 2007

UFO Lovelights In Lynn's Night Sky

Mysterious orange lights spotted in the sky over Lynn sparked speculation and more than a few outlandish theories over the weekend.

The UFOs were seen by residents across the town at around 5.30pm on Saturday, prompting a number of calls and e-mails to the Lynn News from intrigued residents.

"They certainly were like nothing I have seen before. They all moved very slowly together and it was very strange.

"There was no noise and after a few minutes they just faded and vanished," said Jacqueline Hunt, of Hillen Road, South Lynn

There were theories the lights were bombs, signals from a ship at sea, helicopters and alien spaceships.

The lights were in fact Chinese-style lanterns released at a wedding reception being held at the town's Riverside Restaurant, on King Street.

The happy couple had wanted something a bit different on their special day and no-one at the restaurant expected the resulting fuss.

Owner Miss Pat Isbill said: "They were called glow lanterns and worked on the same principle as a hot air balloon. I had never seen them before. They were quite large =96 at least two foot tall =96 and they were very effective.

"We had police permission to set them off, so we didn't cause any full-scale emergencies!"

Miss Diane Breedon, a member of staff at the restaurant, was surprised when she realised the lanterns were the hot topic of a Radio Norfolk phone-in on Sunday.

"All these people had phoned and texted in to say they had seen amber lights in the sky at around 5.30pm, and I remembered that was when we set them off.

"People were putting two and two together and making five, thinking they were bombs from Marham or alien air craft. I phoned in and put everyone straight," she explained.

Now, as they say, the truth really is out there.

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Source: Times 24 - Herts, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2vm7nj>

07 February 2007

'If It Was A Plane It Was A Huge One'

Editorial - whtimes.nul

It's fun to star-gaze at the YMCA - because you never know what you might see in the night sky.

Former Met police officer Merv Nymn was enjoying a crafty cigarette on Wednesday evening when he claims to have spotted a UFO hovering above the hostel on Peartree Lane, WGC.

The sighting is the first since we revealed dozens of people spotted paranormal lights over Times Territory in November last year.

Merv told the WHT he saw what looked like the shape of a massive spacecraft with lights in a triangular formation.

"I've never seen anything like it before," he said.

"There's no way it was an aircraft. If it was then it was the biggest one ever made! It was amazing."

He said the UFO had made no noise at all and then shot off across the sky at high speed.

"There were two people with me but they didn't look up quick enough," said Merv.

"Now nobody believes me. They said it must have been a stealth military bomber or something but what would one of those be doing around here?"

"I know what I saw. I was pretty chuffed afterwards. I've always wanted to see one and now I've fulfilled a lifelong ambition!"

Have you seen any strange goings-on in Times Territory? Call us on 01707 327551.

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Roy Lake Passes

From: John Hayes <webmaster.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 08:28:21 -0500
Subject: Roy Lake Passes

I learned the sad news yesterday that UK ufologist Roy Lake passed away on the evening of February 5th after suffering a stroke.

Roy was a good friend and will be missed more than words can express.

My sympathy goes to his wife Eve.

John Hayes

John.nul

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>and saw the UFO at O'Hare on November 7, 2006.

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>Date: January 28, 2007

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These pics are eerie. I'll wait for pro analysis. I sent some pics to guys I know in digital expertise and of course that two psychotic minimum showed up claiming to know more than the pros who wrote the books on special effects, digital software etc.

What breeds these knuckleheads?

Like I said a few weeks ago on this List, I had gotten word more pics were coming out soon and the sources were right. There'll be more and some I've seen match these two pics and others don't.

Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos? -

I don't know if it's the cameras or the camera operators.

Surprises are on the way.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Crowds Spooked By UFO Mystery - Stimson

From: Michael Stimson <Michael001.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 13:19:31 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 08:32:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Crowds Spooked By UFO Mystery - Stimson

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2007 12:54 PM
Subject: UFO UpDate: Crowds Spooked By UFO Mystery

>Source: Hornsey & Crouch End Journal - UK

><http://tinyurl.com/25z276>

>06 February 2007

>Crowds Spooked By UFO Mystery

>People screamed and cars came to a halt when dozens of
>mysterious lights hovered above Archway this week.

<snip>

I saw my first ever UFO sighting when I lived in London. There is a hill that runs over from Finsbury Park to Crouch End. I was at the top of that hill and it's probably the most frightening thing that I've ever seen in my life.

I ran home and switched the TV on. I fully expected the 6pm evening news to have this as their main feature. There was nothing. If anyone wants to understand madness, then try and grasp this:. It couldn't be missed by anyone. I don't even know why bus drivers missed it. Car drivers must have seen it.

It took me a few days to calm down and get to grips with what I saw and that's why now, I'm ambivalent about UFOs. I just think they're there as much as a bird, or a bumble bee is, only they're not so common.

Michael

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Re: Roy Lake Passes - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 08:32:50 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 11:31:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Roy Lake Passes - Boone

>From: John Hayes <webmaster.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 11:50:56 +0000
>Subject: Roy Lake Passes

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My condolences to you John and Eve.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Roy Lake Passes - Parr

From: Chris Parr <ChrsP875.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 08:35:25 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 11:34:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Roy Lake Passes - Parr

>From: John Hayes <webmaster.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 11:50:56 +0000
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Dear UpDates Listers,

Roy was a much liked and well regarded ufologist. His great passion in the quest for answers in the UFO mystery will be his longstanding British Ufological legacy.

<http://www.crowdedskies.com/files/14.8.05/Roy-SkyNews.wmv>

http://www.crowdedskies.com/about_lufos.htm

Chris Parr

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Re: Roy Lake Passes - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 13:42:40 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 11:37:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Roy Lake Passes - McGonagle

I am very sorry to hear about Roy's death.

Although we were in opposite 'camps', I had great respect for him. I have never known him to be confrontational or dismissive, and the only time I saw him on television, he came across as someone who could put together a reasoned argument.

I did meet him once, after I bought some spare copies of (UK) UFO magazine from him, I made the journey to collect them from his home. He was very friendly, and we chatted for about an hour over tea and biscuits about UFOs in general. He was a generous host.

He was active and productive within British ufology over many years and will be missed.

Joe McGonagle

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Re: Roy Lake Passes - Gerrard

From: Steve Gerrard <southampton.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 16:20:01 +0100 (CET)
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 11:43:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Roy Lake Passes - Gerrard

>From: John Hayes
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 11:50:56 +0000
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Hi

Words fail me. I am shocked at this unexpected news and cannot
tell you how I truly feel.

Ufology has lost a great man and I pass my deepest sympathy to
his wife.

I must of known Roy for around 12 years and we exchanged
information and spent many an hour talking on the phone.

Roy is now with such greats as Dr. John E Mack and hopefully he
will live long in our hearts and minds.

Many thanks,

Steve Gerrard (Chairman)
Southampton UFO Group

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Re: Large UFO Spotted Near Winslow Arizona -

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 06:49:33 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 11:45:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Large UFO Spotted Near Winslow Arizona -

>Source: The Winslow Mail - Prescott Valley, Arizona, USA

<<http://tinyurl.com/2rtddb>><http://tinyurl.com/2rtddb>

>1/31/2007

>Large UFO Spotted Near Winslow

>Northern Arizona Navajos watch a strange ship fly around for
>over an hour

>By Rebecca Schubert
>Winslow Mail

<snip>

>LEUPP - ["Loop"] Ariz. The possibility of life beyond earth is
>indubitable. So, we all wait on earth until that moment when
>something will attempt to make contact or visit this planet.

>For some residents in Leupp, the wait ended with the most recent
>incident of a UFO visiting the area. It reportedly took place at
>approximately 7:40 p.m., Wed., Jan. 24 and was visible until
>after 9 p.m.

<snip>

>The UFO then flew over the Church of the Nazarene and the Leupp
>Public School, they said.

>"When it reached the edge of town it went into stealth mode and
>had only one dim light," Sean remembered.

<snip>

>"Then two jets intercepted it in the air. They came from the
>southwest," Sean said. "Then it headed east. Eight minutes later
>it lost them and circled back to Leupp. When it got here it
>started blinking its lights."

>Sean explained his confidence in the identification of the
>object as a UFO and not any other type of aircraft.

>"It was traveling too fast to be an airplane and not emitting
>any noises that a helicopter or plane would have made flying
>that high," Sean said.

<snip>

>"There were two other planes and another aircraft that it looked
>like was refueling them," Fredericks said.

<snip>

>Each of the witnesses described the object as triangular with
>three or four tiers. On the underside of the craft was a sphere
>with a pulsating light.

<snip>

>The UFO circled the area 15 times.

>On the last turn, the craft lights went dark, then suddenly and
>rapidly illuminated across in a sequential pattern. Finally, the
>UFO headed southeast toward Winslow.

<snip>

>Sean said that "normally" there are numerous UFO's traveling
>together in a triangular formation.

>"We see them, well, I don't want to say we see them all the
>time, but it's happened before," Deanna said. "When they had
>that big sighting in Phoenix back in 1991, we saw the same
>lights here the night before. I guess it's just that no one ever
>calls it in or reports it here. This was pretty cool. I've never
>seen anything that detailed before=8Abecause it was so close."

>Dover-Scott and Fredericks agreed that Leupp residents are no
>strangers to such events and cited similar experiences 15 and 17
>years ago.

<snip>

>"I guess people don't talk about it because it's kind of a
>mystery," Deanna offered.

>[Thanks to Lance P. for the lead]

Way back in 1977 I lived in a small trailer court, just east of
the public school. I remember the small trading post, the Church
of the Nazarene, the great gully-wash that is Grand Falls, (but
only in the rainy season), and a little farther west, the El
Paso Natural Gas pumping station.

I also remember the huge amount of government activity in the
area. In fact it was all over the "rez", even then, though I
noticed it mostly in Leupp, and the Four Corners area above Teec
Nos Pos, when I lived there.

Whether dropping scientific tracking equipment down into Canyon
Diablo, or all those contrails, the US government has had a
strange preoccupation with the Navajo and Hopi reservations.

Maybe it was the remoteness. Maybe it was the private nature of
the people living there. Maybe its because on clear, (most
nights there are clear), and moonless nights, you can see
shadows from all the starlight.

Whatever the reason, the US government, and specifically the
military, have an on-going relationship with that country.
Aren't the medical facilities there still run by the US Navy?

I'm more inclined to believe this UFO is yet another
experimental military craft, more of military origin than of ET.
But this is only my opinion.

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Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos? -

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 09:37:38 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 11:47:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos? -

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 08:13:14 EST
>Subject: Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos?

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In all fairness to Aykroyd it may not be his call. The
publication of this footage is solely the right of the owner of
the footage who, it seems, sought out Aykroyd for his
involvement in the subject and his celebrity status.

James Carrion is trying to get hold of Aykroyd to see if MUFON
can obtain a copy (or the original) for analysis.

I guess we will just have to wait and see.

Terry

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Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"!

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 17:42:02 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 12:52:39 -0500
Subject: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"!

>From: John Hayes <webmaster.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 11:50:56 +0000
>Subject: Roy Lake Passes

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Roy

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Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos? -

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 11:14:27 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 12:55:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos? -

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 08:13:14 EST
>Subject: Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos?

>>From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2007 11:04:47 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos?

>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>>Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2007 7:55 AM
>>>Subject: Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos?

>>>Source: Alien Video.Net - Proxy Registration

>>><http://www.alienvideo.net/chicago-ohare-airport-ufo.php>

>>>February 1, 2007

>>>[I've traced this story back as far as I can - it seems to
>>>have originated at the above URL --ebk]

>>And here's the image source to direct link for those images
>>found on the above link... certainly look real to me but I said
>>that the last time too.

>><http://www.ufocasebook.com/twomoreohare.html>

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Greg,

Someone else found those two images to be hoaxed posted on
28-1-2007 at 01:07 PM

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread236709/pg71>

Those websites should be notified as to not mislead the public
on their authenticity, in this way we don't have to venture out
on wild goose chases looking for the golden egg.

Obviously the editors of those websites have not been made aware
of them yet either and they should be.

John

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Roy Lake Is Alive And Well

From: John Hayes <webmaster.nul>
Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 18:07:17 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 14:46:31 -0500
Subject: Roy Lake Is Alive And Well

I have just received a phone call from Roy Lake informing me that he is alive and well and very much into ufology. It would seem there is a piece of low-life out there (I prefer a stronger wording but respect the list), probably connected with the subject who would stoop this low.

Before posting to the List I checked the UFODATA forums and found the news had already been posted on there by Russel Callaghan, so the person concerned has sent it to at least two people.

While I am very pleased to hear from Roy, and he has taken this well, I will be forwarding the offending e-mail to the abuse department of Hotmail complete with the IP address.

Regards,

A much relieved John Hayes

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Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"! - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 14:06:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 14:48:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"! - Ledger

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 17:42:02 -0000
>Subject: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"!

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As actor, and decorated British army officer and Commando, David
Niven once said when he too was reported to have passed away
[before he actually did] "The news of my death has been greatly
exaggerated."

Apparently so was Roy Lake's. Pleased to hear that he did not
though I don't know the gentleman.

Don Ledger

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Alleged UFO over Motul Yucatan

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 13:08:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 12:32:58 -0500
Subject: Alleged UFO over Motul Yucatan

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
February 7, 2007

Source: Diario de Yucatan
Date: 02.07.07

Mexico: Alleged UFO Over Motul, Yucatan

Yucatan - Police Blotter
Alleged UFO Over Motul

A red dot is seen to move in the sky in a sequence of photos

A light supposedly originating from an unidentified flying object was discovered on the night of the celebrations of Our Lady of Candelaria by two women who were taking an evening constitutional in the city of Motul.

The sky was clear and the moon was unclouded. The time was 11:00 p.m. when Lucy Aracely Bacelis Castro and her cousin Margely Bacelis Escalante went outside to enjoy the breeze. After being on the street for a while, Aracely looked skyward and was startled by a very bright moon. "Why don't you take a photo of it?" suggested Margely. Aracely took out her cell phone and trained it on the heavenly body, but upon seeing the image onscreen, she was startled to see a red light on the moon. Intrigued by this, she took other photos and the red dot was in all of them.

"The sequence shows that the object is moving," claims Aracely, who would like to find out what the light in question happened to be. "A cousin says that the dot is a galactic stone (sic) that appears every 18 years, but could it be possible that 18 years just happened to roll around on that exact day?"

The women are interested in contacting Jaime Maussan, a journalist who researches the UFO phenomenon, to dispel their doubts. "It's interesting that this should have happened to us," they say. However, others who have seen the photos have expressed their apprehension. "I don't know what it means, but I don't like it one bit," says Guadalupe Escalante. "I'm somewhat surprised. If they're really extraterrestrials, I hope they go away," she added.

During the months of June, July and August last year, UFO watchers were pleased by the alleged manifestation of lights in the sky which could be seen from different directions in Ticul, in the southern end of the state.

More Information:

[http://www.yucatan.com.mx/noticia.asp?cx=14\\$4109070000\\$3481742&f070207](http://www.yucatan.com.mx/noticia.asp?cx=14$4109070000$3481742&f070207)

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 19:56:52 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 12:34:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Roy Lake Is Alive And Well - McGonagle

Glory be!

It's a miracle! The dead walk again!

Ah well, at least he got a preview of what people really think of him.

Joe

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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 13:59:38 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 12:35:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"! - Clark

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Actually, Don, Niven was quoting Mark Twain, except that Twain
said (in 1897) "Reports of...."

A few years ago the esteemed English folk musician Dave
Swarbrick - still living, performing, and recording - got to
read his obituary in the British press.

Though I don't know Roy Lake, I am pleased to learn that he's a
good guy and that he is still among us.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"! - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 15:08:08 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 12:36:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"! - Gammon

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 14:06:27 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"!

<snip>

>As actor, and decorated British army officer and Commando, David
>Niven once said when he too was reported to have passed away
>[before he actually did] "The news of my death has been greatly
>exaggerated."

Dang! Quick-witted Don beat me to it! I was all prepared to
deliver that famous line; 'Rumors of my demise have been greatly
exaggerated.'

>Apparently so was Roy Lake's. Pleased to hear that he did not
>though I don't know the gentleman.

>Don Ledger

Well, at least Roy can look forward to a 'resurrection' of
sorts, with friends and well-wishers checking in/dropping by. I
hope a few good friends from years past are motivated by this
not_so_solomn news.

It's also nice to get a chance to see how others would react to
news of your death and what impact your life had on people.

I'll toss one back for Mr. Lake tonight, Cheers!

- Jason Gammon

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Re: Phoenix Lights Return? - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 18:55:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 12:38:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Return? - Maccabee

>Source: The National Ledger - Apache Junction, Arizona, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/2jz9g8>

>Feb 6, 2007

>Arizona UFO: Phoenix Lights Return?
>By Jon Shanks

>Phoenix residents again lit up police switchboards and news
>hotlines as bright stationary lights were again visible south of
>the skies of Phoenix, Arizona on Tuesday night. Many residents
>of Arizona are particularly diligent sky watchers as the most
>reported UFO event in history that is commonly known as the
>'Phoenix Lights' is nearing a ten-year anniversary.

>On March 13, 1997 several events composed the event known as the
>'Phoenix lights' with most seeing tapes and photographs of the
>orbs that were spotted southwest of the Valley of the Sun on
>news channels and TV specials.

>Those lights were never fully explained to the satisfaction of
>many witnesses, despite numerous investigations. Months later,
>a Maryland National Guard spokesman came forward to claim that
>'Operation Snowbird' had dropped military flares at the Goldwater
>range in the southwest Arizona desert.

>Now nearly ten years later, the city is buzzing over another
>sighting of lights (pictured above). Fox 10 reports that around
>8PM, SkyFox saw the lights south of Phoenix, noting to its
>viewers that it was the second time that mysterious lights
>appeared near Phoenix in the last 10 years.

<snip>

>In a closer shot, you can see one of the lights almost
>flickering in place. Some of the lights simply went out one by
>one after about 5 minutes.

The large bright flares typically last about 5 minutes.

>According to the website report from Channel 3, Federal Aviation
>Administration spokesman Ian Gregor says there is a simple
>answer to the mystery - military flares. But many witnesses
>are saying the lights look exactly like the Phoenix lights of
>1997 leaving everyone scratching their heads in wonder, "Have
>they returned?"

UFO investigators ought to be all over Davis Montahn AFB in
Tucson to find out of a national guard unit has done it again!

>CK Rairden contributed to this report.

Wonder if this could be "Chuck" Rairdon, one of the video
tapers of the March 13, 1997 event.

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Visual Evidence Of Phoenix Lights Craft?

From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 20:20:12 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 12:45:22 -0500
Subject: Visual Evidence Of Phoenix Lights Craft?

>To: "tlc-brotherhood.nul" <tlc-brotherhood.nul>

>I worked at DM and the Baltimore ANG was night
>flying that night. The pilots were asked to use all
>their flares that night so it would be easy to reconcile
>their munitions account. The flare were LUU-2's.
>As soon as I heard about the lights I knew exactly
>what they were. I'm the guy that issued them the
>flares for the mission. Needless to say the reconcile
>process went quite well the next morning as I didn't
>have to download the dispensers.

>JimW
>Tucson

Terry W. Colvin
Sierra Vista, Arizona

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Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos? -

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 22:34:28 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 12:47:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos? -

>From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2007 20:43:49 -0600
>Subject: Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos?

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2007 7:55 AM
>>Subject: UFO Update: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos?

>>Source: Alien Video.Net - Proxy Registration

>><http://www.alienvideo.net/chicago-ohare-airport-ufo.php>

>>February 1, 2007

>>[I've traced this story back as far as I can - it seems to
>>have originated at the above URL --ebk]

>Two new images on that page are Hoaxed!

><http://www.ufocasebook.com/ohareufob.jpg>

>The top image is a mirror image of this one which I found.

><http://www.geocities.com/jimsjournal/pix/ohare.jpg>

Thanks to researchers like John who take the time to carefully investigate every new or amazing UFO picture or video before rushing to accept or promote it as the "real thing", the subject of UFOs is still taken seriously by the public and ufologists are not thought of as gullible or easily fooled individuals.

When I noticed that the perspective in both pictures was nearly identical and there was no detectable relative motion on the ground at this busy airport in the time interval between the two pictures (eg. the vehicle in the background would not have been parked between the aircraft and the taxiway but moving from one location to another), I too suspected another hoaxed O'Hare UFO photo.

Now that you discovered that these two hoaxed UFO photos are indeed the mirror image of another photo, your deduction is further supported by the reversed numbers on the truck crane on one of the hoaxed pictures!

Good work John for identifying the latest UFO hoaxed pictures and showing that hoaxes are the correct explanations for many important UFO sightings. As I write, I have beside me a set of large "G Scale" metal wheels for model trains that I recently tracked down and purchased out of town which have the same shape, ratios of thicknesses and diameters and even the angles of the rims with the famous Rex Heflin UFO - but that is a different investigation of what may prove to be yet another UFO hoax!

Nick Balaskas

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Chilean Armed Forces Reveal UFO Presence

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 12:54:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 12:54:42 -0500
Subject: Chilean Armed Forces Reveal UFO Presence

Source: CHIP, Santiago, Chile

<http://tinyurl.com/yvuczq>

February 8, 2007

The Santiago Times

Armed Forces Reveal UFO Presence In Chile

More than 1,000 enthusiasts and experts gathered in Vina del Mar on Tuesday and Wednesday this week for the Tenth International Ufology Conference, organized by the Chile's Ufology Investigation Group (AION). The highlight of the meeting was a display of photographs taken by members of Chile's Armed Forces.

Ufology is the study of unidentified flying objects, or UFOs. While many ufology experts feel that the field is not taken seriously by scientists, participants at the conference in Vina del Mar said the presence of several members of the armed forces added legitimacy to the proceedings. Rodrigo Fuenzalida, director of AION, said the military presence was important because of the well-known objectivity of their reports and the advanced technology that can be used to back up their observations.

The military photographs and videos were revealed late Tuesday evening. They included a photograph of a spherical metallic object captured flying over Antarctica and a video of Navy ships being pursued by a luminous object in 2000.

Also presented at the conference was a report by Rodrigo Bravo, Captain of the Army's Fifth Division, who talked to a rapt audience about his thesis, entitled Observations Of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Identified By The Civil Air Force. While Bravo's talk was not technically representative of the institution's position on UFOs, he had been authorized to give it by his commander-in-chief.

"Captain Bravo gave his talk from the point of view of the importance of UFOs as a phenomenon," said Fuenzalida. "He talked about encounters such as that of three helicopters near La Union, when a UFO was spotted parked on the ground, and what happened in 2000, when five people were pursued by a luminous object that did not show up on radar screens."

Fuenzalida denied the existence of "secret investigations" being carried out by the Armed Forces about extraterrestrial activity.

Also present at the conference was retired official Armando Valdes, who is noted for his involvement in one of Chile's first documented UFO abductions, which became known as the Valdes Case. On April 35, 1977, Valdes, along with five members of an army patrol, saw two bright objects descending from the sky. Valdes set out alone to investigate and, according to the men, simply vanished. Fifteen minutes later, they said, he

reappeared, tried to speak and passed out. The date on his watch had been advanced five days, and he had about a week's growth of beard.

According to his comrades, when Valdes was beginning to regain consciousness he said: "You do not know who we are, nor where we come from. But I tell you that we will soon return."

Sources: El Mercurio,
By Cate Setterfield
[editor](#).nml

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Great News Segment About North Carolina UFOs

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2007 10:17:57 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 14:25:14 -0500
Subject: Great News Segment About North Carolina UFOs

There's a nice TV news segment about the recent North Carolina UFOs, available online at:

<http://www.wxii12.com/news/10955774/detail.html>

It's a good clip because I think it is indicative of what's been going on so far this year, with the large number of sightings making it to news coverage. We have the witness who's convinced it's aliens. The expert astronomer who dismisses it quickly, the reasonable explanations, the tapes of 911 calls, the comparison with other cases, etc.

I find it fascinating that after many years of media ignoring and failing to report UFO stories, suddenly it's spreading like wildfire across the country (and around the world, judging by the news from places like Singapore, Mexico and South America). When the O'Hare case made CNN, it was obvious that UFOs are news again. But I'm not sure why.

In the case in North Carolina, the 911 calls were about what is certainly a bolide, exactly like the astronomy prof says. The cell phone image is a bit harder to figure out, but still seems explainable. The Hawaii contrail is not at all mysterious, yet is added to the story as an included visual.

This makes me wonder why we're getting news stories about bolides, jet contrails and Saturn. It doesn't help when we get enthusiastic UFO buffs talking about alien spaceships when the observed UFO is obviously a bolide, like the earlier North Carolina report:

<http://tinyurl.com/333yyt>

This only gives debunkers material to use for their arguments that there's nothing to UFOs and that ufologists don't know anything about astronomy or how to investigate UFO reports.

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Secrecy News -- 02/08/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2007 12:29:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 07:27:00 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/08/07

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2007, Issue No. 15
February 8, 2007

Secrecy News Blog: <http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/>

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RELIABLE REPLACEMENT WARHEAD TO BE ADOPTED AS US STRATEGY
The interagency Nuclear Weapons Council (NWC) has formally decided to endorse the proposed Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW) concept as the basis of the future U.S. nuclear arsenal, a new report from the Congressional Research Service revealed.

In November 2006, "the NWC determined that the RRW is to be adopted as the strategy for maintaining a long term safe, secure and reliable nuclear deterrent," the CRS report stated, quoting from new Department of Energy budget documents (at page CRS-26).

It is a momentous decision on which Congress might be expected to weigh in.

Not only that, but RRW development will be funded at the expense of existing nuclear weapons programs, budget documents say, "through reductions in resources required to support legacy weapons" (at page CRS-27)

Defunding work to extend the functional lifetime of existing weapons would tend to foreclose efforts to avoid new nuclear weapons development.

According to a CRS calculation (and subject to future adjustments), the projected budget for the RRW program from FY 2008-2012 would be \$725.1 million, including NNSA and Navy funds.

The Congressional Research Service does not release its publications directly to the public. A copy of the new report was obtained by Secrecy News and posted on the Federation of American Scientists web site.

See "Nuclear Weapons: The Reliable Replacement Warhead Program," updated February 8, 2007

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL32929.pdf>

MORE FROM CRS

Some other noteworthy new reports from the Congressional Research Service that are not readily available in the public

domain include these.

"Freedom of Information Act Amendments: 110th Congress," updated February 1, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RL32780.pdf>

"Critical Infrastructures: Background, Policy and Implementation," updated January 8, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homesecc/RL30153.pdf>

"Earthquakes: Risk, Monitoring, Notification, and Research," February 2, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33861.pdf>

VARIOUS RESOURCES

It is the policy of the United States to develop medical countermeasures that could be used in response to an attack involving chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapons, according to a new Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD-18) issued by President Bush on Medical Countermeasures Against Weapons of Mass Destruction:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nspd/hspd-18.html>

A bill introduced in the House of Representatives would "prohibit the use of funds to carry out any covert action for the purpose of causing regime change in Iran or to carry out any military action against Iran in the absence of an imminent threat...":

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/hr770.html

The U.S. Navy says that its declassification programs are on track to meet all current and future milestones, according to a January 24, 2007 briefing to the Secretary of the Navy Declassification Oversight Committee:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/dod/navy012407.pdf>

The American Library Association is seeking nominations for its James Madison Award, presented to "individuals or groups that have championed, protected, and promoted public access to government information and the public's right to know." See:

<http://tinyurl.com/2kn6qr>

Ulysses, a joint NASA-European Space Agency spacecraft launched in 1990, passed beneath the south pole of the Sun yesterday (at a distance of 200 million miles). See:

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news.cfm?release07-012>

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Re: Phoenix Lights Return? - Warren

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 12:01:02 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 07:31:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix Lights Return? - Warren

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 18:55:27 -0500
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Bruce, Et Al,

It is. He's the editor at the National Ledger.

Cheers,

Frank

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Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"! - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 15:36:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 07:36:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"! - Ledger

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 13:59:38 -0600
>Subject: Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"!

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 14:06:27 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"!

>>>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 17:42:02 -0000
>>>Subject: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"!

>>>>From: John Hayes <webmaster.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Wed, 07 Feb 2007 11:50:56 +0000
>>>>Subject: Roy Lake Passes

>>>>Roy has asked me to thank everyone for their words, but he is
>>>>still chasing the UFOs all across the UK for a few more years to
>>>>come!

>>As actor, and decorated British army officer and Commando, David
>>Niven once said when he too was reported to have passed away
>>[before he actually did] "The news of my death has been greatly
>>exaggerated."

>Actually, Don, Niven was quoting Mark Twain, except that Twain
>said (in 1897) "Reports of...."

<snip>

>Jerry Clark

Hi Jerry,

I was quoting from a memory of 30 odd years ago having read
Niven's book, Bring On The Empty Horses. He probably did quote
Twain in reference to his own situation.

Don

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>Dang! Quick-witted Don beat me to it! I was all prepared to
>deliver that famous line; 'Rumors of my demise have been greatly
>exaggerated.'

Yeah, but Jerry held my feet to the fire over that one.
Apparently Mark Twain wrote or uttered these words which Niven
then used himself.

Cheers, in any event, to Roy Lake.

Don

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Erik Beckjord Has Cancer

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 15:34:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 07:51:03 -0500
Subject: Erik Beckjord Has Cancer

Thu, 08 Feb 2007

Beckjord Has Cancer

By Loren Coleman

Bigfoot badboy and UFO lawsuit threat Erik Beckjord has released a statement that he has cancer. Links to some of his historical feuds are noted. Details:

<http://www.cryptomundo.com/cryptozoo-news/beckjord-cancer/>

Cryptomundo.com
<http://www.cryptomundo.com>

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Model Train Wheels & Heflin [was: Dan Aykroyd Has

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 14:18:52 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 07:54:50 -0500
Subject: Model Train Wheels & Heflin [was: Dan Aykroyd Has

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 22:34:28 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos?

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>of the rims with the famous Rex Heflin UFO - but that is a
>different investigation of what may prove to be yet another UFO
>hoax!

Hi Nick,

Could you possibly possibly post an image of the model train
wheels you obtained?

I have examined images of G-Scale (1-inch diameter) wheels
manufactured by Bachmann. While they are decidedly similar to
the Heflin image, the match is by no means precise.

The ratio of the diameter of the outer rim to that of the inner
cylinder - 'dome' - is noticeably larger in the Heflin image.

Also, the Heflin image shows an angular 'taper'" from the outer
rim of the object to the base of the dome, while in the model
wheel this region is quite flat.

Upon examining the UpDates Archive, I see I am by no means the
first to notice these mis-matches.

Nevertheless, perhaps there is more geometric variation in these
model wheels than one might expect. If you can provide an image
- e.g., via ImageShack - of a model wheel that is as precise a
match to the Heflin image as you indicate, I would certainly be
interested in seeing it.

Regards

Mike

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Re: Great News Segment About North Carolina UFOs -

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 17:24:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 07:56:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Great News Segment About North Carolina UFOs -

>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2007 10:17:57 -0600 (CST)
>Subject: Great News Segment About North Carolina UFOs

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>When the O'Hare case made CNN, it was obvious that UFOs are news
>again. But I'm not sure why.

Distraction from various government crimes coming to light?

Eleanor White

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Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos? -

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2007 16:42:23 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 08:01:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos? -

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 22:34:28 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos?

>>From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2007 20:43:49 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos?

>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>>Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2007 7:55 AM
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos?

>>>Source: Alien Video.Net - Proxy Registration

>>><http://www.alienvideo.net/chicago-ohare-airport-ufo.php>

>>>February 1, 2007

>>>[I've traced this story back as far as I can - it seems to
>>>have originated at the above URL --ebk]

>>Two new images on that page are Hoaxed!

>><http://www.ufocasebook.com/ohareufob.jpg>

>>The top image is a mirror image of this one which I found.

>><http://www.geocities.com/jimsjournal/pix/ohare.jpg>

><snip>

>Good work John

Thanks for those kind words Nick, but allow me to be perfectly frank...

Something occurred to me while I was watching one of my all time favorite Mel Brooks movies High Anxiety. Those of us who appreciate 1970's movies among all great movies will undoubtedly come to really enjoy that one.

Its too bad these days to find hiding one misinformed in some likelihood late 80s early 90's born Photoshop hoaxter with exclusive UFO pictures so kindly bestowed on us, has not gained the same appreciation the rest of us have with artistic tastes.

Had our junior UFO researcher done so, I wouldn't have the urge to get up, throw on a big diaper and drive 900 miles with my tinfoil hat glowing like a christmas tree to format one computer and snip communications lines.

John

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Russian Fishermen Catch Alien And Eat It

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 17:47:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 08:08:01 -0500
Subject: Russian Fishermen Catch Alien And Eat It

And I thought we had problems with ufology research in the West...

[Caution: Pravda soared to the pinnacle of 'trashy-tabloid'-dom after the collapse of the Soviet Union--ebk]

Source:

http://english.pravda.ru/science/mysteries/07-02-2007/87167-alien_monster-0

07.02.2007

Russian Fishermen Catch Squeaking Alien And Eat It

Village residents from the Rostov region of Russia caught a weird creature two weeks ago after a strong storm in the Sea of Azov. The shark-looking creature was producing strange squeaky sounds. The fishermen originally believed that they had caught an alien and decided to film the monster with the help of a cell phone camera. The footage clearly shows the creatures' head, body and long tail. The bizarre catch was weighing almost 100 kilograms, the Komsomolskaya Pravda reports.

However, ufologists and scientists were greatly disappointed when they found out that the fishermen had eaten the monster. They said that they were not scared of the creature so they decided to use it as food. One of the men said that it was the most delicious dish he had ever eaten.

Chairman of the Anomalous Phenomena Service, Andrei Gorodovoi, stated that the creature, which he could see on the short video, was an anomalous being. However, it could hardly be described as an extraterrestrial form of life, he added. Gorodovoi rejected the version about mermaids too. "There are many legends about mermaids living in the Sea of Azov. Nevertheless, specialists of the Service for Anomalous Phenomena have never confirmed those fairytales. On the other hand, we do not deny the possibility of other forms of life in the Sea of Azov," the ufologist said.

A spokesman for the Rostov-based zoo, Alexander Lipkovich, contacted local ichthyologists and asked their opinion about the Azov alien. "They said that the fish bears resemblance to a sturgeon. It was an extremely interesting individual. I have never seen anything like this before in my whole life," the specialist said.

Translated by Dmitry Sudakov
Pravda.ru

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Re: Great News Segment About North Carolina UFOs -

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2007 20:20:01 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 08:09:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Great News Segment About North Carolina UFOs -

>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2007 10:17:57 -0600 (CST)
>Subject: Great News Segment About North Carolina UFOs

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>I find it fascinating that after many years of media ignoring
>and failing to report UFO stories, suddenly it's spreading like
>wildfire across the country (and around the world, judging by
>the news from places like Singapore, Mexico and South America).
>When the O'Hare case made CNN, it was obvious that UFOs are news
>again. But I'm not sure why.

>In the case in North Carolina, the 911 calls were about what is
>certainly a bolide, exactly like the astronomy prof says. The
>cell phone image is a bit harder to figure out, but still seems
>explainable. The Hawaii contrail is not at all mysterious, yet
>is added to the story as an included visual.

>This makes me wonder why we're getting news stories about
>bolides, jet contrails and Saturn. It doesn't help when we get
>enthusiastic UFO buffs talking about alien spaceships when the
>observed UFO is obviously a bolide, like the earlier North
>Carolina report:

><http://tinyurl.com/333yyt>

>This only gives debunkers material to use for their arguments
>that there's nothing to UFOs and that ufologists don't know
>anything about astronomy or how to investigate UFO reports.

Hi Chris!

A few of my skeptical friends at work are taking interest and starting to talk about UFOs now that the media is reporting about them every day. Since most of this stuff can easily and reasonably be explained as bright meteors, jet contrails or by other prosaic explanations, I think this renewed recent public interest in UFOs will be short-lived.

As for why the media is now reporting everything, I think it is to distract us from and ultimately to discredit the few very important UFO incidents that have happened recently, including the Chicago O'Hare UFO sightings and the many reports of UFO close encounters and even crashes in Iran. Maybe those that control the media do not want us to know about O'Hare or Iran since these UFOs are our own still secret vehicles.

To our credit, it has been ufologists that have identified many of the recent UFO hoaxes and have proven that they are more critical thinking than the media which is reporting everything that comes to their attention.

Nick Balaskas

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Archway London UFO Video

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 08:36:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 08:36:44 -0500
Subject: Archway London UFO Video

Source: The Islington Gazette - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/3e55mn>

09 February 2007

Archway UFO Video: You Decide
nlnews.nul

We have extraordinary video footage giving first-hand evidence of the Archway UFO phenomenon which brought the area to a standstill.

Here's your chance to decide whether aliens were actually hovering over Archway - or whether there was a more innocent explanation.

Amateur cameraman John Zimmerman, of Bredgar Road, Archway, filmed the spectacle from a vantage point in Holloway Road.

The "squadron" of around 15 orange lights spread panic among passers-by who witnessed it at around 5.30pm on January 31.

People screamed - some fearing it was a terrorist attack. Police received 999 calls within minutes.

The lights moved in a southerly direction then hovered above Archway before disappearing and appearing again. The eerie display lasted about 10 minutes.

Mr Zimmerman, 50, said: "I was watching from Holloway Road. I realised I had my camera and started filming. They moved steadily and slowly, all at the same speed."

Experts from the Royal Astronomical Society and Met Office weather centre were at a loss to explain the lights.

UFO sceptics insist it was no more than a group of "sky lanterns" or "UFO balloons" - one-off miniature hot air balloons.

But all the eyewitnesses who contacted us are adamant the lights were NOT lanterns - because of the way that they moved.

Designer James Zafar, from Palace Road, Crouch End, who witnessed the scene from Bredgar Road, said: "It is something I can't explain but I'm sure it wasn't lanterns."

Now YOU can judge for yourself... watch the film clip by clicking below.

Then email us at nlnews.nul or ring the newsdesk on 020 8342 5777 to let us know what you think.

Footage here:

<http://www.islingtongazette.co.uk/video/UFOfootage.aspx>

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Look! Up In The Sky It's...

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 08:42:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 08:42:09 -0500
Subject: Look! Up In The Sky It's...

Source: The Arizona Republic - Phoenix, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/25z3sg>

Feb. 9, 2007 12:00 AM

Look! Up In The Sky, It's...

They're Ba-a-a-a-ck

In the night sky over Phoenix. Mysterious lights, seeming to fly in formation.

They appeared almost exactly a decade ago, making national news.

They made a return visit Tuesday night.

For skeptics, there is a simple explanation: military flares.

That's the word from the Federal Aviation Administration. Six F-16 fighters out of Luke Air Force Base were practicing ground attacks, said an FAA spokesman, an exercise that involves flares.

Ha! The flare story doesn't go over with those who are sure we had another visit from a UFO.

They believe the March 1997 "Phoenix Lights" phenomenon was actually an extraterrestrial spacecraft doing a flyby in the Valley.

That incident prompted umpteen articles and newscasts, a TV special, a book, a movie and a call by a Phoenix councilwoman for an official investigation.

Then-Gov. Fife Symington announced at a spoof news conference that he'd captured one of the aliens - and in walked an aide dressed as an extraterrestrial.

Well, we're not going to pour cold water on otherworldly interpretations of the latest lights.

After all, researchers see evidence that some form of life could have adapted to the harsh conditions of Mars.

The universe is unimaginably huge.

There is no harm in believing that somehow, somewhere it has sophisticated creatures with marvelous spacecraft. Who knows? Maybe the Valley is getting its first snowbirds from space.

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

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UFO*BC Mourns Loss Of Graham Conway

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 09:48:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 09:48:40 -0500
Subject: UFO*BC Mourns Loss Of Graham Conway

Source: UFO*BC - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

<http://www.ufobc.ca/grahamconway.htm>

February 8, 2007

UFO*BC Mourns Loss of Graham Conway

UFO*BC and Graham's Family regret to inform our readers that Graham fell seriously ill on February 3rd and was taken to hospital. He passed away in the afternoon of February 7th. The news was unexpected as Graham had been healthy and very active. Ten years ago Graham was a founding member of this organization and his contributions are immeasurable. He has dedicated 60 years in investigating UFO phenomenon and other mysteries.

We know he will be missed by his many friends and acquaintances. He was one of those precious individuals who touched the lives of so many.

There will be a memorial in the Spring. The date is yet to be determined. You may send your condolences to contactus.nul and we will pass them along to the family.

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Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"! - Hale

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 14:51:20 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 10:49:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"! - Hale

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 13:59:38 -0600
>Subject: Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"!

>Though I don't know Roy Lake, I am pleased to learn that he's a
>good guy and that he is still among us.

>Jerry Clark

Hi Jerry,

I think most of the UFO clan in the UK know who Roy Lake is,
even being made more famous by his X-Files alien adverts a few
years back on Sky TV! But for those who do not know who he is,
here is a link to the man himself.

http://www.crowdedskies.com/about_lufos.htm

Roy

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Re: UFO*BC Mourns Loss Of Graham Conway - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 10:34:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 10:52:28 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO*BC Mourns Loss Of Graham Conway - Kaeser

>From: ufo-updates.nul
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Friday, February 09, 2007 9:49 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFO*BC Mourns Loss Of Graham Conway

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>determined. You may send your condolences to contactus.nul
>and we will pass them along to the family.

My condolences and shock at this news. I've been getting a
'hand-me-down' copy of UFOBC for years and appreciate the effort
that Graham and others are putting into the UFO investigative
effort.

Steve

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The Andreasson Affair A Hoax

From: Robert Luca <lucaland.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 17:12:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 07:29:42 -0500
Subject: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Hello,

I am a family member of Bob and Betty Luca and we on my fathers side have come foward and have told the truth about everything. You will read as to why. The truth in the letter belowd is The Andreasson Affair is a hoax which has been going on for some 30+ years now. We have included both the truth and the proof in both the letter and the website you can visit that is listed on the letter. You can contact me at anytime for comment. These days, Bob and Betty have gone into hiding and will not talk to anybody about the case and have refused to have a new investigation. Everything is written in the letter and the website. All my contact information is on there. Please feel free to write back should you have any questions.

The Andreasson Affair found out to be a HOAX!

The Andreasson Affair is a 30+ year hoax which is now brought into the light of truthfulness and has been exposed for what is it. It has been nothing, but a made up set of well crafted stories and art work to go along with it and combined with that was Bob Luca's help in the technical aspect. I am Bob Luca Jr. and am the step son of Betty Andreasson and the son of Bob Luca Sr. of coarse. Over the past 30 years and hundreds of thousands of hours spent with them I have never seen a shred of anything that was odd or out of the ordinary except for them fabricating material in thier own special ways and methods to be released to the press and in book form a well as to investigators. My reason for coing through with the truth is simple. When they involve my name orake claims that I may have been abdcted by aliens than I draw the line. That is what happened a couple years back. I never was involved, but when I said I disagreed and they claimed I was either on drugs or the bad aliens got to me or something of that nature, that was when I decided to expose them. When my father was supposedly abducted, he was not leaving a movie, but was with us at the beach drinking beer and whiskey. He blacked out from drinking so heavy. This was normal for him. He later used these blackouts as times where he was supposedly abducted. Ray Fowler never interviewed anyone from our side of the family. My father made sure and made no mention of anyone from our side since we all know the truth about him and his drinking and his problems with being a compulsive liar.

He not only lies about the ufo's, but lies about most everythig which occurs in his life and this is his main problem in life. He also thrives on being known in the public eye. He doesn't understand that he thinks he is high in the saddle in front of the family with all the ufo stuff when in real life we are all laughing at him for the fool he is making of himself. All of us know him for what he is and can see right through him. When I posted my website explaining the hoax both he and Betty Andreasson have pulled, he tried to get a attorney to stop my site postings. It failed as it is freedom of speech. He then removed their site and e-mail addresses, and got a non published

phone number. He also refused to debate me on tv or radio. Also, Ray Fowler who completely messed up the whole investigation will not answer any of the investigation questions either. They have all gone into both seclusion and hiding.

As for Betty, she is so hung up on her wierd religious beliefs, she actually thinks she is a moderns day prophet and that god is contacting her through th ufo's and warning the world through her. She need serious pscycological help and has serious issues. She in turn though has been a stay at home wife though and has been brain washed litterally by my father for all these years and actually believes anything he tells her! I will give one example. As for his heavy drinking. He toldher the reason he must do so is because in our family we are very prone to kidney failure and by drinking, we keep the kidneys flushed so our family doctor told us to drink heavily and that would ward off us ever ending up in the hospital and on a machine. She believes this 110% and excepts his heavy drinking. I know it sounds far fetched, but it is true!

Needless to say, he has kept filling her head for years now and so you can imagine why she is a little wacked! Moving on, and getting back to my father, he is not one who is into religious beliefs. My father cares about himself and himself only. When we were little and he took off for Florida, he could have cared a less. He was eating prime rib and living the good life! He has three grandchildren in which two he has only seen once and the other he has never seen. He does not care to visit them. That would cost gas money. He claimed to have had a heart attack when it was only a panic attack. He then claimed he cured his heart in a few days. This is the compulsive lying I was talking about. He is then supposed to turn around and write a book about being abducted and people are supposed to believe him? As mentioned, on my website, there is much more!

Betty is so far gone at this stage, she now believes that she was abducted and her memory is shot. During the time of her supposed abduction, she had two sons that were in a fatal car crash and had a husband who beat her so with all that going on, anything could of happened in her mind to cause her to think she was abducted. She could of been in emotional shock! Again, did Ray Fowler take any of this into account? No! When I stepped foot into school to be an investigator, I learned all the wrong things done in this case within the first two weeks! Moving on, when I was young and in electronics school, my father would help him build electronic gadgets. I didn't know what they were for at first, but then found out he bugged his own phone to trick investigators, and also made wierd noises on the line as if a alien were on the line and all sorts of wierd things. It made that much more material for Betty to write about. God forbid if Betty had a dream. That would not be considered a dream, but a abduction. She would be drawing pictures for the next week of her dream and writing it up as an abduction. That is how The Andreasson Affair and the books that followed were printed. My father ALWAYS made sure Betty stayed home and did not work.

Aside of working one job for a very short while during their whole marrige, she has stayed home every single week and has drawn pictures and wrote about ufo's every week without fail since they have been married in the late 70's. If you do just a little math, you can very well see the massive numbers and amount of pictures that can be done and material that a couple can come up with by having one person who is a compulsive liar and one person who is a skilled artist and writer home working on projects a good 50 to 60 hours a week can do! Also, my father has enjoyed taking much time off from work through the years. While doing so, as mentioned, has bugged the phone on his own family which again I have seen in person, and also done other countless and cowardly acts of both electronic and other sorts of tricks to fool people when they come over to their house into thinking strange things are going on. Knowing he is doing this is sheer proof to me that the hoax is all the more real. Why would you have to do such things if you had such a facinating story to tell? If the beings were paying a visit so often as said in their books than why would they be installing electronic equipment to fool people into thinking something was going on at their place? This is a very sick and childish thing to do, but I am sounding like a broken record again! My father is a very low person and self centered. He thrives on getting any kind of story that may even get his name on a web page. My biggest anger again as mentioned is our sibblings names being drawn into this.

We have no part and all have never seen anything except for the way my father cheats as I have mentioned along with Betty.

I did not set out to go into his personal life here, but all I will say is he has cheated the ufo world in the worse way possible and as for friends, loved ones and his kids, he has also done the same! He is not much of a person whom I ever care to deal with after he did some other things on a personal level which if I printed, and for that I would have the proof, there would be some people who would want to harm him. When I had cancer, and I was down to 95 pound from 190 pounds my father simply told my brother my bloodwork probably came back and it was wrong. You see it would have cost him gas money to come up and see me. That is how he thinks just like the same reason why he has only seen his grand children once and he had no choice since he had to come up here for his fathers funeral. If it were not for his fathers funeral, he would never had see them. That is just one example of my father and the way his mind thinks for himself. Betty being the religious person she is you would think would say something, but she is just as self centered. She has a very bad habit of not practicing what she preeches! She is so jealous, she does not want my father anywhere near our side of the family or his ex wife. She knows nothing about the women who call here looking for my father and thinking I am him! That is a whole other story...

Moving back to their story, I have mentioned allot. I have gone over how he has played his tricks with electronics and other ways as well. I have told you how he wanted my site removed, but could not and when he found this out he changed his number to a unlisted one and pulled all material he had off the web. He also would not debate me on tv, radio or not at all! He also had Ray Fowler not answer or respond to any questions. He also will not go along with any new investigation or will let family members or friends who knew him close when he had the abductions be interviewed and is now changing his story after 30 years?? Betty has gone right into seclusion with him. If he has done all this hard work for so many years why won't he stand up for what he believes in? I have worked hard in my field and if anyone wanted to debate me in the type of work I have done I would do it in a heart beat! There can only be one answer to this. The Andreasson Affair can be taken for what it is. A HOAX! These two people have used the ufo society for years and only to gain book sales, money and own self satisfation of feeling as if they are in the public eye. They give people out there with real and true stories a big black eye! I am not saying I don't believe in ufo's even though I have not seen one. To say all the people in Roswell lied would be calling allot of people liars and that I am not doing. To call Bob and Betty Luca of the Andreasson Affair and whom I have known and seen lie in front of my eyes and seen everything above and 10 times that, but there are items I can't print for legal reasons, I can call them liars because I know they are. The whole family knows it. They even know it. It is time the ufo community knows it and sets their sites on other people and their stories and gives them a better chance and more time to speak since other may have valid stories and not well rehearsed and carefully written lines that will sell and sound good! The Andreasson Affair is the best ufo hoax I think anyone has ever pulled off as far as an abduction case.

Bob Luca Jr.
<http://www.luca65.com>
lucaland.nul

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Re: Russian Fishermen Catch Alien And Eat It -

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 14:15:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 07:32:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Russian Fishermen Catch Alien And Eat It -

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>07.02.2007

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Back in early times people used to catch and dry these, and pass them off as chimera and other mythical beasts. I never knew why, but these dried fish monsters were called "Jenny Hanniver". There's a photo of one here:

<http://heritage.scotsman.com/myths.cfm?id=118392006>

Scroll down past the Jackalope.

Bob

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Ballester Olmos Bibliography Updated

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 21:29:31 +0100 (CET)
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 07:36:46 -0500
Subject: Ballester Olmos Bibliography Updated

For your information, my personal bibliography has been updated
at the following link:

<http://www.anomalia.org/bibliog1.pdf>

Best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
FOTOCAT Blog <http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

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Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 23:49:19 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 08:23:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Balaskas

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 14:18:52 -0700
>Subject: Model Train Wheels & Heflin [was: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare...]

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 22:34:28 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos?

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>>Good work John for identifying the latest UFO hoaxed pictures
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<snip>

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>The ratio of the diameter of the outer rim to that of the inner
>cylinder - 'dome' - is noticeably larger in the Heflin image.

>Also, the Heflin image shows an angular 'taper'" from the outer
>rim of the object to the base of the dome, while in the model
>wheel this region is quite flat.

>Upon examining the UpDates Archive, I see I am by no means the
>first to notice these mis-matches.

>Nevertheless, perhaps there is more geometric variation in these
>model wheels than one might expect. If you can provide an image
>- e.g., via ImageShack - of a model wheel that is as precise a
>match to the Heflin image as you indicate, I would certainly be
>interested in seeing it.

Hi Michael,

Earlier this evening at work I took several snapshots of one of
the "G Scale" model train wheels I purchased from Credit Valley
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Although the shape, thickness, ratio of diameters and angles are
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The very dark black and featureless underside of Rex Heflin's flying saucer is much too dark. One would expect the underside to be somewhat brightened by reflected sunlight off the ground below it. Since the underside is also darker than anything else in the background of these polaroid pictures, this suggests to me that the saucer is a smaller model closer to the camera. Compare the saucer's darkened underside with the bottom of my "G Scale" model train wheel which was darkened by applying flat black tape to achieve the same effect, and also cover the wheel axial hole.

I am still looking for the larger 1/32 scale model train wheel from the 1960s that Anonymous mentioned in his e-mail to the UFO UpDates list (see below). Once I do, I will do a comparison with the flying saucer image in Rex Heflin's polaroid pictures and make the results of my analysis known to the UFO UpDates List. Until then, we cannot yet rule out the claim that this flying saucer image is really a model train wheel.

See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/jun/m16-019.shtml>

Nick Balaskas

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From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 08:01:27 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 08:28:08 -0500
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2007 INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION BILL ADVANCES IN SENATE

The 2007 intelligence authorization bill was approved without amendment on February 8 by the Senate Armed Services Committee with a recommendation that it be passed into law.

The Senate bill would notably require public disclosure of the annual intelligence budget total, an objective long sought by open government advocates and classification reformers. Although there is no credible national security rationale for withholding the amount of the intelligence budget, it remains formally classified.

The Committee issued a brief report on the pending intelligence bill here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_rpt/srpt110-5.html

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence held a closed hearing February 8 on Saudi Arabia and the reputed role of some Saudis in financing terrorist activities.

The hearing was held at the request of SSCI member Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) who described his perspective on the subject in a rather blunt statement on the Senate floor.

"It is time to bring to light the way in which Saudi oil money is fueling the fires of terrorism so people can actually see who is getting burned and what is necessary to protect the security and the well-being of Americans in a perilous world," he said.

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/wyden020807.html

SEA-BASED X-BAND RADAR (SBX) SOURCEBOOK

A new compilation of official records, news releases and other documentation provides a fairly comprehensive account of the Sea-Based X-Band Radar (SBX), an ambitious missile defense

program intended to track warheads in flight and to cue ground-based interceptor missiles.

The SBX, constructed aboard a modified semi-submersible oil platform, departed Hawaii last month and arrived this week in the waters near Alaska's Aleutian Island chain, according to a February 7 release from the Missile Defense Agency.

Hundreds of pages of background material on the program were assembled by independent researcher Allen Thomson.

"The SBX story has been an interesting one, in my opinion, and I think it might become even more interesting when the history of NMD/GMD is written," Mr. Thomson told Secrecy News. "Right now, I'm waiting to see if the second CS-50 platform nearing completion at Severodvinsk is going to be bought by Boeing for SBX-2."

See "Sea-Based X-Band Radar (SBX) Sourcebook" by Allen Thomson (19 MB PDF):

<http://www.fas.org/man/eprint/sbx.pdf>

Related background is also available from the Congressional Research Service in "Sea-Based Ballistic Missile Defense -- Background and Issues for Congress," updated December 19, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL33745.pdf>

SELECTED CRS REPORTS

Recent reports of the Congressional Research Service that are not readily available in the public domain include the following.

"Navy Aegis Cruiser and Destroyer Modernization: Background and Issues for Congress," February 1, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RS22595.pdf>

"FY2008 Appropriations for State and Local Homeland Security," February 5, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homsec/RS22596.pdf>

"Military Airlift: C-17 Aircraft Program," updated January 25, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL30685.pdf>

SOME NEW ARMY DOCTRINAL PUBLICATIONS

Noteworthy new publications from the U.S. Army on military doctrine and regulation include these.

"Intelligence Support to Capability Development," Army Regulation AR 381-11, 26 January 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/ar381-11.pdf>

"Army Field Support Brigade Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures," Field Manual Interim FMI 4-93.41, February 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fmi4-93-41.pdf>

"Mortuary Affairs Operations," Field Manual FM 4-20.64, January 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm4-20-64.pdf>

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Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 08:27:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 09:49:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Russian Fishermen Catch Alien And Eat It -

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Hi Bob,

I posted this with tongue firmly planted in cheek, and thought
that my opening line hinted at that. In any case, I had also
tentatively identified it as a sea creature from the photo, and
was amused at the way the article was written around that
obvious fact.

Steve

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Re: Secrecy News -- 02/09/07 - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 08:57:44 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2007 09:37:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Secrecy News -- 02/09/07 - Nielsen

>From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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Just a note of thanks, Steven, for all the work you do. I really appreciate your ongoing references to military manuals. Although we can't do much more with them than stay informed and assist our attorneys in their research for our benefit, given that eventuality. Anyway...

Keep up the good work!

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Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 18:00:59 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2007 10:17:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Shough

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 23:49:19 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Nick

The ratio of depth to diameter of the Heflin object is about 3.8, that of your trainwheel about 4.3.

The ratio of the "dome" diameter to the total diameter of the Heflin object is about 1.45, your trainwheel about 1.2.

The thickness and angle of the flange in relation to the "dome" are plainly different.

Your trainwheel traction surfaces are exactly vertical to the rims, Heflin's object appears to have a slight taper.

Your trainwheel has a very prominent boss on top which is not present on the Heflin object.

Since your own photos indicate that all your statements are untrue, would you like to explain why you made them?

Martin Shough

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Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2007 00:20:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2007 10:22:20 -0500
Subject: Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Maccabee

>From: Robert Luca <lucaland.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 17:12:49 -0500
>Subject: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>Hello,

>I am a family member of Bob and Betty Luca and we on my fathers
>side have come foward and have told the truth about everything.
>You will read as to why. The truth in the letter belowd is The
>Andreasson Affair is a hoax which has been going on for some 30+
>years now. We have included both the truth and the proof in both
>the letter and the website you can visit that is listed on the
>letter. You can contact me at anytime for comment. These days,
>Bob and Betty have gone into hiding and will not talk to anybody
>about the case and have refused to have a new investigation.
>Everything is written in the letter and the website. All my
>contact information is on there. Please feel free to write back
>should you have any questions.

>The Andreasson Affair found out to be a HOAX!

Why am I not shocked at this?

Saddened, yes. Startled, surprised, shocked?

No.

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From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 14:36:29 -0700
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Thanks for the images Nick, they definitely allow for a careful
comparison.

As you say, in spite of the overall similarity, they are readily
distinguished from the Heflin object by visual inspection.

The image I have for the Bachmann wheels is not particularly
good, see:

<http://tinyurl.com/2wx24w>

I spoke with a Credit Valley representative, and apparently they
also carry Bachmann, so we may be looking at the same wheel.
However, I could be persuaded that yours are very subtly more
'Heflin-like', better matching the ramp from the outer rim
toward the center. Neither is a very good match to the outer-
rim-to-inner-hub diameter ratio.

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I am also of the impression that the object seems closer than
claimed, based on the darkness of its shadowed areas.

During the flurry of Heflin discussion last summer I tried to
obtain a range constraint based on atmospheric extinction, but
it turns out that visibility at the time of the photograph was
substantially greater than originally thought, and the result
was inconclusive.

At the range associated with a model train wheel, brightening of
the underside would of course be dominated by light from the
ground and/or Heflin's vehicle itself.

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>with the flying saucer image in Rex Heflin's polaroid pictures
>and make the results of my analysis known to the UFO UpDates
>List. Until then, we cannot yet rule out the claim that this
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>See:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/jun/m16-019.shtml>

In my conversation with Credit Valley, I was transferred to a
gentleman who was quite well-versed in the history of model
trains and their accessories. He asserted the following: in
America prior to 1969, a metal model train wheel at 1:32 scale
or larger would have almost certainly have to come from a live-
steam set imported from England, with the overwhelmingly likely
manufacturer being Roundhouse, or possibly Astor.

I must say that my visual impression of the Heflin images makes
the model train wheel idea hard to swallow. If that's what it
is, he achieved a remarkable effect. Perhaps others have
developed optic/geometric arguments that would rule out such a
tiny, close-range prop.

Mike

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Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Brenton

From: Daniel Brenton <daniel_brenton.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2007 14:13:19 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 07:16:17 -0500
Subject: Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Brenton

>From: Robert Luca <lucaland.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 17:12:49 -0500
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I will argue his assertion that a compulsive liar would evade the discussion. I don't think that's true. My experience of compulsive liars is that they delight in spinning any negative attention to their advantage. I don't see this happening yet.

Compulsive liars stop lying when they're dead, and not a moment before.

If I really wanted to hurt someone who has gone on record as an abductee - and my conscience wasn't an issue - I'd attack the validity of their reported experiences. An absurdly easy target. After all, these people are crazy and can't prove anything, right?

I credit the Andreasson-Lucas and Raymond Fowler for not jumping into this 'discussion'.

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Global Team Searches For UFOs

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Subject: Global Team Searches For UFOs

Source: The Denver Post - - Denver, Colorado, USA

http://www.denverpost.com/headlines/ci_5208640

02/12/2007

Global Team Searches For UFOs

Larimer County man directs a global team of 400 investigators who look into reports of UFOs

By Monte Whaley
Denver Post Staff Writer

Bellvue - James Carrion will often look up at the stars shining over his hilltop home near this Larimer County community and wonder who or what is watching.

"I think they know I'm looking for them," said the 41-year-old former Army intelligence officer.

Carrion is international director of the Mutual UFO Network, one of the largest groups in the world dedicated to examining sightings of unidentified flying objects and otherworldly phenomena.

The nonprofit's world headquarters recently moved from a storefront in Littleton into Carrion's spacious home. He directs 400 field investigators - all certified by MUFON - to interview witnesses, examine possible landing sites and review weather and astronomical data to determine whether a sighting was a balloon, atmospheric blip or something unexplainable.

Most can be explained, Carrion said. But about 10 percent to 15 percent of the 2,400 cases the group takes on each year turn out to be something that escapes human logic, he said.

"And the people who make these reports are reliable and down-to-earth who saw something that can't be explained," he said.

MUFON is one of the more "reasonably objective" UFO groups operating out there, said Roger Culver, a Colorado State University astronomy professor.

Still, no individual or organization has been able to produce dead-on, irrefutable proof that alien beings sometimes visit us, Culver said.

He also finds it puzzling that no UFO or alien has slipped out from under the blanket of secrecy the government has supposedly thrown over UFOs.

"Our government can't keep a secret," Culver said. "Just once, in the public eye, I want to see side panels of a spacecraft with serial numbers on it on an alloy not found on Earth."

Carrion - who owns a computer training company - electronically catalogs reports of UFOs and other phenomena dating back to World War II and beyond.

In all, a long concrete storehouse at Carrion's home contains more than 13,000 reported cases of UFO sightings or alien contacts. They are among rows of metal and paper files as well as photo negatives of supposed UFO encounters.

Carrion also has on hand a green, bug-eyed alien lawn ornament and an alien "fetus" floating in a jar of water.

"Oh, that," said Carrion, pointing to a bulging garbage bag leaning up against the storeroom's wall. "That's not an alien baby. Just an old Christmas tree."

Carrion said his wife doesn't seem to mind his hobby.

"She tolerates it," he said, adding that his 3-year-old son "doesn't know what Daddy does."

Carrion has never seen a UFO and is wary of those who quickly dismiss any reasonable explanation of a sighting.

"To them, this is like a religion, and they cling to that no matter what," he said.

But he also believes there are segments of the government working on aircraft and technology that occasionally crisscross our skies. Carrion is convinced the government is hiding information about scrapes people have with aircraft and entities that are not of this world.

"I have a passion for the truth," Carrion said. "Some people want to perpetuate this mystery, but I want to see a conclusion to this."

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My New Vision For The Old Ufology

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Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 07:50:14 -0500
Subject: My New Vision For The Old Ufology

My interview by Horizonte Eletronic Magazine

<http://revistahorizonte.blogspot.com>

1) How did you start your work with UFO research?

I was a 10-year-old boy in 1961. I can=B4t remember why, I left my house and walked to another room in the backyard. It was dark, but not too late in the night. I felt a warm wave coming from above my head. Looking over my head there was an unforgettable sighting: a round object, featuring multi-coloured lights, hovering over the house. It was like a giant pizza (I was not able to guess the height since I was too young), and its lights flashed each at once. In awe, I ran home and called my parents so they could see the object. We all went out to the backyard, and they also saw the beautiful hovering UFO. We called some neighbours, who also witnessed the sighting. Everybody run outside, at the street, to see the object. The UFO kept spinning around its axis and stayed aloft for a long time, and then started to move itself slowly heading to the Ibirapuera Park. We watched its displacement in the sky, in euphory, when it suddenly zig-zagged two or three times in an incredible velocity and disappeared like an arrow in the horizon.

At least twenty people had witnessed in awe the event .This was my first UFO sighting.

2) Are you a contactee? How it was (or how it is) this contact with extraterrestrial beings?

In the past times I can say that I was a contactee... I mean, if I really was (laugh). It seems like a misunderstanding, so I will try to express myself in a clearer way: I really faced some strange facts - like I descroibed in my book Memopirs of a Kumara and I cant explaint them. I used to heard soundless words in my mind wich turned into nice texts and wisdom. But therewas the question: Were these words a product of my own mind or was I been told by someone else? Today I believe that 90% of all the channelling' are just a self-made access to your own knowledage - although I can=B4t discard totally the likeliness of some kind of contact with another dimension. Currently (and from years to now) I dont keep any contact, neither with extraterrestyrial entities, or with myself. Maybe it is a result of change in some of my thought and what I accept as the truth.

3) For how long are the extraterrestrials among us?

I think the ETs are earthling beings living in the Mountain Ridges or in the deep oceans with covers 3/4 of the Earth. If the came from outer space in the past, I dont know. What I am sure is that we, the so-called the normal humans, are seeking our salvation and the paradise where they never were: in outer space.

4) When Will mankind have contact with them? Or will teh contacts be always individual - for a few people?

The contact affair, in my theory mentioned above, will be made in a step -by-step fashion, as we became aware that we are no

alone, not in the Universe, but here at the Earth. When we realize that we were looking for the treasure where it never was, we will put our feet on the ground again. Doing this, we will allow our senses to see what we have been searching right here.

5) The contactees are often described as 'the chosen ones', or the approach followed by the ETs to contact earthlings is driven by another criteria?

The 'chosen ones' approach is pointless. The matter is more deep, and insuitable to be discussed at the time being. I mean, who is more aware, notes. There is a big difference between look, see and be aware of something. Three very distinct actions. I know I am not satisfying all of you who are reading this interview.

6) Why there are so many hoaxes in UFO research? It=B4s only the desire of being reknowned or a disguise by the Superpower=B4s Governments?

Yes, there are hoaxes, both deliberate and *****, with many objectives: Self-****, divert the media attention to other directions, and to keep the ordinary people under control.;

Another crucial factor is the ego-driven behaviour of many UFO researchers, who support hoaxes or divert the research from the right path just for gain profits. Referring to conspiracies and cover-ups, I think it is more a matter of guessings than real stuff, should them hide from the general public. There are even the security and religious issues - churches of all types must keep their followers loyal. And so forth.

7) What level of credibility that channelling (inspiration, mediumity, etc) has? Do these procedures left the individual (the contactee) exposed to public execration?

The credibility depends on who are reading. If the alleged inspiration or channelling has coherence and if it sums up something to our knowledge, so it=B4s OK! It doesn=B4t matter if there was your own mind, or an ET, or an spirit, angel or a kind of saint. We must know our own power and expertise, and recognize them without to unknown external entities. It=B4s time to open our eyes, and awake for the truth. Keep our foot on the ground, and believe that everyone owns their destiny, future, progress and disgrace.

8) When I met you in the 90`s you were knowned as an mystic ufologist, and by that time it was enough to mean a hoaxer. Nowadays you overcame the prejudice and turned into a well-respected researchers. This fact means that the prejudice against contactees and holistic researchers is slowing down?

I made a lot of things and I dont repent myself for that. I walked, tripped, fell off, stand up, I got wrong shortcuts... at last I feel good, a long-life student who admits errors, misleadings, and told some people 'truths' that arent my 'truths' nowadays. The prejudice against believing will cease when people learn about respecting. Everyone has the right for their own choices for their living. To contact yourself is more important than contact external entities.

9) You have been talking about Holistic Ufology. It is a new designation for Mystic Ufology? What are the main differences between Holistic and Cientific Ufology?

The Cientific UFO research is the cornerstone of any research. Every building must have a strong base. Researchers must have a solid base to develop his/her studies following his/her creativity, adding everything he/her thinks will be helpful. The plain vision of the whole thing is what we call the holistic vision (from the Greek term Holos =3D Everything) ; Every possibilities must be taken, even most of them are to be eventually rejected.

10) What is the long term target of SOCEX group?

It was established in Aug 1, 1991, with all official requirements fulfilled. It is recognized as a public utility entity by the Brazilian Law. Its aims are teach people about the UFO phenomena, breaking myths and unveiling the truth about the issue.

11) What about your TV show (Vida Inteligente - Intelligent Life - Floripa TV, Channel 4 on NET cable TV)? How is the public reaction to the show?

The show is running for a year and half by now. It is aired live and it spans for 1 hour. See:

www.vidainteligente.blogspot.com

It talks about Astronomy, Astrophysics, Space Exploration, Atmosphere, Exobiology, Cosmology, Ecological issues and Environment, Technology, etc. Its purpose is teach people and, and at the same time, be different from the common open TV.

12) We thank you for your interview and ask you for some final words.

I tell everyone to be open for new discoveries, be humbe to realize your mishaps and restart; Mutual respect and search for data without prejudice. We need cohesion, not ego-driven altercation. We are all apprentices and people must rely on each other to get the responses to our questions.

Thank you very much, and a "friendly hug", like we say in Brazil.

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The 'New' Phoenix Lights Analysis

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 08:09:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 08:09:10 -0500
Subject: The 'New' Phoenix Lights Analysis

Source: Rich Giordano's CNUFOS Site - Phoenix, Arizona, USA

<http://www.cnufos.com/pages/newsandstories/2007pla.htm>

02-07-07

The Phoenix Lights Return?
Are We Talking Flares Again?
By Rich Giordano

Almost 10 years to the day Phoenix residents are talking again about the return of the Phoenix Lights.

February 6th, 2007 around 8pm Arizona time valley residents were calling in to the radio, airports and military bases wondering what was hovering near the city. The military used the same flare excuse they used 10yrs ago when the first Phx lights event took place.

Here we go again.

This time I found something very interesting while looking at the video. In my opinion I think flares were probably dropped but not where the military says they were dropped. I believe these lights were part of something but what that may be is beyond me.

I put together a news clip and my findings together and what I found is more than interesting. I believe the flares were dropped but they are so far the camera barely captures them. If you look at the bottom right corner of the video you will see 7 lights in a cluster and one of those lights moving downward toward the ground. The remaining lights are stationary. These are the flares!

I will save the rest for you to see in the video analysis. Click the link to my You Tube video of the recent sighting over Phoenix.

I wish I videotaped it myself. Darnit!

Click here for new Phoenix Lights news report and my analysis:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGoHuipecYE>

Update 02-08-07 - Video From News 10 Helicopter:

<http://tinyurl.com/32jlgb>

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Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"! - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 04:39:37 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 08:11:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"! - McGonagle

Hello List,

The person responsible for the false rumours of the death of Roy Lake has been conclusively identified.

In spite of being given an opportunity to apologise, Michael Rutherford has not done so, consequently, it is just and fitting that he should be publicly named.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Simons

From: **Judy Simons** <jsimons.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 08:19:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 08:46:37 -0500
Subject: Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Simons

>From: Daniel Brenton <daniel_brenton.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2007 14:13:19 -0800
>Subject: Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 11:44:07 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 12:38:21 -0500
Subject: Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Randle

>From: Judy Simons <jsimons.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Judy, List, All -

As many of you know, I'm no big fan of abduction accounts and the Andreasson Affair smacks more of contactees than of an abduction... but I found the letter from Robert Jr. disturbing because of the tone, the rants, and the lack of spelling (who doesn't have a spell check today?... Even the emails tell me when a word is misspelled).

And I too, looked at his websites and found them disturbing as well. I have to throw in with Judy on this one, though I suspect, in the end, we'll find that there isn't much substance to the various claims of abduction.

KRandle

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Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"! - Parr

From: Chris Parr <ChrsP875.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 15:09:36 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 19:37:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"! - Parr

Re: Roy Lake In "Perfect Health"! - McGonagle

Joe,

You seem altogether, too comfortable in taking on the role as British UFO gestapo.

Roy Lake is alive. Good news. It appears that this incident is the result of a bit of 'handbags at ten paces' within the internal structure of London UFO Studies. This incident is a matter for this group to deal with, albeit all three of them.

Your post in relation to this is "off topic" and stazi orientated. No wonder people have abandoned British UFO studies and reduced it to double figure numbers.

Chris Parr

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From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 14:18:35 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 19:39:23 -0500
Subject: Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Randle

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Good Afternoon, List -

Okay, before the firestorm begins, let me say that I left a
modifier out... that last part should have said, "We'll find
that there isn't much substance to Andreasson's claims of
abduction."

I wasn't referring to all reports of abduction, just to those in
this specific case. Sorry.

KRandle

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Statement From Roy Lake

From: Chris Parr <ChrsP875.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 17:47:56 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 19:42:38 -0500
Subject: Statement From Roy Lake

Hello UpDate Listers,

I am amazed that this Roy Lake 'Death' situation has escalated to extremes.

The original offensive e-mail was written in retarded broken unskilled english and should never have made any impact within the ufological community.

It should never have caused the non chaos within a chaotic ufological vacuum.

This information was given to me by Roy Lake and he wishes to comment on the incident which is manifesting into a negative ufological escalation.

Statement From Roy Lake

"This e-mail business is an unfortunate local matter. ... and this person who committed this action should not be vilified by anybody... He clearly needs help.

"He is not a person who was an active member of my group, but hung around the parameters, as if he was. He was a role player. I am concerned about the situation, yet it is now exposed and now we deal with things like adults and ufologists"

"British Ufology should not concentrate or glorify on negative matters as there is much more concerning matters, such as the O'Hare UFO incident or other international events. We want people to watch the skies and not make a situation more than it was and concentrate on UFO sightings around the world"

"I treat this latest incident as water under the bridge and do not wish to create a criminal culture that will distract from my fifty years research. It's not what I'm about. Dusty Mod documents don't tell us anything. Its about the evidence and the witnesses and hasn't changed for my participation of over fifty years" -- Roy Lake

Chris Parr.....mmmm
"Dead" easy to find the real truth!... Investigators?

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Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 20:46:49 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 19:52:14 -0500
Subject: Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Hall

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>real Jerry Springer stuff, and it seems rare that marriages can
>end in amicable partings.

>I will argue his assertion that a compulsive liar would evade
>the discussion. I don't think that's true. My experience of
>compulsive liars is that they delight in spinning any negative
>attention to their advantage. I don't see this happening yet.

>Compulsive liars stop lying when they're dead, and not a moment
>before.

>If I really wanted to hurt someone who has gone on record as an
>abductee - and my conscience wasn't an issue - I'd attack the
>validity of their reported experiences. An absurdly easy target.
>After all, these people are crazy and can't prove anything,
>right?

>I credit the Andreasson-Lucas and Raymond Fowler for not jumping
>into this 'discussion'.

Very good observations, Daniel. I'm with you. We need a balanced
discussion, and cannot leap to the conclusion that this guy's
motives or intentions are simon pure and that he is telling the
plain truth. He could have an ax to grind. Maybe so, maybe not.
But the important thing is to have a fair hearing.

- Dick

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Secrecy News -- 02/12/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 15:06:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 07:59:52 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/12/07

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DOD ADDS "CREDIBILITY ASSESSMENT" TO POLYGRAPH PROGRAM

The Department of Defense has revised and supplemented its polygraph program to include non-polygraph techniques for detecting deception.

A new Pentagon directive introduces the term "Credibility Assessment (CA)," which refers to "The multi-disciplinary field of existing as well as potential techniques and procedures to assess truthfulness that relies on physiological reactions and behavioral measures to test the agreement between an individual's memories and statements."

The new directive also transfers the polygraph program from the Defense Security Service to the secretive DoD Counterintelligence Field Activity (CIFA). The program will be overseen by the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

Eleven military and defense intelligence organizations listed in the directive are authorized to conduct polygraph and credibility assessment examinations.

The reliability of polygraph testing for employee screening is widely disputed on scientific grounds. But many government security officials nevertheless insist on its value and utility, and the practice persists.

See "Polygraph and Credibility Assessment Program," Department of Defense Directive 5210.48, January 25, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/d5210_48.pdf

U.S. ARMY ON IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DEFEAT

Improvised explosive devices (IEDs) are a major source of U.S. and allied casualties in Iraq. Military doctrine for confronting and defeating the IED threat is set forth in a 2005 U.S. Army field manual.

"The proliferation of IEDs on the battlefield in both Iraq and Afghanistan has posed the most pervasive threat facing coalition

forces in those theaters," the manual states. "The persistent effectiveness of this threat has influenced unit operations, U.S. policy, and public perception."

The manual discusses the nature of the threat, describes the defining characteristics of IEDs, and presents a framework for developing opposing strategy and tactics.

The manual has not been approved for public release and portions of the document that may be operationally sensitive are being withheld from publication online by Secrecy News.

See "Improvised Explosive Device Defeat (excerpt)," Field Manual Interim FMI 3-34.119, September 2005 (44 pages of a total 142 pages):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fmi3-34-119-excerpt.pdf>

The 2005 document makes no mention of the explosively formed projectiles (EFPs) that have recently been described by the Department of Defense as a particularly dangerous variant of IED. See a February 11, 2007 DoD briefing on "Iranian Support for Lethal Activity in Iraq," via TPM Muckraker:

<http://www.tpmuckraker.com/archives/002534.php>

U.S. NAVY ON RELEASE OF COMSEC MATERIAL TO INDUSTRY

The transfer of sensitive government communications security (COMSEC) information and equipment to industry is the subject of a newly revised U.S. Navy Instruction.

"Government cryptographic equipment operations will ordinarily be conducted by the Government," the Instruction states.

"However, when there is a valid need and it is clearly in the best interest of the Navy and the Government, cryptographic equipment, keying material, related COMSEC information, and access to classified U.S. Government traffic may be provided to U.S. contractors...."

See "Release of Communications Security (COMSEC) Material To U.S. Industrial Firms Under Contract to the U.S. Navy," OPNAVINST 2221.5C, February 7, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/opnavinst/2221_5c.pdf

CRS ON THE DECLINE OF ARMS CONTROL

The decline of arms control as an instrument of policy in the Bush Administration is charted in a new report from the Congressional Research Service, which surveys the evolution of the field over the last several decades.

"The Bush Administration has altered the role of arms control in U.S. national security policy," the CRS report states.

"The President and many in his Administration question the degree to which arms control negotiations and formal treaties can enhance U.S. security objectives."

"Instead, the Administration would prefer, when necessary, that the United States take unilateral military action or join in ad hoc coalitions to stem the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction."

"The absence of confidence in arms control has extended to the State Department, where the Bush Administration has removed the phrase 'arms control' from all bureaus that were responsible for this policy area."

See "Arms Control and Nonproliferation: A Catalog of Treaties and Agreements," January 29, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL33865.pdf>

Federation of American Scientists.

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Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 16:17:56 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 08:14:55 -0500
Subject: Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Hamilton

>From: Daniel Brenton <daniel_brenton.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2007 14:13:19 -0800
>Subject: Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax

>>From: Robert Luca <lucaland.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 17:12:49 -0500
>>Subject: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax

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>dismiss the story because of this claim, and clearly I feel
>strongly enough about it that I'm willing to make the following
>comments.

<snip>

For what it is worth I inquired about this to someone who has
been working with the Betty Luca case and he says:

"Yeah, theyr'e popping up everywhere. Both the name of Betty
Luca's son and husband are being used to discredit Betty's
abduction experiences.

The son one I told Betty about and she says its a family issue
that her son cant deal with and both Betty and Bob (the real
one) are considering taking action against him through a lawyer.
The Bob usurper pretending to be Bob Luca was using the same
wording in his emails as this clown.

Funnily enough he popped up just after I put up my webpage and
told Hal Puthoff and Marc Millis at NASA about it. So the jury
is open as to why this is emerging now.

I wrote an email intending to circulate it, but then I thought
I'd only be giving this tosser more strength. Betty Luca's
experiences are the most written about and influential other
than Roswell, so they are now in line for attack I guess.

When you consider how well known Betty is with Strieber, and the
guys at Hollywood then what this clown is trying to do is a no-
brainer. However, it will be interesting to see who does get
fooled by this guy. Some people put any old bullshit on thier
web bulliten boards and so maybe they need to know there subject
more thoroughly.

This guy is trying to divide the UFO community, obviously."

--Paul Potter

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Strange Sightings In Triad Skies

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 08:20:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 08:20:17 -0500
Subject: Strange Sightings In Triad Skies

Source: WXII-TV - Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA

<http://www.wxii12.com/news/10955774/detail.html>

February 8, 2007

Strange Sightings In Triad Skies

Are the makings of a Sci-Fi movie happening in the Piedmont-Triad?

There have been strange reports about flying objects in the skies -- and some people think they're UFOs.

WXII 12's Nicole Ducouer spoke to a Kernersville man who said he captured an object on his cell phone.

Jamarus Crews said he was sitting in his Farmwood Garden Apartment when he saw something in the sky. It had lots of lights and made no noise, he said.

Charles Miller of Charlotte said he also caught an image of an object.

"From the first time I saw it until it was gone, it was 45 seconds and it crossed the entire sky," he told CNN.

Strange sightings have been reported in a number of locations in recent days.

The National Weather Service said it has seen nothing out of the ordinary on its radar, and the Appalachian State University Observatory said it was probably a bolide -- a fireball-like meteor that frequently enters the earth's atmosphere but is rarely seen.

To watch Ducouer's full report, use this video link:

<http://www.wxii12.com/news/10955774/detail.html#>

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Ballester Olmos Bibliography Updated - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 20:07:07 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 08:21:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Ballester Olmos Bibliography Updated - Groff

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 21:29:31 +0100 (CET)
>Subject: Ballester Olmos Bibliography Updated

>For your information, my personal bibliography has been updated
>at the following link:

><http://www.anomalia.org/bibliog1.pdf>

V-J,

Very nice.

I'm honored to have a brief mention of my Perl version of the
Ballester-Guasp Report Evaluator designed for the MUFON Case
Management System.

<http://mufoncms.com>

The evaluator can be found at

<http://mufoncms.com/cgi-bin/bge/bge.pl>

Than you Mr. Olmos

Terry

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Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 22:41:40 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 08:24:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Balaskas

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 14:36:29 -0700
>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 23:49:19 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

<snip>

>>Earlier this evening at work I took several snapshots of one of
>>the "G Scale" model train wheels I purchased from Credit Valley
>>Railway Company, one of Canada's top stores that specializes
>>only in model trains. As you requested, you will find five
>>different images of one these train wheels at the website below.

>><http://profile.imageshack.us/user/ufophotos/>

>>Although the shape, thickness, ratio of diameters and angles are
>>very similar to the flying saucer image in Rex Heflin's polaroid
>>pictures, they are clearly not identical within our measuring
>>uncertainty.

<snip>

>The image I have for the Bachmann wheels is not particularly
>good, see:

><http://tinyurl.com/2wx24w>

>I spoke with a Credit Valley representative, and apparently they
>also carry Bachmann, so we may be looking at the same wheel.
>However, I could be persuaded that yours are very subtly more
>'Heflin-like', better matching the ramp from the outer rim
>toward the center. Neither is a very good match to the outer-
>rim-to-inner-hub diameter ratio.

Hi Michael,

Yes, this is exactly the identical package of four metal model
train wheels that I purchased from this same company for a small
investment of \$22.59 plus tax (free to any UFO UpDates Lister
who has model trains and can use them).

I agree, they are not a very good match with the Rex Heflin
flying saucer but they happened to be the largest wheels they
had in stock. Interestingly, some of the smaller plastic train
wheels they had in stock were of a much closer match but my goal
was to put the claims of Anonymous to the test and ignored
these. Although I did look through several model train magazines
they also carried, I did not find any 1/32 scale train wheels to
examine. I am still searching.

>>The very dark black and featureless underside of Rex Heflin's
>>flying saucer is much too dark. One would expect the underside
>>to be somewhat brightened by reflected sunlight off the ground
>>below it. Since the underside is also darker than anything else

>>in the background of these polaroid pictures, this suggests to
>>me that the saucer is a smaller model closer to the camera.
>>Compare the saucer's darkened underside with the bottom of my "G
>>Scale" model train wheel which was darkened by applying flat
>>black tape to achieve the same effect, and also cover the wheel
>>axial hole.

>I am also of the impression that the object seems closer than
>claimed, based on the darkness of its shadowed areas.

>During the flurry of Heflin discussion last summer I tried to
>obtain a range constraint based on atmospheric extinction, but
>it turns out that visibility at the time of the photograph was
>substantially greater than originally thought, and the result
>was inconclusive.

I concur. What I found very unusual is the very dark underside of
the Heflin flying saucer. It seemed too black for a large
distant object but not for a much small object close to the
camera.

>At the range associated with a model train wheel, brightening of
>the underside would of course be dominated by light from the
>ground and/or Heflin's vehicle itself.

Compare the pictures of the train wheel where I covered its
underside with flat (non-glossy) black tape with the Heflin
flying saucer's black underside. The undersides of military
aircraft are intentionally much lighter in colour than their
tops in order to make them less conspicuous from the ground. Why
would any alien craft or even secret experimental/military
aircraft want to attract attention? I think the underside of Rex
Heflin's "flying" model train wheel was filled in or covered
with black material like I did to make it less obvious that it
is a wheel.

Martin Shough comments that there is a very prominent protruding
boss on my wheel which is absent from the Heflin flying saucer
are valid as long as we remember that it is the "G Scale" wheel
we are making the comparison with. Not all model train wheels
have such protruding bosses and the elusive 1/32 scale wheel may
not either. Even if it did, it would be easy to remove with a
file.

>>I am still looking for the larger 1/32 scale model train wheel
>>from the 1960s that Anonymous mentioned in his e-mail to the UFO
>>UpDates list (see below). Once I do, I will do a comparison
>>with the flying saucer image in Rex Heflin's polaroid pictures
>>and make the results of my analysis known to the UFO UpDates
>>List. Until then, we cannot yet rule out the claim that this
>>flying saucer image is really a model train wheel.

>>See:

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/jun/m16-019.shtml>

>In my conversation with Credit Valley, I was transferred to a
>gentleman who was quite well-versed in the history of model
>trains and their accessories. He asserted the following: in
>America prior to 1969, a metal model train wheel at 1:32 scale
>or larger would have almost certainly have to come from a live-
>steam set imported from England, with the overwhelmingly likely
>manufacturer being Roundhouse, or possibly Astor.

This only further confirms what Anonymous said about what the
Heflin flying saucer was. I will see if there are any train
hobbyists in and around Toronto that may have such steam engines
that were built by Roundhouse or Astor or possibly find pictures
in books or the Internet. Maybe UFO UpDates readers living in
England would like to help out with this investigation.

Another gentleman also well-versed in the history of model
trains that I spoke with in person at Credit Valley Railway
Company suggested I contact a machinist that specializes in
model trains. Unless I knew the exact dimensions of the wheel I
wanted and was prepared to pay much more money, this approach
would not really prove anything other than I could produce a
metal wheel that had the exact dimensions of the Heflin flying
saucer.

>I must say that my visual impression of the Heflin images makes

>the model train wheel idea hard to swallow. If that's what it
>is, he achieved a remarkable effect. Perhaps others have
>developed optic/geometric arguments that would rule out such a
>tiny, close-range prop.

A 1/32 scale wheel is not a tiny prop and much can be achieved
even with a Polaroid cameras and its not very sharp pictures.

A lot has already been written about the Heflin flying saucer,
most of it inconclusive. Although my search for a 1/32 scale
model train wheel from the right steam engine manufactured in
the 1960s continues, even if I were to find a better matching
wheel, there are such large uncertainties in the same ratios
between the three different Heflin flying saucer images that my
investigation may ultimately prove inconclusive too.

Nick Balaskas

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From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 00:51:41 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 08:27:11 -0500
Subject: Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Gates

>From: Daniel Brenton <daniel_brenton.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2007 14:13:19 -0800
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Daniel, Listers,

I agree with you on this one. When you look into what Robert Luca said on his web site he said he spent thirty years looking for evidence. Hardly the kind of thing you would do if you absolutely know somebody isn't telling the truth. He also said that everybody in the family "knows" that Bob was at a movie instead of on the beach. Why waste thirty years if you already "know"?

It is apparent that Robert has a real personal issue with Bob and drinking (meaning no matter what Bob did, or didn't do he would probably still be no good in Robert's mind) likewise Robert seems to have an issue with Betty.

We need to keep on open mind and evaluate Robert's new claims on his web site based upon evidence and investigation, rather than evaluate this like the Skeptibunkers would. The Skeptibunkers (without any investigation or examination) would instantly pronounce that this case has been solved.

Cheers,

Robert

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UFOs Over Nayarit Mexico

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 14:14:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 09:55:49 -0500
Subject: UFOs Over Nayarit Mexico

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

02.12.07

Source: www.analuisacid.com and Periodico Expreso

Date: 02.11.07

UFOs Over Nayarit, Mexico

According to the news item that appeared on February 11, 2007 in Periodico Expreso, students of the Fray Pedro de Gante School in the town of Ahuacatlan witnessed the transit of a group of spherical objects that crossed the skies over Nayarit.

According to one of the boys, Hugo Alberto Rodriguez Gonzalez, the spheres flew from one place to another toward the El Ceboruco volcano, informing her teacher, who explained to the class that [what they were seeing] could not possibly be space junk.

The instructor told her students that it was the first time she had witnessed something out of the ordinary, particularly because the possible UFOs changed colors.

The newspaper report states that one individual took photos of this event with a cell phone camera. However, this visual material has not yet been made available.

Translation (c) 2007, S. Corrales (IHU)
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Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Balaskas

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 18:00:59 -0000
>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 23:49:19 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 14:18:52 -0700
>>>Subject: Model Train Wheels & Heflin [was: Dan Aykroyd Has
>>>O'Hare...]

>>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 7 Feb 2007 22:34:28 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>>Subject: Re: Dan Aykroyd Has O'Hare Footage & Photos?

<snip>

>>>>As I write, I have beside me a set of
>>>>large "G Scale" metal wheels for model trains that I recently
>>>>tracked down and purchased out of town which have the same
>>>>shape, ratios of thicknesses and diameters and even the angles
>>>>of the rims with the famous Rex Heflin UFO.

>><http://profile.imageshack.us/user/ufophotos/>

>The ratio of depth to diameter of the Heflin object is about
>3.8, that of your trainwheel about 4.3.

>The ratio of the "dome" diameter to the total diameter of the
>Heflin object is about 1.45, your trainwheel about 1.2.

>The thickness and angle of the flange in relation to the "dome"
>are plainly different.

>Your trainwheel traction surfaces are exactly vertical to the
>rims, Heflin's object appears to have a slight taper.

>Your trainwheel has a very prominent boss on top which is not
>present on the Heflin object.

>Since your own photos indicate that all your statements are
>untrue, would you like to explain why you made them?

Hi Martin,

The exact type and shape of the Rex Heflin flying saucer is
unique in ufology. For this reason alone it deserves special
attention.

Yes, one can argue that the Heflin flying saucer is not unique
by presenting many examples of very similar saucers, nearly all

of which date after 1965 when he took these famous polaroid pictures. One of these similar saucers to Heflin's appeared in the popular TV series 'The Invaders' which was first broadcast in 1967. There are also drawings and photos that allege to be actual flying saucers by Nazi Germany that also very closely resemble Heflin's saucer that only became available to UFO researchers since 1965. Are these simply "copy cats" of Heflin's saucer that some very experienced ufologists (one with the initials R.H.) at the time accepted as real?

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Your ratios for height to diameter; dome diameter to the total diameter; relative thickness and angle of the flange to the dome and observations that Heflin's dome is not cylindrical are similar to what I obtained but there are two important but not so obvious things to consider.

First, there is the diffraction of light effect around objects photographed in bright light. This effect will introduce uncertainties in our measurements and will also "round" corners and is present around all objects. If the object is very small, like Heflin's saucer, the uncertainties in our measurements are increased since the measurements will be comparable in size to the uncertainties.

Second, there is the issue of perspective. Take the saucer shaped helmet that Canadian soldiers wore in combat during WWI as an example. The diameter of an extended object like the helmet's rim that's closer to the observer or camera than the helmet's central dome will be larger in diameter than when the same helmet is far away (more than a meter or so).

The reason I took and posted the five photos of the "G Scale" metal train wheel on the ImageShack website was because I was requested to and so that everyone could see for themselves. Although your observations and comments are appreciated, you are mistaken if you think that these photos "indicate that all your (my) statements are untrue". I also wrote the following things, among others, which you chose to delete in your reply:

"Although the shape, thickness, ratio of diameters and angles are very similar to the flying saucer image in Rex Heflin's polaroid pictures, they are clearly not identical within our measuring uncertainty." And, "I am still looking for the larger 1/32 scale model train wheel from the 1960s that Anonymous mentioned in his e-mail to the UFO UpDates List (see below). Once I do, I will do a comparison with the flying saucer image in Rex Heflin's polaroid pictures and make the results of my analysis known to the UFO UpDates List. Until then, we cannot yet rule out the claim that this flying saucer image is really a model train wheel."

I have been contacted off-list by others who have other model train wheels that have a much closer or identical match to the Heflin flying saucer. I too have several other metallic and non-metallic wheels from smaller gauge model trains that better match the Heflin flying saucer but until I can track down and obtain the right 1/32 scale model train wheel (several types depending on the type of locomotive or car), this remains an ongoing project for me. If such new material evidence forces us to cast reasonable doubt about Rex Heflin's UFO account and we conclude that it was just another hoax, then this is not a bad thing for ufology or our search for the truth.

That said, I am now very excited about another high profile UFO/alien abduction case that may too prove to be a hoax - the Betty Andreasson affair that respected UFO researcher Raymond Fowler investigated and wrote about in several books. The reason I am excited is that Betty Andreasson is the only high profile example other ufologists have presented as proof to me that Christians (those who will invoke the name of Jesus at times of trouble and identify themselves as children of "Our Father") can also be abducted by "aliens" against their will too.

If this 3 decade old case is also shown to be a hoax, then we will have made one giant step in our understanding of the UFO/alien abduction phenomenon. These "aliens" who seem to know about and fear God are not visitors from other planets but very

much from our own world or reality and through their behaviour can be better understood and identified as "demons", the name they were known by pre-space age generations.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Scheldroup

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 13:18:01 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 10:00:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Scheldroup

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 18:00:59 -0000
>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 23:49:19 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

<snip>

><http://profile.imageshack.us/user/ufophotos/>

>Nick

>The ratio of depth to diameter of the Heflin object is about
>3.8, that of your trainwheel about 4.3.

>The ratio of the "dome" diameter to the total diameter of the
>Heflin object is about 1.45, your trainwheel about 1.2.

>The thickness and angle of the flange in relation to the "dome"
>are plainly different.

>Your trainwheel traction surfaces are exactly vertical to the
>rims, Heflin's object appears to have a slight taper.

>Your trainwheel has a very prominent boss on top which is not
>present on the Heflin object.

>Since your own photos indicate that all your statements are
>untrue, would you like to explain why you made them?

Here's an image blowup from that earlier post which got misplaced.

<http://home.centurytel.net/cty90143/jpeg/heflin/1965santaanna.jpg>

Among the large scale builders were Marklin Gauge 1 (1/32 scale)

<http://www.marklin.com/scales/maxi/>

John

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Not The Ultimate UFO Quiz

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 04:41:47 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 10:05:28 -0500
Subject: Not The Ultimate UFO Quiz

For your amusement.

Test your knowledge of UFO lore.

Source: MSNBC.COM

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/4854209/>

I missed the one about the name of the movie about Marshall Applewhite. It figures since I haven't gone to see a movie since 1986.

Terry

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A Familiar & Prescient Voice

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Source: The New York Times - New York, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2a6xmw>

February 13, 2007

Science

A Familiar And Prescient Voice, Brought To Life
By Dennis Overbye

It's been a long 10 years since we've heard Carl Sagan beckoning us to consider the possibilities inherent in the "billions" of stars peppering the sky and in the "billions" of neuronal connections spiderwebbing our brains.

In the day, the Cornell astronomer, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of books like "The Dragons of Eden", "Contact", "Pale Blue Dot" and "The Demon-Haunted World", impresario of the PBS program "Cosmos" and Johnny Carson regular was one of the world's most famous and eloquent unbelievers, an apostle of cosmic wonder, critic of nuclear arms and a champion of science's duty to probe and question without limit, including the claims of religion. He died of pneumonia after a series of bone marrow transplants in December 1996.

In his absence, the public discourse on his favorite issues =97 the fate of the planet, the beauty and mystery of the cosmos =97 has not fared well. The teaching of evolution in public schools has become a bitter bone of contention; NASA tried to abandon the Hubble Space Telescope and censor talk of climate change; and of course, religious fanatics crashed jetliners into the World Trade Center, leading to a war in the Middle East that has awakened memories in some corners of the Crusades.

Now, however, Dr. Sagan has rejoined the cosmic debate from the grave. The occasion is the publication last month of "The Varieties of Scientific Experience: A Personal View of the Search for God" (Penguin). The book is based on a series of lectures exploring the boundary between science and religion that Dr. Sagan gave in Glasgow in 1985, and it was edited by Ann Druyan, his widow and collaborator.

Reading Dr. Sagan's new book is like running into an old friend at a noisy party, discovering he still has all his hair, and repairing to the den for a quiet, congenial drink.

"I would suggest that science is, at least in part, informed worship", he writes at the beginning of a discussion that includes the history of cosmology, a travel guide to the solar system, the reason there are hallucinogen receptors in the brain, and the meaning of the potential discovery =97 or lack thereof =97 of extraterrestrial intelligence.

Never afraid to venture into global politics, Dr. Sagan warns at one point of the danger that a leader under the sway of religious fundamentalism might not try too hard to avoid nuclear

Armageddon, reasoning that it was God's plan.

"He might be interested to see what that would be like", Dr. Sagan wrote. "Why slow it down?"

Almost in the same breath, Dr. Sagan acknowledges that religion can engender hope and speak truth to power, as in the civil rights movement in the United States, but that it rarely does.

It's curious, he says, that no allegedly Christian nation has adopted the Golden Rule as a basis for foreign policy. Rather, in the nuclear age, mutually assured destruction was the policy of choice. "Christianity says that you should love your enemy. It certainly doesn't say that you should vaporize his children."

When Saddam Hussein was hanged in December, those words had a haunting resonance.

It was Ms. Druyan's impatience with religious fundamentalism that led her to resurrect Dr. Sagan's lectures, which were part of the Gifford Lectures, a prestigious series about natural theology that has been going on since the 19th century.

Ms. Druyan, who co-wrote "Cosmos" and produced the movie "Contact", based on her husband's novel, runs Cosmos Studio and was a leader in the aborted effort by the Planetary Society to launch a solar sail from a Russian submarine two years ago. Among her lesser-known achievements is a kiss on the cheek of the science writer Timothy Ferris, which was recorded and included on a record of the sounds of Earth that is part of the Voyager spacecraft now flying out of the solar system. She and Dr. Sagan had planned to use his Gifford lectures as the basis for a new television show called "Ethos", a sequel to "Cosmos", about the spiritual implications of the scientific revolution. "I know of no other force that can wean us from our infantile belief that we are the center of the universe", she said.

But "Ethos" never happened, and the lectures disappeared.

In the wake of Sept. 11 and the attacks on the teaching of evolution in this country, she said, a tacit truce between science and religion that has existed since the time of Galileo started breaking down. "A lot of scientists were mad as hell, and they weren't going to take it anymore", Ms. Druyan said over lunch recently.

Some of the books that resulted, such as Richard Dawkins's "The God Delusion", have been criticized as shrill, but Ms. Druyan said: "People like Carl and Dawkins are more serious about God than people who just go through the motions. They are real seekers."

About a year ago, Ms. Druyan went looking for Dr. Sagan's lectures, eventually finding them filed under "Ethos" in his archive at Cornell, which occupies 1,000 filing cabinets and includes things like his baby pictures and report cards.

Rereading them, she said, "I couldn't believe how prophetic they were."

It took about a day for her editor at Penguin to decide to publish them, she said.

She retitled the book =97 Dr. Sagan had named his lectures "The Search for Who We Are" =97 as a nod to William James, whose Gifford lectures in 1901 and 1902 became the basis for his book "The Varieties of Religious Experience."

Ever the questioner, Dr. Sagan asks at one point in his lectures why the God of the Scriptures seems to betray no apparent knowledge of the wider universe that "He or She or It or whatever the appropriate pronoun is" allegedly created. Why not a commandment, for instance, that thou shalt not exceed the speed of light? Or why not engrave the Ten Commandments on the Moon in such a way that they would not be discovered until now, =E0 la the slab in "2001: A Space Odyssey"?

If such an inscription were found, people would ask how it had gotten there, Dr. Sagan writes. "And then there would be various hypotheses, most of which would be very interesting", he adds dryly.

Near the end of his book, Dr. Sagan parses the difference between belief and science this way: "I think if we ever reach the point where we think we thoroughly understand who we are and where we came from, we will have failed."

The search for who we are does not lead to complacency or arrogance, he explains. "It goes with a courageous intent to greet the universe as it really is, not to foist our emotional predispositions on it but to courageously accept what our explorations tell us."

Dr. Sagan was many things, but shrill was not one of them.

The last word may as well go to Dr. Dawkins himself, who in a 1996 book nominated Dr. Sagan as the ideal spokesman for Earth. In a blurb for the new book, Dr. Dawkins said that the astronomer was more than religious, having left behind the priests and mullahs.

"He left them behind, because he had so much more to be religious about", Dr. Dawkins wrote. "They have their Bronze Age myths, medieval superstitions and childish wishful thinking. He had the universe."

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Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 10:38:11 -0500
Subject: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

Source: The Daily Galaxy - New York, New York, USA

http://www.dailygalaxy.com/my_weblog/2007/02/lonely_planets_.html

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Lonely Planets? A Great Debate About The Frequency Of
Extraterrestrial Life

NASA's Astrobiology Portal has published a series of six Great Debates as prominent scientists sift through the available evidence to reach what are sometimes directly opposing conclusions. The first debate will explore the factors required to make a planet habitable and the question of whether complex life like that on Earth is common or rare in our galaxy.

When the book Rare Earth was published two years ago, it raised a great deal of controversy among astrobiologists. Written by Peter Ward and Donald Brownlee, the book's hypothesis suggests complex life is rare in the universe, and may even be unique to Earth. If life does occur elsewhere, the authors contend, it will only be in the form of single-celled life such as bacteria.

The "Rare Earth" hypothesis is directly opposed to the cultural assumption that there are many alien civilizations, derived from the famous estimate by Frank Drake - known as the "Drake Equation" - that was later amended by Drake and Carl Sagan. They arrived at an estimate that there are perhaps a million intelligent civilizations in the Milky Way Galaxy alone.

The participants in the Great Debate include Donald Brownlee and Peter Ward, co-authors of Rare Earth and professors at the University of Washington, Frank Drake, and David Grinspoon, the 2006 Carl Sagan Award winner and astrobiologist.

Great Debate Link:

<http://tinyurl.com/2s9ah6>

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Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Booth

From: **Billy Booth** <Ufocasebook.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 08:44:27 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 12:27:18 -0500
Subject: Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax - Booth

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 00:51:41 EST
>Subject: Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax

>>From: Daniel Brenton <daniel_brenton.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2007 14:13:19 -0800
>>Subject: Re: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax

>>>From: Robert Luca <lucaland.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 17:12:49 -0500
>>>Subject: The Andreasson Affair A Hoax

>>>The Andreasson Affair can be taken for what it is.
>>>A HOAX!

<snip>

Since this began, I have been in touch with the family on several occasions. They assure me that the entire event is a case of "sour grapes."

Bob's son is reacting to his recent deletion from his father's will. This was done because of his life style. Bob told me that he had done everything he could to help him, but had finally given up, and had to disown him.

B J

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Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 15:12:49 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 12:34:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Shough

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 22:41:40 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 14:36:29 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 23:49:19 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

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>I agree, they are not a very good match with the Rex Heflin
>flying saucer but they happened to be the largest wheels they
>had in stock. Interestingly, some of the smaller plastic train
>wheels they had in stock were of a much closer match but my goal
>was to put the claims of Anonymous to the test and ignored
>these. Although I did look through several model train magazines
>they also carried, I did not find any 1/32 scale train wheels to
>examine. I am still searching.

Ah, so you knew these particular G-scale wheels were a poor
match, but selected them anyway because your goal was to test
whether some quite different wheels at a different scale (which
you hadn't got) might have the same proportions as the Heflin
object? Huh? And your focus on this impossible task was so
single minded that you decided to completely ignore some other
wheels, of yet a third type which you not identify or
illustrate, which you tell us were a close match to the Heflin
object?

This is all utter piffle, Nick. You started this ball rolling by
originally telling us:

>As I write, I have beside me a set of
>large "G Scale" metal wheels for model trains that I recently
>tracked down and purchased out of town which have the same
>shape, ratios of thicknesses and diameters and even the angles
>of the rims with the famous Rex Heflin UFO

Well these 'measurements' were all rapidly proved, on your own
photo evidence, to be untrue. Why should we believe you now
about those unidentified plastic train wheels that you didn't
even 'have beside you' (because they were such a good match to
the Heflin object that you decided to ignore them)?

<snip>

>Martin Shough comments that there is a very prominent protruding
>boss on my wheel which is absent from the Heflin flying saucer
>are valid as long as we remember that it is the "G Scale" wheel
>we are making the comparison with.

Yes let's remember that. Let's remember that this was one of

five "valid" differences I pointed out and which you claimed were not there.

>Not all model train wheels have such protruding bosses and the
>elusive 1/32 scale wheel may not either. Even if it did, it
>would be easy to remove with a file.

Let's also remember that I pointed out on-List months ago that some dedicated modellers machine their own parts, and that this fact, added to the tremendous variety of proprietary wheels and wheel-like objects out there (yes, I've looked), makes it ultimately a fruitless exercise. Armed with files, lathes, glue, solder and what-have-you we can make anything look like something else. Ultimately, somehow, somewhere, someone quite possibly has produced an object that has the same proportions (within some acceptable measurement error bars) as the Heflin object, and if you go through enough hobby shops, old tool boxes and garage sales you may eventually find one. You acknowledge yourself that even if we do eventually find such a thing it's likely to remain inconclusive.

It would be hard enough to prove a hoax on this basis, because the same would be true whatever the hell this Heflin object looked like; but if you make reports about such objects that are proveably untrue, and try to cover your error with explanations that are palpably senseless, then your task becomes impossible.

Martin Shough

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Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 15:27:45 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 12:37:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Hall

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 14:02:35 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
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>>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Thu, 08 Feb 2007 14:18:52 -0700
>>>>Subject: Model Train Wheels & Heflin [was: Dan Aykroyd Has
>>>>'O'Hare...]

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>Hi Martin,

>The exact type and shape of the Rex Heflin flying saucer is
>unique in ufology. For this reason alone it deserves special
>attention.

This is absolutely untrue! It is far from unique.

>Yes, one can argue that the Heflin flying saucer is not unique
>by presenting many examples of very similar saucers, nearly all
>of which date after 1965 when he took these famous polaroid
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>saucer that some very experienced ufologists (one with the
>initials R.H.) at the time accepted as real?

I still accept them as real, and am becoming very fed up with
your sort of illogic and unreason. - R.H.

This last paragraph is a totally phony argument! That shape of
UFO was reported many times before 1965. Which, of course, to
you probably "proves" that Heflin based his "fakes" on those
earlier reports. You love to have it both ways.

>If you accept these other examples of flying saucers that are
>very similar to Heflin's, then so are my "G model" metal train
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A donkey is similar to a horse. That doesn't make it a horse.

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I have never seen so many false assumptions and so much circular
reasoning in one place!

As long as there are unexamined model train wheels out there,
which you will endlessly search for, you can maintain your false
assumption that the Heflin photos are fakes. As someone who was
in charge of a very intensive investigation of Heflin the
person, his claims, his reputation among peers, and all the
facts of the case, including the original photo enhancements at
JPL, I resent what amounts to your character assassination of
Heflin.

It is reasonable to do (as Martin Shough and others have done)
to test the hoax hypothesis by re-examining the photos, but you
need to keep in mind that there is little or no reason to assume
that it is true and constantly claim you are one model train
wheel away from proving it. Keep spinning your wheels! You will
go nowhere.

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>Christians (those who will invoke the name of Jesus at times of
>trouble and identify themselves as children of "Our Father") can
>also be abducted by "aliens" against their will too.

If wishes were horses, then beggars would ride. You too may
prove to be a hoax. There is always that possibility.

>If this 3 decade old case is also shown to be a hoax, then we
>will have made one giant step in our understanding of the UFO/

>alien abduction phenomenon. These "aliens" who seem to know
>about and fear God are not visitors from other planets but very
>much from our own world or reality and through their behaviour
>can be better understood and identified as "demons", the name
>they were known by pre-space age generations.

If you keep assuming what you prefer to believe and then conduct
pseudo-science to "prove" it, we will have more of this sort of
false reasoning and wishful thinking instead of reliable
information.

- Dick (a.k.a., RH)

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Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 16:49:19 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 12:41:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Shough

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 14:02:35 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 18:00:59 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 23:49:19 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

<snip some headers>

>>>>As I write, I have beside me a set of
>>>>large "G Scale" metal wheels for model trains that I
>>>>recently
>>>>tracked down and purchased out of town which have the same
>>>>shape, ratios of thicknesses and diameters and even the
>>>>angles
>>>>of the rims with the famous Rex Heflin UFO.

>>><http://profile.imageshack.us/user/ufophotos/>

<snip>

>The reason I took and posted the five photos of the "G Scale"
>metal train wheel on the ImageShack website was because I was
>requested to and so that everyone could see for themselves.

Nick

I'm afraid this absolutely will not do. Yes, you were asked to justify the claim by posting the images, and everyone now can indeed see for themselves that your claim was bogus. You still have not addressed the question of why you made statements in the first place that were patently untrue.

>Although your observations and comments are appreciated, you are
>mistaken if you think that these photos "indicate that all your
>(my) statements are untrue".

Excuse me? Is this patronising clap-trap supposed to gull readers into believing that I made up your claim, or in my well-meaning stupidity somehow misinterpreted it? Perhaps the words "have the same shape, ratios of thicknesses and diameters" etc actually have, to a mind as subtle as yours, some different meaning than "the same shape, ratios of thicknesses and diameters"?

>I also wrote the following things,
>among others, which you chose to delete in your reply:

No you didn't "also write" those words, Nick, you wrote them in a second email when, as a result of having been called, you realised you were obliged to show your cards. Knowing that you

were not going to be able to show the hand you had attempted to bluff us into thinking you held, you now had to try to flannel your way out of trouble by applying some spin, vide:

>"Although the shape, thickness, ratio of diameters and angles
>are very similar to the flying saucer image in Rex Heflin's
>polaroid pictures, they are clearly not identical within our
>measuring uncertainty."

My, my - I wonder how on earth we ever got the impression in the first place that the wheels were identical? This Mr. Balaskas sounds so judicious and objective that I'm sure it can't have had anything to do with him. After all he had the wheels "at his side" as he spoke and must have measured them, so how could he possibly have told such a porky? Perhaps we dreamed it?

>And, "I am still looking for the larger
>1/32 scale model train wheel from the 1960s that Anonymous
>mentioned in his e-mail to the UFO UpDates List (see below).
>Once I do, I will do a comparison with the flying saucer image
>in Rex Heflin's polaroid pictures and make the results of my
>analysis known to the UFO UpDates List. Until then, we cannot
>yet rule out the claim that this flying saucer image is really
>a model train wheel."

One claim we can definitely rule out is your claim that:

>>>>..."G Scale" metal wheels for model trains that I recently
>>>>tracked down and purchased out of town . . . have the same
>>>>shape, ratios of thicknesses and diameters and even the
>>>>angles of the rims with the famous Rex Heflin UFO.

>I have been contacted off-list by others who have other model
>train wheels that have a much closer or identical match to the
>Heflin flying saucer. I too have several other metallic and
>non-metallic wheels from smaller gauge model trains that better
>match the Heflin flying saucer

Really, well perhaps you should have led with your best evidence, not with evidence destined to collapse at the first glance. Will you now post images of the wheels in your possession which are a "better match"? Will those others who have contacted you consider posting images of their own wheels which, you say, this time really are an "identical match"?

>but until I can track down and
>obtain the right 1/32 scale model train wheel (several types
>depending on the type of locomotive or car), this remains an
>ongoing project for me. If such new material evidence forces us
>to cast reasonable doubt about Rex Heflin's UFO account and we
>conclude that it was just another hoax, then this is not a bad
>thing for ufology or our search for the truth.

If evidence forces us to conclusions that is always a very fine thing. Go to it. But so far the only evidence you have presented has forced us to the conclusion that your own claim to have discovered wheels with the same measurement ratios as the Heflin object was bogus. That'll do me as today's contribution to "our search for truth".

Martin Shough

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Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 12:42:16 -0500
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>From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

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>>Nick

>>The ratio of depth to diameter of the Heflin object is about
>>3.8, that of your trainwheel about 4.3.

>>The ratio of the "dome" diameter to the total diameter of the
>>Heflin object is about 1.45, your trainwheel about 1.2.

>>The thickness and angle of the flange in relation to the "dome"
>>are plainly different.

>>Your trainwheel traction surfaces are exactly vertical to the
>>rims, Heflin's object appears to have a slight taper.

>>Your trainwheel has a very prominent boss on top which is not
>>present on the Heflin object.

>>Since your own photos indicate that all your statements are
>>untrue, would you like to explain why you made them?

>Here's an image blowup from that earlier post which got
>misplaced.

><http://home.centurytel.net/cty90143/jpeg/heflin/1965santaanna.jpg>

Hi John

Got misplaced how, by whom, from where? We have seen this drawing before, months ago, and it has nothing to do with the wheel photographed by Nick Balaskas.

It is a more interesting drawing, with due allowance made for the fact that it is only a drawing. I would still like to see the machined object that it is supposed to be a drawing of.

Even so, although this drawing does have a 3-degree tapered profile, which makes it better than Nick's wheel, it still only has a ratio of "tyre" diameter to flange diameter of about 1.28, i.e. Heflin's object has a broader rim than this object, and

broader indeed than any model trainwheel we have yet heard about.

Any more?

Martin Shough

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Re: A Familiar & Prescient Voice - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 11:22:09 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 12:53:56 -0500
Subject: Re: A Familiar & Prescient Voice - Lehmberg

>Source: The New York Times - New York, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/2a6xmw>

>February 13, 2007

>Science

>A Familiar And Prescient Voice, Brought To Life
>By Dennis Overbye

>It's been a long 10 years since we've heard Carl Sagan beckoning
>us to consider the possibilities inherent in the "billions" of
>stars peppering the sky and in the "billions" of neuronal
>connections spiderwebbing our brains.

<snip>

Then - From Robert Anton Wilson on the other hand:

Source:

<http://www.rawilson.com/main.shtml>

The Astronomer Who Abolished Gravity

The normal is what everybody else is and you're not.
- Star Trek: Generations

My mind is going. I can feel it, Dave.
- 2001: A Space Odyssey

If anybody possesses all the qualifications necessary for a fully ordained Expert in America today, Carl Sagan certainly has that dizzying eminence. Through frequent appearances on TV and in Parade (a news magazine circulated through hundreds of newspapers in their jumbo Sunday editions), Dr. Sagan has issued Expert verdicts on every possible controversial issue in science, and in politics, and even in theology, for three decades now. And, like the Experts who authenticated hundreds-to-thousands of Elmyrs, he has never once admitted he ever made a mistake.

You may wonder how a man who only has qualifications in astronomy can also function as an Expert on everything in general. Well, I think it requires Sagan to have a lot of raw courage, in the first place, and a strong, well-founded confidence that those who don't believe his dogmas have much less access to the media than he does; if they answer him back, however effective their arguments, very few of his large, gullible audience will ever hear about it. Let us see how Expertese works, by examining Dr. Sagan's long series of polemics against Dr. Immanuel Velikovsky.

First of all, in every page Sagan has written about Velikovsky, he never once calls him "Dr. Velikovsky" as I just did. Thus, most people who know Velikovsky only through Sagan's attacks

have never learned that Velikovsky had scientific training* . The contest thus seems a struggle between "Dr." Sagan, the learned scientist, and "Mr." Velikovsky, the ignorant layman. Little tricks like that go a long way in deluding the naive, and Sagan never fails to use every dirty trick he knows. In what follows, I reverse this process, just for the hell of it. Sagan I will call Sagan and Dr. Velikovsky I will call Dr. Velikovsky. Sauce for the goose can serve, after all, as sauce for the gander.

Sagan continually states bluntly, and falsely, that Dr. Velikovsky intends his cosmic catastrophe theory to revive the old-time religion.: "It is an attempted validation of religion"....." Velikovsky attempts to rescue not only religion but also astrology." (Brocca's Brain, p 126) We can only conclude that Sagan either reads very carelessly or engages in deliberate lying. Any close reading of Dr. Velikovsky shows numerous expressions of skepticism about both religion and astrology.

In addition, Dr. Velikovsky's theory of cometary near-collisions offers a naturalistic, scientific explanation for many events or alleged events in ancient history, which the religious prefer to explain supernaturally, as miracles. Nobody who suggests a natural explanation for allegedly supernatural events offers real support to religion, in either the judgement of the religious themselves or of those of us with agnostic disposition. Only Sagan - and a few others, who seem to never have read Dr. Velikovsky and obtained their "knowledge" about his works from Sagan - think of the comet model as "validating" religion, since Dr. Velikovsky uses a hypothetical comet to replace a hypothetical god in explaining huge reported floods, and other catastrophes.

Most of us think of Dr. Velikovsky's theory as one which, if proven, would knock one more leg from under the edifice of Bible Fundamentalism. Nobody seems likely to worship Dr. Velikovsky's comet, but millions still worship the Bible's god. In the 30 years or more that Sagan has engaged in diatribes against Dr. Velikovsky, somebody must have pointed out this fundamental confusion to him - mis-identifying a naturalistic theory with a supernatural theory. Evidently, he has a lot of trouble hearing or remembering such corrections.

You become a leading Expert by acting as if everybody else's opinion deserves no attention and never even deserves the courtesy of an answer. For instance, to leave Dr. Velikovsky for a moment, consider Sagan's hilarious theory of "nuclear winter."* Briefly, Sagan's theory holds that nuclear war could result, not just in the horrors we all know, but in a freeze that would probably abolish all life on this planet. (He published this notion in Parade, where his mass audience could see it and gasp.) His refusal to accept valid criticisms of this sci-fi story led to the following summary in Science, official journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, "News and Comments" section, Jan 16, 1987:

Sagan's refusal to acknowledge merit in the NCAR [National Center for Atmospheric Research]'s analysis - known as "nuclear autumn" - sends some people up the wall. One wall-climber is George Rathjens, professor of political science at M.I.T...."(Sagan's) claim that the original nuclear winter model is unimpeached [he says]...is the greatest fraud we've seen in a long time"...Russell Seiz, a fellow at the Harvard Center for International Affairs...gibes at [Sagan and his co-authors] for mixing physics and advertising.

Most scientists I have spoken to about Sagan share this dim view of his use of publicity to represent his pet notions as Scientific Truth even when - or especially when - a large segment of the scientific community has severe doubts about these notions. (Similarly, in Brocca's Brain, Sagan rejects data on so-called "out of body experiences" among near-dead patients because - he says - nobody in that state has reported anything they couldn't have heard while unconscious.

But the literature of OOB has hundreds of cases of such reports, including numerous incidents in which the subjects reported things in rooms far away from the operating room. Once again, we can only wonder if Sagan habitually lies through his teeth or just doesn't read any of the literature on the subjects

upon which he claims Expertese.) But returning to Dr. Velikovsky, and Sagan's crusade against his ideas: Sagan likes to quote a "distinguished professor of Semitics" who told him no Semitic scholars take Dr. Velikovsky seriously. Like the "intelligence officer" who told Newt Gingrich about dope in the White House, this "distinguished professor" remains anonymous, and thus Sagan's hearsay about him would get thrown out of any civilized court.

Three distinguished professors of Semitic studies, however, have all shown cordial support for Dr. Velikovsky: Prof. Claude F.A. Schaeffer, Prof. Etienne Droiton, and Prof. Robert Pieffer. Look them up in any Who's Who of Semitic studies, archeology and Egyptology. They have a lot more prestige in those fields than Sagan's Prof. Anonymous, who doesn't have a single entry under his name anywhere in the scholarly journals (although elsewhere he receives credit for many olde ballads and almost all bawdy limericks.)

Another choice bit of Sagan's Expert testimony: he accuses Dr. Velikovsky of believing that ancient cultures had a calendar of ten months of thirty days each and 360 days in the year. Of course, $10 \times 30 = 300$, and this gives Sagan a chance to gibe at Dr. Velikovsky's inability to handle simple arithmetic. Very good, wouldn't you say? The only trouble with this brilliant analysis consists of the simple fact that, once again, Sagan has either consciously and deliberately lied or accidentally revealed again that he doesn't read carefully.

Dr. Velikovsky says specifically "the month was equal to thirty-six days" (Worlds in Collision, p. 344.) 10 months of 36 days each = 360. See? According to Dr. Velikovsky's model, the year changed to 365 days (plus a few hours) after the cometary near-collision. Whether he has proven that or not, he did not make a crude mistake in arithmetic. Sagan either made a crude mistake in reading, or followed Elmyr's formula for Expert-ness: "sheer bluff." Consider next the high temperature of Venus (4800 C.)

As Dr. Roger Wescott and others have pointed out, Dr. Velikovsky predicted a temperature in this range for Venus when astronomical orthodoxy believed that planet much, much colder. Sagan tries to avoid giving Dr. Velikovsky credit for this confirmation of his model by claiming "many" had predicted a high temperature before the Venus flyby. Actually, he only names one other who had made such a prediction, Dr. Rupert Wildt, and Wildt's work did not win general acceptance. (Others try to get around Dr. Velikovsky's correct estimate in this and other instances by describing him as a "lucky guesser.")

That seems mere cage-rattling to me. One could as well call any scientist who made many correct predictions a "lucky guesser".....) As Harry H. Hess, president of the American Geological Society wrote in a published letter to Dr. Velikovsky:

Some of these predictions were said to be impossible when you made them. All of them were made before proof that they were correct came to hand. Conversely, I do not know of any prediction you made that has since been proven to be false.

But the final joker came on page 153 of Brocca's Brain where Sagan writes (and this really deserves caps):

ONE NOW FASHIONABLE SUGGESTION I FIRST PROPOSED IN 1960 IS THAT THE HIGH TEMPERATURES ON THE SURFACE OF VENUS ARE DUE TO A RUNAWAY GREENHOUSE EFFECT. (all emphasis added, and deserved)

First, Sagan claims that Dr. Velikovsky does not deserve credit for predicting high temperatures on Venus because everybody knew it, although historical fact shows that only Dr. Wildt had made the same prediction before Dr. Velikovsky. Then Sagan either tells a double lie or else suffers an alarming memory lapse that may require neurological consultation, claiming that neither Dr. Wildt nor Dr. Velikovsky had made this prediction (which they had, and he had noted earlier) - and then he brazenly claims he had originated it himself.

Quite a performance, wouldn't you say?

Now do you know how to become an Expert? Keep a straight face and make sure the mass media gives you more coverage than it

gives those who try to correct your mis-statements. I could go on and on, for hundreds of pages, but instead I refer you to Ginethal's book listed at the end of this chapter.

Ginethal does spend hundreds of pages documenting one fallacy after another - literally dozens and dozens of them - in Sagan's smear campaign against Dr. Velikosky. I will conclude only with the most dramatic, and funniest, of Sagan's goofs: In several places, Sagan has published a mathematical proof that several near collisions between a comet and a planet have odds against them of "a trillion quadrillion to one."
(1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 1.) Sounds pretty damned improbable, doesn't it?

The problem here lies in the fact that Sagan considers each near-collision as an isolated or haphazard event, thereby ignoring gravity. In fact, any two celestial bodies, once attracted to each other, will tend to continue to approach each other periodically, according to Newtonian laws unmodified by Einstein. This periodicity will continue until some other gravitational force pulls one of the bodies away from the gravitational attraction of the other. Ask any physics or astronomy professor about this, if you think I'm pushing too hard here. As Dr. Robert Jastrow of NASA's Goddard Institute of Space Studies wrote (New York Times 22 Dec 1979)

Professor Sagan's calculations, in effect, ignore the law of gravity. Here, Dr. Velikovsky was the better astronomer.

Robert Bass wrote, even more harshly,

This Sagan assumption [ignoring gravity] is so disingenuous that I do not hesitate to label it a deliberate fraud on the public or else a manifestation of unbelievable incompetence or hastiness combined with desperation (cited by Ginethal.)

Well, I always had doubts about Sagan's ability to pronounce verdicts outside astronomy. When he does calculations inside astronomy and then ignores or forgets gravity, I begin to wonder about his competence in general.....

Again... the preceding From a recently deceased RAW...

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AVG Blog - <http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>

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Re: Radar Operation At O'Hare? - Shough

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 14 Jan 2007 09:25:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Radar Operation At O'Hare? - Shough

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <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?

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?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 18:15:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 14 Jan 2007 09:59:41 -0500
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?

From: Chris Parr <ChrsP875.nul>
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 11:41:02 EST
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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'Biggest Hacker Of All Time' Fights Extradition

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2007 10:10:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2007 10:10:51 -0500
Subject: 'Biggest Hacker Of All Time' Fights Extradition

Source: The Glasgow Herald - Scotland

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'Biggest Hacker Of All Time' Fights Extradition
David Leask

A Scot accused of carrying out the "biggest military computer hack of all time" yesterday launched a High Court fight to stop his extradition to the United States.

Gary McKinnon, 41, originally from Glasgow, is wanted by US authorities for allegedly breaking into 100 Pentagon and Nasa computers in a bid to find evidence of UFOs.

Home Secretary John Reid last year granted the US request to extradite him for trial.

Mr McKinnon's lawyers yesterday argued that he had been subjected to "improper threats" and warned that the self-confessed hacker could face up to 60 years in jail.

Supporters said McKinnon was being made a "scapegoat" for the shortcomings of security policies on US military networks.

Edmund Lawson, QC, yesterday told two judges at the High Court in London that US authorities had made threats during the plea bargaining attempt in 2003 which infringed his family and private life rights under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Mr Lawson said: "It was indicated that if he didn't co-operate there would be no repatriation because that could be effectively blocked by the prosecutor.

"That, we contend, was an improper threat that could engage this court's abuse of process jurisdiction."

Mr McKinnon has never denied he wandered around the computer networks of a wide number of US military institutions between February 2001 and March 2002. He was arrested in November 2002.

But he has maintained he was motivated by curiosity and only got into networks because of lax security.

Mr McKinnon has claimed that, while logged on to a Nasa computer, he saw - but was unable to save - a picture of a cigar-shaped UFO in orbit.

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New Mystery Animal Attack In Mexico

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
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<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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Re: Great Debate About Frequency of ET? -

From: Wendy Christensen <christensen.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2007 08:11:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency of ET? -

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 10:38:11 -0500
>Subject: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

<snip>

>... The first debate will explore the factors required
>to make a planet habitable and the question of whether complex
>life like that on Earth is common or rare in our galaxy...

<snip>

It's one thing to debate the possibility of life on newly-discovered planets; it's another thing entirely to SEE what extrasolar planets might actually look like. Scientific and astronomical artist Lynnette R. Cook works with the astronomers who discover these worlds to figure out what they might look like, and then paints them. The results are spectacular and thought-provoking. See:

<http://extrasolar.spaceart.org/extrasol.html>

Purrrrrs...

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Wendy Christensen, The Cat Herder"
Cultural Ailurologist, Writer, Illustrator, Photographer
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Got Cats? You need... "Outwitting Cats: Tips, Tricks and
Techniques for Persuading the Felines in your Life That
What YOU Want is also what THEY Want" (Lyons, 2004)

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

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Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2007 08:13:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 16:55:52 -0800
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>Source: The Daily Galaxy - New York, New York, USA

>http://www.dailygalaxy.com/my_weblog/2007/02/lonely_planets_.html

>>February 13, 2007

>>Lonely Planets? A Great Debate About The Frequency Of
>>Extraterrestrial Life

>>NASA's Astrobiology Portal has published a series of six
>>Great Debates as prominent scientists sift through the
>>available evidence to reach what are sometimes directly
>>opposing conclusions. The first debate will explore the
>>factors required to make a planet habitable and the question
>>of whether complex life like that on Earth is common or rare
>>in our galaxy.

><snip>

>>Great Debate Link:

>><http://tinyurl.com/2s9ah6>

>Dear List,

>This discussion is a must read for all who wish to know why
>establishment scientists can't possibly see how UFO could be
>from another star system.

>Thank you, Stuart!

Are you one of those guys Ed that could start a fight in an
empty room?

Your comment above is a little ambiguous but I presume you make
it to support your theory that "ET" in fact lives here on earth
with us and that by implication, these learned and erudite
scientists are agreeing with you.

In your dreams pal.

They can't even agree amongst themselves, let alone with you.

As Peter Ward says "In my view, life in the form of microbes or
their equivalents is very common in the universe, perhaps more
common than even Drake and Sagan envisioned."

This is a broadly held view and the real issue now is how far
away the nearest intelligent civilisation is. That it exists Ed
is a given. The old numbers game.

Which of course brings us back round to the argument about FTL
travel.

Which in itself is a futile and arrogant waste of time. Just because we presume to know the extent of physics doesn't mean that we do indeed know the extent of physics, and others may have taken it further. Why, they may even have learned how to travel through worm holes.

Speculation?

Yep, just like those learned scientists.

Still leaves your POV intact though.

Stuart

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Secrecy News -- 02/14/07

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** TEMPO OF CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT INCREASES
** COUNTERING AIR AND MISSILE THREATS

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Though it is still too early to identify concrete results, the pace of Congressional oversight activity on secrecy and intelligence matters has already increased markedly in the new Congress.

The House Intelligence Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management said it "will monitor trends in classification of executive branch material, the costs of over-classification, the practice of selective declassification, and the exclusive reliance on a variety of 'sensitive but unclassified' designations by U.S. government agencies and departments," according to a new Committee work plan. "The Subcommittee will also examine the issue of unauthorized disclosure of classified information."

See "Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress," House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, February 7:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/hpsci2007.pdf

Rep. Henry Waxman's House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform held a February 13 hearing on the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act that would extend protections to whistleblowers in intelligence and national security agencies. Prepared testimony from that hearing, including several informative statements on current issues in whistleblower protection policy, may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2007/index.html>

Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS) introduced the Intelligence Community Audit Act (H.R. 978), a bill that would "reaffirm the authority of the [Government Accountability Office] to audit and evaluate the programs, activities, and financial transactions of the intelligence community." It is a companion measure to S. 82, introduced by Sen. Akaka last month. See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/hr978.html

Senator Christopher Dodd introduced the Restoring the Constitution Act (S. 576) that would amend the much-criticized

Military Commissions Act of 2006, which curtailed habeas corpus claims by suspected enemy combatants. Co-sponsor Sen. Russ Feingold said the new bill would "restore basic due process rights and ensure that no person is subject to indefinite detention without charge based on the sole discretion of the President." See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/s576.html

COUNTERING AIR AND MISSILE THREATS

Military doctrine on maintaining air superiority against enemy aircraft and missiles is presented in a newly updated publication from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Counterair operations include both offensive counterair (OCA) to destroy enemy aircraft, missiles or other weapons before they can be used, and defensive counterair (DCA) to detect, intercept and destroy enemy weapons in use.

Military planners "should expect MANPADS [shoulder-fired missiles] and AAA [anti-aircraft artillery] coverage wherever enemy forces are encountered," the new doctrine states.

Seven U.S. helicopters have been shot down in Iraq in the last month, the Associated Press noted today.

See "Countering Air and Missile Threats," Joint Publication JP 3-01, February 5, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3_01.pdf

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Robert J Luca [Snr.] Responds

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Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2007 08:29:17 -0500
Subject: Robert J Luca [Snr.] Responds

[Non-Subscriber Post]

From: Robert Luca <luke27.nul>
To: ufoupdates.nul
Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2007 22:24:03 -0500
Subject: Robert J Luca [Snr.] Responds

Hello

My name is Robert A. Luca, Betty Andreasson Luca is my wife.

Ray Fowler sent me a copy of the ridiculous claims made by Robert J Luca, who I no longer consider a son or even a distant relative for that matter.

First off I want to make it perfectly clear that, there is not, nor was there ever any hoax, regarding the Andreasson Affair. Robert J is really trying to get at me because back in 2005 I had taken him out of my will and for good reason.

After his grandfather, my father, passed away Robert acted in, to say the least, a very irrational and untruthful manner not only to me but to the attorney processing the will as well. The attorney, Karen Alexander of West Palm Beach FL., where we resided at the time, asked me in her office referring to Robert, "what is wrong with him?" You see he was sending her email that was incoherent at best and almost threatening to the point that she told him to stop sending her email altogether.

This along with the many lies he tried to tell me regarding his Grandfather and his will were the reason I basically disowned him and told him, don't email me, don't call me and do not try to visit me as you are no longer welcome here. Thus the slander and liable campaign you now see by Robert J Luca.

I am putting together a response to all of Robert's lies that will have documentation wherever possible.

I sincerely believe that Robert J is an unstable and emotionally disturbed individual.

I would also like to mention here, what most people may not be aware of, is that long before the first book was published, Betty was subjected to pse stress evaluation or lie detector tests, intensive background investigation, psychiatric examination, psychological evaluation and character checks, all of which she passed with flying colors.

I challenge Robert J Luca to even undergo one simple lie detector test, I assure you the results would not be favorable to him. I have attached a photo of Robert J here so you can see the source of the information he has sent you and see newspaper article below which supports my description of his being emotiommally disturbed.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Luca

Record-Journal (Meriden, CT)

Record-Journal (Meriden, CT)

March 12, 2002 Resident talked out of taking his life

Author: Evan Goodenow, Record-Journal staff Page: 09

Article Text:

MERIDEN - With his .44 magnum by his side, Robert Luca telephoned police Monday morning and told Sgt. Michael Zakrzewski that he wanted police to remove his mother from his 14 Genest St. residence so she wouldn't be there when he committed suicide.

Police notified the SWAT team and evacuated neighbors, but after about 30 minutes, Zakrzewski talked Luca out of suicide.

"It's very satisfying. That's why I do it," said Zakrzewski, a member of the police department's crisis negotiation team, which works in tandem with the SWAT team.

At 10:30 a.m., Luca, 36, telephoned police. Dispatcher Diane Larson tried to calm him while summoning Zakrzewski.

Police evacuated a handful of neighbors from around the one-family house in the quiet neighborhood off Murray and Dyer streets.

"We had no idea who was in the house or the danger there was to surrounding residents, so they activated SWAT," police spokesman Sgt. Lenny Caponigro said.

Negotiators try to get the subject they're dealing with to talk for as long as possible. "Time is your ally," Zakrzewski said, adding that Larson did a good job keeping Luca calm.

Police said Luca's mother was asleep at the time of the incident and was never in any danger.

Luca surrendered at about 11:15 a.m. and was taken to MidState Medical Center for psychiatric evaluation.

He was not charged, but the magnum and a .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol were seized.

"It was a nice effort by the sergeant to talk him into surrendering without further incident. As we know, these scenes can sometimes turn ugly and dangerous," Police Chief William C. Abbatematteo said.

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SETI Helps Recover Stolen Laptop

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<http://tinyurl.com/2wxjvk>

Thursday, February 15, 2007

Project Recovers Stolen Laptop, Affirms Minn. Couple's Love

Rachel Konrad
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO - Signals from aliens, an unskilled rapper and a Swedish-American computer geek converged in an unusual, nerdy ode to a couple's love for each other.

The story began with a project by the Space Sciences Laboratory at the University of California, Berkeley, which has signed up more than 1 million volunteers worldwide in a search for extraterrestrial intelligence since 1999. The SETI(at)home project uses volunteers' computers when they go into screen-saver mode to crunch data in search of possible evidence of radio transmissions from space using data from the Arecibo radio telescope.

James Melin, a software programmer for a county government agency in Minnesota, volunteers with the project and runs SETI(at)home on his seven home computers, which periodically communicate over the Internet with University of California servers. Whenever communication takes place, servers record the remote computer's Internet Protocol address and file it in a database that people running the software can view.

An IP address - a set of numbers separated by periods - functions like a street address or a phone number to provide an identity for any computer connected to the Internet.

Several years ago, Melin installed SETI(at)home on his wife's laptop, which was stolen from the couple's Minneapolis home on Jan. 1.

Annoyed at the break-in - and alarmed that someone could delete the screenplays and novels that his wife, Melinda Kimberly, was writing - Melin monitored the SETI(at)home database to see if the stolen laptop would 'talk' to the Berkeley servers. The laptop checked in three times within a week, and Melin sent the IP addresses to the Minneapolis Police Department.

Officers subpoenaed Quest Communications, Melin's Internet service provider, to determine the address where the stolen laptop logged onto the Internet. Within days, officers seized the computer and returned it to the rightful owners.

The computer contained Kimberly's writings, and thieves didn't appear to have broken into her e-mail or other personal folders or programs.

But the returned computer contained 20 tracks of rap music with unintelligible lyrics, possibly from the person who stole the computer or bought it on the black market.

"It's really, really horrid rap," said Melin, 43. "It makes Ludacris look like Pavarotti."

Kimberly, 31, said the incident reaffirmed her love for Melin. They met when she was only 15 years old, while she was dressed as a medieval wench and he was a Scots highlander at a Renaissance Faire.

The native Minnesotans bonded over their Scandinavian roots and remained friends for a couple years, interacting in their medieval garb at summer festivals. They began dating when she was 17 and got married just shy of her 20th birthday.

Since Kimberly got laid off last year, the couple has been living apart. Kimberly moved to Oceanside to work on her writing, and her husband plans to join her after he's vested in his pension.

"I always knew that a geek would make a great husband," Kimberly said Wednesday. "He always backed up all my data, but this topped it all. It became like Mission Impossible for him, looking for hard evidence for the cops to use... He's a genius - my hero."

Dave Anderson, a research scientist at University of California, Berkeley, and director of SETI(at)home, said the case appears to be the first successful recovery of a stolen computer through SETI(at)home, one of the world's best known distributed computing projects.

Unless a computer-savvy thief uninstalls nearly every piece of software before connecting to the Internet, he said, SETI(at)home would track the machine - and the thief would likely never know it.

"I have some advice for thieves: Don't connect to the network," Anderson said.

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Source: The Moultrie Observer - Georgia, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2re8xl>

February 14, 2007 10:52 pm -

On Egyptian Mysteries And UFOs
Dwain Walden

A few days ago, there was a report of a UFO out near the county line. Now I have never seen an unidentified flying object in the conventional sense although there were a couple of times in high school when something would come sailing through the air in the lunch room that was not specifically defined other than being some form of protein.

An unidentified flying object does not automatically imply a spaceship from another galaxy. It could be totally of this earth but not something typically seen by many people - like an honest politician on a trampoline.

No one ever has a clear photo of a UFO. Paris Hilton can wear a short skirt with no underwear and there will be ten thousand shots of her on the web within the hour. Yet, an alleged UFO can be reported hovering along a major highway and no one has a camera. Never, ever.

A recent Discovery channel documentary explored the mysteries of ancient Egypt. And drawn on the inside walls of some of the tombs and pyramids are designs that look like helicopters and submarines. One drawing resembles two spaceships fighting.

The prevailing question of that documentary was: In those very early days in Egypt, was earth visited by extraterrestrials? And I suppose by extension, given reported UFO sightings in modern times, do they come back occasionally still hoping to find intelligent life, or do they just find Paris Hiltons?

Of course time has its way of diminishing etchings so what might appear to be a helicopter thousands of years later might actually have been the first blueprint for an egg beater.

On the "Rants and Raves" line the other day, a fellow said he thought he had seen a UFO, but on closer inspection the humming noise was an air conditioner compressor that needed oiling and the brightly colored lights were Christmas decorations that were still up. I'm pretty sure this fellow was just expressing his cynicism.

I have wondered about there being life out there in other galaxies. Many of my fundamentalist friends would tell me that I'm way off base because this is not mentioned in the Bible. Well, there also is no one named Larry mentioned in the Bible but you can find Larrys today in every town in the country.

I also quote from a secular source, actor Paul Newman, who told

his pool shooting student Tom Cruise, "Son, I taught you everything you know, but I didn't teach you everything I know." (At least I think I have the right movie there.) And sometimes when I read the Bible, I think of God saying that to some of us who think we are so smart. "People, I didn't tell you everything."

In the big picture, I can perceive that we are just one tiny dot in a magnificent display of planets, stars, meteors and black holes. With that realization, I don't bother to watch the "Miss Universe Pageant" nor do I care who is the father of Anna Nicole Smith's baby. I do wonder what Donald Trump's hair would like if he stuck his finger in a light socket.

I've always posed that man likes to romance the notion that there are creatures out there in the dark bigger than us, faster than us, smarter than us and scarier than us. So it's not uncommon that Bigfoots, Loch Ness Monsters, UFOs get imagined.

I'm not saying that people aren't seeing something - things that can't be quickly explained. But there have been so many hoaxes revealed in this venue that skepticism and cynicism will be the predominant reactions from most logical thinkers. But my fear is that logical thinkers are fast becoming extinct - that we are predominated by people anxiously awaiting news on the identity of the father of Ms. Smith's baby. Surely someone will pose that it is an alien.

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February 14, 2007

Jet To Space And Spot A UFO
By Vince Soodin

Travellers were offered a glimpse today of an out-of-this-world experience - the prospect of the first tourist spaceship

It could give visitors a opportunity to see life in space and maybe the chance to try and spot aliens and UFOs.

A mock-up cabin of the Virgin Galactic SpaceShipTwo went on display in the Science Museum in central London.

Virgin Galactic spokeswoman Susan Newsam said: =93You will have a fantastic view, we are maximising the opportunity because we have windows in the floor and also in the ceiling.=94

The space ship is set to be unveiled at the end of this year in the Mojave Desert in California with a test flight programme beginning next year.

The project organisers say the first commercial flights could take place as early as 2009.

The space ship, which is about the same size as an executive jet, will carry six passengers and two pilots.

It will be taken by a =93mother ship=94 - a purpose-built aeroplane - into the lower atmosphere before it is propelled by hybrid rocket motor into space.

Ms Newsam added: =93It will be amazing, you will see the beautiful curvature of the earth and the black sky and you will be able to see a thousand miles in each direction out of the windows.

But the cost of such transport will exceed the price of any annual bus pass, road tax, or even rail fares, with a projected price tag of =A3100,000 per traveller.

Space tourists will also be expected to undertake three days of preparation along with medical checks before they set off in order to accustom themselves to the experience of weightlessness and the impact of G-forces.

So far 200 people have signed up and paid their deposits for the two-hour flight.

The company hopes to fly up to 500 people in the first year of operation with up to 50,000 flying within a decade.

The flight will last around two hours, of which just four or

five minutes will be in zero gravity.

The prototype cabin will be on display at the Science Museum from today until February 23.

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Alleged NASA Hacker's Appeal Begins

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http://news.zdnet.com/2100-1009_22-6159378.html

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Alleged NASA Hacker's Appeal Begins
By Colin Barker, ZDNet (UK)

Gary McKinnon, the U.K. citizen accused of breaking into and damaging NASA's computers, has begun an appeal against extradition to the U.S.

Edmund Lawson, who is defending McKinnon, told a hearing at London's High Court that McKinnon faced up to 60 years' imprisonment if he was convicted in the U.S., where he could be tried under its antiterrorism legislation. The appeal hearing began on Tuesday.

McKinnon is accused of illegally hacking into 97 U.S. government computers in 2001 and 2002, causing \$700,000 worth of damage. In an interview with CNET News.com's sister site ZDNet UK, McKinnon admitted accessing the computers as part of his search for evidence of extraterrestrial life, but denied deliberately doing any damage.

In May 2006, a British judge ruled that McKinnon should be extradited to the U.S. to face these charges.

Lawson said that McKinnon had been offered a deal by U.S. authorities, under which he would receive a shorter sentence if he stopped fighting extradition. This offer had been rejected, and constituted an "improper approach" to McKinnon, Lawson said.

Representing the U.S. authorities, Max Summers told the court that the U.S. was not able to refute this claim immediately and would need an adjournment to consider it.

The High Court appeal case was adjourned on Wednesday afternoon, and the judges will now deliberate on whether this new evidence can be considered.

McKinnon was taken ill as his appeal against extradition continued. According to those close to McKinnon, he suffered heart palpitations on Wednesday. "The case has all become too much for him," a friend told ZDNet UK.

If he loses his U.K. appeal, McKinnon may try to appeal to the European Court of Human Rights, although this move may be blocked by the High Court.

Colin Barker reported for ZDNet UK in London.

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

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Goreme UFO Museum

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Source: Jenny Lee's 'Jennybean Journeys' Blog

<http://jennybeanjourneys.blogspot.com/2007/02/ufo-museum.html>

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[With pictures]

UFO Museum [Goreme, Turkey]

Along the road to the Goreme Open Air museum was a sign for the UFO museum, and being an ex-X-Files fan, I just couldnt resist.

This was worth trudging through the mud to get too. It was basically an enormous collection of someone's scrapbook style clippings, photos, hypotheses, and displays of everything from Roswell to Nazca Lines to Egyptian hieroglyphs. And of course, any self-respecting UFO museum has an abductions section.

The whole place was installed in a giant underground cave network, making for great atmosphere.

When I showed up the owner hurried over to unlock the entrance and then inserted a DVD accompaniment of UO-styled music to enjoy while I perused the museum.

One of the best museums I have ever seen.

In a word, awesome.

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Hole In Ice Fuels Speculation About UFOs

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Source: IOL - Cape Town, South Africa

<http://tinyurl.com/2cplok>

February 15 2007

Hole In The Ice Fuels Speculation About UFOs

Riga - A hole in a frozen pond in northern Latvia achieved unexpected notoriety on Wednesday as rumours began circulating that it was created by an object falling from outer space.

"We've been collecting information on the story all day, and we'll definitely report it in the morning," Inguna Plume, editor of local newspaper Ziemellatvija, told reporters.

The "unusually large hole" appeared in the ice of a frozen pond near the northern Latvian village of Karki in early February, the Leta news agency wrote. Despite sub-zero temperatures, the hole reportedly did not freeze over for two days.

Locals initially reported seeing "strange things" in the area.

One girl said that she had seen "a small bright object with a silver ring around it", while other witnesses reported seeing up to six symmetrical beams of light emerging from the pond.

When the existence of the mysterious hole became known, the theory that it could have been created by an object falling from outer space began to gain credence, Karki spokesperson Sandra Pilskalne told Leta.

Scientific experts admit that the hole could have been created by a falling piece of interstellar debris, the news wire added.

The mysterious hole has now frozen over, but water samples have been taken for testing, Pilskalne said. Representatives of Karki council were not available for comment when approached by reporters.

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The NASA Antarctic Announcement

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Subject: The NASA Antarctic Announcement

From: NASA News <hcnews.nul>
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2007 14:34:28 -0500
Subject: Joint NASA Study Reveals Leaks In Antarctic 'Plumbing System'

Feb. 15, 2007

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Joint NASA Study Reveals Leaks In Antarctic 'Plumbing System'

WASHINGTON - Scientists using NASA satellites have discovered an extensive network of waterways beneath a fast-moving Antarctic ice stream that provide clues as to how "leaks" in the system impact sea level and the world's largest ice sheet. Antarctica holds about 90 percent of the world's ice and 70 percent of the world's reservoir of fresh water.

With data from NASA satellites, a team of scientists led by research geophysicist Helen Fricker of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, Calif., detected for the first time the subtle rise and fall of the surface of fast-moving ice streams as the lakes and channels nearly a half-mile of solid ice below filled and emptied. Results were presented Thursday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in San Francisco. The study will be published in the Feb. 16 issue of Science magazine.

"This exciting discovery of large lakes exchanging water under the ice sheet surface has radically altered our view of what is happening at the base of the ice sheet and how ice moves in that environment," said co-author Robert Bindshadler, chief scientist of the Laboratory for Hydrospheric and Biospheric Sciences at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

"NASA's state-of-the-art satellite instruments are so sensitive we are able to capture an unprecedented three-dimensional look at the system beneath the thick ice sheet and measure from space changes of a mere 3 feet in its surface elevation. That is like seeing an elevation change in the thickness of a paperback book from an airplane flying at 35,000 feet."

The surface of the ice sheet appears stable to the naked eye, but because the base of an ice stream is warmer, water melts from the basal ice to flow, filling the system's "pipes" and lubricating flow of the overlying ice. This web of waterways

acts as a vehicle for water to move and change its influence on the ice movement. Moving back and forth through the system's "pipes" from one lake to another, the water stimulates the speed of the ice stream's flow a few feet per day, contributing to conditions that cause the ice sheet to either grow or decay. Movement in this system can influence sea level and ice melt worldwide.

"There's an urgency to learning more about ice sheets when you note that sea level rises and falls in direct response to changes in that ice," Fricker said. "With this in mind, NASA's ICESat, Aqua and other satellites are providing a vital public service."

In recent years, scientists have discovered more than 145 subglacial lakes, a smaller number of which composes this "plumbing system" in the Antarctic. Bindshadler and Fricker; Ted Scambos of the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colo.; and Laurence Padman of Earth and Space Research in Corvallis, Ore.; observed water discharging from these under-ice lakes into the ocean in coastal areas. Their research has delivered new insight into how much and how frequently these waterways "leak" water and how many connect to the ocean.

The study included observations of a subglacial lake the size of Lake Ontario buried under an active area of west Antarctica that feeds into the Ross Ice Shelf. The research team combined images from the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) instrument aboard NASA's Aqua satellite and data from the Geoscience Laser Altimeter System (GLAS) on NASA's Ice Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite (ICESat) to unveil a multi-dimensional view of changes in the elevation of the icy surface above the lake and surrounding areas during a three-year period. Those changes suggest the lake drained and that its water relocated elsewhere.

MODIS continuously takes measurements of broad-sweeping surface areas at three levels of detail, revealing the outline of under-ice lakes. ICESat's GLAS instrument uses laser altimetry technology to measure even the smallest of elevation changes in the landscape of an ice sheet. Together, data from both have been used to create a multi-year series of calibrated surface reflectance images, resulting in a new technique called satellite image differencing that emphasizes where surface slopes have changed.

For more information online about NASA and agency programs, visit:

www.nasa.gov

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Odd Lights Low Sounds Cause Stir

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Subject: Odd Lights Low Sounds Cause Stir

Source: The Sun-Journal - Lewiston, Maine, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2t1992>

February 14, 2007

Odd Lights, Low Sounds Cause Stir

By Maggie Gill-Austern
Staff Writer

FARMINGTON - Strange lights with no obvious cause were spotted all over northern Franklin County Tuesday night, Sheriff's Department dispatchers said.

"The phone was ringing off the hook," dispatcher Bill Hoyt said.

Multiple callers from multiple towns - New Vineyard, Wilton, Phillips, Industry, and around Mt. Abram - called to report bizarre, low-to-the-ground lights, he said.

"They were seeing, basically, a string of seven or eight lights low in the sky, that were fixed," he said. "There (were) also reports of jet engine noise low to the ground." One person who called worked with jet airplanes, Hoyt said. "They were not like any lights he had ever seen." Some people said they looked like stars.

Hoyt called a Federal Aviation Administration office in Boston, which monitors air traffic in this part of New England, wondering if what people saw and heard could be related to military exercises.

"They said the only air traffic was a couple of routine air flights at 40,000 feet," he said.

Hoyt doubts it was aliens.

"I think, personally, most of the time there's an explanation for everything," he said. "But you know, I don't deny the fact that people see things they can't explain."

"It was kind of odd," he said. "All these reports were from different locations at the same time. Maybe it was a meteorite."

The jet-engine sounds and the fixed-ness of the light pattern make him question that theory, though, he said.

[Thanks to Chaz Stuart for the lead]

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'Pentagon Hacker' Plays Joker On Us Authorities

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Source: The Register - London, UK

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2007/02/15/pentagon_hacker_plea/

Thursday 15th February 2007

'Pentagon Hacker' Plays Joker On Us Authorities
Discloses plea offer, pleads human rights

By Mark Ballard

Gary McKinnon, the hobby hacker who is fighting against a US extradition order, has pulled a legal wild card on his accusers in bid to face trial at home.

In the court of appeal yesterday, McKinnon's lawyers made reference to discussions that have been kept secret since 2003 when a plea bargain was considered, said Karen Todner, McKinnon's lawyer.

"We went for a plea bargain," said Todner, "The Americans said, if he pleaded guilty and didn't oppose the extradition he would get a much shorter sentence of three or four years - as opposed to ten or twelve - and he would come home within six to twelve months to serve the rest of his sentence."

McKinnon was adamant that he wanted to face trial in the UK and refused the bargain, yet agreed with the US that the deal should be kept secret and never drawn out and used in any subsequent court hearing.

However, said Todner, US prosecutors exhumed the plea bargain and put it before judges during his extradition hearing last year. So as far as the defence was concerned, it was fair game to use the bargain in his appeal.

The plea bargain is useful for McKinnon's appeal, said Todner, because of *Cobb v. U.S.A.*, which in 2001 found that coercing someone into extradition would infringe their human rights.

The US bargainers had done just that, Todner told The Register: "They said, 'if you don't go voluntarily we'll go for the maximum sentence and you won't be repatriated. That, we argued, is a breach of his human rights.'"

McKinnon has been feeling the pressure of the trial and stayed away from yesterday's appeal hearing due to illness. His blog quoted a ZDNet story that reported heart palpitations and a hospital visit.

"It's been going on for five years now," said Todner, "If he'd been sentenced here he'd be out by now. It's had a traumatic effect on his life, with the pressure of facing a phenomenal sentence in the US."

Lords Justice Goldring and Kay will pronounce judgement on

McKinnon's appeal against extradition next week.

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Re: Jet To Space Spot A UFO - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2007 10:38:54 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 05:35:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Jet To Space Spot A UFO - Balaskas

>Source: The Sun - London, UK

><http://www.thesun.co.uk/article/0,,2-2007070500,00.html>

>February 14, 2007

>Jet To Space And Spot A UFO
>By Vince Soodin

>Travellers were offered a glimpse today of an out-of-this-world
>experience - the prospect of the first tourist spaceship

>It could give visitors a opportunity to see life in space and
>maybe the chance to try and spot aliens and UFOs.

>A mock-up cabin of the Virgin Galactic SpaceShipTwo went on
>display in the Science Museum in central London.

>Virgin Galactic spokeswoman Susan Newsam said: "You will have a
>fantastic view, we are maximising the opportunity because we
>have windows in the floor and also in the ceiling."

>The space ship is set to be unveiled at the end of this year in
>the Mojave Desert in California with a test flight programme
>beginning next year.

>The project organisers say the first commercial flights could
>take place as early as 2009.

<snip>

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

Hello Everyone!

This is not the only opportunity for you and I to fly in space
in the next few years.

If the passengers of the Virgin Galactic SpaceShipTwo do spot
some very futuristic and sexy looking UFO during their flight,
that life they encountered in space will not be ET aliens but
more likely partying Canadians!

Sometime withing the next few years you will be able to fly at
Mach 22 aboard the Silver Dart space glider to anywhere in the
world in 45 minutes or less; visit the International Space
Station or stay in Bob Bigelow's (entrepreneur and supporter of
ufology) planned orbiting space hotel and even take a romantic
Valentine's Day cruise to the Moon and back - all from Canada's
new rocket launch facility in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia.

The parents of the first Martians and other ETs are from our
generation and living among us on Earth.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2007 10:30:03 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 05:38:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2007 17:40:59 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 16:55:52 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>><http://tinyurl.com/2s9ah6>

>>Dear List,

>>This discussion is a must read for all who wish to know why
>>establishment scientists can't possibly see how UFO could be
>>from another star system.

>>Thank you, Stuart!

>Are you one of those guys Ed that could start a fight in an
>empty room?

Hi Stuart,

I don't start fights. I enjoy a good discussion. Isn't that what
you had in mind when you posted this article?

>Your comment above is a little amibiguous

I think these scientists were saying that star travel was
improbable if not impossible and they explained clearly why
they felt this was so.

>but I presume you make
>it to support your theory that "ET" in fact lives here on earth
>with us and that by implication, these learned and erudite
>scientists are agreeing with you.

They do agree with me about the improbability of star travel.
They didn't discuss ancient civilizations or convergent
evolution. I suppose they'd be skeptical just as you seem to be.

>In your dreams pal.

Even if they were skeptical, I doubt they could knock it down
scientifically and they would eventually have to agree that I am
possibly correct.

>They can't even agree amongst themselves, let alone with you.

They mostly agree. I don't see any reason why they wouldn't all
eventually agree with me.

>As Peter Ward says "In my view, life in the form of microbes or
>their equivalents is very common in the universe, perhaps more
>common than even Drake and Sagan envisioned."

Yes life is common but isolated by time and space.

>This is a broadly held view and the real issue now is how far
>away the nearest intelligent civilisation is.

Not too far by my estimate. But I understand your point.

>That it exists Ed is a given. The old numbers game.

I have no doubt that there are billions of stars, with solar systems similar to ours, and earths with water and trees and blue sky and hairy creatures basking on a summer day. But the distances are just too great for casual visits.

>Which of course brings us back round to the argument about FTL
>travel.

>Which in itself is a futile and arrogant waste of time. Just
>because we presume to know the extent of physics doesn't mean
>that we do indeed know the extent of physics, and others may
>have taken it further. Why, they may even have learned how to
>travel through worm holes.

You can have faith that worm holes exist and that FLT is possible but the scientific establishment disagrees. That's why they ridicule the ETH. I have no faith that star travel is possible, but I do know that we're being visited by crafts and creatures of unknown origin. There is no scientific reason to reject the theory that an earth evolved ancient civilization is responsible. Why are you so resistant?

>Speculation?

>Yep, just like those learned scientists.

>Still leaves your POV intact though.

Yes! Does that surprise you?

Ed

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Chupacabras Spotted In Chile

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Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 06:01:31 -0500
Subject: Chupacabras Spotted In Chile

Source: Santiago Times - Santiago, Chile

<http://tinyurl.com/2eu36h>

February 16, 2007

Chupacabras Spotted In Chile: Alien UFO Escapees Or Myth?

Source: EL MERCURIO
By Nathan Crooks
[editor.nul](#)

One week after Chile's Armed Forces released photos and videos of UFO activity around the country, Chile's mainstream media has once again gone extraterrestrial with various Chupacabra sightings reported throughout the country.

Chupacabra literally translated as goat sucker is the name for a mythical creature known for sucking the blood out of farm animals throughout Latin America and the southern United States. Many enthusiasts speculate that Chupacabras are aliens or escaped alien pets as evidence of the creature is frequently reported in tandem with nearby UFO sightings.

While UFO activity is typically reserved for Chile's tabloid press, Chupacabra sightings make big news in Chile, and the country's principle newspaper, El Mercurio, reported Wednesday that Chupacabras are once again causing a stir in the southern cone country.

According to the daily, a Chupacabra attacked a henhouse in San Antonio Tuesday evening, leaving every chicken dead, without blood, and with a mysterious orifice on their spines.

Flor Velsquez, 73, told police that she could not believe what she saw when she entered her henhouse. All the chickens were dead and were sucked completely dry of blood, she said. But the animal that did it did not eat a single one of my birds. It's really strange.

One of Velsquez's daughters, who did not want to identify herself to the press, said that she heard dogs barking wildly that night, but did not see anything abnormal after rising several times throughout the night.

Velsquez also told police that she found strange footprints on her patio with only three toes, two facing forward and one backward.

The same night, another Chupacabra sighting occurred in Curicó. Samuel Saavedra told reporters that he heard a loud noise, as if something had jumped off the large wall surrounding the house.

Saavedra said he saw a creature that was approximately 1.20 meters in height, furry, and with a round, bald head. The

creature apparently had large eyes and an intense stare and gave Saavedra a =93defiant glare.=94

Saavedra said he called police and then went to spend the night at his mother=92s house, being so scared that he refused to return home for 48 hours.

The last Chupacabra activity in Chile occurred in 2000, when the creatures caused widespread panic and interest in Calama after 120 sheep were killed in the course of one week.

The Internet is full of websites dedicated to the Chupacabra. The most common theory speculates that the creature is extraterrestrial, but other conspiracy theories suggest the creature to be a product of a genetic experiment carried by the U.S. government. Most scientists say the creature could be similar to a bloodsucking raccoon species found in Africa.

The first Chupacabras were reported in Puerto Rico in 1987 after farm animals around the country began dropping dead. While none of the animals were eaten, all were drained of blood and had two puncture holes in their necks.

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Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 06:04:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Balaskas

>From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 13:18:01 -0600
>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 18:00:59 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

<snip>

>>The ratio of depth to diameter of the Heflin object is about
>>3.8, that of your trainwheel about 4.3.

>>The ratio of the "dome" diameter to the total diameter of the
>>Heflin object is about 1.45, your trainwheel about 1.2.

>>The thickness and angle of the flange in relation to the "dome"
>>are plainly different.

>>Your trainwheel traction surfaces are exactly vertical to the
>>rims, Heflin's object appears to have a slight taper.

>>Your trainwheel has a very prominent boss on top which is not
>>present on the Heflin object.

>>Since your own photos indicate that all your statements are
>>untrue, would you like to explain why you made them?

>Here's an image blowup from that earlier post which got misplaced.

><http://home.centurytel.net/cty90143/jpeg/heflin/1965santaanna.jpg>

Thank you John for supplying us with this useful jpeg file that allows for an easy comparison between one of the Heflin flying saucer images with a typical model train wheel.

Interestingly, although my "G Scale" model train wheels and the line drawing of the Heflin object both have bosses at the top of the dome part (not all model train wheels do), apparently so does the Heflin flying saucer!

Although the flying saucer images are small on all three Heflin polaroid pictures and thus appear very blurry and not very well defined when blown up, the saucer still looks like a typical model train wheel. Compare this with the small image of the "Face on Mars" that was first noticed in a picture taken by Viking 1 in 1976 when it was later compared to a much higher resolution picture taken with the Mars Global Surveyor decades afterwards. There are still people today that cannot accept that these two pictures are depictions of the same "Face".

Last night I made a quick search on eBay for large scale model train wheels, preferably "1:32 scale" and from old steam engines, especially those manufactured in England (possibly by Roundhouse or Astor). I did not find any but I did make a bid on some assorted old wheels from England after I noticed that the

two smaller wheels on an axis on the upper right part of this picture had the same relative thicknesses and ratios that Martin obtained for the Heflin object!

Go to the URL below and check for yourself.

<http://tinyurl.com/yqgn949>

Even though my search for the right model train wheel continues, like the "Face on Mars", there will be those that will never be convinced that they were mistaken.

Nick Balaskas

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World War II Gauge 1 Marklin Tank Car

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<http://www.glancytrains.com/php-cgi/gallery/album69/aab?full=1>

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Interview With Stanton Friedman

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Interview With Stanton Friedman
By Milton Frank
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<http://www.cubbrasil.net/staton.html>

1 - Why did you start to get involved with Ufology? Have you ever seen a UFO? If so, can you tell us how your experience was?

I was ordering books from a mail order bookseller in 1958 as a 24 year old nuclear physicist working on nuclear airplanes for the General Electric Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Department in Cincinnati, Ohio, and needed one more book so I wouldn't have to pay shipping. I saw Captain Edward G. Ruppelt's book "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects" marked down from \$2.95 to 1\$. I read it and was intrigued. My neighbor, to whom I lent the book, was an engineer ten years older than I was. He was more impressed. I moved to California to work on other nuclear projects and read about 15 more books some of which were junk, then I found Project Blue Book Special Report Number 14 at the Univ. of California Library in Berkeley and was shocked to find so much data and also lies from the Secretary of the Air Force. I joined APRO and NICAP, appeared on a Radio talk shown in Pittsburgh, by now working on nuclear rockets for Westinghouse Astronuclear Lab. A technician at work heard me and asked me to speak to her book review group. I gave more and more talks "Flying Saucers ARE Real" to professional groups who responded very well and to colleges. In 1970 when the advanced nuclear and space business hit a low, I went full time lecturing about "Flying Saucers ARE Real". Have now spoken at well over 600 colleges and over 100 Professional groups in all 50 U.S. States, 9 Canadian provinces and 16 other countries, including twice in Brazil. I have never seen a flying saucer. But then I have never seen a neutron or a gamma ray

2 - When did you start to be interested in Roswell Case? What was Jesse Marcel influence on it? How did you meet Jesse Marcel?

I first heard about the Roswell case in about 1973 from Lydia Sleppy who worked at a radio station in Albuquerque, NM, and recalled a 1947 call from a sister station in Roswell dictating a story about a crashed saucer being taken to Wright Patterson Air Force base. She was typing his dictation on the newswire when the FBI interrupted and said does not continue this transmission. I found some of the people she recalled, but couldn't get very far. In 1978 I was supposed to do three interviews at a TV station promoting my evening lecture at Louisiana State University, there in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The third reporter was nowhere to be found. The station manager was apologetic, because he knew I had other things to do. He gave me coffee and was looking at his watch and suddenly said "the person you should talk to is Jesse Marcel". I said "Who is he?" He said "He is a great guy. We are old amateur radio buddies. He handled the wreckage of one of those saucers you are interested in when he was in the Military". I asked for more information and was told that Jesse lived in Houma, Louisiana, and that I should talk to him. Then the reporter showed up. The next day from the airport I called information, got a number for Jesse and called him. He told me his story, but didn't have the exact

date. I shared that with my colleague Bill Moore and also shared a lead I was given after a lecture in Bemidji, Minnesota, some months later, about the Barney Barnett story of a NM saucer crash. I shared that, too, the very next day because Bill lived in Minnesota. He had a third story about an English Actor, Hughie Green, who heard a story on the radio about a crashed saucer in New Mexico, while driving from Los Angeles to Philadelphia. He could recall it was late June or Early July, 1947. Bill went to the Univ. of Minnesota Library and found the story which confirmed what Jesse had told me and gave many more names. Over the next 2 years Bill and I managed to locate 62 people connected with the events. The First book "The Roswell Incident" was published in 1980.

Jesse, as the intelligence officer for the 509th, the most elite military group in the world, and his son Jesse Marcel Jr., a Colonel, Medical doctor, Flight surgeon, and helicopter pilot in Iraq, are very important witnesses. Jesse Sr. died in 1986. Jesse Jr. has recently written a new book "Roswell: It Really Happened" for which I wrote the foreword. It will be out in July.

3 - What make you believe that two flying saucers had an accident in New Mexico in 1947?

The Marcel story was about what was found on the Foster Ranch operated by Mack Brazel about 80 miles North of Roswell. The Barnett story was about the Plains of San Agustin well over 100 miles west. We found supportive testimony from neighbors, relatives etc.

4 - Some years ago it was published in internet that the responsible for Roswell Funeralary House never be in a date with a base nurse. Is this correct? How do you deal with the possibility of the witness are simply lying about it? We must remember that Roswell Case happened a long time ago after you started to search it.

I was the first to talk to Glenn Dennis and visited the Ballard Funeral Home with him and located somebody who had been stationed at the base and confirmed recalling nurse Naomi Self and described her the same way Glenn had. The Funeral Home certainly had the contract with the base to supply both mortuary services (there were plane crashes with bodies) and ambulance services using the hearses.

We tried to get confirmatory evidence on all stories. People's memories were much fresher in the 1970s and 1980s then they are now. We also have many contemporary newspaper jornais da =E9poca (a maioria =E9 ignorada pelos c=E9ticos).

5 - What do you think about the official version about Roswell Case given by US government?

The 2 large government stories are masterpieces of misrepresentation as I have documented in several places and in my book TOP SECRET/MAJIC. Loaded with specific false statements and lies... A typical example is the claiming that crash test dummies accounted for the reports of alien bodies. The fact is none were dropped until 1953 and that all the dummies were 6'tall and weighed 175 pounds... hardly 3.5-4 feet high guys with big heads.

6 - Do you believe that the supposed crashed UFOS were taken to AREA 51? What do you think about Bob's Lazar opinion about it?

Area 51 didn't exist in 1947. Lazar is a total fraud, not a scientist etc as I have noted in an article about him on my website at www.stantonfriedman.com

7 - How did you get in touch with MJ-12 documents? Do you believe in those documents? In your opinion, are they true?

I was working closely with Bill Moore and Jaime Shandera and was informed when the roll of film was received in Dec. 1984 and processed and had the Eisenhower Briefing Document, The Truman Forestall Memo. In Washington I found that certain USAF Headquarters documents were being declassified and informed Bill and Jaime. Once that was completed they went to DC and discovered the Cutler Twining memo in Record Group 341 at the

National Archives. I have written very extensively about my research in my book "TOP SECRET/MAJIC ' (2nd Edition 2005) and in several papers (two are on my website at www.stantonfriedman.com) my reasons for concluding after a great deal of investigation (and visits to 20 Archives) that the 3 documents are genuine as very likely is SOM1.01 and that a host of supposed MJ-12 documents are NOT genuine.. These are the ones received by Timothy Cooper. Each document must be taken on its own merits.

8 - Usually you believe that the truth about UFOS is hidden to the public? If this is really true, what are the reasons for the governments hide a lot of UFO facts from all the people?

My paper "The UFO 'Why?' Questions" on my website deals with this question in depth. Briefly: 1. Governments want to figure how the saucers work, as they make wonderful weapons delivery and defense systems. Rule No. 1 for security is that one can't tell one's friends without telling one's enemies.

2. Since sightings and probably crashes occur all over, one must be concerned about one's enemies determining how the saucers work before we do. We don't want them to know we know they know.

3. If an announcement were to be made, I think church attendance and mental hospital admissions would go up, the stock market would go down and many people would start thinking of us as Earthlings rather than as Brazilians, Canadians, Americans, etc. No national government wants that.

4 Certain religious fundamentalists, such as Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson insist that only Earth has intelligent beings and that the UFOs are the work of the devil. Their faith would be shattered.

5. If an announcement would be made about more advanced beings coming here, one might soon expect better means of energy production, ground and air transport, computers and communication systems. Therefore economic chaos.

6. I have heard seven accounts of airplanes being destroyed by flying saucers when they were being attacked. No government wants to admit that.

9 - What is your opinion about abductions cases? Do you believe in abductions? Are there any evidences to make people really believe in abductions in your opinion?

As with documents each case must be taken on its own merits. I have a very large "Gray basket" for reports without sufficient data on which to base a scientific conclusion. I am absolutely convinced that some aliens have abducted some Earthlings. I am a physicist not a "believer". There are many cases provided by Dr. David Jacobs, Budd Hopkins, and Dr. John Mack etc that do provide evidence. I am particularly intrigued by the abduction of Betty and Barney Hill and the accompanying star map described by Betty. Betty's niece Kathleen Marden and I have just completed a new book "Captured: The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience" with information that has never before been published. Career Press will publish it this coming summer. We would love to have a Brazilian publisher for that book and for my books "Crash at Corona" and "TOP SECRET/MAJIC".

10 - Why are so difficult people to believe in aliens' life forms and in the possibility that they are able to visit us here in your opinion?

The public opinion polls indicate that there are more believers than non believers and that the greater the education the more likely to believe in UFOs. The problem is that the press and the scientific community and the government have issued loads of false propaganda giving most people the false impression that most other people do not accept UFO reality. I have checked my more than 700 lecture audiences in 18 countries and find that while 10% believe they have seen a flying saucer, 90% of them did not report what they saw for fear of ridicule. I come on very strongly and have only had 11 hecklers, 2 of who were drunk.

11 - What make you believe that all scientific conventions are

correct, remembering that man created them? Do you believe that man is able to create them alone? Or do you believe that man had an external help?

I have often pointed out that technological progress comes from doing things differently in an unpredictable way. The history of science is loaded with false claims about flight, space travel, air travel and claims of impossibility that turn out to be totally wrong based on the 4 basic premises of the debunkers:

1. Don bother me with the facts, my mind is made up.
2. What the public doesn't know, I won't tell them.
3. If you can't attack the data, attack the people.
- 4 Do your research by proclamation, because investigation is too much trouble.

12 - A lot was speculated about MJ-12 and a lot of things were invented by people and the press, but one comment really caused a doubt to us; people said that MJ-12 sold the idea about friendly aliens in movies like "Close Encounters" and "ET - The Extra-Terrestrial", is it really true?

This is nonsense. Nothing in the MJ-12 documents says anything about friendly aliens. People have suggested that the government may have secretly convinced Hollywood to portray friendly aliens so people won't be frightened. That has nothing to do with the reality of flying saucers or MJ-12. Those depend on data and on evidence as noted in my books and reports.

13 - Still about MJ-12, what did really make President Truman to hire the twelve famous scientists and militaries in your opinion? Was it related with Extra Terrestrial or was there another focus?

An outstanding group was established in secret to deal with the extraordinary new development. They all already had government connections and all had served in one way or another during WW 2. There were 2 army, 2 navy, 2 Air Force, 5 scientists and the new secretary of defense. None were elected officials. Recovering the wreckage of alien spaceships and bodies was a national security problem of great importance. How do the craft work, what is the motivation of the aliens, are they working with anybody on this planet, are they a threat? How do we combine analytical work studying the wreckage with results of airborne instrumentation and radar to evaluate the flight capabilities and how they might be duplicated? MJ-12 was a very sensible response.

14 - In a recent episode we saw a Russian ex-agent being killed by a lethal radioactive contamination. Do you believe in many people being killed for the same reason? Are there any government interests on it? What are the reasons for US government undercover important subjects like this in your opinion?

I have no possible way of knowing how extensive the practice is. Obviously governments would be interested in a wide variety of techniques for dealing with their enemies. This was pretty crude. Publicizing details of techniques for surreptitious killings doesn't seem a very sensible procedure. I don't give children guns to play with.

15 - Area 51 and Bob Lazar, just was characters in a "goofy" comedy to cover the death by radioactive contamination on that supposed facility, like Robert Frost death, or really exist something mysterious inside the hangars of Area 51 that wasn't projected by "Skunk Works"?

I see nothing describable as a Goofy comedy. Area 51 was established to develop new advanced highly classified military systems such as the U-2, theSR-71, The Stealth fighter, the Aurora, various unmanned aerial vehicles, etc, etc. Its remoteness makes it sensible for testing of such systems hardly feasible in secret near the Skunk Works in California.

16 - MIBS, Men in Black, are they true or lie? And what is your opinion about the "privacy invasion" imposed by the US government?

People have on occasion been threatened. Whether these are government people or hoaxsters. I have no idea. Governments always want to invade our privacy.

17 =96 If we look deeply to the sky we'll find uncountable galaxies, stars, planets and so on. Based on it, we can affirm categorically that we aren't alone in this big universe! Like a scientist, what give you a credit to believe in life outside Earth?

Yes, the universe is huge. Unlike the SETI cultists, my conclusions about Ets are based on study of the enormous amount of evidence that aliens are visiting. I am totally unmoved by proclamations about the huge universe and we can't be alone etc. The evidence (always ignored by the nasty noisy negativists and the SETI cultists) is convincing. SETI really stands for Silly Effort to Investigate.

Sim, o universo =E9 enorme. Ao contr=Elrio dos adoradores do SETI, minhas conclus=F5es sobre ETs s=E3o baseadas no estudo da enorme quantidade de evid=EAnCIA que os alien=EDgenas est=E3o nos visitando. Eu n=E3o sou movido por publica=E7=F5es sobre o universo enorme e n=F3s n=E3o podemos estar s=F3s, etc. As evid=EAnCIAS (ignorada sempre pelos nojentos e barulhentos negativistas e pelos adoradores do SETI) s=E3o convincentes. SETI est=El realmente para Silly Effort To Investigate (Esfor=E7o Idiota Para Investigar).

18 - I really would like you to leave a message to The Brazilian Ufology Center. Right now we have almost 30.000 members and they really would like to hear what you have to say to them.

After 49 years of study and investigation, I can safely state that aliens are visiting earth (some UFOs are of alien origin), that a small percentage of government people have known this for at least 60 years, that there are no good arguments against these conclusions, and that the matter of flying saucer visitations and the cover-up of the best data, bodies and wreckage, by governments, is the biggest story of the past millennium.

We on Earth must stop acting like a primitive society whose major activity is clearly tribal warfare. We need to recognize that the best hope for a decent future is recognition we are not the most advanced body of beings in the local neighborhood, and that we need to grow up and use our resources for the planet instead of for killing each other. I am still an optimist that the truth will out despite the resistance of those in power.

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>>>>Dear List,

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>>>>establishment scientists can't possibly see how UFO could be
>>>>from another star system.

>>>>Thank you, Stuart!

>>>>Are you one of those guys Ed that could start a fight in an
>>>>empty room?

>>>>Hi Stuart,

>>>>I don't start fights. I enjoy a good discussion. Isn't that
>>>>what you had in mind when you posted this article?

>>>>Your comment above is a little amibiguous

>>>>I think these scientists were saying that star travel was
>>>>improbable if not impossible and they explained clearly why
>>>>they felt this was so.

>>>>but I presume you make it to support your theory that "ET"
>>>>in fact lives here on earth with us and that by implication,
>>>>these learned and erudite scientists are agreeing with you.

>>>>They do agree with me about the improbability of star travel.
>>>>They didn't discuss ancient civilizations or convergent
>>>>evolution. I suppose they'd be skeptical just as you seem to
>>>>be.

You are a very naughty boy Ed and you should go and stand in a corner and hang your head in shame. If ever anyone wanted an example of determination by an individual propogating a particular theory against heavy odds, it would be you. You have valiantly and with great stamina and curtesy taken all the brickbats aimed at you over the years as people have laughed at and ridiculed your ideas, and you have bounced back time and again, and refused to give up. You even convinced a dear, sweet, frail, elderly lady to journey with you on a massive hike (by car) into the middle of the New Mexican desert to go look at a

landing site that you insist is relevant to Roswell.

If there is one thing your travails and hardships should have taught you, it is an open mind and tolerance of the ideas of others. But what do we find? Why, that you are no different from the vast majority of other intolerant dictats. You are right and everyone else is wrong. You have deeply disapointed me Ed. Look at this:

>Even if they were skeptical, I doubt they could knock it down
>scientifically and they would eventually have to agree that I
>am possibly correct.

And this:

>They mostly agree. I don't see any reason why they wouldn't
>all eventually agree with me.

Nobody agrees with you Ed. Not even Mac Tonnies and he hypothesies a similar theory.

>>As Peter Ward says "In my view, life in the form of microbes
>>or their equivalents is very common in the universe, perhaps
>>more common than even Drake and Sagan envisioned."

>Yes life is common but isolated by time and space.

How do you know?

>>This is a broadly held view and the real issue now is how far
>>away the nearest intelligent civilisation is.

>Not too far by my estimate. But I understand your point.

>>That it exists Ed is a given. The old numbers game.

>I have no doubt that there are billions of stars, with solar
>systems similar to ours, and earths with water and trees and
>blue sky and hairy creatures basking on a summer day. But the
>distances are just too great for casual visits.

Again, how do you know?

>>Which of course brings us back round to the argument about
>>FTL travel. Which in itself is a futile and arrogant waste
>>of time. Just because we presume to know the extent of
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>is possible, but I do know that we're being visited by crafts
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>reason to reject the theory that an earth evolved ancient
>civilization is responsible. Why are you so resistant?

I don't have any "faith" at all in anything but I do know that the scientific establishment, when its actually thinking straight and above all, objectively, does not ridicule the ETH. And it doesn't do that because it can't. They can have firm ideas about what is and what isn't happening in this field of science but they cannot prove anything one way or the other.

But your tone suggests that you are ridiculing the ETH Ed and I am again taken aback by your intolerance. In the spirit of comradship and an open and inquiring mind, I am going to presume to show you by example how to conduct yourself in proper company, so pay attention; I am not resistant to your ideas. I embrace them and welcome them into the melting pot of eccentricity and insanity that defines the study of UFOs (but not, strangely, the study of UAPs) and say to you; you are just as likely to be right as anyone else.

Now behave.

Stuart

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Ed,

Toward the end of 19th Century, the great British physicist Lord Kelvin calculated the age of the Sun : about 2 or 3 millions years at the most, but he supposed that the Sun burned coal. It was a few years before the theory of relativity!

Today, there are different theories of advanced physics in development, trying unify physics, which seem to open new roads toward interstellar travel. So, the question seems to be very open. BTW, I proposed a little summary of that discussion in my paper on the book "Hunt for the Skinwalker", which has been

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published in the last issue of IUR (Vol. 31 Number 1). And now
it is also on the blog of Frank Warren.

Gildas Bourdais

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Earlier today the Ministry of Defence placed on its website brief details of UFO sightings reported to the Department in 2006:

<http://tinyurl.com/2mgolj>

a .pdf

Details of sightings reported in 2002 - 2005 are also included, though this material has been released previously:

<http://tinyurl.com/3xzflf>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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>>>The ratio of depth to diameter of the Heflin object is about
>>>3.8, that of your trainwheel about 4.3.

>>>The ratio of the "dome" diameter to the total diameter of the
>>>Heflin object is about 1.45, your trainwheel about 1.2.

>>>The thickness and angle of the flange in relation to the
>>>"dome"
>>>are plainly different.

>>>Your trainwheel traction surfaces are exactly vertical to the
>>>rims, Heflin's object appears to have a slight taper.

>>>Your trainwheel has a very prominent boss on top which is not
>>>present on the Heflin object.

>>>Since your own photos indicate that all your statements are
>>>untrue, would you like to explain why you made them?

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>Thank you John for supplying us with this useful jpeg file that
>allows for an easy comparison between one of the Heflin flying
>saucer images with a typical model train wheel.

It allows comparison between Heflin #1 and a drawing of a wheel
(actually quite atypical) which does not have the same
proportions.

>Interestingly, although my "G Scale" model train wheels and the
>line drawing of the Heflin object

You mean the drawing of the train wheel - try not to let your
presumptions run away with you.

>both have bosses at the top of
>the dome part (not all model train wheels do), apparently so
>does the Heflin flying saucer!

Does it really? Does it even apparently? I've looked pretty carefully at all three images, transformed in all kinds of extreme ways, and can find no clear evidence of such a thing. Please can you post the image that demonstrates this further claim?

>Although the flying saucer images are small on all three Heflin
>polaroid pictures and thus appear very blurry and not very well
>defined when blown up, the saucer still looks like a typical
>model train wheel. Compare this with the small image of the
>"Face on Mars" that was first noticed in a picture taken by
>Viking 1 in 1976 when it was later compared to a much higher
>resolution picture taken with the Mars Global Surveyor decades
>afterwards. There are still people today that cannot accept
>that these two pictures are depictions of the same "Face".

To say, as you do here, that there is a general resemblance between the shapes of this flying saucer and of a "typical model train wheel" is defensible and much more reasonable than your previous erroneous claims about specific train wheels. Nevertheless this is not now much of an argument. It is too vague to have force.

It is also true that the resolution of the Heflin object is imperfect, and there may come a point when you have found a toy wheel whose proportions are close enough that this imperfection becomes significant. But that point hasn't arrived yet. And if it does you will not have proved a hoax. This method is incapable of proving a hoax. You may be able to say, without fear of contradiciton, "Look, it could be a hoax!" What you are apparently unable to grasp is that we already know it could be a hoax.

>Last night I made a quick search on eBay for large scale model
>train wheels, preferably "1:32 scale" and from old steam
>engines, especially those manufactured in England (possibly by
>Roundhouse or Astor). I did not find any but I did make a bid on
>some assorted old wheels from England after I noticed that the
>two smaller wheels on an axis on the upper right part of this
>picture had the same relative thicknesses and ratios that
>Martin obtained for the Heflin object!

What interesting antiques! This pair of toy wheels on a fat axle appears to be lathe turned - very possibly in one piece - from wood, but I look forward to your description of them when they arrive. Meantime, I point out that if so this illustrates my previous caution: People are ingenious and prolific, and there will be an indefinite number of wheel-shaped objects out there. The chance of eventually finding a saucer among them is not zero, whatever Heflin photographed.

>Go to the URL below and check for yourself.

><http://tinyurl.com/yqn949>

I have to admit that I'm impressed by your extraordinary unconcern with such prideful matters as a reputation for truthfulness and good judgment. I did go straight to this URL, ruler in hand, and after importing the picture into an image program took about 25 seconds to verify that your statement, once again, is complete bull. These wheels do not have "the same relative thicknesses and ratios".

Ratio of depth to diameter -
Heflin object: 3.8
train wheel : 3.0 (mean of two measures - 2.93 and 3.15 -
bracketing the slightly rolled "top" edge)

Ratio of "dome" diameter to total diameter -
Heflin object: 1.45
train wheel: 1.32

Certainly these are approximate, but I don't feel the need to hedge this about with qualifiers and error bars. As you say, anyone can go to URL and if they know how to use a ruler they can see for themselves.

>Even though my search for the right model train wheel continues,
>like the "Face on Mars", there will be those that will never be
>convinced that they were mistaken.

Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Shough

Yes, I think that's a fitting last word.

Martin Shough

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>><snip>

>>Any more?

>Those Marklin G scale passenger car wheels are filled in solid.

><http://tinyurl.com/yqcts8>

They may very well be, John. Unfortunately the ratio of the traction surface or "tyre" diameter to the total flange diameter is only about 1.1 - possibly 1.15, it's hard to be certain from these images. The corresponding ratio for the Heflin object is about 1.45, more than a quarter as much again. So, no cigar. This is disappointing, as Nick had led us to expect that others had evidence if wheels that were an "identical match".

Martin Shough

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Hey, at last we have a measurement that's close!

As far as it's possible to measure from this photograph, the ratio of "dome" to flange diameter on these tank car wheels appears to be about 1.33, certainly acceptably close to my previous estimate of the Heflin ratio, 1.32.

But what about the ratio of depth to diameter? Unknown.

What is the taper of the wheel surface, if any? Unknown.

On previous showings we should perhaps stay sceptical that these values are also close, until there is measurable evidence.

However, maybe someone will be able to show us that they do happen to be close? In that case you will have finally found a wheel whose proportions resemble those of Heflin's object. Personally I will not be hugely surprised, because it is basically wheel-shaped after all and there are hundreds of wheel configurations. But if and when this happens, the psychological effect will be to harden the suspicions of those of us who already think Heflin photographed a train wheel, whilst leaving objective analysis of the photos essentially where it was before.

Martin Shough

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NASA Teleconference On Planets Beyond Solar System

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NASA MEDIA TELECONFERENCE ON PLANETS BEYOND OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

PASADENA, Calif. - Astronomers are scheduled to announce new findings about planets beyond our solar system at a media teleconference Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 10 a.m. PST. The findings are from NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope.

Reporters should call the media relations office at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif., at 818-354-5011 for participation information. Audio of the event will be broadcast live at 1 p.m. on the Web at:

<http://www.nasa.gov/newsaudio>

At the start of the briefing, supporting images and graphics will be posted on the Web at:

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/spitzer/news/070221/index.html

The briefing participants are:

- L. Jeremy Richardson, NASA Postdoctoral Fellow, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.
- Carl Grillmair, research astronomer, NASA's Spitzer Science Center at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif.
- Mark Swain, research scientist, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif.
- Alan Boss, staff research astronomer, Carnegie Institution of Washington

The Spitzer Space Telescope is part of NASA's Great Observatories program, which includes the Hubble Space Telescope and the Chandra X-ray Observatory.

For more information about the Spitzer Space Telescope, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/spitzer>

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NOTABLE NEW CRS REPORTS

Some recent Congressional Research Service reports obtained by Secrecy News that are not readily available in the public domain include the following.

"Sharing Law Enforcement and Intelligence Information: The Congressional Role," February 13, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL33873.pdf>

"India-U.S. Relations," updated February 13, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33529.pdf>

"Changes to the OMB Regulatory Review Process by Executive Order 13422," February 5, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33862.pdf>

"Al Qaeda: Statements and Evolving Ideology," updated January 24, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RL32759.pdf>

"Nonstrategic Nuclear Weapons," updated January 9, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL32572.pdf>

"Instances of Use of United States Armed Forces Abroad, 1798-2006," updated January 8, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL32170.pdf>

"'Sensitive But Unclassified' Information and Other Controls: Policy and Options for Scientific and Technical Information," updated December 29, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RL33303.pdf>

OTHER NEW RESOURCES

The average amount of time required by the government to conduct a background investigation and process a security clearance application has been around one year for a Top Secret clearance and 5 to 6 months for a Secret or Confidential clearance, which is "a totally unacceptable length of time," according to a new report to Congress from the Office of Management and Budget. The February 15 Report of the Security Clearance Oversight Group describes efforts underway to reduce security clearance processing time. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/omb021507.pdf>

"The Putin Era in Historical Perspective" was the topic of a conference of non-governmental experts sponsored by the DNI's National Intelligence Council. The conference report hews closely to received wisdom and is surprisingly devoid of significant insight. ("Bereft of its former empire, Russia still aspires to be a great power and to be respected as such.") See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/nic/putin.pdf>

"The Infantry Battalion" is a new U.S. Army Field Manual (FM 3-21.20, December 2006) that describes the roles and missions of Army battalions at great length (599 pages, 20 MB PDF):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-21-20.pdf>

BOOK REVIEW: DICTIONARY OF COLD WAR COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

Soviet intelligence agencies "rarely used the polygraph, but trained some of their officers with a machine stolen in 1965 by a Counterintelligence Corps sergeant, Glen Rohrer, who defected to Czechoslovakia."

That curious factoid is just one of many intriguing nuggets contained in a new "Historical Dictionary of Cold War Counterintelligence" by British intelligence writer Nigel West, which is the sixth in a series of historical intelligence dictionaries published by Scarecrow Press.

From "abduction" to "Zlatovsky" the new Dictionary provides brief, capsule summaries of key topics, terms and events in the turbulent history of cold war counterintelligence.

All of the familiar entries are there, and quite a few unfamiliar ones.

"White Knuckle" is "the CIA codename for an operation to recover classified files that had been loaned to the KGB defector Anatoli Golitsyn to assist his research for the counterintelligence staff. The documents were retrieved from his home in New York City, as well as from his mill farm upstate."

"Eyewash" is "the CIA term for false entries made in files, usually to protect the security of a source, often indicating that a particular target has rejected a pitch, when in fact the offer was accepted."

An excellent series of Appendices provide a convenient roster of espionage prosecutions in the United States; a list of U.S. defectors to the Soviet Union; a list of Soviet and Eastern bloc intelligence defectors to the United States; and more.

Part of the satisfaction of reading a book like this derives from seeking and finding errors, and there are at least a few of those. There is a "Philip" whose name is misspelled "Phillip." More significantly, CIA covert action is not limited to, nor does it even consist principally of, "paramilitary operations," as the Dictionary says.

The entries themselves are not sourced or annotated, so if a reader wants to pursue further information, he has to take his best guess as to where it may be found in the bibliography.

Some readers might wish the author had refrained from publishing speculation about the identities of individuals who he thinks correspond to spies known only by their Soviet code name. If the book is mistaken about the "likely" identity of RELAY, for example, it will have perpetrated an injustice that is difficult to correct.

Just a few writers have immersed themselves in the historical intelligence literature as extensively as the prolific Mr. West and returned to write about it. So almost anyone is likely to learn something new.

Some of the other volumes in the present series have been found wanting by Hayden B. Peake, a former intelligence officer and bibliophile who reviewed them for the CIA journal Studies in Intelligence. But an earlier volume on British intelligence that was also written by Mr. West was ruled by Mr. Peake "quite good," which is high praise from that quarter.

The very high list price of the book (\$115) will make it unaffordable for many readers and will probably limit its acquisition to larger libraries and special collections.

More information, including a table of contents and an excerpt, may be found on the Scarecrow Press (www.scarecrowpress.com) web site here:

<http://tinyurl.com/ypono7>

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John, you may have solved the 40 year-old plus Heflin UFO case!

These Gauge 1 or 1:32 scale train wheels on this old tank car are not only solid filled but have exactly the same shape, ratios and special features of Heflin's flying saucer! This is a very important find as it confirms of the claims made by 'Anonymous' (see below) and supports the opinion by many that this very unique flying saucer does indeed look like a model train wheel!

"A 1/32 scale drive wheel of a model steam locomotive" is precisely what the 'craft' is. Particularly insightful is his observation "You can just make out the wheel hub protruding off the face of the wheel."

Find the earliest generation print and enhance further. Dig a little deeper into pre-1960 toy/model trains and you will find the exact part used.

Combine 1) John's findings with 2) Tim Shell's airshow donut hole formations with 3) brave Ed Riddle's interviews - and the 40 year old Heflin "mystery" is solved!

For those that still have doubts, they can take measurements off

the close-up image of the Gauge 1 or 1:32 scale train wheels on this other old Marklin model steam engine. Finally we have a model train wheel which fully agrees, within measurement errors, with all the things our friend Martin Shough noted about the Heflin flying saucer.

<http://www.glancytrains.com/php-cgi/gallery/album69/aaf?full=1>

Now that we have this reasonable doubt (if not the smoking gun itself), I think I can safely predict what the verdict will be after ufology finishes its work with the reopening of the Heflin UFO case.

On April 14 I plan to meet with Jeff Stimson, Sales Manager for Marklin at a special show and presentation he will give at the Marriott Hotel in Vaughan (a city north of Toronto). I will bring along my vernier caliper to take more precise measurements of Marklin's 1 Gauge or 1:32 scale wheels. I will reserve judgement on whether or not I believe Rex Heflin was the perpetrator of a clever hoax - the first and very likely not the last, even among the UFO images still accepted as authentic by ufologists - until then.

Nick Balaskas

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>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 12:42:32 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

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>>>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 16:55:52 -0800
>>>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>>>><http://tinyurl.com/2s9ah6>

>>>>>Dear List,

>>>>>This discussion is a must read for all who wish to know why
>>>>>establishment scientists can't possibly see how UFO could be
>>>>>from another star system.

>>>>>Thank you, Stuart!

>>>>>Are you one of those guys Ed that could start a fight in an
>>>>>empty room?

>>>>>Hi Stuart,

>>>>>I don't start fights. I enjoy a good discussion. Isn't that
>>>>>what you had in mind when you posted this article?

>>>>>Your comment above is a little amibiguous

>>>>>I think these scientists were saying that star travel was
>>>>>improbable if not impossible and they explained clearly why
>>>>>they felt this was so.

>>>>>but I presume you make it to support your theory that "ET"
>>>>>in fact lives here on earth with us and that by implication,
>>>>>these learned and erudite scientists are agreeing with you.

>>>>>They do agree with me about the improbability of star travel.
>>>>>They didn't discuss ancient civilizations or convergent
>>>>>evolution. I suppose they'd be skeptical just as you seem to
>>>>>be.

>>>>>You are a very naughty boy Ed and you should go and stand in a
>>>>>corner and hang your head in shame. If ever anyone wanted an
>>>>>example of determination by an individual propogating a
>>>>>particular theory against heavy odds, it would be you. You have
>>>>>valiantly and with great stamina and curtesy taken all the
>>>>>brickbats aimed at you over the years as people have laughed at

>and ridiculed your ideas, and you have bounced back time and
>again, and refused to give up. You even convinced a dear, sweet,
>frail, elderly lady to journey with you on a massive hike (by
>car) into the middle of the New Mexican desert to go look at a
>landing site that you insist is relevant to Roswell.

>If there is one thing your travails and hardships should have
>taught you, it is an open mind and tolerance of the ideas of
>others. But what do we find? Why, that you are no different from
>the vast majority of other intolerant dictats. You are right and
>everyone else is wrong. You have deeply disappointed me Ed. Look
>at this:

>>Even if they were skeptical, I doubt they could knock it down
>>scientifically and they would eventually have to agree that I
>>am possibly correct.

>And this:

>>They mostly agree. I don't see any reason why they wouldn't
>>all eventually agree with me.

>Nobody agrees with you Ed. Not even Mac Tonnies and he
>hypothesies a similar theory.

Stuart,

I don't really know what others think about these ideas. A few
declare that they're preposterous, but the vast, silent,
majority remain silent.

Mac hasn't contacted me, so I don't know what he's thinking.

>>>As Peter Ward says "In my view, life in the form of microbes
>>>or their equivalents is very common in the universe, perhaps
>>>more common than even Drake and Sagan envisioned."

>>Yes life is common but isolated by time and space.

>How do you know?

I think it's self-evident, but here's Frank Drake's opinion:

Any reasonable transport of creatures across space calls for
travel speeds that are a substantial fraction of the speed of
light, otherwise it takes too long to go even to the nearest
stars. But this exposes the spacecraft to serious hazards.
Probably the most serious is the potential for collision with
debris - and we are learning that space is full of debris. At
relativistic speeds, even a collision with a particle of a few
grams results in something close in energy to a nuclear bomb
blast. Not good news for the space travelers.

Also the energy requirements are ridiculous, at least to us. To
send a spacecraft the size of a small airliner at one-tenth the
speed of light requires as much energy as the US now produces in
more than a hundred years. And that just gets you someplace - it
doesn't provide for a landing or a return home

>>>This is a broadly held view and the real issue now is how far
>>>away the nearest intelligent civilisation is.

>>Not too far by my estimate. But I understand your point.

>>>That it exists Ed is a given. The old numbers game.

>>I have no doubt that there are billions of stars, with solar
>>systems similar to ours, and earths with water and trees and
>>blue sky and hairy creatures basking on a summer day. But the
>>distances are just too great for casual visits.

>Again, how do you know?

It's my best estimate (guess) but not just mine. Here's Don
Brownlee "Rare Earth, Why Complex Life is Uncommon in the
Universe".

"I believe that it is most likely that organisms as complex as
animals only occur in transient cosmic oases widely separated by
space and time.

Planets form, they may develop life, but eventually the planet and its life perishes. This cycle repeats endlessly in the cosmos. Likewise, civilizations form, they may send SETI transmissions or even launch time capsules, but they will never make direct physical contact."

>>>Which of course brings us back round to the argument about >>>FTL travel. Which in itself is a futile and arrogant waste >>>of time. Just because we presume to know the extent of >>>physics doesn't mean that we do indeed know the extent of >>>physics, and others may have taken it further. Why, they >>>may even have learned how to travel through worm holes.

>>You can have faith that worm holes exist and that FLT is >>possible but the scientific establishment disagrees. That's >>why they ridicule the ETH. I have no faith that star travel >>is possible, but I do know that we're being visited by crafts >>and creatures of unknown origin. There is no scientific >>reason to reject the theory that an earth evolved ancient >>civilization is responsible. Why are you so resistant?

>I don't have any "faith" at all in anything but I do know that >the scientific establishment, when its actually thinking >straight and above all, objectively, does not ridicule the ETH. >And it doesn't do that because it can't. They can have firm >ideas about what is and what isn't happening in this field of >science but they cannot prove anything one way or the other.

>But your tone suggests that you are ridiculing the ETH Ed and I >am again taken aback by your intolerance.

You're mistaken and confused. I disagree with the ETH and agree with the scientific establishment's skepticism. I also have lost my faith that star travel is possible but also agree with much other UFO research, especially the Roswell event.

>In the spirit of >comradship and an open and inquiring mind, I am going to presume >to show you by example how to conduct yourself in proper >company, so pay attention; I am not resistant to your ideas. I >embrace them and welcome them into the melting pot of >eccentricity and insanity that defines the study of UFOs (but >not, strangely, the study of UAPs) and say to you; you are just >as likely to be right as anyone else.

Thanks,

Ed

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Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 15:34:21 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2007 11:43:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Tarbell

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2007 16:10:11 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

<snip>

>Although the flying saucer images are small on all three Heflin
>polaroid pictures and thus appear very blurry and not very well
>defined when blown up, the saucer still looks like a typical
>model train wheel. Compare this with the small image of the
>"Face on Mars" that was first noticed in a picture taken by
>Viking 1 in 1976 when it was later compared to a much higher
>resolution picture taken with the Mars Global Surveyor decades
>afterwards. There are still people today that cannot accept that
>these two pictures are depictions of the same "Face".

>Last night I made a quick search on eBay for large scale model
>train wheels, preferably "1:32 scale" and from old steam
>engines, especially those manufactured in England (possibly by
>Roundhouse or Astor). I did not find any but I did make a bid on
>some assorted old wheels from England after I noticed that the
>two smaller wheels on an axis on the upper right part of this
>picture had the same relative thicknesses and ratios that Martin
>obtained for the Heflin object!

>Go to the URL below and check for yourself.

><http://tinyurl.com/yqn949>

>Even though my search for the right model train wheel continues,
>like the "Face on Mars", there will be those that will never be
>convinced that they were mistaken.

Nick,

I think once again you misrepresent the degree of match between
your newfound eBay wheels and the Heflin object. I have
extracted the wheel images and the objects in Heflin frames 1
and 3, and combined them into a single image with their
diameters scaled to match. See:

<http://tinyurl.com/2jr3ba>

Again, the resemblance is undeniable, but they are not a
geometric match to the Heflin object, as you claim.

For example, the outer-rim-to-inner-hub diameter ratio in the
model wheels is firmly in the range 1.22 - 1.25, while the
Heflin object is somewhere in the range 1.32 - 1.46.

Contrary to your baffling Face on Mars analogy, I am not
clinging to some obsolete image that you have since refuted or
improved. Do you suppose that a sharper image of either your
wheels or the Heflin object is going to rescue this geometric
mismatch?

On the other hand, you have twice categorically stated to have
found model wheels that precisely match the Heflin object, and

have subsequently provided images that directly refute your own claim. I admire your being forthright in this way, but perhaps a more stringent screening of your candidate wheels is called for.

I do not discourage you from pursuing this. IF a particular brand of train wheel -or, for that matter, bottle cap, hubcap, etc.- is uncovered that was contemporary with the period of the Heflin photograph and by every measure is a geometric match, then a hoax is strongly suggested. This holds even if no one can figure out how to reproduce the effect photographically.

I regard the latter outcome as highly unlikely. If Heflin achieved this effect with a small model, it suggests considerable ingenuity on his part... he is unlikely to have used a prop that could be traced to a commercially manufactured object.

Alternatively, if a model were fabricated so as to match the Heflin object, and with it one were able to convincingly reproduce his images with the same or very similar camera and film, then this also raises serious concern about a hoax, although not to the extent of the previous scenario. Such a result would be significant, but not necessarily case-closing, considering that the community has had 40+ years to think about how to reproduce the effect.

Mike

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Student UFOLogical Article

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[with comment by NARCAP's Ted Roe]

The Truth Is Out There

Strand columnists Anthony Marcusa & Lauren McPhillips ponder our existence in the universe in the wake of recent unexplained UFO sightings

Anthony Marcusa & Lauren McPhillips

E PUR SI MUOVE
Anthony Marcusa

On November 7th, 2006, almost one dozen workers (including pilots) at Chicago's O'Hare Airport claim that an unidentified flying object hovered briefly in the sky before shooting upward through the clouds. The Federal Aviation Administration asserts that it was a weather phenomenon.

On Friday, January 26th, at 6:20pm local time in the skies over Hawaii, another UFO was seen. The National Weather Service and the FAA had no explanation. Earlier that week, an amateur photograph captured a picture of UFO over Charlotte, North Carolina. It has been determined that the sight was not Venus, an airplane, nor a satellite.

While many people have ignored these stories, others believe that it is simply another near encounter with extraterrestrial life.

For the last 60 years, purported pictures of UFOs have existed, yet they do little to support the belief in aliens. They are blurry and distant. They are taken by unreliable and worn cameras of all age and size. They are taken by amateur photographers in a moment's notice, thus becoming a highly disreputable source. Moreover, in the 21st century, images are too easily doctored and changed, that the most convincing and debunked visual evidence may be disputed. This, however, does little to deny the existence of little green men.

We see what we want to see. This fact is often employed by skeptics to denounce believers, claiming so-called witnesses are biased and subjective. It is not just aliens of which this axiom is applicable; every so often, a report appears in the news that someone somewhere has seen the image of the of Jesus Christ or Fidel Castro or Mother Theresa in an inanimate object. The Virgin Mary was seen in a grilled cheese over 10 years ago by Diana Duyser. At least one person agreed with her, because it was sold on eBay for \$28,000. With so many presuppositions, a

person can create any image out of nature that they so choose.

However, while we as imaginative, influential, and most importantly, imperfect human beings may easily find images in the sky - or the kitchen - we have the equally powerful ability to ignore that which we see. The power of suggestion, which allows us to see that which is not there, is equal to that of denial, which allows us to ignore that which is there.

Thus, skeptics who are quick to dismiss eye-witness accounts and other potential evidence, are too fallible and literally unbelievable. In the end seeing is not believing.

Instead, logic is instead the answer. At key points throughout the history of humankind, science and logic have supported ideas that were later falsified. Aristotle believed the Earth to be the center of the universe, and that belief stood for hundreds of years. Medieval explorers believed the Earth to be flat, and that fear prevented many from setting sail. We know today that during those time periods, these beliefs were the most logical conclusions concerning the nature of the world. They are merely ridiculous, though, by today's standards. Perhaps someday in the distant or not too distant future we will look back and realize how ridiculous a thought it was to deny the existence of aliens.

In so many facets of life, be it environmental science or medicine, we extend our imagination to the furthest reaches possible in order to obtain the supposedly impossible. We seek to cure cancer and curtail climate change. These discoveries are not always intentional, but instead fueled by discovery: the human drive to constantly expand and push forward towards new boundaries. Skeptics argue there is no documented and verified scientific proof of extraterrestrial life. Logic suggests otherwise. Life was created on Earth in a random series of events billions of years ago. Were one set of random outcomes to occur simultaneously, it should be of no surprise when these random events occur again. The limits of practicality need not apply to space exploration and the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

Skeptics seem motivated by fear or hubris. As Tom Stoppard so astutely noted, "the scientific approach to the examination of phenomena is a defense against the pure emotion of fear." We fear that which we cannot explain. Moreover, the notion that we are not alone in the universe would question the very significance of our existence. Skeptics are too driven by hubris, an arrogance that humans are the pinnacle of history, and the most advanced species that does and ever will exist. The universe is a far more exciting place than that.

Whether or not people are willing to admit they believe, there is a part of us all that wants to believe. We read Ray Bradbury, listen to Orson Welles, and watch films by Roland Emmerich, and Steven Spielberg. Reason may limit us now, but our imagination will not be stopped and one day the truth will be discovered - that we are not alone.

Believe To Understand
Lauren McPhillips

When Anthony approached me this week with an idea for my article topic, I really didn't know what to think. At first, I thought I hadn't read his message right. Reading it again, I was reassured that I had, in fact, read it correctly the first time. "Aliens? You've got to be kidding me," was all that I could mutter under my breath.

At first, I didn't really think I could write a serious article on aliens without it seeming too kitschy or lame. I kept thinking, "Who actually believes in this shit?" Then I realized that people believe in stuff like this every day, in all different forms. So much of our lives is orchestrated by believing in something we do not see or are not certain of.

Newsweek recently ran an article on the strange sighting discovered over Chicago's O'Hare Airport, one of the busiest airports in the US. Several United Airlines employees, including a few pilots, claim to have seen an object hovering over the terminal, then shoot up into the sky, leaving behind a perfect

circle in the clouds above. An analyst of UFO's, Pete Davenport, seems to think that the sighting has to be credible, as it was seen by reliable sources, meaning those in a professional field.

What I'm having a hard time determining is that if there was an unidentified flying object hovering over one of America's busiest airport's, why did only half a dozen people see it? Wouldn't the air traffic control people notice that before anyone else? I mean, do the 'aliens' have such great technology that they can avoid the airport's radar system? Maybe I'm just a skeptic, but when it comes to other life forms in our galaxy, I just cannot believe it without seeing it for myself.

That's when I started to think about it a little more in depth; as a believer in God, or some form of higher power, why am I able to believe in such things, yet think UFO sightings are a farce?

Religion is such an integral part of almost all societies, whether it's through belief in a god or just some form of power greater than ourselves. Many religions are founded on the past, on prophets or ideal individuals who claim to have received sacred words from their 'god'. Today, the religions that we associate ourselves with have no actual proof that the gods we worship actually exist or did exist, yet we often structure our lives around such beliefs. There have been a plethora of instances where people have had images of God appear before them or have claimed to have revelations in their sleep or experience an epiphany. So-called 'miracles' occur and many immediately associate them with higher powers showing themselves to humanity. So why is it, then, that the thought of there being life forms on other planets is something most of us are just not willing to accept?

I think the skepticism of many is based on the fact that the concept of UFO sightings is still fresh and new to us. The first official sighting of a UFO was in 1947, merely 60 years ago, Davenport claims. This may seem like a long time to be able to get more acquainted with the idea of 'aliens', but when you think about organized religion, those beliefs have been passed on through the generations for thousands of years. Religious beliefs are acceptable because our society has integrated them into our daily lives over a long period of time; the talk about UFOs has yet to even span a century.

I think another reason why many are so skeptical about UFOs and aliens is because there is no scientific evidence to back it up. With religion, sightings are based on phenomena and miraculous events, whereas alien life forms are something we believe science should be able to explain. If we are so advanced in technology and scientific research, and if we make trips to outer space and have yet to find such a factory to produce alien spaceships -let alone discover another life form - how can we believe in something that science should be able to explain?

In a way, it's all a little scary when you think about it; I mean, believing in things you cannot prove to be real. We seem to stick to what those before us have believed when it comes to religion, yet we cannot determine for ourselves the phenomena of UFOs that supposedly visit our earth. What if we've been believing in the wrong thing the whole time; can you imagine thousands of years of religion proven to be wrong, yet aliens start to become part of our everyday thoughts and beliefs?

As for now, though, I'll stick to my skepticism rather than explore the twilight zone of alien life. Hell, that's what David Duchovny's here for.

Ted Roe of NARCAP comments at The Strand site:

<http://tinyurl.com/2zzdab>

Ted Roe
posted 2/16/07 @ 7:58 PM EST

Hello,

My organization, NARCAP.org specializes in aviation cases such as the one described as occurring at Ohare in Nov06. I invite you to look our site over...We will be publishing the results of our investigation of that incident in a couple of weeks.

I do have some suggestions as you struggle with the idea of skepticism vs science and the idea that some of these UAP or unidentified aerial phenomena as we call them may represent ET incursions.

My organization has no opinion on this topic directly and have a solid disclaimer at the bottom of our homepage. However ET believers are constantly bombarding us with their opinions and using our work to support their contentions. So....

It is clear to us that unless we can define what alien technology is and how it works, we can not positively identify ET incursions into the earth domain. it is that simple. Science demands testability and repeatability and that simply isn't possible in this matter, regardless of how many eyeballs and radars are detecting the alleged UAP/UFO (vs UAP/ALP or anomalous light phenomena). When we know what constitutes an ET incursion, Science will have the last word on the subject but has nothing to offer in the mean time.

There are other methods of examining data, the intelligence community uses them all the time to detect and conduct counterintelligence - all done without the scientific method. Those tools would work far better at detecting ET incursion than the scientific method.

Further, broadly publishing these cases before anyone can investigate them only confuses the results. Newsweek hasn't investigated the Ohare case...just filling space with nonsense. Its like kids telling ghost stories with flashlights under their chins... The Mexico FAM flir case of 2004 is another prime example of a case with a prosaic explanation (oil flares in the Gulf of Campeche) arrived at through the scientific method. Yet, it is simply discarded by the believers or simply buried under uninformed media presentations.

Further, pontifications about authenticity by people who have not conducted an investigation - you cite at least one in your article, don't help at all (NUFORC does not conduct investigations, just collects UFO reports from everywhere) and serve to confuse things further.

If anyone really wants to know what is going on they might want to examine the COMETA report, refereed by the now-former director of the French Space Programs UFO research project CNES-GEIPAN.

Also of interest is the UK MOD "Condign" report which uses our terminology and is titled "UAP in British Airspace" and concedes that "UAP undoubtedly exist... and represent a hazard to aviation.." though admittedly their conclusions regarding the source of UAP is a bit sparse.

Further examinations of the work by Erling Strand at Hessdalen.org and the papers by Massimo Teodorani (Google him for titles) are equally as enlightening.

Wouldn't it be great if people such as yourselves who were motivated to write on this topic could actually educate themselves before they publish? Maybe we could move away from this nonsense that is UFOlogy.

The media has learned that it can get extremely high ratings with UFO offerings which just makes their advertizers so happy - and they offer equally uncreditable and useless viewing that further agitates this mess.

As a group that takes our reputation, our image and our work seriously, we have enjoyed an incredible amount of success, all behind the scenes both in the aviation community and in the Government itself... happy to share what we can but rest assured our successes are because of our diligence regarding our image and our willingness to step away from UFO conferences, media and news requests, etc... We offer no information until it is mature. The media could take a lesson here.

For example, the Hawaii incident you refer to (I live in Hawaii) occurred off the south point of Oahu and involved two contrails, not objects, and were probably fighter aircraft in the air about an hour prior to a missile defense system test-launch off of Kuai'i... They didn't stand out as unusual on radar because they had transponders and weren't "uncorrelated" yet the media, like you, continue to report it, inaccurately, as a mystery that might indicate ETI.

Anyway the mystery to me is that people and the media will run with this stuff without an investigation and splatter it all over.. not sure how to resolve it but the problem is very clear.

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

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>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 16:33:37 +0100
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2007 10:30:03 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>You can have faith that worm holes exist and that FTL is
>>possible but the scientific establishment disagrees. That's why
>>they ridicule the ETH. I have no faith that star travel is
>>possible, but I do know that we're being visited by crafts and
>>creatures of unknown origin. There is no scientific reason to
>>reject the theory that an earth evolved ancient civilization is
>>responsible. Why are you so resistant?

>Ed,

>Toward the end of 19th Century, the great British physicist Lord
>Kelvin calculated the age of the Sun : about 2 or 3 millions
>years at the most, but he supposed that the Sun burned coal. It
>was a few years before the theory of relativity!

Glidas,

So? Is this supposed to mean that I don't understand the subtly
of science and that the next big discovery is just over the
rainbow? I don't need a fifth grade science lecture on what may
be.

>Today, there are different theories of advanced physics in
>development, trying unify physics, which seem to open new roads
>toward interstellar travel.

Name and describe one. Just one! Include footnotes, please.

>So, the question seems to be very open.

It's only open to dreamers who can't accept the universe as a
lonely pasture. I think it's kind of exciting to think that we
share a family connection to the UFO, rather than being fodder
for the galactic club. The UFO discussion could benefit by
bringing everything down to earth.

>BTW, I proposed a little summary of that discussion in my
>paper on the book "Hunt for the Skinwalker", which has been
>published in the last issue of IUR (Vol. 31 Number 1). And now
>it is also on the blog of Frank Warren.

Sorry, I don't think you see the big picture.

Ed

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February 17, 2007

Chicago Phenomenon Rekindles UFO Debate

By Dom Armentano
Guest Columnist

On Jan. 2, the Chicago Tribune did something extraordinary for a major newspaper: It ran a UFO story on its front page. The newspaper reported that in the late afternoon of Nov. 7, 2006, a gray, egg-shaped object was observed hovering over Gate C17 at Chicago O'Hare International Airport.

The object was unusually low (below the 1,900-foot overcast), remained visible for several minutes, and was observed by several mechanics and various United Airlines ground personnel. The object eventually disappeared straight up through the overcast by reportedly "punching a hole" through the clouds.

Observer descriptions of the object are remarkably consistent. It had no wings or lights. Its surface appeared metallic but with a soft luster that shone "like a pearl." Several witnesses reported a haze around the bottom of the object akin to heat waves off a hot road. One witness in an airport parking lot said that the object appeared to be spinning counter-clockwise. She also said that a small crowd of fellow observers were pointing up at the object and that several were taking pictures with digital cameras.

The Federal Aviation Administration first told the Chicago Tribune that it had no knowledge of the alleged incident but then quickly reversed its position after the newspaper filed a Freedom of Information Act request.

The agency now claims incredulously that the November sighting was some (unspecified) weather-related phenomenon. Sure.

Even more troubling, United Airlines continues to deny the incident entirely despite the fact that several of its employees maintain that they filed written reports on the sighting with their company, including drawings. United Airlines employees further state that they were instructed by their employer explicitly not to talk about the incident.

In defiance of the company gag order, however, one United mechanic told the Tribune: "It definitely was not an (Earth) aircraft."

UFOs are a 60-year-old mystery made even more mysterious by decades of absurd government denials that anything truly mysterious is going on. UFO proponents say we are seeing space ships from other worlds, while debunkers say eyewitness

testimony is remarkably inaccurate and that almost all reports are misidentified natural phenomenon or man-made objects.

Who is right? Draw your own conclusions from just two of the earliest secret, official UFO government documents released under the Freedom of Information Act.

On Sept. 23, 1947 Gen. Nathan Twining, commanding general of the Air Material Command, sent a then-secret memorandum to Brig. Gen. George Schulgen at the Pentagon, stating that "The reported phenomenon (the flying disc) is something real and not visionary or fictitious. There are objects the shape of a disc ... with operating characteristics such as extreme rates of climb, maneuverability ... and action which must be considered evasive when sighted or contacted by friendly aircraft or radar.."

One month later, on Oct. 28, 1947, Lt Col. George Garrett prepared a so-called Intelligence Collection Memorandum for Air Force Intelligence which listed some commonly reported features of flying discs: "The ability to group together very quickly in a tight formation when more than one aircraft are together; evasive action ability indicates the possibility of being manually operated, or possibly by electronics or remote control; and under certain conditions the craft seems to have the ability to CUT A CLEAR PATH THROUGH CLOUDS ..."

It is apparent that technical analysts for military intelligence had concluded as early as fall 1947 that some "flying discs" were real, intelligently controlled, unexplainable objects that could be evasive and even cut a clear path through clouds, precisely like the reported disc-shaped object over O'Hare International Airport.

Will the Chicago UFO incident currently unfolding be the beginning of the end of the 60-year government cover-up?

Armentano, a Vero Beach resident who has published several books on antitrust policy and has written commentary and reviews for newspapers, magazines and journals on various public policy issues, has been following the UFO controversy for 40 years.

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

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Police UFO Sightings Database

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02/18/07

Police UFO Sightings Database
By Sara Nelson

A database of UFO sightings by police officers has clocked up more than 200 cases in five years.

Launched by Detective Constable Gary Heseltine, of the British Transport Police (BTP), the unofficial site has seen around 100 officers added each year to date.

Sightings in the News Shopper region include one in Farnborough and one in Gravesend.

In October 1993 PC Tony Francis was called to an address in Gravesend after reports of a UFO from a mother and her son.

The craft was described as changing its shape from that of a bell to an oval with protruding spikes.

According to the DC Heseltine, a seven-page report on the sighting was submitted to the Ministry of Defence, which gave no explanation for the UFO.

Back in April 1978, PC Alan Craggs was called to an address in Farnborough, following an alleged UFO sighting.

According to the site, PC Craggs described it as: "being 20-30 feet above him with wings like fins on a dolphin."

The craft had allegedly been in the sky for close to an hour before the officer arrived.

PC Craggs is reported to have said: "I've been in the Air Force, I know what an aircraft looks like at night."

The site lists a total of 43 new reports of UFOs seen by on-duty police officers across Britain in the past year, with the largest number of sightings taking place in West Yorkshire.

DC Heseltine, who works for the BTP in Leeds, said: "After studying the subject for over thirty years I am totally convinced that a small proportion of UFO sightings are genuine and represent an extraterrestrial presence on the earth.

"I urge any officer out there, whether serving or retired to contact me about their respective UFO experiences.

"Anyone wishing to have their identity withheld can do so safe in the knowledge that I will never release their details unless they specifically allow me to."

To view the PRUFOS (Police Reporting UFO Sightings Database:

<http://prufospolicedatabase.co.uk/>

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Scientists Weigh The Livability Of Mars

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Scientists Weigh The Livability Of Mars

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Talk Of The Nation

Could there be another spot in the solar system that supports life =97 or did in the past? Many planetary scientists think that place is Mars. Broadcasting from the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, we discuss the search for life on Mars.

We hear how scientists are following the water and the energy, trying to target those parts of the planet most likely to harbor life. Plus, we learn how the rovers Spirit and Opportunity have changed our ideas about the Martian environment, and what evidence future missions will look for.

Guests:

David Des Marais, Long Term Planning Lead, Mars Exploration Rovers senior research scientist Astrobiology Program at the NASA Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif.

Michael Carr, planetary geologist; U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, Calif.

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http://www.space.com/searchforlife/seti_shostak_science_070215.html

15 February 2007

When Did Science Become The Enemy?
By Seth Shostak
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You, dear reader, are one in a thousand.

The fact that you're confronting this column on a web site devoted to space science and astronomy makes you roughly as rare as technetium. Despite the fact that astronomy is one of the two most popular science subjects in American schools (the other is biology), it's really not that popular.

The overwhelming majority of the citizenry has other interests, and looming large among them are the peccadilloes and personal intrigues of the rich and famous. Consider the contrast: in the past week the Space Telescope Science Institute released a startlingly detailed photo of a distant cluster of galaxies, a picture that gives even the non-expert a good idea of the structure of these, the largest entities in the universe. The photo of cluster Abell S0740=96an image that would have bedazed every previous generation of humans=96probably didn't even make it to the front section of your local newspaper.

However, what did garner front-page ink last week, not to mention huge dollops of chatter on talk radio, was the unexpected death of Anna Nicole Smith, a former Playboy Playmate and reality TV star.

Movie director Frank Capra wasn't disclosing a staggering new truth in noting that "what interests people is people." One dead-obvious reason is that those who are thoroughly unresponsive to their fellow humanoids don't get a lot of representation in the next generation. We're most interested in people, in the same way that click beetles are most interested in click beetles. That's evolution.

But why the seemingly preternatural fascination with famous personalities, be they powerful figures (politicians, for example) or mere celebrities, as was Ms Smith?

That, too, seems to have a clear evolutionary benefit. Unlike most of the beasts of the forest, we're quite good at learning things. Stories=96made possible by speech=96are efficient ways of conveying life lessons to the young without the trouble and danger of actually having to demonstrate. Hearing stories about successful people, as well as those who have fallen, could prompt us to imitate the behaviors of the former and avoid those of the latter. Heroes, in other words, have survival value.

The peculiar thing is that American heroes aren't often very

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good at science. Indeed, in much popular culture, it's only the villains who're conversant with Maxwell or Einstein. The "mad scientist" has become such a cultural icon that the Royal Society held a special lecture on the subject. Some of the mad men of science (and they are, overwhelmingly, men) are just evil characters intent on destroying the world, taking over the world, or simply rearranging the world according to their personal predilections. Dr. No and Dr. Evil come to mind, as do Lex Luthor, Dr. Octopus, the overly Teutonic Dr. Strangelove, and the Green Goblin.

How did scientists become the enemy? I mean, really: who would you rather have help you take a calculus final... or for that matter, cure the common cold or figure out the nature of dark energy: Spiderman or Green Goblin? Science is useful.

And if the scientists in popular media haven't slipped entirely to the dark side, they've at least gone bonkers. They've become obsessed with some narrow field of research, and lost sight of the big picture. When a prehistoric monster is shambling through a major metropolis, wreaking havoc and destruction, there's always some lab-coated PhD who's interfering with the steely-eyed military types, screaming "we have to save it for science!" And just to make sure that these howling academics won't become your role model, they're usually portrayed as short, ugly bald guys with social grace and sex appeal on a par with Ben the rodent.

This anti-science stuff seems to have arisen in the 19th century, when the pastoral lifestyle of the English countryside was being threatened by the steam engine. At the same time, Victor Frankenstein was endeavoring to replace sex and families by creating a barely functional human simulacrum in the lab (using not much more than Tesla coils and scrounged parts), and Dr. Faustus was out hawking his soul for some knowledge.

That's all European. But when it comes to anti-science bias, Americans are hard to beat. Our frontier heritage surely plays a role. When facing off against brutal mountains, a harsh climate, aggressive animals, and an indigenous population that might not cotton to new arrivals, are you better off wielding Newton's equations or a Bowie knife? American heroes are survivors, as television viewers know.

In addition, and since the Second World War, the public's perception of science has been influenced by the destructive potential of some of its products. These range from the evil wrought by Nazi scientists to the development of scary atomic power. Today, the threats posed by thinking machines or genetic engineering are the workaday staples of mad, bad science. That's just moving with the times, but the public's reaction is the same: this stuff could be dangerous, and besides I don't understand it. Ergo, I'll bolster my self-esteem by putting you down because you do.

So it's no surprise that a discipline like astronomy =96 as popular as it is =96 doesn't really electrify most folks. The combined circulation of Astronomy and Sky & Telescope is roughly 200,000 (with readership about twice that). The circulation of People magazine is 3,700,000.

The membership of the Astronomical League, a national organization of amateur astronomers, is 16,000. The National Mah Jongg League has 275,000.

You are, very literally, one in a thousand. But there's little reason to grouse. The cult of personality, while mesmerizing, isn't going to guide Homo sapiens into a better future. You're like the pioneer ants =96 the small percentage of ants that dare to explore, and who are, ultimately, responsible for the colony's long-term survival.

Anna Nicole Smith may get the column inches now, but the future is yours

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Puerto Rican UFO Reports For February 2007

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Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2007 13:32:58 -0500
Subject: Puerto Rican UFO Reports For February 2007

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Summary Of UFO Cases In Puerto Rico

Reported to www.ovni.net and www.andrewalvarez.net

By Lucy Guzman, Ovni.net

Revised February 14, 2007

UFO Reported Over Mayaguez, P.R.

Date: 4 February 2007

Location: In front of the Mayaguez Zoo

Witness: Pedro Navarro

Time: 11:10 AM

Object Description: Shining metallic oval (glowing silver) like two superimposed plates. Material glowed, no lights.

Evidence: None.

Summary: When Mr. Navarro drove past the Mayaguez Zoo, he saw a plate-shaped UFO in the sky. He described it as a shining metallic oval flying under the clouds, thus placing its altitude at some 3000 feet. Approximate angle of altitude: 15 degrees; Compass direction: SW. Movement: SE. Material was shiny and without lights. When the witness saw it, it was static and in a matter of seconds (15 sec. Approximately) it zigzagged and headed toward a cloud, where it hid. Mr. Navarro did not get out of his car to follow its maneuvers, as he was late for an activity. Nor could he take a photo, as he didn't have his camera with him. He said that the object had the apparent size of a birthday balloon. Note: could there be any relationship between this object and the video recorded at the zoo an hour later? Remark: This was the first experience by Mr. Navarro with a UFO. He was pleased to see one.

Evidence analyzed: N/A

Conclusions reached: None. No further reports on the same object.
Source: Ovni.Net <http://www.ovni.net>

Entity Captured On Videotape

Date: Sunday, 4 February 2007

Time: 12:40 pm

Place: Mayaguez Zoo

Witness: Jessica Walker, her husband Misael Calderon and their 5-year old son

Witness lives in: Can=F3vanas.

Brief description of the creature: Egg-shaped head, two black eyes, small mouth and nose. Creature appears to have luminescence or irradiates light in its surroundings.

Summary: Jessica=92s 5 year old had been given a class assignment regarding animals. He had to take a photo and say something about the animal in question in class. Jessica took him to the Mayaguez Zoo, because the child selected elephants. When they reached the house and began watching the video, they were stunned that the in the area were there a wooden monkey and chickens can be found, there stood a strange creature they believe =93not to be from this world.=94 They rewound their video camera and were able to see it, freezing the moment where the creature can be seen. Without saying a word, as the boy was present, the child said, =93that looks like an alien.=94 Jessica was so frightened that she didn=92t sleep in her house that night. She wants to know what that thing could be, because it ***was not there*** when the video was taken. There was no one around beyond the wooden monkey and chickens. What appears on film does not look like anything from our world.

Note: Jessica brought the video camera on Tuesday, 6 Feb. to Lucy Guzman=92s house to have the video copied onto the computer and have it analyzed. Misael took the video. Jessica=92s mother was near the monkey cages at the time (the animals were disturbed, restless and suddenly bumped into something before retreating into the shelter) and complained about not feeling well. The other animals were lying down and inactive. Misael felt that very same sensation in the area where the wooden monkey and chickens are located, where the strange image was captured. The mother is not sensitive; this is the first time she has felt this sensation.

Video pre-evaluation: A change of light is evident, like a silhouette. Lucy Guzman, Orlando Pla and Andrew Alvarez also saw a dark, humanoid image that they believe could be the manifestation seen by the couple. There also appears to be a face on the tree. Better analysis is required.

Source: <http://www.andrewalvarez.net> and <http://www.ovni.net>

UFO Over Vega Baja, P.R.

Date: Sunday, 4 February 2007

Place: Vega Baja, Puerto Rico

Witnesses: Rita Rivera and her sister

Time: Night. Exact time to be verified from the video

Object Description: White light with horizontal motion

Evidence: Yes, video.

Summary: A UFO was seen and recorded. They noticed a light in the sky behaving oddly and decided to observe it and videotape it. The light was following a horizontal route and suddenly shut off. They say it was not a satellite because they are familiar with satellites and their behavior.

Reported in person by both sisters to Lucy Guzman on 8 February 2007.

Conclusions: Pending. Ovni.net is waiting for the video to subject it to analysis.

Source: Ovni.Net <http://www.ovni.net>

Strange Objects Appear In Researcher Photographs

Date: Thursday, 8 February 2007

Location: Moca, Puerto Rico

Time: 12:34 p.m.

Witness: Orlando Pla and Lucy Guzman on site, but the objects were seen in photograph form only.

Object description: 4 photos showing white objects in the sky. Another with the 4 objects darkens in the middle and the other 3 move to the right of the photo. A whitish face with dark eyes appears on the second tree from left to right.

Evidence: Yes, digital photos.

Summary: Lucy and Orlando visited la Casona as tourists. The sky was completely clear. Photos and video were taken. Returning home, and seeing the photos taken by Lucy, they noticed that images IMG_0637, IMG_0638, IMG_0639, IMG_0640 (taken in sequence at 12:34 pm.) show objects that shouldn't be there.

Photo # IMG_0637 shows nothing in the sky or on the tree. Photo # IMG_0638 shows an apparent whitish face with large black eyes concealed among the foliage in the second tree to the left; IMG_0639 shows 4 amorphous white objects in the sky to the right of the photo and an apparent white face with large black eyes, and photo IMG_0640 displays one of the 4 white objects in the same place but with a darkened middle. The other three in the area above the foliage show the apparent white face with dark eyes.

Note: Only Lucy Guzman's photos and video have been subjected to pre-evaluation. The ones taken by Orlando Pla have not. It should be noted that poltergeist phenomena have been reported in the house (dark shadows, opening doors, loud noises, chains, almost all of them at night). Upon reconstructing the house Indian artifacts were found, suggesting the possibility of native burial grounds.

Source: Ovni.Net <http://www.ovni.net>

Bright Object Over Mayaguez, P.R.

Date: Thursday, 8 February 2007

Location: Mayaguez Lions Club, P.R.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Witnesses: Lucy Guzman, Orlando Pla and another gentleman

Object Description: Very bright white light, under the clouds, with an apparent size twice that of Saturn.

Evidence: An attempt to videotape it was made, but it was not picked up.

Summary: Lucy was in the parking lot of the Lions Club and upon looking at the sky, noted that there was a very intense white light following an east-west trajectory under the clouds, at an approximate elevation of 1,500-2000 feet. Lucy first thought it could be the ISS, but the cloud level dismissed the possibility. The light dimmed, losing its brilliance. Later it recovered until it became even more intense and larger. The gentleman present insisted it was just an airplane, but the fact that it disappeared and had no navigation lights caused him to dismiss the possibility.

Remarks: The night was very clear with few clouds. No taste was perceived, no sounds were heard, no peculiar odors detected, no impact on the electric grid.

Reported by: Lucy Guzman

Video analyzed; N/A/

Conclusions: Based on observation, behavior, altitude, it was not a known aircraft, artificial satellite, meteorite or space junk. It was not possible to determine the light=92s nature.

Source: Ovni.Net <http://www.ovni.net>

Unexplained Light Over Lake Carraizo

Date: Friday, February 9, 2007

Location: Route 52 from Caguas to San Juan, near Lake Carraizo

Witness: Lucy Guzman

Time: 2:00 a.m.

Description of object: A very bright white light with the apparent size of a ping-pong ball.

Evidence: None could be obtained. Vanished before camcorder could be secured.

Summary: Lucy Guzman and Orlando Pla were returning from Mayaguez, had paid the last toll near Caguas and were near Lake Carraizo. Lucy noticed that to her right, above the lake, there was a very bright ball of light approximately 1000 meters high, moving from east to west. It was slowly heading toward the expressway. She had her gear in the back seat; she reached for the camcorder, but by the time she removed the lens cap, the light was gone. She looked all around for it and it was nowhere to be seen. She doesn=92t know if the object made any noise, as the car radio and air conditioner were on.

Reported by: Lucy Guzman

Video analyzed: N/A/

Conclusions: Known objects were discarded. It was not possible to identify the source of the light.

Source: Ovni.Net <http://www.ovni.net>

Single White Light Seen From Gurabo, P.R.

Date: Friday, 9 February 2007

Location: Montanitas de Guaynabo, the ones nearest Route 52 from San Juan to Caguas.

Witness: Edwin Fontanez (civil engineer, amateur astronomer, pilot and paranormal researcher)

Time: Between 2 and 2:15 a.m., approximately.

Object description: A single white light emerged from a cloud and headed toward San Juan.

Evidence: None.

Summary: Edwin was in Gurabo with some friends. He was outdoors and, as an amateur skywatcher, he looked at the sky. Between 2:00-2:15 a.m. he saw a single white light emerging from a cloud and heading toward San Juan. As he was in the town of Gurabo and the light was over Guaynabo (above the small hills that face the expressway from San Juan to Caguas) he could see the small light, looking like a star. When the light made a sideways move (route change), a single light remained visible. As a pilot, he says that it wasn=92t any known aircraft. The light went away from his field of vision. Note: these small hills the witness refers to are exactly on the opposite site of the expressway, where Lucy saw the light over the lake. Could it be the same light that Lucy reported in the area at 2:00 a.m.? It was logical that he should see it smaller due to the distance of his vantage point.

Reported by: Edwin Fontan=E9z to Lucy Guzm=Eln, Orlando Pla, and G.M. at Lucy Guzman=92s house on February 12, 2007

Video analyzed: N/A

Conclusions: Light could not be determined.

Source: Ovni.Net <http://www.ovni.net>

Red Object Over Arecibo, P.R.

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2007

Location: Barrio Sabana Hoyos, Arecibo

Witness: Mr. Berrios (pseudonym at his request) and one more.

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Object description: Circular, shiny object like a star.
Brilliant red.

Evidence: None

Summary: Circular, shiny object like a star, brilliant red, at very high altitude, moving horizontally. Strange luminous objects have been reported lately in different parts of the sky.

Reported to: Ovni.net

Analyzed: N/A

Conclusions: N/A

Source: Ovni.Net <http://www.ovni.net>

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2007 13:28:36 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2007 15:50:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 14:29:41 -0800
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 12:42:32 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

<snip>

Ed, why in the world would you quote Frank Drake or other astronomers who know nothing at all about space flight?

They are as useful in such a discussion as Dr. Campbell was in claiming that the weight of a rocket able to get a man to the moon and back would be a million million tons. He was off by a factor of 300 million... or Dr. Bickerton who 'proved' it would be impossible to put anything in orbit around the earth.

The noisy negativists like you are doing their research by proclamation not investigation. Did you ever read my paper "Star Travel? YES!" and the references therein given?

It is past time for you to do your homework. If you want to know about brain surgery, try asking the surgeons instead of the guys who mop the floor in the operating room.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2007 18:32:41 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2007 15:56:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Shough

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 13:13:18 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

>>From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2007 17:34:18 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 17:12:57 -0000
>>>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

>>>>From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 13:18:01 -0600
>>>>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

>>>>Here's an image blowup from that earlier post which got
>>>>misplaced.

>>>><http://home.centurytel.net/cty90143/jpeg/heflin/1965santaanna.jpg>

><snip>

>>>Any more?

>>World War II Gauge 1 Marklin Tank Car

>>Put the image into Photoshop size/brightness/contrast, you will
>>discover the wheels are solid filled and black.

>><http://www.glancytrains.com/php-cgi/gallery/album69/aab?full=1>

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>important find as it confirms of the claims made by 'Anonymous'
>(see below) and supports the opinion by many that this very
>unique flying saucer does indeed look like a model train wheel!

Nick

As I said in direct reply to John, there is in fact one ratio measurable here that is close to that of Heflin's object, that of "dome" diameter to total diameter. It is not true that this tank wheel has "exactly the same shape" since we don't have any idea what the depth or profile of the wheel is. Moreover your reference to other unidentified "special features" that it supposedly shares with Heflin's object is simply baffling. Your persistence in defence of the claim made by Anonymous, unembarrassed by repeated pratfalls, has the appearance either

of ideological zealotry or of a personal interest. If you wish this one small success to count you would do well to moderate your inaccurate claims about it.

>"A 1/32 scale drive wheel of a model steam locomotive" is
>precisely what the 'craft' is. Particularly insightful is his
>observation "You can just make out the wheel hub protruding off
>the face of the wheel."

<snip>

Having invented an unproven identity between Heflin's object and John's tank car wheel you go on to tell us that this "confirms the claims made by anonymous", when in fact that individual, claiming personal knowledge, told us that it was not a car wheel at all but - "precisely" - a locomotive drive wheel. Sigh.

But no matter, because you simultaneously contradict yourself by introducing yet another and differently-shaped wheel which _also_ "fully agrees" with the Heflin object in all respects (this one is not a loco drive wheel either, BTW, but a bogey):

>For those that still have doubts, they can take measurements off
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>Now that we have this reasonable doubt (if not the smoking gun
>itself), I think I can safely predict what the verdict will be
>after ufology finishes its work with the reopening of the
>Heflin UFO case.

I can't resist the observation that if you should ever find yourself holding a smoking gun, then the first thing you ought look for is a hole in your foot. If you are not embarrassed yourself, then I am embarrassed for you, because yet again you invite us to make simple measurements that prove you wrong. This time we have what appears to be a slight taper, a good start, and a rough estimate of depth to diameter corrected for perspective suggests a ratio around 3.4, with enough uncertainty to accommodate Heflin's ~3.8. However the ratio of dome-to-diameter on these loco bogeys is quite clearly very close to 1.24. Not even the most favourable assumptions about the Heflin photo could possibly get the corresponding ratio down _anywhere_ near this figure, which I estimate as probably 1.45, Mike Tarbell somewhat less but still a good 10% larger than this wheel.

(Mike's measurements all appear to be consistently a little smaller than mine presumably because we are tending to take consistently different points in the blur zones of wheel photos and saucer photo to represent the "edge", but our ratios are pretty much the same. In this case, again, there is no question of "measurement error" rescuing so large a discrepancy.)

>On April 14 I plan to meet with Jeff Stimson, Sales Manager for
>Marklin at a special show and presentation he will give at the
>Marriott Hotel in Vaughan (a city north of Toronto). I will
>bring along my vernier caliper to take more precise measurements
>of Marklin's 1 Gauge or 1:32 scale wheels. I will reserve
>judgement on whether or not I believe Rex Heflin was the
>purpetrator of a clever hoax - the first and very likely not the
>last, even among the UFO images still accepted as authentic by
>ufologists - until then.

I don't think anybody who has read your posts on this topic will believe that you are "reserving judgment" now any more than you have so far. That is a very good two-word summary of the one thing you have consistently, and proveably, failed to do.

Martin Shough

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Nick,

I now find myself wincing when you make a new announcement that
this time, we have the really-real identical train wheel that
passes every test, all doubt has been removed, the case is
solved, etc.

My best estimate for the outer rim to inner hub diameter ratio
for this latest hopeful is, at most, 1.27. This is noticeably
less than the low end of the range for the Heflin object, which
I would put at 1.32 for the poorly resolved frame #3. Using the
better-resolved frame #1, the ratio is at least 1.39.

At this point you are 0 for 3, without having to consider more
than a single geometric parameter. I fear that if you do
actually find the holy grail train wheel, no one is going to pay
attention. John Scheldroup has calmly pointed out an intriguing
image whose resemblance to the Heflin object is undeniable and
difficult to ignore. We understand that a hoax is a real
possibility. Continually pronouncing that one has been
established based on the images you cite is affecting your own
credibility more than Heflin's.

Mike

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Subject: Re: When Did Science Become The Enemy? - Olson

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>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -<UFO UpDates.nul>
>Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2007 12:16 PM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: When Did Science Become The Enemy?

>Source: Space.Com - New York, NY, USA

>http://www.space.com/searchforlife/seti_shostak_science_070215.html

>15 February 2007

>When Did Science Become The Enemy?
>By Seth Shostak
>SETI Institute

>You, dear reader, are one in a thousand.

>The fact that you're confronting this column on a web site
>devoted to space science and astronomy makes you roughly as rare
>as technetium. Despite the fact that astronomy is one of the two
>most popular science subjects in American schools (the other is
>biology), it's really not that popular.

<snip>

>Anna Nicole Smith may get the column inches now, but the future
>is yours

This is really strange. I encountered this article while
searching online for the latest gossip about Anna Nicole Smith!
:-)

Best,

Jeff

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Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2007 17:05:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2007 17:02:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin - Ledger

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 15:34:21 -0700
>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2007 16:10:11 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: Model Train Wheels & Heflin

><snip>

>>Although the flying saucer images are small on all three Heflin
>>polaroid pictures and thus appear very blurry and not very well
>>defined when blown up, the saucer still looks like a typical
>>model train wheel. Compare this with the small image of the
>>"Face on Mars" that was first noticed in a picture taken by
>>Viking 1 in 1976 when it was later compared to a much higher
>>resolution picture taken with the Mars Global Surveyor decades
>>afterwards. There are still people today that cannot accept that
>>these two pictures are depictions of the same "Face".

>>Last night I made a quick search on eBay for large scale model
>>train wheels, preferably "1:32 scale" and from old steam
>>engines, especially those manufactured in England (possibly by
>>Roundhouse or Astor). I did not find any but I did make a bid on
>>some assorted old wheels from England after I noticed that the
>>two smaller wheels on an axis on the upper right part of this
>>picture had the same relative thicknesses and ratios that Martin
>>obtained for the Heflin object!

>>Go to the URL below and check for yourself.

>><http://tinyurl.com/ygn949>

>>Even though my search for the right model train wheel continues,
>>like the "Face on Mars", there will be those that will never be
>>convinced that they were mistaken.

>Nick,

>I think once again you misrepresent the degree of match between
>your newfound eBay wheels and the Heflin object. I have
>extracted the wheel images and the objects in Heflin frames 1
>and 3, and combined them into a single image with their
>diameters scaled to match. See:

><http://tinyurl.com/2jr3ba>

>Again, the resemblance is undeniable, but they are not a
>geometric match to the Heflin object, as you claim.

>For example, the outer-rim-to-inner-hub diameter ratio in the
>model wheels is firmly in the range 1.22 - 1.25, while the
>Heflin object is somewhere in the range 1.32 - 1.46.

I don't want to pursue this thread again. But I want to mention
that if the Heflin object is indeed hoaxed using a model of toy
train wheel, that wheel would have been a highly inaccurate copy

of a train wheel.

1] The bottom rim of the UFO representing the flange on a train wheel is too deep for an authentic train wheel flange by a factor of at least 1.5 to 2.

2] There is no tapering of the "run" [the part that runs on the rail] from the hub into the rim on a real train wheel. Were that the case a real train's wheels would quickly roll the rails over from an outward pushing force [wedge effect] from the hundreds of such wheels on both side of the cars and engine units pushing slightly outwards. The rails roll over well enough on their own without help from "tapered" runs. The run is made to be parallel to the axel to put as much of a downward force directly through the rail as possible to prevent outward or inward pressures.

I suspect the reason that model train wheel "runs" are tapered is to aid in getting them out of their molds and for no other reason.

3] There is no excuse for the flange being as deep as it is in the photos however and is the stumbling block for me.

Don

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For example, for many women having a good life still depends on whom they marry, she said.

"What does astrology speak to? Love relationships," Miss Losh said, noting that belief in horoscopes is much higher among women than men.

Belief in abduction by space aliens is also on the rise, she said.

"It's not surprising that the generation that grew up on 'Twilight Zone' and early 'Star Trek' television endorsed a link between UFOs and alien spacecraft," she said.

Raymond Eve of the University of Texas at Arlington had mixed news in surveys of students at an unnamed Midwestern university.

The share that thought aliens had visited Earth fell from 25 percent in 1983 to 15 percent in 2006. There was also a decline in belief in "Bigfoot" and in whether psychics can predict the future.

But there also has been a drop in the number of people who think evolution correctly explains the development of life on Earth and an increase in those who think mankind was created about 10,000 years ago.

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2007 15:09:22 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 06:57:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2007 13:28:36 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 14:29:41 -0800
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>Ed, why in the world would you quote Frank Drake or other
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Stan,

I quoted Frank Drake because he was included in the debate on the frequency of ET life. I could have used quotes from the other scientists in the discussion. All but one scientist was negative on star travel. It's about the same across the entire scientific community. Check out the article just posted to the list discussing Americans' knowledge of basic science. It's hardly an endorsement by the scientific establishment of your ETH.

>They are as useful in such a discussion as Dr. Campbell was in
>claiming that the weight of a rocket able to get a man to the
>moon and back would be a million million tons. He was off by a
>factor of 300 million... or Dr. Bickerton who 'proved' it would
>be impossible to put anything in orbit around the earth.

So what? My point is that the scientific community is skeptical of star travel and use this skepticism to discredit all UFO. As far as they are concerned, we should both in the same straight jacket.

>The noisy negativists like you are doing their research by
>proclamation not investigation.

Sorry, I'm an investigator and an adherent to the scientific method, while you're a propagandist.

>Did you ever read my paper "Star
>Travel? YES!" and the references therein given?

Yes I did read it and have it here beside me as I type. It's simple minded and not at all convincing.

>It is past time for you to do your homework. If you want to know
>about brain surgery, try asking the surgeons instead of the guys
>who mop the floor in the operating room.

Frank Drake is like a guy who mops up the surgery? Now that's what I call "over the top".

Ed

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Re: Americans Sending Mixed Signals On Science -

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Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2007 21:52:45 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 07:02:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Americans Sending Mixed Signals On Science -

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2007 16:59:13 -0500
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Americans Sending Mixed Signals On Science

>Source: MSNBC.Com - Redmond, Washington, USA

><http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17206139/>

>Feb 17, 2007

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>A panel of researchers expressed concern that people are giving
>increasing credence to pseudoscience such as the visits of space
>aliens, lucky numbers and horoscopes.

Looks like more Orwellian trickery with language brought to you
courtesy of the Ministry of Truth.

"Pseudoscience" is a process of arriving at conclusions about
the nature of reality that has the trappings of science but
doesn't follow the scientific method.

Visits by space aliens are a hypothetical phenomenon that can be
addressed by science as readily as by pseudoscience. The article
confuses and conflates a subject of inquiry (alien visitation)
with methods of inquiry (such as horoscopes).

I wonder if the unidentified "panel of researchers" has any
connection to CSCIOP?

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The Cosford Incident

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 09:20:03 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 07:07:05 -0500
Subject: The Cosford Incident

I've posted an article on the Cosford Incident on my website:

http://www.nickpope.net/cosford_incident.htm

The Cosford Incident is the name given to a wave of sightings that occurred over a period of several hours on March 30 and 31 1993, where many of the witnesses were police officers and military personnel. I led the official investigation at the time.

I fronted a documentary on this case on UK Channel Five last year. The subsequent media and public interest led the MOD to publish my original case file (over 100 pages of documents) on its website. Links to this are included in the article.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 11:30:27 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 07:09:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 16:44:55 -0800
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 16:33:37 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

<snip>

>>Ed,

>>Toward the end of 19th Century, the great British physicist
>>Lord Kelvin calculated the age of the Sun : about 2 or 3
>>millions years at the most, but he supposed that the Sun
>>burned coal. It was a few years before the theory of
>>relativity!

>Gildas,

>So? Is this supposed to mean that I don't understand the subtly
>of science and that the next big discovery is just over the
>rainbow? I don't need a fifth grade science lecture on what may
>be.

Ed,

Well, it looks like you need one, though. And, yes, we can
expect new big discoveries in physics.

>>Today, there are different theories of advanced physics in
>>development, trying unify physics, which seem to open new roads
>>toward interstellar travel.

>Name and describe one. Just one! Include footnotes, please.

I suggest that you read my article in IUR, as a little
beginning. And then a couple of good books. For instance those
of Brian Greene and Michio Kaku.

Another interesting physicist seems to be Lisa Randall, of
Princeton University.

But I admit I cannot go much farther to help.

>>So, the question seems to be very open.

>It's only open to dreamers who can't accept the universe as a
>lonely pasture. I think it's kind of exciting to think that we
>share a family connection to the UFO, rather than being fodder
>for the galactic club. The UFO discussion could benefit by
>bringing everything down to earth.

>>BTW, I proposed a little summary of that discussion in my
>>paper on the book "Hunt for the Skinwalker", which has been
>>published in the last issue of IUR (Vol. 31 Number 1). And now
>>it is also on the blog of Frank Warren.

>Sorry, I don't think you see the big picture.

Well, I am afraid your remark applies to you, Ed.

Gildas

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Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2007 07:37:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2007 07:37:11 -0500
Subject: The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox

Source: The Space Review - Rockville, Maryland, USA

<http://www.thespacereview.com/article/810/1>

Monday, February 19, 2007

The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox
by Michael Huang

The Fermi paradox - the estimation that extraterrestrial civilizations are common and would naturally expand into space, contradicting the lack of evidence that they exist anywhere - is the subject of fascinating speculation and guesswork. Every possible fate of extraterrestrial intelligence is proposed and explored. These thought experiments are not only interesting in their own right, but may help evaluate the state of a more terrestrial civilization. What will happen to humankind in the future? By examining the possible futures of extraterrestrial civilizations, we are simultaneously examining the possible futures of our own civilization. Put in another way, if an alien civilization somewhere had their own version of the Fermi paradox, they would be speculating on our future in the same way that we speculate on theirs.

Stephen Webb's book on the Fermi paradox, *If the Universe Is Teeming with Aliens... Where Is Everybody? Fifty Solutions to the Fermi Paradox and the Problem of Extraterrestrial Life*, puts its fifty solutions into three broad categories: "They Are Here", extraterrestrials are in our vicinity, but hidden somehow; "They Exist But Have Not Yet Communicated", they exist on a faraway world and have not reached us yet; and "They Do Not Exist", they have never existed in the first place, or they have existed but have since gone extinct. Each of these categories has an equivalent for future human civilization: "We Will Exist Everywhere", we will spread out from Earth and colonize space; "We Will Exist On Earth Only", we will remain on Earth and fail to colonize space; "We Will Not Exist", we will go extinct.

Not every solution to the Fermi paradox is applicable to human civilization. All those which state that extraterrestrial intelligence does not exist in the first place are irrelevant (unless you argue that there is no intelligent life on Earth!). But many others are relevant and interesting predictions of the future of humankind.

"Solution 10: They Have Not Had Time to Reach Us" becomes "We Have Not Had Time to Reach Them", which is appropriate for human civilization today, considering the short time that humans have existed, and the even shorter time that humans have had spaceflight. "Solution 14: They Stay at Home..." becomes "We Stay at Home", arguing that we will stay on Earth due to apathy, technology, economics or politics (e.g. Proxmire effect or Park hypothesis. "Solution 15: ...and Surf the Net" deals with the creation of virtual reality worlds so impressive that real world challenges, such as space colonization, pale in comparison. Games and virtual worlds such as World of Warcraft and Second

Life have already gained a reputation for being addictive and all-consuming. Future generations of these immersive fantasy worlds will compel more people to neglect the real world.

While staying on Earth is a mediocre future for humankind, of course the worst possible future is extinction. Webb discusses gamma ray bursts and asteroid collisions as natural extinction events. A technological civilization is itself a risk, with its nuclear and biological weapons. In addition, Webb describes the exotic possibility of powerful, autonomous alien weapons (Solution 22: Berserkers) that either deliberately or inadvertently destroy all civilizations that they find.

There is a significant connection between the categories of "We Will Exist On Earth Only" and "We Will Not Exist". Webb explained the strong motive for all civilizations - both extraterrestrial and human - to pursue colonization: "...in any case it seems a wise idea for a species to expand into space to guard against the possibility of planetary disaster". Remaining on a single planet increases the risk of extinction, as Stephen Hawking and many others have stated.

The Fermi paradox is based on the premise that it is natural, logical and right for extraterrestrial civilizations to colonize space. The other side of the Fermi paradox is that it is natural, logical, and right for human civilization to colonize space. Anti-human-spaceflight advocates tend to hold the contradictory idea that colonization is alright for extraterrestrials, but wrong and immoral for us. However, colonizing and populating space is advantageous for every civilization; whether it happens to be extraterrestrial or terrestrial is beside the point.

Webb's 50th solution is the one that he believes is the most likely. Unfortunately for extraterrestrial enthusiasts, the solution is depressingly pessimistic: "...the only resolution of the Fermi paradox that makes sense to me - is that we are alone." Webb's preferred solution is highly controversial, but it satisfies Ockham's razor; out of all the Fermi paradox explanations, it is the simplest one. On the other hand, the solution is only as good as the evidence it is based on. New evidence could lead to a different solution to the paradox.

If extraterrestrial civilizations do not exist, it is even more important for humans to survive and colonize space. If we do not do it, then no one else will. If extraterrestrial civilizations exist, the task will be shared. In any case, the ultimate goal for all civilizations is to spread life throughout the galaxy, to transform a largely dead galaxy into a living one.

Michael Huang's (fhprize.nul) previous articles for The Space Review include "Humans for humans' sake", "The rights of humans in space", and "Scientifically useless".

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Summoning UFOs?

From: **Mike Hughes** <profpan.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 10:09:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2007 07:52:05 -0500
Subject: Summoning UFOs?

Hello all,

Many years ago (probably early to mid-nineties) I watched a television show - probably Unsolved Mysteries or something like it. The program featured a group of people in the Pacific Northwest who chanted and drummed and seemed to be able to communicate or at least "summon" lights in the sky. The program featured one excellent video segment, in which anomalous lights moved against a very well-defined star field.

Does anyone recall this group and/or the details of the television program? I'm putting together a presentation and this material would be ideal.

Thanks in advance,

Mike Hughes

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Happy Birthdays!

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 10:26:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2007 07:53:25 -0500
Subject: Happy Birthdays!

Happy Birthdays!

Here are a couple special notices of celebration for two writers
- Brad Steiger and T. Peter Park - who touch on our interests.
A review of their works and links to find out more are shared.

Investigate Further:

<http://www.cryptomundo.com/cryptozoo-news/brad-tpp-birthdays/>

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Ed,

Frank Drake was invited in 2001 at the San Marino symposium in Italy. He was a speaker on the first day, devoted to SETI, but he stayed for the next two days - devoted to UFOs.

His attitude was one of skepticism, but he was obviously interested.

I was at his table, at the hotel, when Nick Pope explained to him how he came to be convinced of the reality of UFOs, during his tenure at the MOD UFO desk. I even took their picture together.

We had another long talk in the car driving us back to the airport, again with Nick, and I can assure you that he is interested in UFOs.

Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

That does not seem to square with skepticism on star travel.
And, please, don't tell us that maybe he believes in
ultraterrestrials!

I am pretty sure that he is not the only scientist to study UFOs
discreetly.

Gildas

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Student UFOLogical Article

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 10:47:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2007 08:03:51 -0500
Subject: Student UFOLogical Article

>Source: The Strand - University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada

><http://tinyurl.com/2fhq75>

>2/15/07

>[with comment by NARCAP's Ted Roe]

>The Truth Is Out There

>Strand columnists Anthony Marcusa & Lauren McPhillips ponder our
>existence in the universe in the wake of recent unexplained UFO
>sightings

>Anthony Marcusa & Lauren McPhillips

<snip>

>Believe To Understand
>Lauren McPhillips

>When Anthony approached me this week with an idea for my article
>topic, I really didn't know what to think. At first, I thought I
>hadn't read his message right. Reading it again, I was reassured
>that I had, in fact, read it correctly the first time. "Aliens?
>You've got to be kidding me," was all that I could mutter under
>my breath.

<snip>

>Ted Roe of NARCAP comments at The Strand site:

><http://tinyurl.com/2zzdab>

>Ted Roe
>posted 2/16/07 @ 7:58 PM EST

>Hello,

>My organization, NARCAP.org specializes in aviation cases such
>as the one described as occurring at Ohare in Nov06. I invite you
>to look our site over...We will be publishing the results of our
>investigation of that incident in a couple of weeks.

>I do have some suggestions as you struggle with the idea of
>skepticism vs science and the idea that some of these UAP or
>unidentified aerial phenomena as we call them may represent ET
>incursions.

<snip>

>It is clear to us that unless we can define what alien
>technology is and how it works, we can not positively identify
>ET incursions into the earth domain. it is that simple. Science
>demands testability and repeatability and that simply isn't
>possible in this matter, regardless of how many eyeballs and
>radars are detecting the alleged UAP/UFO (vs UAP/ALP or
>anomalous light phenomena). When we know what constitutes an ET
>incursion, Science will have the last word on the subject but
>has nothing to offer in the mean time.

>There are other methods of examining data, the intelligence
>community uses them all the time to detect and conduct
>counterintelligence - all done without the scientific method.
>Those tools would work far better at detecting ET incursion than
>the scientific method.

>Further, broadly publishing these cases before anyone can
>investigate them only confuses the results. Newsweek hasn't
>investigated the Ohare case...just filling space with nonsense.
>Its like kids telling ghost stories with flashlights under their
>chins... The Mexico FAM flir case of 2004 is another prime
>example of a case with a prosaic explanation (oil flares in the
>Gulf of Campeche) arrived at through the scientific method. Yet,
>it is simply discarded by the believers or simply buried under
>uninformed media presentations.

My comment here is limited to the Mexico FLIR case of nearly 3
years ago. I presume Ted refers to this case because it was so
widely publicized.

There is no doubt that the oil flare explanation is a good
candidate for the explanation of the "FLIR lights," although it
has not been proved.

The Mexican air force never carried out experiments I suggested
to prove it but they do claim that they have flown in the same
area for years and have never before or since seen the oil
flares/fires.

However, the first part of the sighting, confined to radar
alone, remains unexplained. Whatever was detected on radar
traveling about 2 miles ahead of the surveillance aircraft for
about 10 minutes, then accelerated after the surveillance
aircraft turned away from the chase - (getting low on fuel.

I don't know whether NARCAP considers this as a potential hazard
or not, but IMHO it is a radar UFO.

Whatever it was, it was capable of high speed travel, had a
sizeable radar cross section that allowed for detection up to 40
miles away, and was invisible to the naked eye and to the 3-5
micron FLIR system on the aircraft.

The latter means that this object generated no heat. Any normal
aircraft capable of flying ahead of the surveillance aircraft
should have been (a) large enough to see from a distance of 2
miles and (b) should have had engines that emitted hot gases.

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Anomalous Craft Near Twin Towers 9/11?

From: **Jeff Olson** <jlolson.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 10:57:28 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2007 08:11:19 -0500
Subject: Anomalous Craft Near Twin Towers 9/11?

I have reviewed the UFO UpDates archived posts and found them extremely non-substantive on the subject of anomalous craft photographed near the Twin Towers at the time of the attacks.

Next to no technical analysis was offered. Someone (I think it was Brad Sparks) suggested that they were distant aircraft, which is clearly contradicted by an object flying in and out of the smoke, and by the rapidly descending object - videoed from the side and from below. That flying in and out of the smoke is reminiscent of the Shuttle 'mystery object' that was allegedly ice or space mist or whathaveyou immediately outside the ship, yet was clearly flying in and out of the clouds at least 100 miles below!

Someone calculated, and I think reasonably accurately, that the descending object was traveling 3000 MPH plus - I would've guessed 1000 MPH plus - which rules out helicopters or any conventional craft.

I think, even though this somewhat ancient history - but then so is Roswell - that other List-members might enjoy an in-depth analysis of these unidentified craft. I know I would.

Best,
Jeff

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 08:17:29 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2007 09:02:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2007 15:09:22 -0800
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 18 Feb 2007 13:28:36 -0500 (EST)
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 14:29:41 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>Ed, why in the world would you quote Frank Drake or other
>>astronomers who know nothing at all about space flight?

>Stan,

>I quoted Frank Drake because he was included in the debate on
>the frequency of ET life. I could have used quotes from the
>other scientists in the discussion. All but one scientist was
>negative on star travel. It's about the same across the entire
>scientific community. Check out the article just posted to the
>list discussing Americans' knowledge of basic science. It's
>hardly an endorsement by the scientific establishment of your
>ETH.

>>They are as useful in such a discussion as Dr. Campbell was in
>>claiming that the weight of a rocket able to get a man to the
>>moon and back would be a million million tons. He was off by a
>>factor of 300 million... or Dr. Bickerton who 'proved' it would
>>be impossible to put anything in orbit around the earth.

>So what? My point is that the scientific community is skeptical
>of star travel and use this skepticism to discredit all UFO. As
>far as they are concerned, we should both in the same straight
>jacket.

>>The noisy negativists like you are doing their research by
>>proclamation not investigation.

>Sorry, I'm an investigator and an adherent to the scientific
>method, while you're a propagandist.

>>Did you ever read my paper "Star
>>Travel? YES!" and the references therein given?

>Yes I did read it and have it here beside me as I type. It's
>simple minded and not at all convincing.

>>It is past time for you to do your homework. If you want to know
>>about brain surgery, try asking the surgeons instead of the guys
>>who mop the floor in the operating room.

>Frank Drake is like a guy who mops up the surgery? Now that's
>what I call "over the top".

Ed:

I am glad you have read my paper. Did you read any of the references?

Yes, Frank Drake and the entire SETI community know nothing about space travel. They do have a very strong vested interest in proclaiming that it is impossible.

After all as soon as one admits that interstellar travel is feasible for us - with an enormous expenditure of funds - here and now, then that opens the doors for other older civilizations to have accomplished it millions of years ago.

If aliens are indeed coming here, as the evidence so overwhelmingly indicates, than who needs SETI?

Space technology efforts along with advanced aircraft, nuclear powered ships, stealth aircraft, nuclear weapons, etc were done in industry and in national labs. They were not accomplished in academia.

Read Drake's comments about how much energy is required for interstellar travel (proclamations) in Are We Alone? with Dava Sobel. Clearly not a shred of knowledge about space travel... or about UFOs.

Same goes for Seth Shostak's frequent proclamations about "No convincing evidence for UFOs" with never a mention of the large scale scientific studies to which he has been referred.

These emperors of science have no clothes, Ed. Their case against UFOs and interstellar travel is bereft of reason.

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Olson

From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 13:36:45 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2007 09:09:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Olson

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 16:44:55 -0800
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 16:33:37 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2007 10:30:03 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>>You can have faith that worm holes exist and that FTL is
>>>possible but the scientific establishment disagrees. That's
>>>why they ridicule the ETH. I have no faith that star travel is
>>>possible, but I do know that we're being visited by crafts and
>>>creatures of unknown origin. There is no scientific reason to
>>>reject the theory that an earth evolved ancient civilization
>>>is responsible. Why are you so resistant?

>>Ed,

>>Toward the end of 19th Century, the great British physicist
>>Lord Kelvin calculated the age of the Sun : about 2 or 3 millions
>>years at the most, but he supposed that the Sun burned coal. It
>>was a few years before the theory of relativity!

>Glidas,

>So? Is this supposed to mean that I don't understand the subtly
>of science and that the next big discovery is just over the
>rainbow? I don't need a fifth grade science lecture on what may
>be.

>>Today, there are different theories of advanced physics in
>>development, trying unify physics, which seem to open new roads
>>toward interstellar travel.

>Name and describe one. Just one! Include footnotes, please.

>>So, the question seems to be very open.

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>>it is also on the blog of Frank Warren.

>Sorry, I don't think you see the big picture.

"Gentlemen, I would rather believe that two Yankee professors would lie than believe that stones fall from heaven."

--Thomas Jefferson

Like Jefferson with meteorites, you are telling us that UFOs cannot be extraterrestrial because your theory tells you so.

Wouldn't that be a case of placing the theoretical cart before the empirical horse - otherwise known as thinking "back-asswards"?

Best,

Jeff

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Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 11:50:42 -0800
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>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>of science and that the next big discovery is just over the
>>rainbow? I don't need a fifth grade science lecture on what may
>>be.

>Ed,

>Well, it looks like you need one, though. And, yes, we can
>expect new big discoveries in physics.

Hi Gildas,

Yes there will be progress in Physics as in other sciences, but
I don't see anything that will lead to faster than light travel,
or star travel by humans, not robots.

>>>Today, there are different theories of advanced physics in
>>>development, trying unify physics, which seem to open new roads
>>>toward interstellar travel.

>>Name and describe one. Just one! Include footnotes, please.

>I suggest that you read my article in IUR, as a little
>beginning. And then a couple of good books. For instance those
>of Brian Greene and Michio Kaku.

I read Kaku's "Hyperspace".

>Another interesting physicist seems to be Lisa Randall, of
>Princeton University.

I am very familiar with the ideas of Kaku and Randall but they

are only speculating and String Theory has taken several major hits during the last few months.

>But I admit I cannot go much farther to help.

>>>So, the question seems to be very open.

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>Well, I am afraid your remark applies to you, Ed.

Your "Skinwalker" article was too mystical for me. The UFO question is nuts and bolts and skin and blood and not confused and groundless speculation or superstitious self-delusion. It's a question of real hominids, in real time, driving real crafts around our real world. UFO do not operate in a spirit world or another dimension, but a knowable, and touchable reality of which you and I are a part. That's what I call the big picture.

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Wales' History Of UFO Sightings

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Wales' History Of UFO Sightings

Tryst William
Western Mail

Wales has had its fair share of UFO sightings over the years.

In the '70s an entire class of primary school children in Broadhaven, West Wales, claimed to have seen a UFO landing and aliens get out. The pictures they drew of what they had seen - a cigar-shaped object - appeared uncannily similar.

In 2006 however, James Carlson of New Mexico, a serviceman based at Brawdy, West Wales, in the '70s and '80s, told paranormal magazine the Fortean Times in a letter that

the Harrier vertical take-off jet used in the UK from 1969 might explain the cigar-shaped object sightings because it did not move like a conventional aircraft.

In October 2005, the Ministry of Defence admitted they had investigated 28 UFO reports in Wales in the previous three years.

They included a giant black object seen over Rhyl, a flying disc with legs seen over the Rhondda and a flying disc seen over Newport.

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

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Website Debunks 'Welsh Roswell'

Robin Turner
Western Mail

A celebrated UFO incident in which aliens are said to have crash-landed into a remote Welsh mountain range in 1974 may finally have been debunked.

According to contributions on the internet encyclopedia Wikipedia, the Berwyn Mountains Incident - often referred to as the "Welsh Roswell" - was actually a combination of an earthquake, a meteor shower and poachers carrying lanterns. Supporters of the UFO theory last night hit back at the claims.

It all happened on the frosty night of January 23, 1974, near Llandrillo, high in Clwyd's Berwyn Mountains.

Just after 8.30pm, even the most solid farmhouses and country pubs began to shake as the earth rumbled with what appeared to be a fantastic impact.

As people looked out of their homes, the night sky was streaked with light. Peculiar "fairy lights" were also seen floating over the Berwyns. A nurse and her two daughters claimed to have seen an orange ball on the mountainside above Llandrillo while others claimed to have seen "non-human beings" being handled by military personnel.

But it was, says Wikipedia, a complex coincidence of a meteor shower widely observed over Wales and northern England, a small earthquake, plus the activity of poachers - which explained the fairy lights.

And the website says so-called "men in black", thought to have been Government agents in the area soon afterwards, were in fact civil servants from the British Geological Survey who happened to be wearing dark clothing.

Contributors to the online encyclopedia say it is now known that at 8.38pm on January 23, 1974, an earthquake measuring 3.5 on the Richter Scale was felt over a wide area of North Wales and as far afield as Liverpool.

First reactions were that a plane had crashed, or a meteorite had impacted.

Wikipedia claims, "Further confusion was caused by lights seen on the Berwyn Mountains, which subsequently turned out to have belonged to poachers.

"Police were alerted and set up a search team. Within an hour about 10 officers were searching the Berwyn Mountains and they were joined later by an RAF mountain rescue team from Valley (Anglesey). Nothing was found, and all searches were called off at just after 2pm the following day."

But Cefn Henry Williams, a Plaid Cymru councillor representing Llandrillo, believes something unusual happened that night.

He said, "In the early hours a close friend of mine said he went up the mountain to see if there had been some kind of crash. He was buzzed by army helicopters all screaming at him through loud speakers 'keep away - evacuate the area'. Now while I am not a follower of the crashed UFO theory there could have been some experimental jet which crashed and the military wanted no one near there."

Cardiff-based Lionel Fanthorpe, the broadcaster and cleric who is president of the British UFO Research Association (Bufora), yesterday invoked the example of the celebrated Roswell incident - when the US Government is rumoured to have recovered an alien body from a downed UFO near the remote New Mexico town of Roswell - in support of the claims.

He said, "Purely from a statistical point of view a visit from some other civilisation is long overdue."

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Satellite Could See Shadow Of Extra Dimensions

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12 February 2007

Satellite Could See Shadow Of Extra Dimensions

David Shiga

A satellite to be launched next year could see signs of extra dimensions in the afterglow of the big bang, a new study says.

Some theories -96 such as string theory -96 that attempt to unify all known forces into a single "theory of everything" posit the existence of extra spatial dimensions beyond the three familiar ones.

But string theory has proven stubbornly resistant to experimental tests (although some physicists say it could be tested in the Large Hadron Collider scheduled to open by the end of 2007).

Now, Gary Shiu and Bret Underwood, both physicists at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, US, say the shape of the extra dimensions could leave an imprint in the afterglow of the big bang. This glow, called the cosmic microwave background, reveals the structure of the universe about 370,000 years after the big bang.

They use a popular model of the universe's early growth called Dirac-Born-Infeld (DBI) inflation, which is inspired by string theory. It is one of a class of ideas called braneworld models, which state that our universe is like a sheet of paper floating in a higher dimensional space.

Subtle effects

Because we are confined to our 3D universe, we ordinarily have no way of seeing the extra dimensions. But Shiu and Underwood show that in this scenario, the big bang's afterglow is affected by the precise shape that the extra dimensions take.

The effects are subtle, however, and Underwood points out that other inflation theories that do not require extra dimensions could probably produce similar signals. So the effects could not be used on their own as proof that extra dimensions are present.

But if some other evidence is found that the DBI inflation scenario is correct, the new study shows that the detailed shape of those extra dimensions could be distinguished by Europe's Planck satellite, which is set to be launched in July 2008 (see the blog Precision cosmology with Planck).

Previous work by Shiu and others has indeed shown that DBI

inflation could be distinguished from other scenarios through another effect on the cosmic microwave background =96 by causing the measured clumpiness of matter in the early universe to deviate in a characteristic way from a random distribution.

Single out

"The really exciting thing is that it's possible in principle =96 extra dimensions can actually show up in observations," Underwood told New Scientist. "If you know that you're in this particular model, then these details of the geometry can actually be seen."

Licia Verde, a cosmic microwave background researcher at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, US, says the predicted effects are big enough to be noticeable by Planck. "The prospects are exciting," she told New Scientist.

String theorist Robert Myers of the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics in Waterloo, Canada, cautions, however, that DBI inflation is just one of many scenarios proposed to explain the early universe, each of which could produce subtle effects in the microwave background.

"DBI is one variant which seems to be consistent with what we know," he told New Scientist. "But it will be very difficult to use CMB observations alone to single out the correct story."

Journal reference: Physical Review Letters (vol 98, 051301)

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Biocosm - A New Theory Of Intelligence In The Universe
by
Casey Kazan

Most great scientific advances are first attacked by the the ruling status quo as heretical in either the religious or scientific sense or both: Giordano Bruno, Copernicus, Galileo, Newton, Einstein are vivid examples.

A new theory of evolution proposed by complexity theorist James Gardner which he terms Biocosm in his book of that name, proposes that the universe is not a random collection of inorganic matter and life. That intelligence is not some cosmic accident, and that intelligence and life are preprogrammed into the physical laws of nature.

Gardner claims our universe was deliberately designed by a superintelligent being or beings in a prior cosmic cycle. This is definitely beyond the pale for most sober scientists. However, BIOCOSM is based on essays Gardner has published in prestigious peer-reviewed scientific journals like Complexity and the Journal of the British Interplanetary Society.

In his latest book, The Intelligent Universe: AI, ET, and the Emerging Mind of the Cosmos, Gardner provides a third alternative end of the universe, rather than either fire or entropy -the birth of a new universe.

Biocosm is not an easygoing, "blow-your-mind look" at the universe. Gardner is exhaustive in outlining his ideas, explaining their falsifiability and scientific rigor, and offering deep chaos theory to support them. Did our universe create intelligent life in order to ensure its own reproduction? Gardner thinks so, though he knows his position will irk many cosmologists exhausted from battling pseudo scientists and creationists.

Gardner's list of supporters is impressive: "A novel perspective on humankind's role in the universe," wrote Martin Rees, the astronomer royal of Britain and a Cambridge colleague of Stephen Hawking's. "There is little doubt that his ideas will change yours," wrote Seth Shostak, senior astronomer at the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) Institute in California. "A magnificent one-stop account of the history of life," wrote complexity theorist John Casti, a co-founder of the Santa Fe Institute. Gardner has been welcomed at major planetariums and legitimate scientific conferences, explaining his ideas to a surprisingly interested public.

Farfetched? Yes, but the greatest advances in science use our

most powerful scientific tool: the human imagination.

Biocosm:

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

Critique:

<http://tinyurl.com/yrbpau>

Time Magazine Review:

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,785349,00.html>

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When Crazy Is OK

Science lesson: Just because a technology idea is bizarre doesn't mean it's wrong

By Steve Fox

I know a little something about crackpot technology. See, back in the '80s, I worked at Omni, the now-defunct science/science fiction magazine that delighted in all manifestations of crackpottery. We wrote about cryptozoologists armed with blurry Bigfoot photos, "face on Mars" believers, alien abductees, cold fusion proselytes, and more.

We also interviewed world-class scientists and Nobel prize-winners who had achieved startling breakthroughs in the course of their distinguished careers. And - surprise! - their ideas often sounded crazier than anything coming from the tinfoil-hat-wearing conspiracy-theory crowd. The point being, you can't always judge an idea based simply on plausibility.

It is in that spirit that we present this week's "12 crackpot ideas... that just might work",

<http://tinyurl.com/yu244v>

a collection of seemingly fringe technologies that, in time, could remake IT. That is, if they don't fall flat on their faces first.

The process of picking the 12 topics was a blast. Associate Editor Jason Snyder issued a challenge to InfoWorld's editors and writers: Identify your favorite "out-there technological innovations... with at least some possibility of having a broad-reaching impact on IT." The ideas - accompanied by eloquent justifications and clarifications - came pouring in, ultimately leading to the 12 essays presented here. The whittled-down list is an eclectic mix, ranging from the almost certifiably wacky (superconducting computing) to the downright feasible (desktop Web applications).

Of course, not only is the list crackpot, it's also incomplete. That's where you come in. I invite all interested readers to visit our Crackpot Tech blog:

<http://www.infoworld.com/5078>

and write about any not-ready-for-prime-time technologies that might some day make a difference. But please, no Bigfoot sightings. Omni magazine folded in 1995.

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Hoyle & Intelligent Design

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Subject: Hoyle & Intelligent Design

Source: Evolution News & Views - Seattle, Washington, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2zzo46>

February 19, 2007

Hoyle Uses The Term "Intelligent Design" In A 1982 Work Making
A Design Inference For The Origin Of Life

Posted by Jonathan Witt

Hoyle Uses the Term "Intelligent Design" in a 1982 Work Making a
Design Inference for the Origin of Life

[Edited] Bilbo of Telic Thoughts ... [references] an early,
notable use of the term "intelligent design," this one by one of
the 20th century's leading scientists, agnostic Fred Hoyle:

On January 12th, 1982, Sir Fred Hoyle delivered the Omni Lecture
at the Royal Institution, London, entitled Evolution From Space,
which was later reprinted in a book by the same title... In it
he discussed the overwhelming improbability of getting the
enzymes needed for even the simplest form of life to function by
chance.

The difference between an intelligent ordering, whether of
words, fruit boxes, amino acids, or the Rubik cube, and merely
random shufflings can be fantastically large, even as large as a
number that would fill the whole volume of Shakespeare's plays
with its zeros. So if one proceeds directly and
straightforwardly in this matter, without being deflected by a
fear of incurring the wrath of scientific opinion, one arrives
at the conclusion that biomaterials with their amazing measure
or order must be the outcome of intelligent design [my
emphasis]. No other possibility I have been able to think of in
pondering this issue over quite a long time seems to me to have
anything like as high a possibility of being true. (27-28)

[The Hoyle passage] renders all the more implausible the anti-ID
claim that intelligent design is just creationism repackaged
after a 1987 Supreme Court ruling against biblical creationism.
First, like the seminal work of intelligent design, The Mystery
of Life's Origin (1984), Hoyle's design argument predates the
1987 ruling by several years. Second, Hoyle wasn't a Christian.
He wasn't a Jew. He wasn't even a theist. He was an agnostic who
thought the intelligence responsible for first life must have
come from within the universe.

Third, and also like The Mystery of Life's Origin, Hoyle based
his design inference purely on physical evidence and neither
appealed to, nor attempted to reconcile his argument with, a

particular reading of the Genesis account of creation. Thus, even if it came to light that Hoyle secretly wore bad shoes, attended a Holy Roller congregation in the back woods of Alabama, and peppered all his private conversations with "Praise Gawd!" it wouldn't matter: the substance of his design argument was based on physical evidence rather than Scriptural authority and therefore should be judged on the physical evidence rather than on any hidden motives he may or may not have had.

Hoyle also contributed to the revival of design thinking in the modern era through his work on, and discussion of, the fine tuning of the physical constants of nature. I discuss his contribution, and the history of intelligent design, here. Bilbo's Telic Thoughts piece is here.

The irony, of course, is that "Bilbo" ... [called attention to the Hoyle passage] - a Telic Thoughts contributor forced to adopt a pseudonym so that he can proceed, to borrow Hoyle's words, "directly and straightforwardly in this matter, without being deflected by a fear of incurring the wrath of scientific opinion." Scientists of good will, on every side of the origins controversy, need to fight to restore both academic and intellectual freedom to origins science.

In particular, evolutionists who prize academic freedom - those occupying secure industry positions, tenured positions, or full professorships - need at last to put those positions to use, even if it means an uncomfortable moment or two at the next cocktail party. Will a true liberal from the ranks of prominent evolutionists please stand up and defend the rights of academic scientists who see a role for intelligent causation in the history of life and the universe?

Note: The original mistakenly described Bilbo as having "discovered" the passage.

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2007 13:34:45 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 07:56:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Pope

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 16:44:20 +0100
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

<snip>

>Frank Drake was invited in 2001 at the San Marino symposium in
>Italy. He was a speaker on the first day, devoted to SETI, but
>he stayed for the next two days - devoted to UFOs.

>His attitude was one of skepticism, but he was obviously
>interested.

>I was at his table, at the hotel, when Nick Pope explained to
>him how he came to be convinced of the reality of UFOs, during
>his tenure at the MOD UFO desk. I even took their picture
>together.

>We had another long talk in the car driving us back to the
>airport, again with Nick, and I can assure you that he is
>interested in UFOs.

I haven't checked my post-meeting notes, but from memory, my various discussions with Frank Drake centered on the Rare Earth hypothesis (Ward and Brownlee's book had only recently been published), the extent to which the Drake Equation might need to be rethought in the light of discoveries of increasing numbers of extrasolar planets, and the theory that some apparent extrasolar planets might actually be brown dwarfs. We may also have discussed the NEO threat (I'm an Associate Member of Spaceguard UK).

But as Gildas says, we certainly did discuss UFOs. While I'm going to keep the details of this private, Gildas is correct when he says that though skeptical, Frank Drake seemed genuinely interested.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Secrecy News -- 02/20/07

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RULING IN AIPAC CASE INTERPRETS ESPIONAGE ACT NARROWLY

In the unprecedented prosecution of two former officials of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), a federal court last year upheld the government's controversial claim that the Espionage Act could be used to prosecute the unauthorized receipt and transmittal of classified information by private citizens who are not engaged in espionage.

But as the case proceeds, the court continues to interpret the Espionage Act in a restrictive manner that places an increasing burden of proof on the prosecution, and that could even make the case a source of embarrassment for the government by exposing sensitive "back channel" diplomatic practices.

In a decision last week, Judge T.S. Ellis, III, denied a defense motion asking the court to compel testimony from Israeli government officials.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/rosen021407.pdf>

But along the way, the court also elaborated its demanding view of the requirements that the prosecution must meet to win a conviction under the Espionage Act, and indicated what sorts of facts might tend to exculpate the defendants.

"To prove the alleged conspiracy to disclose [national defense information, or NDI] to one not authorized to receive it, the government must prove all of the following," wrote Judge Ellis, at the beginning of a list of prosecutorial hurdles (at page 8) that reiterates and expands upon the requirements first spelled out in his August 2006 order denying a motion to dismiss the case.

Among other things, the government must prove that "defendants possessed all the culpable mental states that would be necessary for conviction under [the Espionage Act]," which include four distinct states of knowledge or belief (at page 9).

Briefly, prosecutors must show that the defendants knew the information involved was closely held and could harm the United States; that it could be used to the injury of the United States or to the advantage of a foreign nation; that the recipients of

the information were not authorized to receive it; and that the defendants acted with knowledge that the disclosures were illegal and could harm national security.

But if the defense can show that U.S. government officials frequently disclosed confidential information to AIPAC for transmittal to the Israeli government, the court observed, that would mean the defendants could have plausibly believed such behavior was authorized.

If "the governments of the United States and Israel routinely used AIPAC as a diplomatic 'back channel' [to convey sensitive information]" that would be "potentially exculpatory" since it could "affect defendants' perception of the propriety of any disclosures made by or to them."

The nature of the relationship between the governments of the U.S. and Israel may also have a bearing on the defendants' state of mind, the Judge wrote, in language that may foreshadow close scrutiny of U.S.-Israel relations at trial:

"The more specific the details of the alleged cooperation between the two governments, the more probative [i.e., legally significant] such cooperation becomes," Judge Ellis wrote. (p. 14)

In another important observation, the judge wrote that "testimony that disclosures of alleged NDI were viewed by defendants, or their contacts in the diplomatic establishment, as beneficial to the United States' interests is exculpatory." (p. 13)

Similar reasoning would imply that if a news organization published classified information in the belief that doing so was beneficial to the United States, that would take it beyond the scope of the Espionage Act's prohibitions on unauthorized disclosure of national defense information.

The trial of defendants Steven J. Rosen and Keith Weissman is scheduled to begin on or around June 4 in the Eastern District of Virginia.

A separate ruling from Judge Ellis last week denied a defense request to suppress statements made by defendants to FBI agents on grounds that the agents used trickery or deception to elicit the statements.

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/rosen021407b.pdf>

The two rulings were first reported in the New York Sun on February 16.

NEW IC DIRECTIVE ON INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS

Intelligence analysis "must be objective and independent of political considerations," according to a new "capstone" directive issued by the Director of National Intelligence.

The directive establishes the policy framework for intelligence analysis and defines a set of methodological standards and expectations, with an emphasis on inter-agency collaboration and outreach.

"The IC will seldom have the requisite depth and breadth of expertise to provide all of the insights and detailed answers demanded by our customers. To satisfy their needs, the IC must tap outside expertise and build and expand relationships with non-intelligence government agencies, academic, business, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and think tank communities, both domestically and internationally, while addressing the counterintelligence and security obligations that are inherent to such initiatives."

See "Management, Integration, and Oversight of Intelligence Community Analysis," Intelligence Community Directive (ICD) 200, January 8, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/icd/icd-200.pdf>

Also new is "Intelligence Community Update to DCID 6/11,

'Controlled Access Program Oversight Committee'," Intelligence Community Policy Memorandum (ICPM) 2006-700-10, January 12, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/icpm/2006-700-10.pdf>

SELECTED CRS REPORTS

Some recently updated reports of the Congressional Research Service that are not readily available in the public domain include the following.

"U.S. Foreign Aid to East and South Asia: Selected Recipients," updated January 3, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL31362.pdf>

"NATO's Prague Capabilities Commitment," updated January 24, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RS21659.pdf>

"Ballistic Missile Defense: Historical Overview," updated January 5, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/weapons/RS22120.pdf>

"Islamic Religious Schools, Madrasas: Background," updated January 23, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RS21654.pdf>

"The Islamic Traditions of Wahhabism and Salafiyya," updated January 17, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RS21695.pdf>

Though the general public is not permitted access to the congressional database of CRS reports online, these same reports can be purchased from a private vendor for about \$4000 per year, the Washington Post noted yesterday.

"How I get them is my trade secret . . . but I get them all," said Walt Seager, who digs up the reports for Gallery Watch, a legislative tracking service.

See "Information, Please" by Elizabeth Williamson, Washington Post, February 19:

<http://tinyurl.com/2hjavn>

In fact, however, Gallery Watch only gets those reports that are for common use by all Congressional offices. It does not provide the significant fraction of reports that are performed for the use of an individual Member. For the same reason, the claim by Gallery Watch that its reports provide some kind of advance insight into the Congressional agenda is exaggerated. Most of the reports it offers are updates of existing publications, along with others that are mostly undertaken at the initiative of CRS itself, not Members of Congress.

What is true is that current congressional policy on CRS reports promotes a kind of checkbook democracy, in which corporations, other large institutions and wealthy individuals have exclusive or preferred access to CRS products, while the general public is left to fend for itself.

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 08:15:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: Jeff Olson <jloolson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 13:36:45 -0600
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 16:44:55 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>"Gentlemen, I would rather believe that two Yankee professors
>would lie than believe that stones fall from heaven."

> --Thomas Jefferson

>Like Jefferson with meteorites, you are telling us that UFOs
>cannot be extraterrestrial because your theory tells you so.

Hi Jeff,

I have examined the accumulated evidence for ETH and don't find it convincing, therefore, I don't believe that star folk are responsible for UFO. Limited star travel might be possible but I have no faith that it will be. My theory didn't tell me a thing. I arrived at a theory after I completed my research and examined the evidence carefully: All real UFO (not misidentifications) are the result of technology created by or borrowed from ancient hominoid civilizations that have evolved on earth. There is plenty of evidence but back my claim, but folks must be willing to examine it and no one seems interested.

>Wouldn't that be a case of placing the theoretical cart before
>the empirical horse - otherwise known as thinking "back-asswards"?

Are you trying to be funny?

Ed

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Re: The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2007 10:20:19 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 08:18:21 -0500
Subject: Re: The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox - Tarbell

>Source: The Space Review - Rockville, Maryland, USA

><http://www.thespacereview.com/article/810/1>

>Monday, February 19, 2007

>The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox
>by Michael Huang

<snip>

>Webb's 50th solution is the one that he believes is the most
>likely. Unfortunately for extraterrestrial enthusiasts, the
>solution is depressingly pessimistic: "...the only resolution of
>the Fermi paradox that makes sense to me - is that we are
>alone." Webb's preferred solution is highly controversial, but
>it satisfies Ockham's razor; out of all the Fermi paradox
>explanations, it is the simplest one. On the other hand, the
>solution is only as good as the evidence it is based on. New
>evidence could lead to a different solution to the paradox.

It is absurd to claim that "We Are Alone" follows from application of Occam's razor. While it may be the most simply stated, it is by no means the 'simplest' solution. Indeed, it presents a vastly greater paradox than that posed by Fermi.

If in fact we are alone, it is hard not to conclude that our entire experience here is some kind of experiment or theater, and that the vast majority (if not all) of what we observe of the universe is simply an illusion.

Indeed, this brand of razor eventually cuts through to the 'simplest' hypothesis of all, the 'I Am Alone?' solution: there is in fact no objective reality... all that exists is a single stream of consciousness, namely my own. Makes me feel rather silly posting this.

Mike

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Re: Anomalous Craft Near Twin Towers 9/11? -

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Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2007 22:09:55 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 08:34:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Anomalous Craft Near Twin Towers 9/11? -

>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 10:57:28 -0600
>Subject: Anomalous Craft Near Twin Towers 9/11?

>I have reviewed the UFO UpDates archived posts and found them
>extremely non-substantive on the subject of anomalous craft
>photographed near the Twin Towers at the time of the attacks.

>Next to no technical analysis was offered. Someone (I think it
>was Brad Sparks) suggested that they were distant aircraft,
>which is clearly contradicted by an object flying in and out of
>the smoke, and by the rapidly descending object - videoed from
>the side and from below. That flying in and out of the smoke is
>reminiscent of the Shuttle 'mystery object' that was allegedly
>ice or space mist or whathaveyou immediately outside the ship,
>yet was clearly flying in and out of the clouds at least 100
>miles below!

>Someone calculated, and I think reasonably accurately, that the
>descending object was traveling 3000 MPH plus - I would've
>guessed 1000 MPH plus - which rules out helicopters or any
>conventional craft.

Ah, yes. That was me. I had the bad judgement of raising the
issue a few weeks after the 9/11 attacks. See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/oct/m01-007.shtml>

There was indeed an object in a Fox News video that I estimated
as traveling at a speed of 3800 mph based based on the fact that
it apparently went behind the building, which provided a way
to estimate its minimum distance and speed.

To arrive at the 3800 mph estimate, I incorrectly assumed that
the video was running at a rate of 60 frames per second. The
actual rate was half that - 30 frames per second. So the speed
would have been half what I estimated - 1900 mph, which is not
too far off your estimate, if you're talking about the same
object.

There was much moaning and wailing at the time - all of it from
alleged skeptics far removed from the site of the attacks -
about how terrible it was to drag the subject of UFOs into the
story of that traumatic disaster. It seemed to me like an
attemmpt to silence discussion by 'waving the bloody shirt' of
the 9/11 attack. Sleazy politicians, of course, have waved the
same bloody shirt to get elected many times since then in the
intervening years, but the initial exploitation of the
catastrophe as a debating tactic happened right here on the UFO
UpDates List. You saw it here first, folks.

Most people on the List just ducked and covered, wisely I
suppose. But nevertheless there was an object in that video that
was going more than 1000 mph if it did in fact go behind the WTC
tower and whose trajectory indicated that it didn't originate
from the explosions in the building.

As Galileo might have put it: 'Eppur si muove' - at 1000+ mph, apparently.

>I think, even though this somewhat ancient history - but then so
>is Roswell - that other List-members might enjoy an in-depth
>analysis of these unidentified craft. I know I would.

Unfortunately it's not acceptable to talk about these things until years after they happen, or better yet, just forget them completely.

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>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 11:50:42 -0800
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 11:30:27 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>><snip>

>Your "Skinwalker" article was too mystical for me. The UFO
>question is nuts and bolts and skin and blood and not confused
>and groundless speculation or superstitious self-delusion. It's
>a question of real hominids, in real time, driving real crafts
>around our real world. UFO do not operate in a spirit world or
>another dimension, but a knowable, and touchable reality of
>which you and I are a part. That's what I call the big picture.

Ed,

It surprises me that you call my article "mystical". My purpose, in writing it, was to criticize the rather anti-ETH attitude of the authors, who refer to ideas such as those of Jacques Vall=E9e. On the contrary, I argued in favor of the ETH, but going beyond the strict "nuts and bolts" viewpoint, and admitting the possibility of faster than light travel through "other dimensions".

BTW, a complete version of it is at this address:

<http://www.ovni.ch/guest/bourdais6.htm>

I meant physical dimensions, but I also left the door open to the possibility of other, more "spiritual" aspects. Who knows? However, I suggested to leave them apart, as Jerome Clark suggested in a previous article.

Also, I should have mentioned in the first place the highly competent article by Bruce Maccabee, J. Deardorff, B. Haisch and H. Puthoff, at:

<http://brumac.8k.com/JBISpaper/JBISpaper.pdf>

Now I have a couple of questions about your "big picture". For instance, where do these "hominids" come from? Where do they hide? In secret bases underground, underwater? Or in the solar system? Why do they show their fantastic crafts around the world? What is their agenda? Excuse me if you have already answered that, but could you then, briefly, answer again? These questions also apply to the ETH but, you see, the ETH seems less fantastic to me. It makes more sense.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: The Cosford Incident - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 13:02:21 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 08:59:38 -0500
Subject: Re: The Cosford Incident - McGonagle

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 09:20:03 -0000
>Subject: The Cosford Incident

>I've posted an article on the Cosford Incident on my website:

>http://www.nickpope.net/cosford_incident.htm

<snip>

Hello Nick,

I considered posting to the List a critique of your article, but knowing your reluctance to debate the topic in a public forum, I could see little point.

I realise that the series of reports are the foundation of your belief in the possible extraterrestrial origin of UFOs, and that the article at my site has undermined that foundation. Your article reveals a great deal of insecurity in relation to the case - your reluctance to comment on the issues raised at my site, the failure to name either myself or Gary Anthony directly, and the absence of a link to either of our sites betrays a lack of confidence in your own conclusions. In contrast, I have added a very prominent link to your article from my site at:

<http://www.uk-ufo.org/cosford>

But then I am confident that my conclusions stand up to scrutiny.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 08:07:36 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 09:03:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2007 13:34:45 -0000
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 16:44:20 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>Frank Drake was invited in 2001 at the San Marino symposium in
>>Italy. He was a speaker on the first day, devoted to SETI, but
>>he stayed for the next two days - devoted to UFOs.

>>His attitude was one of skepticism, but he was obviously
>>interested.

>>I was at his table, at the hotel, when Nick Pope explained to
>>him how he came to be convinced of the reality of UFOs, during
>>his tenure at the MOD UFO desk. I even took their picture
>>together.

>>We had another long talk in the car driving us back to the
>>airport, again with Nick, and I can assure you that he is
>>interested in UFOs.

>I haven't checked my post-meeting notes, but from memory, my
>various discussions with Frank Drake centered on the Rare Earth
>hypothesis (Ward and Brownlee's book had only recently been
>published), the extent to which the Drake Equation might need to
>be rethought in the light of discoveries of increasing numbers
>of extrasolar planets, and the theory that some apparent
>extrasolar planets might actually be brown dwarfs. We may also
>have discussed the NEO threat (I'm an Associate Member of
>Spaceguard UK).

>But as Gildas says, we certainly did discuss UFOs. While I'm
>going to keep the details of this private, Gildas is correct
>when he says that though skeptical, Frank Drake seemed genuinely
>interested.

It should be noted that Drake was in the navy doing work on
electronic Counter Measures(which means he had a high level
security clearance)after his BS degree before going to Harvard
and working on his PhD.

He also was in the Naval Reserve for at least 10 years and was
in Communications Unit No. 1 in Cambridge under Donald Menzel
who was commander of that Unit. Most Naval Reservists did summer
projects for the Navy. He was encouraged in his first SETI work
(Project Oz) by MJ-12 member Lloyd Berkner.

Stan Friedman

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Re: The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 08:03:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 09:37:51 -0500
Subject: Re: The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox - Lehmberg

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2007 10:20:19 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox

>>Source: The Space Review - Rockville, Maryland, USA

>><http://www.thespacereview.com/article/810/1>

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Which might remain to be just as valid as anything else
proposed, Sir.

I offer on "Fermi":

"Has everyone heard of Fermi's Paradox? It's a "we're alone in
the universe" justification invented by Dr. Fermi based on the
observation, and I paraphrase, that if 'they' were there, at
all, we would 'know' it. We don't know it. Ergo... they're not
there.

What a cleverly close looped way (or excuse) to not think. We
would 'know it' indeed. Arrogance like that would be laughable,
but it's so tragic!

More (plus illio):

<http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/2005/08/snakes-eating-tails.html>

And on "We're Alone" from a recent UFO Magazine Article:

UFOs - Are they 'real' or are they 'fake'?

Rise up in outrage! Perceive this contrived mechanism of dismissal!
Avoid this unbrave intellectual circumvention of the obvious! Be not
fooled, reader! The question itself is bogus!

Verily, it is just this typified cant solemnly expressed at
every conference, all television appearances, and each radio
interview, where pompous CSICOPians are trotted in for alleged
balance, but ends up looking more like a suicide-bomber invited
to a respectful discussion of confounding political issues.
Minds are made up, and shall not be changed.

Consider: New conservative re-estimations of the Drake Equation
(that attempted scientific stab at calculating the number of
intelligent species in the universe?) puts the measurement
probability for a plethora of off-world intelligences, I

understand, so close to 100% that the difference is immeasurable!

Immeasurable, reader!

This is to say that one has a much better chance of winning the Publisher's Clearing House lottery (approaching zero) than one does betting against extraterrestrial intelligence elsewhere in the universe (in actuality, zero). Yes. We, ourselves, are proof, if you will, of this Drake equation's compelling validity.

Consider, an immutable law of the universe is that what can happen happens. There is that much space, time, and surface area, reader! Humanity 'happened' proving the certainty of that particular potentiality with equal assurance.

So?

So what happens once, happens again. Stuff happens, that is to say. What can happen, happens. What has happened happens once more, then once more, then one more.

Frankly, that fire of self-aware intelligence has kindled right here on this planet, reader, many times! This is to include three or for species of humankind, forgetting its occurrence in a smear of animalia from mollusks, through cetaceans, to pachyderms!

Frankly, pretending we are alone in all this awesomely boundless magnificence of space, time, and surface area, forgetting the very concept is flatly ludicrous, is naive and ignorant arrogance, I expect, at best.

At worst, it may be a sophisticated and informed arrogance, a knowing arrogance, a conscious arrogance, a baseless arrogance! A contrived arrogance to be sure and one with no justification!

'UFOs real or fake'? Why, this debate has been going on since 1947 in a seemingly apparent attempt to preclude any substantive progress on the question, at all!

UFOs real or fake? Are there not six (6) categories of compelling evidence very specifically indicative that UFOs are a stone cold reality? Almost (99.99999999%) certainly, according to Bentley College professor Doctor A.D. Aczel in his book, Probability One!

The huge volume of extant evidence is of a quality that cannot be forever ignored even as card carrying CSICOPians Kurtz, McGaha, Shermer, Shostak, Nickell, and the still in print if late Philip Klass furiously try. The evidence remains.

Yes, reader, the quality anecdotal evidence, compounded with the vetted photographic evidence, and then added to the documented historical evidence, gives every indication that a ufological contention regarding that phenomena must be more real than not...

Moreover, when the preceding is framed by the serious artistic evidence, qualified by the available physical evidence, and then compellingly buttressed by the conclusively emboldening personal evidence - if the reader has some, as I do - I can only be annoyingly astonished, myself, by the continued reluctance of some to face the highly strange music that just cannot be forever marginalized. I submit the reader should be outraged, too?

Does the information available justify attention by the mainstream to perform a more **in depth** investigation of UFOs? Absolutely"! CSICOPiate and angry SETIian Seth Shostak, hilariously, agrees!

But...

When, Dr. Shostak? Where, Dr. Shostak? How, Dr. Shostak? With regard to what, Dr. Shostak?

Outside of his own parochial boondoggle at the Specious Exercise To Investigate - SETI - when has Dr. Shostak ever championed an increase in the aggregate ufological consciousness even world

class physicist Michio Kaku has countenanced? No, Dr. Shostak has only ever been a steadily smirking bulwark against same!

Instead, don't these errant 'avians' (Klasskurtxians!) ooze forth, periodically to re-prosecute the skeptibunky case of yester-year! Don't they furiously spin the ufological reality extant in their cowardly attempt to reduce the level of ufological debate tediously, once again, to its tiresome starting point!

Is not their goal, reader, to re-achieve an old, outdated, and mind-numbingly outrageous level of pre-discussion, re-discussing the now thoroughly discredited possibility that UFOs are likely something safely prosaic and certainly other than evidence of some significant alternative (off-planet?) intelligence? Yes. I think the reader must agree that these do.

UFOs real or fake'? Does the reader see how that suggestive statement brings the level of debate back to the decades old, and very dreary, level of 'conceivable deniability'. In other words that it is somehow still very, very possible, boys and girls, that UFOs may not exist, at all? Everybody draws a deeper, if fallaciously inaccurate, breath! Then, the prize truck from Publisher's Clearing house pulls into your driveway blaring its triple-toned horn. Not!

UFOs real or fake'? "There is no 'proof', you know, even as there may be some evidence for a ufological reality..." I paraphrase.

UFOs real or fake'? "Mind you, UFOs and aliens might exist, but no proof has been uncovered in over 50 years that this is so..." I paraphrase.

UFOs real or fake'? "We are the only proof of intelligence in the whole of the universe." I paraphrase. Oh... so comforting, eh?

The preceding, frankly, is what we must move beyond.

[alienview.nul](#)

www.AlienView.net

AVG Blog - <http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>

U F O M a g a z i n e - www.ufomag.com

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Beyond Magazine Issue Four

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 16:11:30 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 13:01:19 -0500
Subject: Beyond Magazine Issue Four

Issue Four of Beyond Magazine includes an article on the 60th anniversary of the Roswell incident and an interview with 'UFO hacker' Gary McKinnon. I write a regular column for the magazine and in this issue feature the Cosford Incident.

This newsstand magazine features a range of articles on the unexplained and the paranormal. Issue four also contains articles on psychic experiments, cryptozoology, ghosts, demonology and runes.

The magazine is available at all good newsagents or on subscription via their website:

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

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox - Cameron

From: Cory Cameron <corycameron.510.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 11:35:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 13:05:27 -0500
Subject: Re: The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox - Cameron

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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I don't think there are really any 'extraterrestrial
enthusiasts' out there apart from Charlatans and contactee
types. I, for one, can honestly say that I don't seek any
comfort in a possible extraterrestrial presence here on Earth.

For over ten years now I have been a regular contributor to this
List and providing theories on what the UFO phenomena may
represent. I argue for the 'extraterrestrial' theory in regard
to the origins of UFOs simply out of the evidence and
eyewitness testimony obtained.

'Single streams of consciousness' aside, Occam's razor and other
theories relating to the UFO phenomena do little in explaining
what is occurring in the form of Cattle Mutilations, alien
abductions etc. Whilst some may explain these phenomena in an
objectified fashion, I would have to say that these phenomena

seem to be holistically connected. I am of this opinion solely because of eyewitness testimony and not out of any flight of fancy or well-wishing on my behalf to see space brothers.

Quite simply the evidence speaks for itself that we are 'not alone'.

To the contrary I wish we were.

Cory

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Re: When Crazy Is OK - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 13:27:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 13:07:22 -0500
Subject: Re: When Crazy Is OK - Ledger

UFO UpDates - Toronto posted:

>Source: InfoWorld.Com - San Francisco, California, USA

>http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/02/19/08OPeditor_1.html

>February 19, 2007

>When Crazy Is OK

>Science lesson: Just because a technology idea is bizarre
>doesn't mean it's wrong

>By Steve Fox

>I know a little something about crackpot technology. See, back
>in the '80s, I worked at Omni, the now-defunct science/science
>fiction magazine that delighted in all manifestations of
>crackpottery. We wrote about cryptozoologists armed with blurry
>Bigfoot photos, "face on Mars" believers, alien abductees, cold
>fusion proselytes, and more.

>We also interviewed world-class scientists and Nobel prize-
>winners who had achieved startling breakthroughs in the course
>of their distinguished careers. And - surprise! - their ideas
>often sounded crazier than anything coming from the tinfoil-hat-
>wearing conspiracy-theory crowd. The point being, you can't
>always judge an idea based simply on plausibility.

>It is in that spirit that we present this week's "12 crackpot
>ideas... that just might work",

><http://tinyurl.com/yu244v>

There are always those who set themselves up as judges as in
this case as to what qualifies to be crackpot and what does not.

The word 'crackpot', to begin with, suggests that the writer
sets himself off from the rest of an un-enlightened world and is
above it all... put's himself in a position of control.

Waste of bandwidth.

Don Ledger

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Re: The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox - Davenport

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There are at least two arguments that I believe can be leveled
at the Fermi Paradox, and which in fact make it obsolete.

First, how did Fermi know that UFOs were not being seen? His
paradox is based on his assumption that they were not. Based on
what we now know about sightings prior to June 1947, his
observation was incorrect.

As evidence in support of this notion, I invite anyone to visit
the NUFORC website to read those cases which antedate 1947.

A more convincing document might be the July 1968 NASA
publication by astronomer, Barbara M. Middlehurst, in which she
documents peculiar sightings by the world's leading light
astronomers, going back as far as 1540 A.D.. Would Fermi have
proposed his observation if he had known about the Roswell
incident?

In 1950, when Fermi first proposed his "paradox", our ability to detect UFOs was still quite primitive. However, even more significant, the ability of a U. S. citizen to report a sighting of something peculiar bordered on the non-existent. The only means available was to write a letter, or to place a very expensive long-distance telephone call to some government office. The chances that the individual would be able to choose the appropriate office to report such an event would be vanishingly small. The likelihood that he would be taken seriously would be, at best, slight. And whether the information would be passed along reliably to some office where it would be preserved and made available to other interested parties is doubtful. Most such communications prior to 1950, I suspect, almost certainly would have been discarded.

In conclusion, UFOs may have been being detected by U. S. citizens as frequently as they are today, and Fermi never would have known it! Given that out of perhaps a thousand sightings today, all ufology succeeds in capturing only one of those reports, I can only imagine what the situation must have been in the 1940's, and earlier!

Second, I wonder if Fermi would have proposed his paradox if he had been familiar with the existence of "dark" matter and black holes. Just because something cannot be seen does not, by any means, suggest that it doesn't exist. Had Fermi known about the existence of these peculiar phenomena, it might have caused him to apply the same lesson to the question of flying discs...just because we don't see them in front of us does not mean they don't exist.

In conclusion, I propose that we in the UFO community rename the paradox to "Fermi's Obsolescence," or perhaps "Fermi's Mistaken Assumption, Which Has Now Been Shown To Be Wrong." Modern communications, and items like computers, database programs, modern radar, and cell phone cameras, I believe, allow us now to consign Fermi's observation to some dusty shelf in a UFO museum, next to the Flat Earth theory. Let's focus on with what we now know to be the case, and discard old, misdirected theories!

Peter B. Davenport, Director
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>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

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Hi Gildas,

Yes, it's these "other dimensions" that cast a mystical shadow,
god-like and unsubstantial. I don't think other dimensions, or
time warps, or spirit guides, or shape changers are needed to
explain UFO. UFO are real in the same way that you are real.

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>suggested in a previous article.

I'd like to slam the door shut on these "more 'spiritual'
aspects" because these "aspects" are confusing matters. A little
dose of scientific reality is needed and a little less magic.

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>competent article by Bruce Maccabee, J. Deardorff,
>and H. Puthoff, at:

><http://brumac.8k.com/JBISpaper/JBISpaper.pdf>

Yes I've read this paper. But it essentially says that UFO are a
reality and the ETH best answers the question of their genesis.
It doesn't prove that star-travel is possible, and it doesn't
mention ancient monotreme civilizations or their likelihood.

>Now I have a couple of questions about your "big picture". For
>instance, where do these "hominids" come from?

Originally they evolved here on earth somewhere in the distant
past (probably during the last hundred million years) from
either reptile or monotreme stock, through an evolutionary
mechanism known as convergence. There may have been, and still
could be, several different separate evolutions and
civilizations:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/jan/m02-006.shtml>

>Where do they hide? In secret bases underground, underwater?
>Or in the solar system?

Presently they can live just about anywhere in our solar system. When they are on earth, they live under the sea or the polar ice.

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I don't know for sure but I think some of what we see is being staged and some, like the O'Hare sighting is caused by loss of masking, a mistake. They try to mask themselves most of the time. I don't think their crafts are that fantictic, but they are very fast.

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I tend to agree with David Jacobs that there seems to be a need for genetic exchange. They also are very concerned about nuclear mistakes and nuclear fall out. It may have been fall-out from our above ground nuclear testing which caused the Socorro and Roswell crashes in 1947.

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Ed

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Re: The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox - Dickenson

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>From: Cory Cameron <corycameron_510.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>For over ten years now I have been a regular contributor to this
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>represent. I argue for the 'extraterrestrial' theory in regard
>to the origins of UFOs simply out of the evidence and
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>'Single streams of consciousness' aside, Occam's razor and other
>theories relating to the UFO phenomena do little in explaining
>what is occurring in the form of Cattle Mutilations, alien
>abductions etc. Whilst some may explain these phenomena in an
>objectified fashion, I would have to say that these phenomena
>seem to be holistically connected. I am of this opinion solely
>because of eyewitness testimony and not out of any flight of
>fancy or well-wishing on my behalf to see space brothers.

>Quite simply the evidence speaks for itself that we are 'not
>alone'.

>>To the contrary I wish we were.

Right Cory, fully agree on the facts so far.

The most comforting view would be 'we are alone' - which is probably why many cling to that, despite the evidence against.

Plain old eye-witness testimony - enough to hang a man - says we are being visited by several types of entity, from places presently unknown to us, and with apparently differing objectives.

Cheers

Ray D

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Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 16:08:52 -0500
Subject: Radiation Could Be A Mars Mission-Killer

Going To Mars? Space Radiation Could Be A Mission-Killer

<http://tinyurl.com/yr92xy>

This story is of major interest to me as I remember as a lad reading the famous Fantastic Four comic books by the legendary Stan Lee and Jack Kirby.

The story revolved around four people transformed into superheroes after being exposed to cosmic radiation.

I've always pondered how we would fare in long duration missions in space given the amount of radiation a mission would encounter.

Best,

Greg

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There have obviously been a lot of answers. Obviously one answer could be they are all over the place, but pretty much leave us alone because we are a primitive society whose major activity is tribal warfare.

"We have let your leaders know that we won't tolerate their leaving the solar system to practice their brand of friendship. Meanwhile we will do what we please. We have never acted as badly towards earthlings as they have acted towards their own kind"

Clearly the simplest solution is that because our civilization is so young compared to the age of the planet, and of the neighborhood, we can't possibly be treated as equals anymore than I treat the squirrels in my yard as equals.

Stan Friedman

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Excerpt from his web site:

Bill Richardson: Governor, Congressman, Presidential Contender: Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico was elected in 2002 and reelected in 2006. On January 21, 2007, Richardson entered the 2008 race for the White House. He was on John Kerry's vice-presidential short list, and was chair of the Democratic 2004 Convention.

Richardson was a Congressman for 7 terms, from 1983-97, served as UN Ambassador from 1997-98 and was US Secretary of Energy under Bill Clinton from 1998-01. Richardson is the nation's only Hispanic governor.

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>From: Peter B. Davenport <director.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>A more convincing document might be the July 1968 NASA
>publication by astronomer, Barbara M. Middlehurst, in which she
>documents peculiar sightings by the world's leading light
>astronomers, going back as far as 1540 A.D.. Would Fermi have
>proposed his observation if he had known about the Roswell
>incident?

I suspect he would.

I seem to recall that Fermi made his observation at one of the
Los Alamos conferences of the late 40's against the background
of water-cooler discussion about UFOs - I can't remember detail,
maybe someone will correct me.

I'm not aware that Fermi took UFO reports seriously then, and
quite likely he wouldn't today either. But I'm not sure his
meaning was restricted to a UFO context, or even just a
terrestrial context, and certainly his observation has been
interpreted more widely since by astronomers and cosmologists
who observe what appears to be a thoroughly natural (or
perhaps I should more cautiously say "naturalised") cosmos on
all observable scales.

In other words, as I've tried to say before, the most
interesting form of the "paradox" - which is to a certain degree
independent of the UFO question - is perhaps not "Why don't we
see them here?" but "Why don't we see them anywhere?"

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>>>Webb's 50th solution is the one that he believes is the most
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>>>evidence could lead to a different solution to the paradox.

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I repeat... Fermi did not say UFOs aren't being seen.

He did not say there are no aliens visiting.

He asked a question: "Where is everybody?".

Please can't we all stop putting words in his mouth?

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Much more likely reasons why Richardson isn't making a splash is
that very few voters know who Richardson is and he is
overshadowed by Democratic Party superstars like Clinton, Obama,
and Edwards.

If Richardson ever did become a serious contender, no doubt his
comments on Roswell would be used to ridicule and discredit him
as a UFO looney.

We know how that propaganda game is played.

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>>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2007 10:57:28 -0600
>>Subject: Anomalous Craft Near Twin Towers 9/11?

>>I have reviewed the UFO UpDates archived posts and found them
>>extremely non-substantive on the subject of anomalous craft
>>photographed near the Twin Towers at the time of the attacks.

>>Next to no technical analysis was offered. Someone (I think it
>>was Brad Sparks) suggested that they were distant aircraft,
>>which is clearly contradicted by an object flying in and out of
>>the smoke, and by the rapidly descending object - videoed from
>>the side and from below.

<snip>

>Ah, yes. That was me. I had the bad judgement of raising the
>issue a few weeks after the 9/11 attacks. See:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/oct/m01-007.shtml>

<snip>

>Most people on the List just ducked and covered, wisely I
>suppose. But nevertheless there was an object in that video that
>was going more than 1000 mph if it did in fact go behind the WTC
>tower and whose trajectory indicated that it didn't originate
>from the explosions in the building.

<snip>

Hi Lan and Jeff!

You can still view this UFO, at the URL below (the same one
mentioned in Lan's October 2001 post to the UFO UpDates list).

<http://www.cyberspaceorbit.com/wtclx.gif>

The simple fact that this dark UFO is not seen to cross in front
of the bright wall of the burning WTC tower as it streaked
across the sky cannot justify Lan's conclusion that the UFO came
from behind the tower. This is because there are also a few
other places along the UFO's trajectory (this time through the
sky) where it is also not seen!

Since this is a grainy low resolution video clip and this dark
and very blurry UFO seems to change its level of darkness from
very dark to almost invisible as it moves across the frames, I
think this UFO can better be explained as an object that can
rapidly change its shape/albedo which is also very close to the
video camera and thus is moving much slower than 1000 miles per
hour. An out-of-focus bird in flight would be such an object.

If Lan is correct and this dark UFO was further away than the WTC tower, it would also have to be much larger than the jet airliners that crashed into the two WTC towers. From the speed and apparent trajectory of this dark UFO, it would have crashed just seconds after this video was taken. I do not recall of any major explosions or other airplane crashes in or around the New York City area on 9/11.

Did any sharp-eyed person notice a second UFO moving in the same direction and parallel to the dark UFO in this video clip? This other UFO is bright and crosses in front of the WTC tower and a portion of the sky immediately beside the building! Is this other UFO just a video camera artifact or a real object?

Better to re-examine and possibly reject this UFO now than to have us debate it again on the UFO UpDates List many decades later after it is eventually accepted and catalogued by ufology as an "authentic" unknown like the Rex Heflin saucer and smoke ring.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Proof And Science And UFOs - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 22:29:50 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 07:32:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Proof And Science And UFOs - Boone

This website:

<http://www.carlton.srsd119.ca/chemical/Proof/default.htm>

presents a great look at the definitions we use loosely as in proof, evidence, theory. It doesn't mention UFOs but it's very applicable to the wordplay and circus of words we get when discussing UFOs.

I was told many years ago by an insider that the reason we don't get the proper response from our government regarding UFOs is because we ask the wrong questions.

"It's a play on words" they said, "No one is going to admit to there being a UFO. They're going to say nothing in unidentified ergo no UFOs."

Wordplay is a way of beating around the bush.

This website article regarding proof and science is what I've chimed on about for years when discussing ufology. Mainly because my old professors and mentors are strict disciplinarians when it comes to science and law. Often at dinner as a kid and as an adult we'd have scientists and lawyers at dinners and gatherings and boy would the fur fly.

So enjoy this website's article and yes there's a test at the end.

Best,

Greg

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O'Hare UFO Case & 'Boston Legal'

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
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Subject: O'Hare UFO Case & 'Boston Legal'

Maybe you missed it, but Boston Legal the TV show dealt with the O'Hare Airport UFO Case Tuesday night. Attorney Alan Shore's client was a cognitive therapist at a hospital who is fired for saying he saw a UFO, aliens were here, and then imparting his belief in UFOs to his clients. The client was suing to get his job back.

Unfortunately, the show portrays the therapist as a bit weird and I thought, here we go again. However, it turns out, the UFO the client saw was the one at O'Hare. To counter opposing council's portrayal of the client and subject matter as crazy, Shore gives the jury the O'Hare case in detail, pointing out that there were many credible witnesses to the UFO, and puts a tower controller on the stand, who confirms the multiple calls into the tower.

So the client was bizarre, but the case was dealt with very seriously on a network program. I find that interesting. Probably more people learned about the O'Hare case watching Boston Legal than read about it in the newspapers. I wonder what writer/producer David E. Kelley's interest is in the subject.

David Rudiak

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Could We Have Hitched A Ride On UFOs?

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Thursday February 22, 2007

Could We Have Hitched A Ride On UFOs?

Newly released files may put one mystery to bed, but in doing so others are left unanswered

James Randerson
The Guardian

It is not the sort of discussion you imagine among the grey-suited ranks of Whitehall - defence analysts debating the existence of little green men and speculating about whether they have visited Earth.

But a set of newly released internal Ministry of Defence documents gives a fascinating insight into the military's interest in UFOs. They tell the story of the MoD's decision to investigate the threat they might pose and whether alien military technology could be used in the defence of the realm. They also reveal the conflicting attitudes within Whitehall to the subject and the lengths that officials went to in order to keep the project secret.

The documents, many marked "Secret UK Eyes A", lay out the rationale for the three-year Project Condign report which analysed more than 10,000 possible UFO sightings collected over several decades - many from military personnel. The existence of the 460-page report was revealed last year following freedom of information requests by David Clarke, a lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam University, and his colleague Gary Anthony. It was more FOI sleuthing on their part that turned up the current slew of papers.

The documents show that the internal lobbying effort for a UFO study began in 1993. In a briefing note from the secret UFO investigation branch of Defence Intelligence - called DI55 - an unnamed author wrote: "The national security implications are considerable. We have many reports of strange objects in the skies and we have never investigated them.

Paranoid response

"I also believe that it is important to appreciate that what is scientific 'fact' today may not be true tomorrow... If reports are taken at face value then devices exist that do not use conventional reaction propulsion systems, they have a very wide range of speeds and are stealthy. I suggest that we could use this technology, if it exists."

And he speculates: "If the sightings are of devices not of the

Earth then their purpose needs to be established as a matter of priority... possibilities are: 1 Military reconnaissance. 2 Scientific. 3 Tourism."

According to a former MoD intelligence analyst who asked not be named, the MOD was paranoid in the late 1980s that the Soviet Union had developed technology that went beyond western knowledge of physics. "For many years we were very concerned that in some areas the Russians had a handle on physics that we hadn't at all. We just basically didn't know the basics they were working from," he said. "We did encourage our scientists not to think that we in the west knew everything there was to be known."

Material that was held back from the original FOI release of the Project Condign report, but which was published in October after an appeal, suggests that the MoD suspected that this scientific knowledge came from studying UFOs - or unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP) as the MoD prefers to call them. "Russian, former Soviet republics and Chinese authorities have made a co-ordinated effort to understand the UAP topic. Several aircraft have been destroyed and at least four pilots have been killed 'chasing UFOs'."

One of Project Condign's conclusions was that UAP events could be put down to poorly understood phenomena called plasmas. The report says that the Russian military was doing research using plasmas as reflector antennas, aerodynamic drag reducers, stealth absorbers and using them to produce "saucer-shaped volumes".

The initial request in 1993 for an MoD research project into UFOs was shelved, but in a later memo dated June 19 1995 following a surge in UFO reports, the same unnamed wing commander at DI55 wrote: "Until we conduct some analysis of the files we will not have any idea what the many reports represent. If at any stage in the future UAPs are shown to exist then there is the potential for severe embarrassment."

Clarke, whose book *Flying Saucerers: The Social History of Ufology* will be published in April, says: "They knew that because no detailed study of the subject had ever been carried out - and consequently they had no idea what UFOs were - they could not justify the claim they were of no threat."

Nick Pope, who worked on the MoD's public UFO desk until 1994 and features in the correspondence, adds: "This was always the big debate. How could you possibly fulfil the remit of looking at the issue properly to see if there was anything of defence significance, without carrying out research and investigation? I think it is one of these subjects where it is low probability, high consequence," he adds. "For the want of spending a little bit of money, the potential wins if there were anything of any defence significance here would be worth having."

But how much money did the MOD spend? One document refers to a =A335,000 cost estimate, while in another from 1996, the head of Defence Intelligence (Scientific and Technical) estimated =A380,000 for a year-long study. Project Condign when it was eventually begun took more than three years to complete. So does that mean a price tag of at least =A3240,000?

No, according to the MoD, although it would not release the true figure. "This assumption that the sum will tally up to =A380,000 a year isn't supported and is inaccurate. It was funded from an existing contract within existing budgetary levels," it adds.

The project was given to a trusted defence contractor and although details of the contract have not been revealed, the documents suggest that it was handled so as not to expose Project Condign to scrutiny. In the initial 1993 correspondence on the subject, a memo from DI55 refers to the potential "political embarrassment" of the project becoming known. It goes on: "I believe that opening a new contract especially for this study and using competitive tendering would potentially expose the study to too wide an audience."

But Pope believes this was simply a practical measure. "Using an existing contract is always going to be easier than actually commissioning a new one," he says. "It wasn't an attempt to take it outside scrutiny. It was a quick fix."

Suspicious minds

The internal memos and briefing notes are peppered with hints of the considerable scepticism the DI55 wing commander encountered from superiors. In the original August 1993 brief he writes: "I am well aware that anyone who talks about UFOs is treated with a certain degree of suspicion. I am briefing on the topic because DI55 have a UFO responsibility, not because I talk to little green men every night!"

And in a later document he describes a briefing by DI55 on the subject. "The scientists and engineers present treated to [sic] topic seriously while non scientists (or those without a physical science background) made the usual jokes about little green men and mass hallucination!"

When Project Condign was eventually completed in 2000 it concluded that there was no evidence that UAPs were of extra-terrestrial origin. But there was a limit to what the author could do, because he was not allowed to interview people who had witnessed UAP events or talk to experts.

"The nature of the security classification meant he was unable to discuss the study with scientists who might have been able to advise him on the credibility of the conclusions he reached," says Clarke. This explains Project Condign's baffling conclusion - that UAPs are real, but caused by strange plasmas, which are on the fringes of scientific understanding. "He ended up trying to explain one mystery by reference to another," says Pope.

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UFO Over Kaliningrad Russia

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A student from Kaliningrad, Russia, was able to film an unidentified flying object over Kaliningrad, Russia.

The object was sighted in the sky right over the regional center, hovering over General Butkov Street, Kaliningrad, in the evening.

The yellowish, elongated object slowly and noiselessly moved toward Pregol River.

According to witnesses, some time later another object joined the UFO. Ivan Lebedev, a student, at once recognized the flying objects to be "saucers". He was at home, listening to music, looked out the window and saw the flying object; took his video camera and decided to film the object.

The tape was shown to experts, Kaliningrad physicists-astronomers who spent a long time looking at the ten minute-long blurred video. They did not reach any definite conclusion, and kept the video film for further research.

FYI:

Koenigsberg is the former name of Kaliningrad, a city situated on the Baltic Sea coast, the farthest western corner of modern Russia.

Russia's Baltic Fleet is headquartered in Kaliningrad, where it controls naval bases at Kronshtadt and Baltiysk. Baltiysk, the old Soviet naval base in Kaliningrad, is still partly restricted; Kaliningrad was a closed town for over 45 years.

Formerly the capital of the Dukes of Prussia and later the capital of East Prussia, the city was ceded to the Soviet Union in 1945 under the Potsdam agreement.

In June of 1941 it was used as a staging ground for one of the main assault zones against Soviet Russia, and remained a very important naval base for the duration of the war. Over one hundred thousand Soviet soldiers lost their lives in the operation to take over the city, and over ninety thousand German troops were taken prisoners...

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Older Adults May Be Unreliable Eyewitnesses

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Older Adults May Be Unreliable Eyewitnesses Study Shows

A University of Virginia study suggests that older adults are not only more inclined than younger adults to make errors in recollecting details that have been suggested to them, but are also more likely than younger people to have a very high level of confidence in their recollections, even when wrong. The finding has implications regarding the reliability of older persons' eyewitness testimonies in courtrooms.

The study, "I misremember it well: Why older adults are unreliable eyewitnesses," is published in a recent issue of the *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*. "There are potentially significant practical implications to these results as confident but mistaken eyewitness testimony may be the largest cause of wrongful convictions in the United States," said Chad Dodson, the study's lead researcher and an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Virginia. "Given that older adults will constitute an increasing proportion of the U.S. population, there may be a corresponding increase in the occurrence of wrongful convictions based on the testimony of highly confident but mistaken eyewitnesses."

Dodson and U.Va. graduate student Lacy Krueger studied "suggestibility errors," instances where people come to believe that a particular event occurred, when in fact, the event was merely suggested to them and did not actually occur.

They found through a series of experiments that when younger and older adults were matched on their overall memory for experienced events, both groups showed comparable rates of suggestibility errors in which they claimed to have seen events in a video that had been suggested in a subsequent questionnaire. However, older adults were "alarmingly" likely to commit these suggestibility errors when they were most confident about the correctness of their response. Younger people were more likely to commit these errors when they were uncertain about the accuracy of their response.

Previous studies by other investigators have shown that older adults are more likely than younger people to "remember" events that did not occur, and to misremember events that did occur. The U.Va. study further suggest that this occurs because older adults are more inclined to miscombine details of events, which results in a high degree of confidence that they are remembering these details accurately.

Participants in the study were shown a five-minute video clip reenacting a burglary and police chase. They were then asked to answer 24 yes/no questions about what they had witnessed in the

video. Eight of those questions referred to details that never actually happened in the video, such as suggesting the presence of a gun when in fact no gun ever appeared in the video itself.

Prior to completing the memory test, the participants were told that some of the test questions would refer to details that had not actually occurred in the video. They were asked to indicate for each test question whether it had occurred in the video only, in the questionnaire only, or neither. They were also asked to judge the likely accuracy of their response, essentially whether they were guessing or certain. It was here that the confidence level, even when wrong, was much higher among older adults than younger adults.

"This finding suggests that this is not simply a case of poorer memory among older adults, but that there may be some other mechanism leading to the high rate of confidence," Dodson said. "We believe the high confidence comes from the detail that they believe they remember. Because the detail seems sharp, they are highly confident that they are correct in their recollection, even when the recollection has been suggested to them rather than actually witnessed. This pattern of behavior is particularly worrisome, given the influence of eyewitness confidence on jury decision making."

The older study participants were 60 to 80 years of age, while the younger participants were college students. There were three study groups: the older participants who all took the questionnaire immediately after seeing the video, a young group who also took the questionnaire immediately after seeing the video, and a group of younger participants who answered the questionnaire two days after seeing the video to replicate the memory differences between older and younger adults.

Source: University of Virginia

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Mystery Over Australia

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[Image at site]

Mystery Over Australia
Credit & Copyright: Ray Palmer

Explanation: Place your cursor on this stunning view of dark skies over western Australia to highlight wonders of the southern Milky Way - including the famous Southern Cross, the dark Coal Sack Nebula, and bright reddish emission regions surrounding massive star Eta Carinae.

Recorded Tuesday at about 2 am, the thirty minute long color film exposure also captured a bright but mysterious object that moved slowly across the sky for over an hour.

Widely seen, the object began as a small point and expanded as it tracked toward the North (left), resulting in a comet-like appearance in this picture.

What was it?

Reports are now identifying the mystery glow with a plume from the explosion of a malfunctioned Russian rocket stage partially filled with fuel. The rocket stage was marooned in Earth orbit after a failed communication satellite launch almost a year ago on February 28, 2006. A substantial amount of debris from the breakup can be tracked.

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Scientific Ufology: Roswell And Beyond

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Scientific Ufology: Roswell and Beyond - How Scientific
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For the last fifty years, there has been a consistent attempt to withhold solid information about alien visitation from the general public.

Newly released letters reveal how time and again the U.S. government and its military forces have lied about their involvement in UFO research. Now, for the first time, noted author Kevin D. Randle - one of the most respected names in UFO research - examines the physical evidence of these visitors from beyond our solar system.

Ignoring biased government documents and sensationalized media accounts, Randle mounts the first serious, independent analysis of UFO phenomena in this hard-hitting investigative report by using methods of scientific methodology to scrutinize, among other things, eyewitness reports, photographs and video footage, and radar images.

Skillfully researched and detailed, Scientific UFOlogy provides, for the first time, accurate and riveting answers to questions to questions about alien life and UFOs that have puzzled mankind for decades.

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'In Space No-One Can Hear You Scream'

Paris - What's the biggest hurdle to setting up a colony on the Moon or getting mankind to Mars and beyond?

Aliens? Asteroids? Money? Try: humans themselves.

Experts poring over plans to return to the Moon by 2018 and later stride to Mars believe the greatest-ever gamble in the history of space may ultimately depend on keeping the mind and body sound.

Anxiety, loneliness and tensions with crew mates, a daily battle to maintain fitness and avoid accidents, DNA-shredding radiation from solar flares or cosmic rays - all these make mental and physical health the key to whether a long-term mission will succeed or fail catastrophically.

Benny Elmann-Larsen, coordinator of physiology in human space flight at the European Space Agency (ESA), says psychological stress could be the biggest problem of all.

"The human factor is the most uncertain factor," Elmann-Larsen said in an interview with AFP.

A trip to the Moon, as with the Apollo missions, would last only a few days, which is sufficiently short to be bearable.

But life in a lunar colony - presumably several interconnected container-sized structures - would present months of confinement, boredom and monotony.

Fortunately, a wealth of research conducted aboard nuclear submarines, in outposts in Antarctica and on long-duration missions on the Soviet space station Mir and the International Space Station (ISS) has thrown up a number of solutions, says Elmann-Larsen.

One of them is to use psychologists in mission control, helping to ease conflicts between crews on the ground and those in space, and helping to devise countermeasures to cope with onboard stress, says Nick Kanas, a professor of psychiatry at the University of California at San Francisco.

For example, crew members are encouraged to have frequent contacts with family and friends on Earth, using audiovisual links or email, and resupply missions bring up treats and gifts.

But going to Mars is a quite different proposition, says Kanas.

Unless there is a breakthrough in our primitive technology of chemical rockets, it would take about six months to get there, assuming that the Red Planet and Earth happen to be relatively close in their differing tracks around the Sun.

Factor in, say, a year or more for doing some exploration and research - which after all, is the whole point - and then a longer ride home because the planets' positions will have changed, and you're talking about two and a half, maybe three years.

As Earth recedes, gradually becoming a tiny bluish speck in the inky cosmos, the sense of isolation and cabin fever could become oppressive.

Morale-boosting efforts and support measures that were possible in low-Earth orbit or the Moon would be almost impossible.

There would be few supply flights, or quite possibly none at all, and the distances are such that it would take a crew member 45 minutes to ask a question from the folks back home and 45 minutes to get the reply.

That throws the onus on the crew, likely to range between four and seven, depending on how much money can be mustered.

More people means more volume and mass for life support systems and accommodation, which means lifting more material from Earth, and the cost rises hugely.

But how half-a-dozen people can get along 24-7 in a large tin can without becoming neurotic, or worse, is a big unknown, says Kevin Fong, co-director of the Centre for Aviation Space and Extreme Environment Medicine (CASE Medicine) at University College London.

"In space, no-one can hear you scream," the British weekly New Scientist aptly headlined an article on space stress last year.

A 110-day experiment in isolation that was carried out in a mock space station in Moscow in 1999 showed how things can badly go wrong. One module housed four Russian men; the other, three international test subjects, from Austria, Canada and Japan.

Reports within the space community say that during a New Year's celebration two of the Russian men engaged in a 10-minute fist-fight that left blood on the walls before they were restrained by the other men.

The mission commander hauled the only female, Judith Lapierre, a Canadian, out of sight of the experiment's cameras and twice gave her a French kiss that she fought in vain to resist.

The Japanese participant was so traumatised by this episode that he quit the experiment altogether. The Canadian and Austrian, a male scientist, continued with the mission - but insisted on having locks fitted to their module door.

Fong says many potential problems can be avoided in advance by weeding out crew candidates with a family history of mental illness and with the right profile for collective living, and by a smart but rigorous training process.

But, as the case has shown of love-struck astronaut Lisa Nowak, accused of attempted murder, screening and training may not compensate for the unpredictability of human nature, good or bad.

Fong says there is little consensus on many things when it comes to long-term missions.

Expert opinion differs whether sexual relationships between crew members could ease tensions or in fact create them.

There isn't even agreement on what makes good psychological dynamics for a crew size: a small crew encourages unity but lack of variety raises the boredom risk; a large crew gives diversity but creates the risk of cliques and scapegoating.

"The whole thing is quite a big shrug [unknown] at the moment," says Fong.

Here are some of the health hazards facing any future team of astronauts sent to Mars:

Psychological stress: Loneliness, depression, anxiety, claustrophobia, boredom, personality conflicts within the crew.

Emergencies: Anything from motion sickness and impaired coordination to toothache and appendicitis.

Radiation: High-speed particles in space can slice human DNA, boosting the risk of cancer.

Muscular atrophy: Need for a strict exercise regime to overcome loss of muscle tone due to zero gravity.

Bone demineralisation: Bones become more porous, thus weaker, in long-duration space missions.

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 11:11:05 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 12:29:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 11:09:30 -0800
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 12:25:15 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>It surprises me that you call my article "mystical". My
>>purpose,
>>in writing it, was to criticize the rather anti-ETH attitude of
>>the authors, who refer to ideas such as those of Jacques
>>Vall=E9e.
>>On the contrary, I argued in favor of the ETH, but going beyond
>>the strict "nuts and bolts" viewpoint, and admitting the
>>possibility of faster than light travel through "other
>>dimensions".

>Hi Gildas,

>Yes, it's these "other dimensions" that cast a mystical shadow,
>god-like and unsubstantial. I don't think other dimensions, or
>time warps, or spirit guides, or shape changers are needed to
>explain UFO. UFO are real in the same way that you are real.

Hello Ed

I commend conservatism. However the flaw in this apparently
down-to-earth statement is that the architects of that
"scientific reality" to which you very properly wish us to defer
do require (for all practical purposes unanimously)
"unsubstantial" phenomena, "other dimensions" and "time warps"
in order to explain the reality of Gildas.

>A little
>dose of scientific reality is needed and a little less magic.

Actually a very large dose of scientific reality is needed.

I agree with your implication that the only possible magic is
science we don't yet understand. But given that no-one yet
understands gravity or quantum mechanics, for example, much of
established physics is practical magic, even for physicists, and
to the bulk of mankind it is more abstruse than the deepest
mystical arcana.

Science is not about settled facts; it is absolutely essentially
a process of discovery and novelty, and the part of it that is
conjectural, exploratory, far from being some sediment of
science it is wise to leave in the bottom the bottle, is exactly
the part that we need to drink if we are to continue as a
species to wise-up.

Now you're right to insist that if the label on the bottle
carries a complete and objective list of hypothetical
ingredients then ancient monotreme civilisations will be there;
but it has to said that they will be a trace constituent,

printed in very small type, and should probably not be advertised as a main active ingredient.

Sorry if this is a bit of a florid metaphor!

Martin Shough

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Re: O'Hare UFO Case & 'Boston Legal' - Parr

From: Chris Parr <ChrsP875.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 10:23:06 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 12:32:09 -0500
Subject: Re: O'Hare UFO Case & 'Boston Legal' - Parr

This URL is a sequence from the O'Hare UFO on the 'Boston Legal' episode:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJUEij2Obq4>

Chris Parr

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Re: Anomalous Craft Near Twin Towers 9/11? -

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 16:18:52 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 12:46:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Anomalous Craft Near Twin Towers 9/11? -

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 20:47:13 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Anomalous Craft Near Twin Towers 9/11?

>>From: Lan Fleming <lflaming6.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2007 22:09:55 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Anomalous Craft Near Twin Towers 9/11?

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Nick and List

Having taken a look at some of this material for the first time, I tend to agree with Nick. At first glance this object could very possibly be a nearby bird, the earlier part of its flight lost against the dark smoke billows.

It's been pointed out to me, though, that there were multiple video clips of this object. I found this very intriguing so took a look at several of them.

In the following compilation

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfRtJg6Z2XU&mode=related&search>

there is another view of a fast streaking dark object filmed from below, nearer the buildings, moving at a similar or somewhat faster angular rate. I don't see any other evidence that these are the same object, however, in which case both could be different birds close to the cameras. I don't find it very surprising. Perhaps unusual numbers of birds are taking wing in the immediate aftermath of huge explosions in the neighbourhood.

The angular size of the first image (meaning the one discussed by Ian and Nick), taken from a much greater distance, seems much larger than that of the second (true angles are unknown but we can compare the angular size relative to the buildings). The relationship should be the inverse of this. Also, whereas the first object was captured almost simultaneously with the 2nd impact it appears that the second clip shows no impact, only one or both towers steadily burning, so it is not possible to confirm that they were filmed at the same time. Finally the point of origin of the first object is clearly nowhere near that of the object in the second clip, if the former is assumed to be coming from behind the tower as claimed: In the first clip the trajectory is away from the sunlit towers, in the second it is almost directly towards one sunlit face of a tower. If the apparent trajectory from the tower in the first clip is a perspective illusion and it is really not distant, huge and hypersonic but much closer to the camera, heading away, then we can repair this mismatch; but then it would still not be easy to argue that they both show the same object at the same time, since both cameras are at different ground locations. If they filmed different parts of the flight of the same smallish, slowish, low altitude object at different times this is no longer very anomalous, and this is a lot of effort to expend reducing two possible birds to one.

Elsewhere in this compilation a small elongated object moving at a moderate rate right to left parallel to the horizon apparently above and/or beyond the towers just before the first impact looks like a possible helicopter. It's quite reasonable that there were helicopters around - news/traffic, police, whatever - this video is itself shot from one of course, and the compilation contains at least two other different film clips that were clearly also made from helicopters. Not surprising if they filmed one another. Another similar small dark object with a slightly higher angular rate seen moving at low level just after the second impact could perhaps be a nearby bird.

The compiler finds it sinister that a TV commentator talks about the probability of a terrorist attack only seconds after the second jet impact, presumably implying some "set piece" conspiracy, but I cannot for the life of me see anything odd about this. The same conspiracist points out that some people described seeing missiles at first, and implies witnesses were later officially "persuaded" that they hadn't seen them; but the clip referring to missiles here is in the context of conflicting reports in the immediate aftermath as to whether the impacting objects were planes or missiles, and does not appear to have anything to do with the video anomalies being discussed here.

Another rapidly descending object is caught in this clip. But again this is clearly not the same object as our original hypersonic streaker. The rate is only (guessing as to the likely angular scale of the camera image) in the region of 5 deg/sec, which would be ~ 500 ft/sec or over 300 mph @ 1 mile. But at 1/10 mile or about 500 ft range it would be moving at only about 30 mph. At 500 ft distance a diving crow or large pigeon or similar could be in the order of 10 mins of arc across, or about 1/3 the size of the moon, and plausibly might appear as a small, ill-resolved grey blob like this, visible across the sunlit face

of the tower and sky but lost against the dark grey building in between.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBBpxhEjHxg&mode=related&search>

A white 'orb' tracked descending here

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XK7cpPikmTU&mode=related&search>

is evidently a large sheet of tumbling debris dislodged belatedly from the site of the first impact, very much like the other white debris fragments seen coming directly from the site of second impact during the course of the same clip. There is also a very distinct brightly reflective object moving steadily from left to right behind the towers shortly after the first impact. Again in the absence of evidence to the contrary this could be another helicopter or a fixed-wing.

So perhaps nothing is very conclusively explained, but so far I see nothing definitely inexplicable either.

Martin Shough

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Re: Anomalous Craft Near Twin Towers 9/11? - Olson

From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 10:19:58 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 12:50:38 -0500
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 20:47:13 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
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Hi, Nick,

I've located three videos which 'appear' to portray this object:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_TxzMUKwyc

side view

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfRtJg6Z2XU&mode=related&search>

below view

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBBpxhEjHxg&mode=related&search=>

other side view.

I haven't been able to detect the "second UFO" you mentioned, which is paralleling the flight of the dark UFO. I'm also not clear about your assertion: "This is because there are also a few other places along the UFO's trajectory (this time through the sky) where it is also not seen!"

I take this to mean that there are videos which ought to show this object, but which don't. If so, I haven't found that to be the case. All views of the buildings which should show the plummeting object, appear, to my eye, do show it.

Best,

Jeff

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 17:20:39 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 12:52:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 11:09:30 -0800
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

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>>Now I have a couple of questions about your "big picture". For
>>instance, where do these "hominids" come from?

>Originally they evolved here on earth somewhere in the distant
>past (probably during the last hundred million years) from
>either reptile or monotreme stock, through an evolutionary
>mechanism known as convergence. There may have been, and still
>could be, several different separate evolutions and
>civilizations:

Ed,

I am sorry to have to tell you that your theory is totally
unbelievable to me, for many reasons, but let me give at least
two (I am probably repeating previous discussions, which I may
have missed):

First, there is a history of evolution on Earth, and your story
does not fit at all into it.

Secondly, if such a highly advanced civilization had ever
existed on Eath, it would have left traces. To build UFOs it
would have had to be more advanced than us, and be the fruit of
a vast development, of science, technology and industry, over
centuries and millenaries. There is no trace of that today (not
to be confused with alleged traces of ET visits).

In don't feel the need to give more arguments.

Gildas

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Re: O'Hare UFO Case & 'Boston Legal' - Davenport

From: Peter B. Davenport <director.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 09:24:25 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 12:55:58 -0500
Subject: Re: O'Hare UFO Case & 'Boston Legal' - Davenport

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 19:40:24 -0800
>Subject: O'Hare UFO Case & 'Boston Legal'

>Maybe you missed it, but Boston Legal the TV show dealt with the
>O'Hare Airport UFO Case Tuesday night. Attorney Alan Shore's
>client was a cognitive therapist at a hospital who is fired for
>saying he saw a UFO, aliens were here, and then imparting his
>belief in UFOs to his clients. The client was suing to get his
>job back.

>Unfortunately, the show portrays the therapist as a bit weird
>and I thought, here we go again. However, it turns out, the UFO
>the client saw was the one at O'Hare. To counter opposing
>council's portrayal of the client and subject matter as crazy,
>Shore gives the jury the O'Hare case in detail, pointing out
>that there were many credible witnesses to the UFO, and puts a
>tower controller on the stand, who confirms the multiple calls
>into the tower.

>So the client was bizarre, but the case was dealt with very
>seriously on a network program. I find that interesting.

>Probably more people learned about the O'Hare case watching
>Boston Legal than read about it in the newspapers. I wonder what
>writer/producer David E. Kelley's interest is in the subject.

David,

Thank you for bringing this interesting item to the attention of
the List!

I was engaging in some high-speed channel surfing Tuesday night,
and happened to land on the right channel at just the right
moment... just as the character attorney used the term, "UFO".
I was 'hooked'.

My principal reason in responding here is to point out that the
terminology used in the court scene is almost word for word the
last summary I posted to the NUFORC website, summarizing the
facts surrounding the O'Hare sighting. The actor even delivered
his points in the same order in which I present them in my
summary! It made me wonder whether I might be able to fund
NUFORC more handsomely than currently is the case by addressing
the issue of possible 'borrowing' of my material.

Perhaps we in ufology are finally having an effect. Once we
insinuate our work into the halls of Hollywood, politicians are
certain to follow! Academia might be a bit more difficult
"sell," but ultimately, I think they will fall into line, as
well.

Peter Davenport

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New At Nellis UFO Site

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 09:40:05 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 12:58:08 -0500
Subject: New At Nellis UFO Site

I've just gotten around to updating my website on the 1994 Nellis Range UFO, including a brand new discussion. This was material I originally presented at the Ozark UFO conference in 2004.

http://roswellproof.homestead.com/Nellis_Main.html

http://roswellproof.homestead.com/Nellis_discussion.html

Introduction:

"The Nellis Range UFO video is virtually unique among those in the public domain in that an unidentified anomalous flying object was not only captured in close-up by a military camera, but also included overlaid tracking data and a time stamp, permitting precise calculation of the trajectory and flight characteristics, such as velocity and acceleration. In addition, the video also has voices of various military range operators discussing the object and trying to identify it without success.

"Among anomalous characteristics, the calculated data indicates that the object was capable of flying from 30 to 700 miles per hour, yet it is a rotating, multi-lobed, non-streamlined object (animation right). How the craft could fly at such high speed without streamlining is not clear. It also displays multiple bursts of high acceleration/deceleration. The high speeds and accelerations also rule out many conventional flying objects such as balloons, helicopters, or propeller driven aircraft. Furthermore, the object shows no evidence of a propulsion system, such as external engines or a trail that might be expected from a jet- or rocket-propelled aircraft capable of such high speeds and accelerations. Finally, the object was highly maneuverable, executing a right-angle turn and going into steep climbs."

The revised discussion has detailed maps, new graphs of performance and trajectory, and animations. A good summary animation (my favorite) of the object's many odd characteristics can be found at:

http://www.roswellproof.com/Nellis_flyover.html

David Rudiak

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UFOs Reported In Baja California Mexico

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 13:08:39 -0500
Subject: UFOs Reported In Baja California Mexico

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Source: Diario El Mexicano and www.analuisacid.com
Date: February 5, 2007

Mexico: UFOs Reported In Baja California
by Jose I. Ibarra Gonzalez

Tijuana--Over 40 Unidentified Flying Objects were sighted
by residents of the Altabrisa district around 10:40 a.m.
yesterday morning - Sunday, 4 February.

They stated that these objects were shiny and in formation
although not in geometric order. They remained for over 10
minutes in the northern part of the sky and then headed toward
Playas de Tijuana (West).

"There were 38 in the first group, then they headed toward
Playas, and another group of 5 or 6 appeared, heading off in the
same direction," according to one of the witnesses.

Residents of this district, located to the side of the
Universidad Autonoma de Baja California, stated that they were
very surprised by what they had seen in the sky yesterday.

"At the time that the shining objects were there, an airplane
went past. They must've seen them," said one of the locals.

Moreover, Enrique Valle Alvarez, manager of the Abelardo L.
Rodriguez International Airport at Tijuana, stated that no
aircraft sent out any alert whatsoever.

He said that the Control Tower did not report any unusual
situations. However, it is possible that the Air Navigation
Services of the Mexican Air Space may have more information.
"There were no incidents and nothing was reported to me," he
said.

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Mexican Airliner Crews Report Unidentified Flying

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Source: www.analuisacid.com and Alfonso Salazar Mendoza
Date: February 20, 2007

Mexico: Sightings Reported By Airline Personnel
Reports from researcher Alfonso Salazar Mendoza

On February 13, 2007 at 9:25 a.m., a UFO was reported over Mexico City International Airport, flying slowly from north to south. Its aspect was metallic and its overall shape spherical, reflecting the sun's rays with silvery flashes, according to the descriptions given by aviation technicians who witnessed the sightings. They estimated that the object flew at approximately 50,000 feet (15,000 meters) and the observation took place near air terminal #2 of said airport. Among the witnesses was researcher Alfonso Salazar, who added the probable UFO was lost from sight as it headed toward the sun, from his perspective.

The crew of a Mexican Navy helicopter on its way to the Mexican capital advised an air traffic controller that a metallic spherical object had crossed its path in the vicinity of Chiquihuite Hill. The sighting was confirmed by the MCIA Control Tower on 13 February 2007 at 13:05 hours. As side note, Chiquihuite Hill is located to the north of the Distrito Federal and also covers a share of the state of Mexico, housing telecommunications antennae.

Aviation pilot Captain Tarragona reported having seen, along with his crew, a luminous disk shaped object. He described it as "highly luminous" with red, blue and green lights, calculating that it was at distance of approximately 3 kilometers. According to his report, the pilot requested information from the Veracruz Center, asking if there was traffic in the area, and receiving a negative reply. This occurred during a nocturnal flight over the Gulf of Mexico and the exact date is unknown, estimating that it took place during the last week of January and early February 2007.

Captain Pena, commander of an Aviacsa Boeing 737, remarked that he had a sighting during a daytime flight on the Mexico-Acapulco route. According to his account, the possible UFO resembled a basketball, with a metallic appearance, and it reportedly escorted his airliner for an estimated 5 minutes, coming dangerously close to the upper section of the aircraft's starboard wing. Subsequently, the sphere rose into the air and vanished from sight. Captain Pena added that he was convinced of the existence of UFOs. The exact date of this event is not known, and apparently occurred at the same time as the preceding report, that is to say, between January and February 2007.

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Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 13:27:38 -0500
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You have said it succinctly and correctly.

It is a sign of ufology's fundamental immaturity - after more than half a century! - that the nutty "idea" of "crypto-terrestrials" is deemed worthy of extended discussion, while its critics are howled into silence. When I said as much many weeks ago, when this dreary nonsense started, I found myself at the receiving end of vituperative attacks from UFO bloggers with an apparently limitless tolerance for any bogus speculation as long as the hated and heretical ETH is being trashed in the process. (One even charged that I am too concerned about science.) I was more depressed than irritated, but sad to say, I'm used to that by now.

It's enough to make one ask this obvious question:

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New Phoenix Lights Witness Location & Time

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 10:10:04 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 13:52:14 -0500
Subject: New Phoenix Lights Witness Location & Time

Greeting Listers,

KEYC-TV Yuma/El Centro's Program Director, Adriana Sanchez, has come forward to share her Phoenix Lights experience; her account is notable given the 11:00 hour as well as the location of southwest Arizona - Yuma. Possibly the same craft that Capt. Trig Johnston and family witnessed at 10:20 pm.

Corresponding links are at:

<http://tinyurl.com/29jf2p>

Phoenix Lights: Another Witness Recounts Her UFO Experience

[Note-Eyewitness, and whom I call "Ufologist by fate", as well as an expert on the Phoenix Lights Incident, Mike Fortson relates that this is the first account (in writing) south of Casa Grande, as well as the first occurring at approximately 11:00 pm. Previously, the latest confirmed account (10:20 pm) of the immense V-shaped craft was by pilot Capt. Trig Johnston .

The flare-drop was at 10:00 pm, and the main sighting of the immense V-shaped craft was at 8:30 pm.

It's hard to believe it's been almost 10 years. I still remember it. How can one forget.

My witness account began one night as I was leaving my job at a TV station in Yuma, AZ (different than the current station I work at). It was shift work=85M-F 3p-11pm. That means I was out the door between 11p and 11:15pm. As I was leaving, the newsroom was empty except for the weatherman. I said goodbye and opened door to go into the back parking lot. I noticed a row of evenly spaced bright white lights just South East of the station. I remember thinking "Wow, did they add streets lights to 16th Street (Hwy 95)?" On the way to my car I tried to remember if they had always been there.

I decided to check them out since it was only a couple of blocks away. As I drove out of the parking lot I knew they weren't streetlights. They were now a little higher than before but still close to the ground. I drove in their direction and could now see they were in the sky. Seven evenly spaced white lights in a "V" formation moving very slowly... really graceful. I tried to figure out what they were. Crop duster? Harriers? I turned south and tried to follow it so I could make out what it was. I rolled down my window to listen but it made no sound. I ruled out crop duster since the lights indicated it was at least as big as an entire field. I ruled out seven evenly spaced Harriers since there was absolutely no sound. I stared at the lights and even though I was alone in my car, said out loud "What is that?" I couldn't tell if it was seven separate objects or one object with 7 lights. If it was several objects they moved in perfect formation=85evenly spaced and moved at the same time.

I had driven less than a mile and decided to make a U-turn and raced back to the TV station so I could catch the weatherman

before he left. He had a pilot's license and would certainly know what this is. As I drove back I kept glancing over my right shoulder to keep an eye on it. I didn't want to lose sight of it. As I turned into the parking lot of the TV station, it was gone. "No no no no nooooo" I remember thinking.

I turned back tried to find it again. I drove for a few miles but it was gone. I don't feel that the lights sped off. I think they just disappeared. From the time I opened the door to the time I lost sight of the lights, the whole thing lasted about 5 minutes. I was disappointed that I didn't find out what it was but I let it go.

About a year later I was watching a show about UFO sightings. I saw the Phoenix Lights story and said "Oh my God! That's what I saw!" Even though I had never given the lights another thought, I was thrilled to see that other people were questioning what they were because I still am curious to find out what they were.

I've read that some have downplayed these as being flares. But flares fall downward. What I saw was almost hovering, moving away and slightly upward. I've read that some reports say the lights were amber in color. The ones I saw were bright white yet they were not illuminating anything on the ground. I am excited to find out what it was that I saw but after ten years I doubt we will ever know. Even if I was proven to me that it was a government aircraft, I would be satisfied. I'm just not satisfied with stories of them being flares. I know they weren't. I can't tell you for sure what it was I saw, but I can tell you for sure what I didn't see=85.and I didn't see flares.

Cheers,

Frank

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Re: Anomalous Craft Near Twin Towers 9/11? -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming6.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 12:48:11 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 14:10:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Anomalous Craft Near Twin Towers 9/11? -

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 20:47:13 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Anomalous Craft Near Twin Towers 9/11?

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>The simple fact that this dark UFO is not seen to cross in front
>of the bright wall of the burning WTC tower as it streaked
>across the sky cannot justify Lan's conclusion that the UFO came
>from behind the tower. This is because there are also a few
>other places along the UFO's trajectory (this time through the
>sky) where it is also not seen!

That's simply not true. You apparently haven't looked at the
movie frame by frame. The object appears in 5 consecutive
frames, beginning at a point where it should have passed in
front of the white surface of the tower.

>An out-of-focus bird in flight would be such an object.

And why do you think that possibility hadn't occurred to me? Was
it a bird with an invisibility shield that happened to uncloak
by coincidence just as it passed the edge of the building?

If the object had appeared a bit higher in the frame, it might
have been a bird or something obscured by the dark background of
the black smoke, but it emerged at a point and traveled in a
direction such that it clearly should have crossed the white
face of the tower just below the black smoke.

Someone suggested it might be debris ejected from the tower by
the explosion. That might be a possibility, though I'd be
surprised if debris from an explosion could reach supersonic
speeds.

>If Lan is correct and this dark UFO was further away than the
>WTC tower, it would also have to be much larger than the jet
>airliners that crashed into the two WTC towers.

No it wouldn't. The object is greatly elongated by motion blur
due to its high angular speed. Obviously, no details of the
object's shape can be seen to ever determine what it was. But
it's unlikely to be a bird or bug for the reasons I gave that I
think should be clear to anyone willing to examine the video
frame by frame.

>Did any sharp-eyed person notice a second UFO moving in a the
>same direction and parallel to the dark UFO in this video clip?
>This other UFO is bright and crosses in front of the WTC tower
>and a portion of the sky immediately beside the building! Is
>this other UFO just a video camera artifact or a real object?

Yes. It's clearly debris ejected from the explosion in the
second tower. It shows up just as the fast-moving object
disappears. There's a better view of it in the longer sequence
here:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_TxzMUKwyc

>Better to re-examine and possibly reject this UFO now than to
>have us debate it again on the UFO UpDates List many decades
>later

Yes, but you haven't really examined it unless you look at it
frame by frame.

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Re: O'Hare UFO Case & 'Boston Legal' - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 14:48:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 14:14:16 -0500
Subject: Re: O'Hare UFO Case & 'Boston Legal' - Ledger

>From: Peter B. Davenport <director.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 09:24:25 -0800
>Subject: Re: O'Hare UFO Case & 'Boston Legal'

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 19:40:24 -0800
>>Subject: O'Hare UFO Case & 'Boston Legal'

>>Maybe you missed it, but Boston Legal the TV show dealt with the
>>O'Hare Airport UFO Case Tuesday night. Attorney Alan Shore's
>>client was a cognitive therapist at a hospital who is fired for
>>saying he saw a UFO, aliens were here, and then imparting his
>>belief in UFOs to his clients. The client was suing to get his
>>job back.

>>Unfortunately, the show portrays the therapist as a bit weird
>>and I thought, here we go again. However, it turns out, the UFO
>>the client saw was the one at O'Hare. To counter opposing
>>council's portrayal of the client and subject matter as crazy,
>>Shore gives the jury the O'Hare case in detail, pointing out
>>that there were many credible witnesses to the UFO, and puts a
>>tower controller on the stand, who confirms the multiple calls
>>into the tower.

>>So the client was bizarre, but the case was dealt with very
>>seriously on a network program. I find that interesting.

>>Probably more people learned about the O'Hare case watching
>>Boston Legal than read about it in the newspapers. I wonder what
>>writer/producer David E. Kelley's interest is in the subject.

>David,

>Thank you for bringing this interesting item to the attention of
>the List!

>I was engaging in some high-speed channel surfing Tuesday night,
>and happened to land on the right channel at just the right
>moment... just as the character attorney used the term, "UFO".
>I was 'hooked'.

>My principal reason in responding here is to point out that the
>terminology used in the court scene is almost word for word the
>last summary I posted to the NUFORC website, summarizing the
>facts surrounding the O'Hare sighting. The actor even delivered
>his points in the same order in which I present them in my
>summary! It made me wonder whether I might be able to fund
>NUFORC more handsomely than currently is the case by addressing
>the issue of possible 'borrowing' of my material.

>Perhaps we in ufology are finally having an effect. Once we
>insinuate our work into the halls of Hollywood, politicians are
>certain to follow! Academia might be a bit more difficult
>"sell," but ultimately, I think they will fall into line, as
>well.

>Peter Davenport

>NUFORC

I caught this program which initially had a clip showing Denny Crane confessing to being abducted by aliens, which I thought was going to set the tone but that was an after effect of Alan Shore having opted to represent the cognitive therapist and then it became clear that this was the O'Hare case.

It was brought out during the civil trial in pretty much the manner as Peter has suggested and despite some silly interruptions was pretty much the publically known case with an air traffic controller thrown in admitting that they had heard about the UFO and that the FAA claimed it was a weather phenomenon which the therapist refuted during his turn on the stand.

Boston Legal often uses it's airtime to represent a cause that apparently David Kelly finds important and usually it's the Alan Shore character that represents and argues for the case.

In this episode the case was settled out of court, presumably because it would have required a jury to find for the plaintiff - the therapist - who got his job back.

As far as the facts went - the publiclly known facts at least - it was accurate.

Certainly the O'Hare case is very high profile and has staying power. There might be more in the works during the Ratings Weeks.

Don Ledger

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Subject: Re: Anomalous Craft Near Twin Towers 9/11? -

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Nick and List

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I'm not interested in discussing conspiracy theories about 9/11. I think incompetence and indifference are sufficient explanation for why the government didn't act on the clear warnings of an impending terrorist attack it had received - except to have Attorney General John Ashcroft switch from commercial jets to chartered flights because of the threats.

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But seriously. That very needless information void begs to be
filled with something, even if it is crap. It seems to remain
culture, those who officiate it at any rate, are liable for the
vastness of the void on this issue and a strange producer of the
crap contrived to fill that void understandably abhorred, eh?

Culture's Science (so not science really) is in default, too
proud to provide even small acknowledgement, if any. The
scurrilous bastards... really.

For my part? I'll stand with you crackpots, you're more fun and
smell better and sometimes even a propitiously better art, you
know? <g>Consider, I suspect science is only good when it is
art... besides being a tool and servant. Terence McKenna thought
so.

Culture is not your friend. all over the world and for a period
of many years, that's been my experience, too.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOy3H4yyocQ>

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Strange Lights Over Somerset County Maine

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Source: The Morning Sentinel, Waterville, Maine, USA

<http://news.maintoday.com/updates/009413.html>

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Strange Lights Over Somerset County
A Morning Sentinel Staff Report

Callers from four southern Somerset County towns reported seeing strange lights in the sky Wednesday night.

Though activities that night by the Vermont Air National Guard might provide an explanation, some sightings were close to the ground.

From 7:35 to 8:12 p.m., the Somerset County Communications Center took calls from Anson, Fairfield, Norridgewock and Skowhegan.

The Anson call came from 42 Hilltop Road, not far from town. The caller told dispatchers she saw reddish-orange UFOs through the trees. She said she saw three diagonal lights, then two and then one, before it burned up like a comet.

A spokeswoman from the Vermont Air National Guard confirmed that the unit was conducting training missions through that area Wednesday night. An F-16 flying overhead, the source said, would cause considerable noise.

A caller from Skowhegan Road in Fairfield reported seeing strange lights in the sky, heading south. A Norridgewock caller said he saw lights, called the Brunswick Naval Air Station, which told him they were not aware of anything going on. The caller from Norridgewock Avenue in Skowhegan reported seeing yellow lights in the sky over Skowhegan.

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There's no way of knowing that. It's a statement, not proof of anything.

New York, London, Paris, Tokyo, Moscow, Toronto and LA for example would not that quickly pass away. They might crumble but the mounds of rubble would be around for much more than 50,000 years. Nor would the quarries quickly disappear, or the open pit mines, the highway systems and the billions of tons of glass and plastics. What's the half-life of Chernobyl?

This isn't ancient Egypt we are talking about, a place built of stone, populated by 50'000-100,000 people. There are trinkets now being found in strata of 250,000 years ago-little strings of beads and tools used to work these things from small tribes living near rivers or what were ancient rivers. The reason they are found is their likelihood of being there if ancient man existed in that area. The same would apply if someone was looking for habitations millions of years from now around the area we now know as Manhattan for example. Millions of years from now there would be ample evidence of its existence should some surviving species at our present level went looking for it.

There is no impact on the landscape such as we have made now. But I'm asked to believe that some other cousin species has been existing with us for thousands or hundreds of thousands of years without impacting the landscape, with a technology that just happened without going through the long process that we ourselves have gone through.

It seems to me the vague tracings that have been found that indicate some familiar technology is most probably the result of some tampering by visitors from "off-planet" than some home-grown species that seems to have no other agenda than to just to screw with our heads.

Don Ledger

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Re: The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 12:53:03 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 16:17:52 -0500
Subject: Re: The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox - Tarbell

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 17:23:23 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Re: The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 12:22:41 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Other Side Of The Fermi Paradox

<snip>

>>I must confess that the Fermi paradox continues to trouble me.
>>This is primarily because I have the nagging feeling that the
>>presence of ETs should be glaringly obvious, leading to some
>>rather contrived scenarios as to why it isn't. Suggestions are
>>welcomed.

>Enrico Fermi did not say there are no aliens. He and his
>companions had noted that it should only take a few million
>years to colonize the galaxy once somebody got started. He was
>known for using questions as a teaching tool.

Hi Stan,

Thanks for pointing this out. Some posts on this topic have given the impression that the paradox led Fermi to actually conclude that ETs did not exist, but I had thought that he remained essentially neutral on this point. However, I am not familiar with the context of the original discussion, nor its participants.

>There have obviously been a lot of answers. Obviously one answer
>could be they are all over the place, but pretty much leave us
>alone because we are a primitive society whose major activity is
>tribal warfare.

>"We have let your leaders know that we won't tolerate their
>leaving the solar system to practice their brand of friendship.
>Meanwhile we will do what we please. We have never acted as
>badly towards earthlings as they have acted towards their own
>kind"

While this would certainly be an appropriate message, I cannot take seriously the idea that any formal communication between ETs and our government(s) has taken place (and I suspect neither can you). Indeed, I consider it unlikely to ever occur.

>Clearly the simplest solution is that because our civilization
>is so young compared to the age of the planet, and of the
>neighborhood, we can't possibly be treated as equals anymore
>than I treat the squirrels in my yard as equals.

However, I think it's fair to say that the squirrels are quite aware of your existence.

Let us make your analogy more extreme: we are a cluster of protozoa on some piece of undersea coral, utterly oblivious to the myriad of creatures swimming around nearby.

As you point out, we are young compared to the age of the planet, and far younger yet than planetary formation in general. Any given ET civilization selected at random should be vastly older than ourselves, perhaps by billions of years. A case might be made that they have evolved into something unrecognizable, at least to our protozoan level of awareness.

Having laid that out, I must say that I find it unsatisfying. The issue of these profoundly ancient civilizations is quite troublesome. A billion years seems like plenty of time to solve the problem of interstellar (or even intergalactic) travel... we should literally be swimming in ETs. It seems unreasonable that they are all imperceptible.

This has led me to consider another alternative: perhaps intelligence itself is quite new to our universe. We know, or at least strongly suspect, that the universe is evolving asymmetrically in time, and its history is punctuated by various threshold events (e.g., the decoupling of matter and radiation). Perhaps intelligence is a 'phase' of the universe, even literally in the thermodynamic sense, and the pot has only recently come to a boil.

This would clear up the messy ancient civilizations problem. If everyone came 'out of the gate' relatively recently, perhaps only a handful of civilizations have progressed to the level of interstellar travel.

Regards,

Mike

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Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 16:21:29 -0500
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Secrecy News -- 02/22/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 16:23:20 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/22/07

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The statutes that enable the government to gain legal access to telephone records, whether for law enforcement or intelligence purposes, are examined in a newly updated report from the Congressional Research Service.

The report also discusses prohibitions on access to, or disclosure of, such records, along with exceptions to the prohibitions.

See "Government Access to Phone Calling Activity and Related Records: Legal Authorities," updated January 25, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL33424.pdf>

Some other notable CRS products obtained by Secrecy News that are not readily available in the public domain include these:

"Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia: Security Issues and Implications for U.S. Interests," updated February 1, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL30679.pdf>

"Vienna Convention on Consular Relations: Overview of U.S. Implementation and International Court of Justice (ICJ) Interpretation of Consular Notification Requirements," May 17, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL32390.pdf>

"Pipeline Safety and Security: Federal Programs," updated January 25, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homesec/RL33347.pdf>

"Russian Political, Economic, and Security Issues and U.S. Interests," updated January 18, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33407.pdf>

"Terrorist Capabilities for Cyberattack: Overview and Policy Issues," updated January 22, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RL33123.pdf>

VARIOUS RESOURCES

A new study by the Coalition of Journalists for Open Government says that federal agencies have made little progress in improving their Freedom of Information Act programs, despite a year-old executive order directing them to become more requester friendly. See:

http://www.cjog.net/documents/CX_FOIA_report_Part_1.pdf

The JASON defense science advisory panel released a slightly revised unclassified summary of its classified study on nuclear weapon pit lifetimes which concluded that most nuclear weapons primaries have "credible minimum lifetimes in excess of 100 years as regards aging of plutonium." See "Pit Lifetime," January 11, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/jason/pit.pdf>

In a careful review of the Zapruder film of the assassination of President Kennedy, Max Holland and Johann Rush propose a new way of understanding what the film does and does not reveal. See "1963: 11 Seconds in Dallas":

<http://hnn.us/articles/35445.html>

PBS Frontline has been running an exceptionally interesting series called "Newswar" on current conflicts between government and the press, with an episode this week that focused on government secrecy. A website associated with the series includes transcribed interviews with dozens of national security and journalistic luminaries, and with me.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/newswar/interviews/>

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Don't forget the book is almost 7 years old.

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Re: Radiation Could Be A Mars Mission-Killer -

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 16:31:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 18:22:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Radiation Could Be A Mars Mission-Killer -

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 13:38:58 EST
>Subject: Radiation Could Be A Mars Mission-Killer

<snip>

>I've always pondered how we would fare in long duration missions
>in space given the amount of radiation a mission would
>encounter.

I would guess that actual numbers might be available from the
Rover missions?

Eleanor White

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Re: Older Adults May Be Unreliable Eyewitnesses -

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
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>Source: PhysOrg.Com - Douglas, Isle Of Man, British Isles

><http://www.physorg.com/news91291760.html>

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>of confidence in their recollections, even when wrong. The
>finding has implications regarding the reliability of older
>persons' eyewitness testimonies in courtrooms.

<snip>

MUFON uses a report evaluation procedure developed by Vicente-
Juan Ballester Olmos and Miguel Guasp. Part of the evaluation is
'Witness Reliability' and one of its sections deals with witness
age.

Each age group is given a weight and this weight is evaluated as
10% of the overall witness reliability rating.

0.0 - unknown
0.2 - under 10 years
0.4 - between 10 and 17 years
0.6 - between 18 and 34 years
0.8 - between 65 and 74 years
1.0 - between 35 and 64 years
0.2 - over 75 years

You might notice that those over 75 are given the same weight as
a child under 10.

With all this, however, witness age is only one of the factors
involved with the reliability of the witness. Occupation and
activity at time of the event are among the other factors.

For example, without going in to mathematical detail, a single
witness over age 75, retired military, on vacation (at time of
sighting) would be given a reliability rating of 55.1%. This is
still a respectable rating. If they were at a cultural event or
at work the rating would go even higher.

Of course much of this is subjective, but still, age should
never be the only factor when weighing a person's reliability as
a witness.

Terry Groff
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Re: O'Hare UFO Case & 'Boston Legal' - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 21:47:50 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 18:25:01 -0500
Subject: Re: O'Hare UFO Case & 'Boston Legal' - Pope

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 18:14:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 18:27:47 -0500
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years ago.

Note that Kevin Randle didn't post this. It's being advertised
by PaperBackSwap.Com At first glance you could get the idea that
this was a new publication.

Don

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From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 18:54:49 -0600
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UFO Videos Lost In YouTube Mix

From: Chris Parr <ChrsP875.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 21:13:42 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 07:45:58 -0500
Subject: UFO Videos Lost In YouTube Mix

YouTube have abandoned the 'Science and Technology' section and replaced it with 'How to do it & DIY'. The S&T facility was an ideal facility for videographers to forward UFO footage and this related footage could be accessed within minutes of its release.

This isn't just a UFO search problem. It is a statement to say that science and technology is a by product to modern culture. The fascinating UFO footage over Lake Erie gets 300 hits. An obese American kid who lip-synched to an equally trashy euro summer disco hit gets 8,000,000 hits and becomes an overnight celebrity.

Stop dumbing down America,

Chris Parr

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>Juan Ballester Olmos and Miguel Guasp. Part of the evaluation is
>'Witness Reliability' and one of its sections deals with witness
>age.

>Each age group is given a weight and this weight is evaluated as
>10% of the overall witness reliability rating.

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Fascinating stuff - in a previous post at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/feb/m09-007.shtml>

I found an article reporting that in some instances, older
people's visual perception was more accurate than younger
people's.

If this is so, then older people see things better, but just
can't remember doing so!

Cheers,

Joe

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Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 11:45:16 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 07:55:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

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>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 11:09:30 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

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Hi, Jerry,

We have the same problem in France.

I wonder: maybe that what some people want, and are working at:
to keep that reputation of ufology as a domain of crackpots?

Gildas

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Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 07:57:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
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'UFO Sighting' Creates Web Furore For Gazette

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 08:02:16 -0500
Subject: 'UFO Sighting' Creates Web Furore For Gazette

Source: Hold The Front Page - Derby, UK

<http://www.holdthefrontpage.co.uk/news/2007/online/070223isl.shtml>

23.2.2007

'UFO Sighting' Creates Web Furore For Gazette
By HoldtheFrontPage staff

The Islington Gazette has been thrust into the centre of an Internet furore after video footage of a possible UFO sighting was uploaded onto its website.

The site was bombarded with thousands of visits from around the world after moving images of strange lights over Archway in north London - witnessed by hundreds of people - were posted.

The video prompted a 400 per cent increase in traffic for the site, from 9,000 to more than 36,000 page views for the week.

Users logged on to the site to watch the 30-second video shot by a reader, and many responded to the Archant newspaper's invitation to e-mail the newsdesk with their views on the phenomenon.

Many more readers reported seeing up to 50 orange lights floating over the area, while web viewers from as far away as France, Germany, the United States, Canada and Australia e-mailed their verdict on the film.

Islington Gazette editor Tony Allcock said: "We were surprised and delighted that the story and video created so much comment from so far afield.

"There is clearly a lot of world interest in UFO sightings and the possibility of alien life out there.

"The success of the video reinforced the importance of the web, both to our business and as an interactive tool for our readers."

Many of the e-mails to the paper thought the film did indeed show some form of alien encounter, but others agreed with the theory that the lights were, in fact, large party balloons called "sky lanterns" which can be bought for just a few pounds and can fly up to 2,000 feet high.

To judge for yourself click here:

<http://www.isltingtongazette.co.uk/video/UFOfootage.aspx>

A poll on the Gazette's website shows most readers think there is alien life out there, with 73 per cent voting 'yes' when asked.

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 08:01:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 08:08:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Shell

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 09:28:15 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 10:24:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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I wonder if there are pills for treating those suffering from
the anti-ETH syndrome?

Stan Friedman

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 09:04:02 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 10:26:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Clark

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 08:01:01 -0500
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I guess that makes one of you.

Jerry Clark

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From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 15:49:10 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 10:29:12 -0500
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I'm sorry if I disappoint you, Gildas, but I believe that the theory of prior evolution of intelligent life on this planet is a simple and possibly best solution to the UFO puzzle. I have not said that it is an either/or proposition. Both this and the ETH could be parts of the answer.

I know what happens to evidence that doesn't fit. It gets shoved into some drawer in some dusty museum storage area and forgotten. Scientists wear blinders, and anything they find that doesn't fit their theory gets put where the sun doesn't shine. The evidence of what I shall call the TH may very well be sitting in museums, waiting for the right pair of eyes to look.

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That is, if this hypothetical pre-human civilisation had followed the same technological evolutionary path as we do - and, since this pre-human civilisation is hypothetical, we don't know. We could speculate that this civilisation had followed a different evolutionary technological path which in the course of a hypothetical timespan of thousands of years, would have yielded a radically different technology. Perhaps one that, given our current culture, would seem like magic to us.

However, since we do not know if there were worlds before our own, this discussion - as well as the ETH debate which is equally hypothetical - is more at home in those realms which in themselves have evolved into using different sets of tools for establishing facts: esoterism.

In the 19th and early 20th century theosophical texts one encounters an abundance of references to advanced, pre-human civilisations, whether Atlantis, Lemuria or Mu, with detailed descriptions of advanced technologies, flying machines, wireless energy sources, interplanetary travel and so forth.

In that sense any opinion on UFOs as hard, technological constructs is severely marred by two things: our inability to envision radically different technologies that fall outside our evolutionary path and scope - as witnessed by the discussion above - and our limitations in knowledge as to any facts about

extraterrestrial civilisations. To my knowledge we still have no evidence at all for the existence of such an extraterrestrial civilisation.

Regards,

Theo

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 11:41:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 12:05:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Shell

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Just imagine how our present technology would present to an
early Cro-Magnon man! I think it is highly unlikely that a
previous technologically advanced civilization would have
followed the same technological evolution as ours. Just think
how many of our major discoveries were happy accidents by
someone looking for something else entirely. Technologies
obviously are possible that we haven't even gotten a whiff of
yet.

Highly advanced technology demonstrated by UFOs and their
occupants look like magic to us because they use technology we
haven't discovered. That says nothing about where they were
discovered. We know there is life on this planet. No matter how
much we theorize, we do not know that there is life anywhere
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Absolutely. We have no evidence for ET civilization, so why
assume that it exists? Why jump to outer space when the answer
may be right here under our feet?

I think it is obvious that we will see the creators of the UFOs
when 'they' decide to show themselves to us. Until they decide
to let us in on the secret, we simply don't know who or what
they are.

Bob Shell

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 10:46:36 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 12:08:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Clark

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 10:46:17 -0500
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I think Bob has just validated my original observation, which was that open-mindedness has been redefined to denote a hole in the head through which brains fall out. In fact, real open-mindedness is not the lazy and indefensible principle that all ideas, however unlikely on their face, are worth considering. Open-mindedness is, in fact, a willingness to consider claims (including extraordinary ones) for which a reasonable case - whether that case is ultimately validated or discredited - can be put forward.

Instead, all Bob has done is to affirm how much the idea appeals to him - an esthetic, not a scientific or intellectual, position - and trashed critics who point out the obvious: that the 'theory' is devoid of meaningful evidence, is unreasonably speculative, has countless, overwhelming problems (it is as probable as Shaver's claim that deros live in caves), and is just one more fantastic guess among many advanced to 'explain' UFOs over the past five decades-plus. All that is accomplished, as always, is a waste of time and effort. The effect is to keep ufology in a state of chronic infantilism.

That Bob has to attack the critics - as opposed, say, to go to the trouble (admittedly considerable) to advance an actual case for the far-fetched (and, I might add, reductionist and ahistorical) proposition of cryptoterrestrials - says all we need to know.

I suppose I could add that, in even acknowledging his post, I am complicit in perpetuating the time-wasting that this thread generated in the first place.

Jerry Clark

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UK MoD Remote Viewing Study

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 17:26:34 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 16:42:04 -0500
Subject: UK MoD Remote Viewing Study

Earlier today the Ministry of Defence placed on its website a document relating to a study that the Department carried out into remote viewing:

<http://tinyurl.com/2xb53j>

The study was undertaken in 2001 - 2002 and the document was formerly classified Secret UK Eyes Only.

The document was obtained by author Timothy Good under the Freedom of Information Act, and with his consent I broke the story in the media today.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: UFO Videos Lost In YouTube Mix - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 12:39:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 16:43:55 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Videos Lost In YouTube Mix - Kaeser

>From: Chris Parr <ChrsP875.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 21:13:42 EST
>Subject: UFO Videos Lost In YouTube Mix

>YouTube have abandoned the 'Science and Technology' section and
>replaced it with 'How to do it & DIY'. The S&T facility was an
>ideal facility for videographers to forward UFO footage and this
>related footage could be accessed within minutes of its
>release.

>This isn't just a UFO search problem. It is a statement to say
>that science and technology is a by product to modern culture.
>The fascinating UFO footage over Lake Erie gets 300 hits. An
>obese American kid who lip-synched to an equally trashy euro
>summer disco hit gets 8,000,000 hits and becomes an overnight
>celebrity.

>Stop dumbing down America,

>Chris Parr

Chris,

The Internet is dumbing itself down to a lowest common denominator of intelligence, just as television was at one point aimed at an 8-year-old educational level. YouTube is providing a service and what you're describing have been called "Viral Videos" that travel by word of mouth to popularity beyond all reason. The problem is that Internet surfers are mostly looking for dumb stuff and not science. So are you blaming YouTube for this?

Steve

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>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
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>>hypothetical timespan of thousands of years, would have yielded
>>a radically different technology. Perhaps one that, given our
>>current culture, would seem like magic to us.

>Just imagine how our present technology would present to an
>early Cro-Magnon man! I think it is highly unlikely that a
>previous technologically advanced civilization would have
>followed the same technological evolution as ours. Just think
>how many of our major discoveries were happy accidents by
>someone looking for something else entirely. Technologies
>obviously are possible that we haven't even gotten a whiff of
>yet.

>Highly advanced technology demonstrated by UFOs and their
>occupants look like magic to us because they use technology we
>haven't discovered. That says nothing about where they were
>discovered. We know there is life on this planet. No matter how
>much we theorize, we do not know that there is life anywhere
>else in the universe. So it is really a stretch to say that the
>technology of UFOs has to be ET.

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>>constructs is severely marred by two things: our inability to
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>>above - and our limitations in knowledge as to any facts about
>>extraterrestrial civilisations. To my knowledge we still have no
>>evidence at all for the existence of such an extraterrestrial
>>civilisation.

>Absolutely. We have no evidence for ET civilization, so why
>assume that it exists? Why jump to outer space when the answer
>may be right here under our feet?

>I think it is obvious that we will see the creators of the UFOs
>when 'they' decide to show themselves to us. Until they decide
>to let us in on the secret, we simply don't know who or what
>they are.

Bob,

They have been showing themselves to us. About 16% of Ted Phillips thousands of trace cases involve reports of small beings. There are thousands of abduction cases... ditto.

NARCAP has collected thousands of reports from pilots. It seems to me you are mixing two entirely different questions.

I have no problem at all with there having been many advanced civilizations on Earth over the past Billion years that have come to a sad end.

I can't see any indication that in parallel with our growth and development over the past 10 thousand years, other unknown to us, very advanced civilizations have developed in secret with incredible technology completely divorced from our known world.

A few unknown non-high tech tribes in the jungles, sure. They don't build large flying machines that can go up up and away.

Stan Friedman

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>>What would be the point of a huge mother ship operating
>>underground?

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>evolutionary technological path which in the course of a
>hypothetical timespan of thousands of years, would have yielded
>a radically different technology. Perhaps one that, given our
>current culture, would seem like magic to us.

>However, since we do not know if there were worlds before our
>own, this discussion - as well as the ETH debate which is
>equally hypothetical - is more at home in those realms which in
>themselves have evolved into using different sets of tools for
>establishing facts: esoterism.

>In the 19th and early 20th century theosophical texts one
>encounters an abundance of references to advanced, pre-human
>civilisations, whether Atlantis, Lemuria or Mu, with detailed
>descriptions of advanced technologies, flying machines, wireless
>energy sources, interplanetary travel and so forth.

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>civilisation.

Theo et al,

I responded to one of these posts yesterday and asked
questions about evidence of past civilizations and how these
co-existing intelligences have managed to stay hands-off, if you
will, for millennium.

All I have seen posted are vague beliefs that it is a real
possibility. Let's see some explanation as to how these
co-existing entities manage to do what they do. To me the whole
co-existing Earth based intelligence scenario is a fantasy
rather than theory. It also smacks of ego-centric leanings.

I'm as much aware as anyone else of the cave drawings and the artifacts and the legends and the beliefs of past ages... the forbidden archeology, but this does not a civilization make. If anything it suggests mimicry of devices and technology observed by our ancestors of visitors from the sky not some shy, incredibly generous and unselfish, co-existing distant cousins from the next county who from their very beginnings decided that they were going to hide from their homo sapien brethren. This would indicate a benevolence beginning at the first emergence of "their" reason across a world wide of possibly country-wide expanse of that species that would belie their Darwinian climb up through the food chain.

Much would have to be explained before I could sink my teeth into such a theory, principally the odds factor. The existence of ETI has numbers in the billions if not that squared or cubed in a universe nearly 15 billion years old. The history of this planet suggests the possibility of just one chance of a technological intelligence existing, and we are it. And this is the reason why I place my money on the ETI.

Don Ledger

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I am a bit surprised that I am getting involved in this debate.
The questions of ancient civilizations, 'sacred' objects, hollow
Earth, etc., generally don't capture my interest, given the
apparent paucity of data supporting such theories.

However, some new and compelling, information has come to the
world's attention, which I believe deserves mention in a
discussion of old civilizations on Earth.

In brief, some very large, underground, pyramids have been discovered in Visoko, Bosnia, which seem to defy our scientific understanding.

Recent exploration apparently has shown that they contain tunnels that run for many kilometers, they are completely buried (!), and preliminary investigation suggests that they may be on the order of 15,000 years old, according to one television report. Local residents have assumed that the strangely shaped structures were mountains... until a local fellow began digging with a shovel.

Given the size of the structures, I, for one, have no idea how they could have been built by humans several tens of thousands of years ago. This discovery certainly invites the question of whether 'intervention' of some type might have taken place.

To see the reports, do an Web search for "Visoko, Bosnia," "European pyramids," or "Pyramid of the Sun."

I invite response, after you have read the reports. I consider the discovery to be of stunning significance.

Peter Davenport
NUFORC

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>Jerry Clark

Jerry, I think I've developed a simple theory that elegantly
accounts for an Earth-based advanced technology that is
responsible for what we call Flying Saucers.

In a nutshell: somewhere near the dawning of the Paleozoic

period, an advanced alien vanguard arrived to 'seed' our planet; in the fullness of time, they returned and, through genetic engineering and general education, brought their creation to fruition - an intelligent species much like themselves, but more down to Earth, so to speak; with the advanced technologies left by their overlord-cousins, including anti-grav craft, these prodigious Earthlings soon developed inter-dimensional and time travel; eventually, they traveled backward in time, colonized planets in distant solar systems, and returned to seed the Earth (if this sounds like Nietzschean Eternal Recurrence, please bear with me); at which point, they grew bored with the rather dull Earth life at that time, and retired mostly a parallel dimension, where they still reside to this day; now, however, they find Earth life rather more interesting, even worthy of study, and thus venture out periodically to "check us out." Unfortunately, they still don't find us quite up to snuff, so they haven't bothered to establish formal relations.

Anyhow, in a rather condensed nutshell, there you have it. I can only hope, Jerry, that you and the rest of you cryptic-terrestrial critics, well keep a sufficiently open mind to appreciate the elegance of this theory. Regrettably, I've spent so much time developing it that I haven't quite got around to gathering supportive evidence, though this theory is so self-evidently plausible that such gathering probably won't even be necessary.

Best,

Jeff

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Re: UK MoD Remote Viewing Study

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>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 17:26:34 -0000
>Subject: MoD Remote Viewing Study

>Earlier today the Ministry of Defence placed on its website a
>document relating to a study that the Department carried out
>into remote viewing:

><http://tinyurl.com/2xb53j>

>The study was undertaken in 2001 - 2002 and the document was
>formerly classified Secret UK Eyes Only.

>The document was obtained by author Timothy Good under the
>Freedom of Information Act, and with his consent I broke the
>story in the media today.

Hi Nick,

Clarke wasn't letting the grass grow under his feet either. He posted this at Project-47 [don't recall seeing you on that List] but he didn't mention you or Tim Good. He also sent another later re the MOD pdf.

Don

From: david clarke <david.nul>
To: PROJECT-1947
Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 11:02:30 -0000
Subject: UK Condign report update

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6388575.stm>

It's amazing what FOI's turn up, isn't it?

I can reveal that this study was also done by the Defence Intelligence Staff, i.e. the same bunch of spooks who commissioned the Condign report.

Keep watching for more revelations....

In the meantime, an MoD source tells me:

"The remote viewing study was conducted to assess claims made in some academic circles and to validate research carried out by other nations on psychic ability. The study concluded that remote viewing theories had little value to the MoD and was taken no further.

"The cost of this study was modest compared with others of this size and complexity. It aimed to investigate theories on capabilities to gather information remotely about what people may be seeing and to determine the potential value, if any, of such theories to Defence. The study concluded that remote

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Peter,

Thanks for a reasoned and thoughtful post, one of the few in
this thread.

I've been following this story for some time. Yes, it is very
interesting, but I expect that the builders were 100% human. We
have this idea that human civilization isn't all that old, and
appeared in the last 7,000 years or so. Evidence that it is much
older tends to be swept under the scientific rug.

When I think of pre-human technological civilization, I am
thinking in terms of millions of years. Sixty million years or
so, in fact. I'm thinking of something evolved from dinosaur
stock, dinosauroids if you will.

Where are their cities? Their artifacts? I doubt that much would
survive that long, and we may be unable to look in the right
places. Suppose they evolved from the large-brained, large-eyed
very late dinosaurs of the Antarctic? Their cities, if anything
survived, could be under thousands of feet of ice. Or maybe they
were in places that have completely eroded down to much older
rocks.

Maybe things have been found and languish even now in museum
drawers, unrecognized for what they are. One of the first
lessons you learn as an archeologist is the famous maxim:
"Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence." Maybe I
understand this better because I was on staff at the Smithsonian
and know how their scientists work.

Anyway, I am really sick of the knee-jerk reaction some on this
List have shown to this idea. An open mind is not synonymous
with having holes in your head. It just means you haven't
allowed your brain to fossilize.

Bob

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Stan,

I have not put forth that proposition. My theory is that another highly advanced technological civilization of non-humans evolved on Earth millions of years before humans. Similarities would not be because they developed in parallel with us, but would result from convergent evolution at different times in the planet's history.

They did not develop in secret, since no one was around to secret themselves from.

Planets are probably a "larval" stage that really advanced civilizations forsake due to their instability. Just because they evolved here does not mean they are still living here as a group. Maybe they have outposts somewhere on Earth, maybe not. Maybe they live on mother ships now and just hang around this unstable old rock out of nostalgia. Who knows? I certainly don't.

All I have been trying to do is put forth the proposal that the ETH is not the only possible answer, and perhaps not the most probable one.

Some want to discuss and think about this theory. Others are doing their best to ape Joe Nickell as unreasoning and unthinking skeptics. If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, you know.....

I had expected more from this List.

Bob Shell

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<http://tinyurl.com/38tq8u>

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Odd Lights Traverse Sky

NARRAGANSETT--Seen any lights lately?

Strange lights over the ocean?

Dave Carbone of Sand Hill Cove has, and he's wondering if anyone can shed some light on the phenomenon.

Carbone told the Times Monday that on the night of Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day - "the power went out on my street, and my son said he saw strange lights over the ocean. They were red and moving around in the sky in all different directions. They weren't moving like planes," he added.

Carbone has lived full-time for 13 years on Sand Hill Cove Road, and part-time prior to that. But he's never seen anything like this.

"I didn't believe in this stuff. It's the first time I've ever seen anything like it. I'm 47 years old; I don't go around making up stories," said the former Cranston resident.

Furthermore, the power went out, and Carbone noticed that his dog Dookie, a lab-corgi mix, started acting strangely.

"The dog has its own room in the sun room. All of a sudden she started cowering, moaning and groaning, and she wouldn't leave us alone."

When Carbone's 16-year-old son looked outside during the commotion, he saw the strange red lights in the sky.

"There were three red glowing lights. One of them was moving straight, one of them was moving backwards and the other sideways."

Carbone and his son watched the lights for about 15 minutes. They were initially out over the ocean, and then Carbone said they flew over Sand Hill Cove Road towards the area of Oak Avenue. Eventually the lights dissipated; however, that was not the end of the spectacle.

"After the red lights went away, I saw what looked like two stars fly together and connect, then they separated and flew away."

Once the lights had left the area, Carbone's dog finally calmed down again.

Hoping that he wasn't the only person who witnessed the event, Car-bone went next door to his col-lege student neighbors' house the next day to ask them if they had seen anything.

"The kids in the house said they didn't see it because they weren't looking outside that night. But one of their room-mates who works at Leo's pizza said that he saw lights as well."

Hoping to find out about the strange power outage, Carbone said he called the electric com-pany to ask what happened.

"They confirmed that the power had gone out on the street and in a few other areas on that night, but I didn't inquire about what exactly happened."

Whatever those lights were, Carbone said that his son is scared to death of the area now and is staying at his mother's house.

Despite the fact that many people would want to broadcast the fact that they had seen such strange things in the sky, Car-bone said that his reason for calling the paper wasn't to get a story.

"I just called up to try and find out if anyone else had reported seeing anything."

Anyone who did see anything is invited to call Rita Crook at 789-1081, ext. 10.

[Thanks to Chaz Stuart for the lead]

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>as always, is a waste of time and effort. The effect is to keep
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From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2007 12:34:43 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2007 07:46:17 -0500
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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 17:58:12 -0400
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>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 17:26:34 -0000
>>Subject: MoD Remote Viewing Study

>>Earlier today the Ministry of Defence placed on its website a
>>document relating to a study that the Department carried out
>>into remote viewing:

>><http://tinyurl.com/2xb53j>

>>The study was undertaken in 2001 - 2002 and the document was
>>formerly classified Secret UK Eyes Only.

>>The document was obtained by author Timothy Good under the
>>Freedom of Information Act, and with his consent I broke the
>>story in the media today.

>Clarke wasn't letting the grass grow under his feet either. He
>posted this at Project-47 [don't recall seeing you on that List]
>but he didn't mention you or Tim Good. He also sent another
>later re the MOD pdf.

That doesn't surprise me.

I'm not on many Lists, so have little idea of what ufologists
are saying about these revelations, and don't have visibility of
whether anyone else is trying to write themselves into the
story.

There's considerable media interest in this in the UK. I spent
much of yesterday doing radio interviews, and discussed the
story on BBC 2's Newsnight last night. This is generally
regarded as the UK's most prestigious TV news program.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2007 08:27:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2007 10:04:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Shell

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2007 12:19:34 +0100
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and think 'outside the box' a bit?

From my perspective, what has done the harm is the insistence
that the ETH is the only possible answer, and trying to lock the
explanation of UFOs into a 'nuts and bolts' box.

I think there is room for more than one theory to explain the
observed phenomena.

The solution to the UFO riddle is likely to come from more than
one direction, in my opinion.

Bob

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From: Wendy Christensen <christensen.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2007 08:52:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2007 10:09:09 -0500
Subject: ET Saves The Planet

Thanks, Steve... just what Ufology needs

From 24 February 2007 New Scientist Print Edition

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THE solution to global warming has turned up in Feedback's spam filter. Stephen Bassett, director of the Paradigm Research Group, has written an open letter to climate activist Al Gore, copying the letter all over the place - which is why our computer intercepted it as spam.

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Ah, yes. Of course.

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Smith

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2007 11:32:41 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2007 13:27:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Smith

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 18:14:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 12:59:11 -0500 (EST)
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>I can't see any indication that in parallel with our growth and
>>development over the past 10 thousand years, other unknown to
>>us, very advanced civilizations have developed in secret with
>>incredible technology completely divorced from our known world.

>I have not put forth that proposition. My theory is that another
>highly advanced technological civilization of non-humans evolved
>on Earth millions of years before humans. Similarities would not
>be because they developed in parallel with us, but would result
>from convergent evolution at different times in the planet's
>history.

>They did not develop in secret, since no one was around to
>secret themselves from.

>Planets are probably a "larval" stage that really advanced
>civilizations forsake due to their instability. Just because
>they evolved here does not mean they are still living here as a
>group. Maybe they have outposts somewhere on Earth, maybe not.
>Maybe they live on mother ships now and just hang around this
>unstable old rock out of nostalgia. Who knows? I certainly
>don't.

>All I have been trying to do is put forth the proposal that the
>ETH is not the only possible answer, and perhaps not the most
>probable one.

The proposal of "highly advanced technological civilization
of non-humans evolved on Earth millions of years before
humans" has some appeal to me (although I don't think we
need to force the "non-human" aspect, why can't it be
humans?)

But human or not, I would expect that their technology would
have developed more or less like ours. To go from stone knives
to nanotechnology cannot be done in one step, a certain pathway
of technology/inventions/societal evolution is required. This
almost forces a large society/large cities/impact on
terrain/chemical deposits. Given enough time nuclear
development, damage of coresident species, venturing out into
space, inhabiting nearby space seems inevitable for any
civilization that has had the initiative to wallow up from the
swamps.

If these civilizations developed space travel, they must have
had a phase (part of the logical progression of technological
progress) of Earth-orbiting satellite building/Moon colonizing.
For geostationary orbits, such satellites/constellations should
still be orbiting, even given a vast period of time, but we

don't see evidence of such a constellation. Also, despite the vague evidence of Hoagland/company, the ancient Moon does not reveal vast cities, even though there should not have been time enough to wipe them off its surface.

Did they purposely wipe any trace of existence of themselves from the Moon, Earth orbit and Earth surface?

They certainly don't seem to make themselves invisible (UFOs) to cameras, video, witnesses, radar, ground traces, etc. Sure there are many anomalies on/in the Earth, but nothing obviously hypertechnology (giant carbon/diamond fiber buildings made with obvious nanotechnology). Was everything that was advanced "disassembled" after they were done with it?

In the end, it doesn't seem to matter too much where they are from. A crypto can mimic an ET and visa versa and there is no way to determine absolutely one from the other. All that really matters is that these guys (assuming they exist) seem to have some pretty sweet tech we would surely like to get our hands on and we need to figure a way to track them down and at minimum deduce how they work via sensor data.

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Cory

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Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2007 14:43:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2007 14:43:39 -0500
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Source: The Arizona Republic - Phoenix, Arizona, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2wgzkg>

Feb. 25, 2007

Intrigue Persists Over Lights In Sky
For first time, military pilot tells of dropping flares; others say 'Phoenix Lights' were UFOs

Scott Craven
The Arizona Republic

On a mild springlike evening the string of amber orbs appeared as if by magic, a celestial sleight of hand that would in the coming weeks make headlines and video highlights across the nation.

Although little more than an atmospheric curiosity at the time, the hovering and evenly spaced balls of light would soon become known as the Phoenix Lights, an event that 10 years later continues to spark debate over just what was seen that night.

Those who accepted the explanation that it was military flares dismissed the controversy with logical precision, while people who saw it as an otherworldly encounter claim the truth has been shrouded in lies and disinformation.

In the ensuing decade, the Phoenix Lights would change outlooks, minds and even a few lives. What hasn't changed is this: The mystery that still hovers above March 13, 1997.

The key witness

What she was seeing had barely registered when Lynne Kitei raced inside to fetch her video camera. Lights, six of them, evenly spaced in a direct line. They were - floating? - over Phoenix. Certainly not a plane. Or balloons.

She had seen something like this before, but could these be like the amber orbs she saw in 1995 hovering in formation just 100 yards from the backyard of her Paradise Valley home? And she had seen orbs like that just two months ago. In each case she had snapped photos. This time she wanted video.

By the time she was back on her patio, only three lights continued to shine. She pressed "Record," and those several seconds of tape would become one of the seminal recordings of the Phoenix Lights to be shown on the news, TV specials and, several years later, her own documentary.

In the decade since that night Kitei, a respected physician, has resigned from her position at the Arizona Heart Institute to devote herself full time to talk about, and further investigate, the Phoenix Lights.

"If you had told me this is what I'd be doing," she says, "I would never have believed it, not in a million years."

For seven years she spent nearly all her spare time trying to answer the question that plagued her: What were those orbs, and what did they want? She finished with 750 pages of notes detailing her interviews with witnesses, experts and UFO investigators. Her notes included extensive research of similar sightings around the world.

Kitei remained anonymous for seven years, fearful of the ridicule that accompanies those seen to be tilting at extraterrestrial windmills.

But her chase for the truth eventually overcame her fears of going public. She condensed her notes into a 222-page book, *The Phoenix Lights*, where she revealed her findings as well as her name.

What she has not found is a definitive answer, only educated speculation as to the meaning of the lights.

"It's never been about me; it's about the data," Kitei says. "To present it I had to come forward, to tell people what I know."

Kitei also has discovered something nearly as surprising as interplanetary visitors - a wider acceptance of things that can't quite be explained. She said she still receives e-mails from fans of her book and her documentary, *The Phoenix Lights . . . We Are Not Alone*.

She takes no offense at those who call her efforts a waste of time.

"Some people deny it even exists, that it all feeds into a logical explanation," she says. "That's OK if it gives them comfort. Everyone in their own time."

The lights appear

It is generally agreed that at about 10 p.m. on March 13, 1997, under a clear sky with no breeze, a string of lights appeared to the southwest. The orbs seemed to form a flattened V shape, like a boomerang. They appeared to be motionless, or traveling so slowly that movement was imperceptible.

They shimmered for five to 10 minutes and were seen by hundreds, and likely thousands, of people.

In the days to come, air traffic controllers at Sky Harbor International Airport would tell reporters and UFO investigators that they spotted nothing on radar. Officials at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson would report that no military maneuvers were taking place that night at the Barry M. Goldwater Range to the west of Gila Bend (and would change their story two months later, saying the person on duty that night failed to look at the proper logbook).

Photos and video of the Phoenix Lights were popping up on local and national TV news. The images made their way around the world.

Then things got crazy.

Stories trickled in of isolated sightings from northwestern Arizona about three hours before the mass sighting in Phoenix. Some people said the lights seemed to float before accelerating and disappearing into the night. From those sightings, experts in the UFO community assembled a timeline that had a mysterious craft drifting north to south across Arizona.

Video of the Phoenix Lights appeared on TV tabloid shows with breathless commentators wondering if this was the proof UFO believers had been waiting for. And when Gov. Fife Symington called a press conference, few expected to see the extraterrestrial who emerged from backstage (a Symington aide in alien drag).

At least one person wasn't laughing.

Frances Emma Barwood never saw the lights as she drove home

March 13 north along Highway 51. Her eyes were on the road, not the sky, though in a week's time she'd be eye-deep in controversy.

As the Phoenix city councilwoman fielded calls from curious constituents, she decided she needed to know more.

She called for an investigation.

What she got, Barwood says from her home in Dewey, was ridicule.

"Oh, the media had a heyday with me," says Barwood, who would never hold another political office when her City Council stint was up. Barwood did not assume the lights were UFOs as the media inferred, she says. She only wanted a government agency to look into the odd occurrences of March 13. She received calls from eyewitnesses in Prescott Valley, Phoenix and points south.

A decade ago, Barwood would have leaned toward a logical explanation. Today, she's open to the not-so-logical.

"I don't know what it was, but I'm a lot more open to that thing coming from elsewhere," Barwood says. "What makes us think we're the only intelligent being in the whole entire universe?" The flares exposed

Those who believed in logical explanations would have to wait four months for the proof they knew was out there when the military, spurred by a June 1997 story in USA Today that brought national attention to the Phoenix Lights, decided to take a second look.

They were flares, said the Air National Guard, dropped during nighttime exercises at the Barry M. Goldwater Range.

That simple explanation didn't fly with those who had four months of mystery on their side.

They were flares, insists Lt. Col. Ed Jones, who piloted one of the four A-10s in the squadron that launched the flares.

Jones, in his first interview with the media about the night 10 years ago, can't believe a decision to eject a few leftover flares turned into a UFO furor that continues to this day.

Jones now is assistant director of operations for the 104th Fighter Squadron of the Maryland National Guard. His title has changed, but his story remains the same.

He and the rest of his colleagues were cruising the night skies of southwestern Arizona on the last night of Operation Snowbird, so named because they were winter visitors. Pilots dropped flares to light the night but had no idea they were about to ignite controversy as well.

On the way back to Tucson, not far from Gila Bend, Jones says, he reminded pilots to eject their leftover flares. Since this was their last night on maneuvers, it was more cost-effective to eject the flares than to offload and store the munitions upon returning.

"One of our guys had about 10 or so left, so he started to puke them out, one after another," Jones says. "So every few seconds or so, when the next flare was ready to go, he hit the button and launched it."

Jones looked behind him and saw an evenly spaced string of lights over the desert, floating ever so slowly to earth. Each was extremely bright, a "couple million" candle power, Jones knew. They seemed to hover because heat from the flare rose into the parachute, as if each were a tiny hot-air balloon. The planes headed for the base.

Jones and the rest of the crew returned to Maryland. Several weeks later, Jones says, "All this stuff just blew up."

News of the unexplainable Phoenix Lights reached Maryland, where the logical explanation sat waiting to be discovered. It would not be until the end of July when it was announced that the Maryland Air National Guard had launched flares that night and were the lights everyone had seen.

"With flares that bright, they can be a lot closer than they seem," Jones said. "Yes, they could have looked like they were right over Phoenix." There are those who believe the flare story is a lie, the military's attempt to cover up the truth. Others think flares were indeed dropped but only as a diversion so officials could explain what people saw that night.

Jim Dilletoso belongs in the first camp. The Phoenix computer specialist who has analyzed film and video of dozens of alleged UFO sightings says Lynne Kitei's video, the best taken that night, is not of military flares.

Dilletoso compared the lights to the thousands of images on his database, which he likens to testing fingerprints or blood samples. He tests for size, brightness, movement characteristics and more.

"I have thousands of knowns," Dilletoso says. "I didn't get a match to flares, airplane lights, Venus, swamp gas, flashlights, whatever. That means it's unknown. Not a spacecraft necessarily, but unknown."

The questions remain

A decade has passed, and while the Phoenix Lights have dimmed, they refuse to disappear.

Steve Kates is not surprised. Dr. Sky, as he is known on radio and on his Web site, follows aviation and astronomy and often is called upon to explain unusual occurrences above us. Kates is hardly surprised the mystery of the Phoenix Lights endures today.

"Mystery is a great thing," Kates says. "We don't want to think we're alone. I imagine even ancient people looked to the sky and wondered." The night had a profound effect on Bobby Brewer, who was with a friend driving southbound on Highway 51 when the lights appeared.

Brewer would write UFOs: 7 Things You Should Know, which many may consider unusual coming from a pastor.

The experience led Brewer to respect those who have reported sightings, encounters or even abductions.

The lights were so compelling that night, he pulled off the highway to stare.

"It was like seeing the Grand Canyon for the first time," says the pastor for young adults and singles at Citichurch in Scottsdale. "It took my breath away." Brewer did his own research, yet to this day he is still unsure of what he saw. Flares certainly seem plausible. A high-tech craft pushing the edge of physics is in the realm of possibility. And he won't discount a visit from another world.

For Brewer, the Phoenix Lights remain a tantalizing mystery. He can live with that.

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UK MoD Remote Viewing Study News Feature

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2007 14:07:48 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2007 14:45:40 -0500
Subject: UK MoD Remote Viewing Study News Feature

BBC2's prestigious news program Newsnight ran a feature on the MoD's secret remote viewing study on Friday night. The show can be viewed through their website:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/newsnight/6391113.stm>

I've also placed a brief article on this in the Latest News section of my website:

http://www.nickpope.net/latest_news.htm

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

From: Ron Jorgenson <rjorgens.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2007 14:47:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 18:14:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 12:59:11 -0500 (EST)
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

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>All I have been trying to do is put forth the proposal that the
>ETH is not the only possible answer, and perhaps not the most
>probable one.

>Some want to discuss and think about this theory. Others are
>doing their best to ape Joe Nickell as unreasoning and
>unthinking skeptics. If it walks like a duck, quacks like a
>duck, you know.....

>I had expected more from this List.

Bob,

When I joined this List years ago, I sent an introductory e-mail. In it I speculated a little, trying to put across my puzzlement with the whole phenomena. So I mentioned other dimensions, time travel, etc. I was soundly trounced and basically told to go away and quit wasting our time (not the exact words) - by the same people that are doing it again here.

So I've lurked since then, because there is a lot of good work and dialog here, and the I can follow along on the front edge of this interesting... whatever it is.

Ron

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VSN Host Crash

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Subject: VSN Host Crash

The Virtually Strtange Network's host crashed early yesterday morning - Sunday.

The results will take a while to clean-up from my end.

E-mail was undoubtedly lost, since once things were up and running again even the spam was almost non-existent.

If you submitted posts for the List and they don't show up in the next hour or so, please re-send.

Thank you,

Errol Bruce-Knapp
Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

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Natural Phenomenon?

From: **Brian Callaghan** <bjcallaghan.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2007 09:05:09 -0500
Subject: Natural Phenomenon?

Does anyone have an explanation for stars that appear to flash or rotate green and red colours?

I have observed this on a few occasions where a bright star appears to be rotating green and red colours from the poles. I have seen this, usually on cold clear crisp winter nights, over extended periods of time. Is this a known natural/celestial/atmospheric phenomenon, Maybe related to the cold nights? Even when observed through binoculars, the phenomenon persists and is quite clear, even to the naked eye.

Without going into detail about these observations, an explanation of aircraft is virtually ruled out, either it is natural or it is something other than fixed wing aircraft.

I find it hard to believe that 'they' would be using the same navigational lights for port and starboard as we earthlings do.

Thanks,

BJC

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UFO Or 'Hole-Punch Cloud'?

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<http://www.sacbee.com/110/story/128106.html>

February 25, 2007

For Many At O'hare It Was A UFO, For The FAA A 'Hole-Punch Cloud'

By Leslie Kean
Special to The Bee

During one late afternoon at Chicago's bustling O'Hare Airport, pilots, managers and mechanics at the United Airlines terminal saw an odd, disc-shaped object hovering silently overhead, just below the dense cloud layer.

A pilot announced the sighting over the radio; a United taxi mechanic moving a Boeing 777 heard radio chatter about the craft and saw it; so did a pilot waiting to take off who opened the cockpit windscreen to get a better view. Minutes later, the wingless vehicle shot straight up at an incredible speed and disappeared, leaving a crisp hole through the clouds with blue sky visible at the top.

It was definitely not an airplane, witnesses said of the Nov. 7 incident, many of them shaken by what they saw.

"I immediately called our operations center to confirm the sighting, and the FAA was contacted while I drove to the other concourse to talk to the witnesses," a United management employee wrote to the National UFO Reporting Center.

On Jan. 1, the Chicago Tribune published the story, by transportation reporter Jon Hilkevitch, which received more than a million hits on the Tribune's Web site, more than any story in the site's history. "The witness credibility is beyond question, and safety was a big concern," says Hilkevitch, who has interviewed dozens of witnesses.

The O'Hare UFO incident even had its day on national television networks. CNN interviewed a nervous United employee, filmed in shadow so he wouldn't be recognized. So far, all witnesses have remained anonymous.

When Hilkevitch began his investigation, the FAA and United Airlines denied knowing anything about the incident, but taped calls and other evidence revealed their communications about the sighting at the time it occurred.

At first, the FAA attributed the incident to some kind of weather phenomenon, and United Airlines advised its employees not to talk about it, according to the Tribune.

"If this had been a plane, it would have been investigated," Hilkevitch says. "The FAA treats the smallest safety issue as very important."

NASA aviation expert Brian E. Smith, a former manager within NASA's Aviation Safety and Security Program, says, "The safety implications of any vehicle operating at low altitude over a major airport outside the authority of air traffic control are obvious. Managers should want to hear about such vehicle operations before they become accidents or disasters."

FAA spokesperson Tony Molinaro says the "absence of any kind of factual evidence" precludes an investigation. "There was nothing on radar."

To explain the witnesses' reports, he offered his best "guess." They may have seen a "hole-punch cloud," he said, which is in "a perfect circular shape like a round disc" and has "vapor going up into it."

These unusual natural cloud holes form only at below freezing temperatures, according to climatologists. It was 48 degrees at O'Hare that afternoon.

John Callahan, Division Chief of Accidents and Investigations for the FAA during the 1980s, says it's not at all surprising that the O'Hare UFO was undetected on radar.

Radar technology cannot always capture objects at extremely high speeds. A hovering object wouldn't necessarily show up either. "If it did, it would be a small dot, and air traffic controllers would not give it much concern," Callahan says.

The government response to the O'Hare incident is predictable, says Callahan, who conducted an investigation into a 1986 UFO sighting over Alaska. "The FAA will offer a host of other explanations, as if wearing a blindfold. It's always something else so it can't be what it is."

Official policy spells out FAA disinterest in reports of anomalies. The agency's Aeronautical Information Manual, providing the fundamentals required for flying in U.S. airspace, states that "persons wanting to report UFO/Unexplained Phenomena activity" should contact an organization such as NUFORC.

If "concern is expressed that life or property might be endangered," it says, "report the activity to the local law enforcement department."

Sometimes, pilots and crew report these incidents anyway. Richard Haines, a former NASA scientist who is head of the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena, has collected thousands of reports by aviators and aviation professionals of unidentified aerial phenomena inconsistent with known aircraft or nature. More than 100 of these involve safety hazards caused by an aircraft's proximity to unfamiliar flying objects or inexplicable brilliant lights.

Given the number of airline personnel reporting this unknown object hovering over a major airport, how could our government not be interested? What about national security? Or passenger safety? Or just plain scientific curiosity about an unexplained phenomenon?

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Re: Natural Phenomenon? - Shough

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>Subject: Natural Phenomenon?

>Does anyone have an explanation for stars that appear to flash
>or rotate green and red colours?

This is "scintillation" - otherwise known as "twinkling". White light being refracted into its spectral colours, as in a prism, is called dispersion. The refractive index of the air varies with the temperature, and because the path of the light through the atmosphere to your eye is very long (and the nearer the star to the horizon, the longer the path) lots of temperature fluctuations are encountered along the way. So, by the time the light reaches your eye it has minutely changed direction many times and this history of dispersion causes the changing colours you see. The effect can be very noticeable with stars because the angular size of the "point source" - effectively zero - is small compared to the image wander caused by these random refractions. Planets show images that are not so small in comparison to the refractions, which is why they tend not to twinkle.

Martin Shough

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The Vidal Teleportation

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Argentina=92s Vidal Teleportation =96 The Truth Can Now Be Told

by Guillermo D. Gimenez, Director, Planeta UFO (Necochea, Argentina)

Editor=92s Note: The Vidal Case was deliberately excluded from the INEXPLICATA monograph on the subject of UFOs in the 1960s in South America and Spain due to its complexity. This article by our good friend and contributing editor, Guillermo Gimenez, will give readers the most complete approach to one of South America=92s most fascinating and controversial cases.

The story concerning the teleportation of a car from Chascomus, Province of Buenos Aires, to Mexico in 1968, became world famous and it remains today an undisputed classic of Argentinean ufology. Furthermore, it was a the catalyst for the tremendous Argentinean UFO wave of 1968, when all newspapers took to publishing UFO accounts, including older cases that had never appeared in the press.

Chascomus is halfway between Buenos Aires and Necochea, the beach front city that is the home of Guillermo Gimenez, the author of the following article. There can be no doubt that explaining this case was always among his goals, but the alleged witnesses were always impossible to locate and the rumor mill would kick up people who claimed having known them or were otherwise relatives of the Vidal family. When researchers endeavored to delve into the subject, they would find that these were all false leads. The tip of the iceberg was found by Alejandro Chionetti in the 1980s and it subsequently it was his namesake, Alejandro Agostinelli, who managed to solve a plot that involves the presence of well-known figures from the [Argentinean] entertainment industry, such as Pipo Mancera, Anibal Uset, el Muneco Mateyko and Tito Jacobson, an entertainment journalist.

Date: May 1968

Place: Chascomus, Prov. of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Summary: A dense fog enveloped a Peugeot 403 belonging to the Vidal couple. The next thing they remembered was finding themselves on a rural road in Mexico, some 6,400 kilometers away, 48 hours later and still aboard their car.

A Report by Guillermo Daniel Gimenez.

There have been countless incidents within the Argentinean UFO case histories that have called attention at the domestic and international level alike due to the characteristics of the events. One of them is without a doubt the Vidal Case, which occurred in May 1968 when a family surnamed Vidal drove along

Buenos Aires Route No.2 from the town of Chascomus to Maipu, blacking out upon driving into a fog bank and awakening 58 hours later in the vicinity of Mexico City, in North America.

This incident received global attention and weeks later a "cloak of silence" fell over the events. Neither journalists nor researchers could secure access to the main protagonists, and those upon whom the mantle of silence fell were no longer inclined to speak. Conjectures and suppositions would surround the event.

The Vidal Case would remain among one of Argentina's spectacular cases of teleportation or teletransportation, a term employed in Ufology to describe cases involving persons and/or objects (in this case the vehicle and its occupants) when they are transferred in a short space of time through means unknown from one place to another, disregarding the space-time barrier. Here, from Argentina in South America to Mexico in North America.

The incident

Numerous Argentinean newspapers took note of the story. La Razon, the Buenos Aires daily newspaper published the information under the headline "Que es esto? (What is this?) =96 others did the same, such as La Nacion (which did not mention the fog bank) and La Manana (the only one to report the presence of UFOs in this case), among many others.

Renowned Argentinean ufologist Dr. Oscar A. Galindez, who looked into these events, details the episode in Flying Saucer Review Vol. 14

No. 35 Sep-Oct 1968 as "Teleportation from

Chascomus to Mexico" which reads thus:

"...in early May 1968, a well-known Buenos Aires attorney, Dr. Geraldo Vidal, decided to attend a family get-together with his wife, Mrs. Raffo de Vidal, to be held in the city of Chascomus, less than 120 km distant from Buenos Aires and to the south. He left the gathering shortly before midnight and decided to drive to Maipu, a community some 150 km south of Chascomus, as they had friends and relatives there.

"Driving along national highway No. 2, they had in front of them another car, containing another couple that also had relatives in Maipu. This other family, whose name is unknown, reached Maipu without incident, but this was not the case with the Vidals, whose delay became a cause of concern for those who awaited them. Then, the other couple decided to retrace its steps along the same route in an effort to find them, but had to return to Maipu without achieving this goal or having found the slightest trace of the car or its occupants.

"Forty-eight hours after the Vidals disappeared, at the home of the Rapallini family in Maipu, a phone call came in from the Argentinean consulate in Mexico City, 6,400 km away as the bird flies. In this phone call Dr. Gerardo Vidal told his friends that they were well, and gave them the exact time of his arrival at the Ezeiza International Airport in the capital of the River Plate.

"The Vidals reached Ezeiza at the right time, expected by friends and relatives. Mrs. Vidal was taken directly from the airport to a private clinic, since she was in a state of nervous shock. Dr. Vidal told his relatives of the strange event that had befallen them. He said that when they were in the outskirts of Chascomus on the evening of their disappearance, a "dense fog" materialized suddenly before them, and from that moment onward, they were unable to account what happened to them during the next 48 hours. When they regained awareness of their surroundings, it was daytime and their car, with both of them inside, was parked along an unknown road. They had no physical injuries, but both complained of pain in the nape of the neck and had the sensation of having slept many hours.

"Stunned, they stepped out of the vehicle and noticed that the paint on the chassis appeared to have suffered the effects of a blowtorch. The engine, however, worked perfectly. Putting the car in gear, they drove along the unknown road, crossing a landscape that was utterly unfamiliar. They asked several

persons they found along the way and all of them told them the same thing: they were in Mexico.

"Mr. and Mrs. Vidal=92s watches had stopped, but using a calendar, they ascertained that they had been gone from Argentina for 48 hours.

"In due time they reached Mexico City, where they asked for the Argentinean Consulate. The retold their incredible adventure there, and the consul allowed them to make a phone call to notary Martin Rapallini in Maipu. Next, the consul, Rafael Lopez Pellegrini, asked them to remain completely silent about the case in order to allow the authorities to investigate.

Dr. Vidal=92s car, a Peugeot 403, was shipped to the United States for research, agreeing upon the delivery of a vehicle of the same make and model, paid for by the U.S. authorities."

These are the facts. Once again, the "cloak of silence" enshrouded the case as confirmed by Dr. Galindez himself, who reported that no one dared speak of the events.

In Search of the Truth

Around this time, the Argentinean press continued reporting on the incident and La Razon explained that the Vidal family had spoken from the Argentinean consulate in Mexico City with a family surnamed Rapallini in Maipu.

All associated this with the notary, Martin Rapallini, a friend or relative of the Vidals (it was later known that this was not their real name, but a pseudonym used to protect the real experiencers), although the notary later professed being completely unaware of this matter.

This "denial" by the notary served as a "confirmation" of the events, as there was a ban on speaking about the case. Only a few weeks later, an alleged witness and relative of the Vidals, a young man surnamed Mateyko, appeared in the news program "Sabados Circulares de Mancera" hosted by journalist Pipo Mancera, to discuss the case

It was also known that Mrs. Vidal, allegedly surnamed Raffo, according to some sources like those of Dr. Galindez, had been hospitalized due to a nervous breakdown arising from the events, and even Patrice Gaston says in his book "Disparitions Mysterieuses" (Plaza y Janes, Barcelona, 1975, p.72) has her say: "But, what have they done to us in these days? What manner of creatures have had us in their grip?"

Meanwhile, other authors hinted at her death in 1969 =96 specifically from leukemia =96 as a result of the uncanny experience. The case continues to add on more mysteries.

A Lie

28 years would elapse before the truth would emerge, and over 36 before it could be reported.

There had been so many obstacles in gaining access to the true protagonists, and given the case=92s characteristics, the incident became a classic in world ufology. Authors all over the world took it as a spectacular UFO case. Subsequently, numerous teleportation cases would occur all over the world.

So much was written about the incidents in newspapers, and subsequently books, and presented in conferences and TV programs that even skeptics reported it.

It was Peter Rogerson in "Notes to a Revisionist History of Abduction

(Part 4): Recovering the forgotten records", Magonia No. 50,

September 1994, who reported having learned in Buenos Aires that the case had been a lie employed to conceal Mrs. Vidal=92s missing days while she was committed to a mental health clinic.

Sooner or later the truth would emerge.

Alejandro C. Agostinelli, an Argentinean journalist and researcher, looked into these events and confirmed that it had all been a sham designed to promote an Argentinean science fiction film at the time

In his report "Coches Voladores a Estrenar: Fraudes, Rumores y Ciencia Ficción" co authored with Luis R. Gonzalez

(Spain) and appearing in Anuario, Cuadernos de Ufologia, No. 29, 3ra Epoca 2003.

Fundacion Anomalia, Espana, he states that he interviewed filmmaker Anibal Uset in 1996, who confessed to having invented the Vidal Case with the assistance of entertainment journalist Tito Jacobson and other friends to promote a movie that opened 2 months after the events, titled "Che OVNI"

The cast of the film included Marcela Lopez Rey, Jorge

Sobral, Perla Caron, Juan Carlos Altavista, Javier Portales, Erika

Wallner, among others, directed by Anibal Uset from a screenplay by Gius.

Che OVNI was pulverized by critics of the time. The film went by unnoticed and was only recognized years later when some granted it cult status for its role in the early years of Argentinean science fiction.

The movie tells the story of how a hitchhiking Tango singer is picked up by a stunning blonde driving a Peugeot 403, just as in the Vidal Case. After a love scene, he takes the wheel and as he drives, a beam of light from a UFO stops the car and puts the driver to sleep. The frightened blonde leaps from the car and is stripped naked by the UFO. The film moves on, now showing the driver at the wheel of the car during the day, but with a brunette beside him =96 supposedly an alien =96 on a road in the outskirts of Madrid, Spain.

The teleportation had taken place along the lines of the Vidal Case. Other scenes and teleportations lead the car to London, and the movie ends at Ezeiza International Airport, where the protagonist is attracted to an airplane =96 a camouflaged UFO =96 filled with lovely flight attendants. Uset also told reporter Alejandro Agostinelli that the alleged witness who appeared on the "Sabados Circulares de Mancera" show had been none other than Juan Alberto "Muneco" Mateyko, his personal assistant and character actor in the movie, who is today a well-known television host.

Uset expressed alarm at how the Vidal Case had gained notoriety and that the "snowball effect" had been among the reasons that led to his silence.

"So many people approached me to say that they had known the Vidals that I began to have doubts. What is more, the confusion was such that I began to think that our story coincided with something that had really happened," he stated.

Uset is uninterested in revisiting the subject. Even more, it was very hard to secure his story, says Agostinelli.

The entire plot was concocted with the aid of journalist Tito Jacobson to promote the movie, which was cooked up by both during a trip between Montevideo and Buenos Aires.

He cannot remember the sources for the events, although he thinks they could have come from a case in either Argentina or England, where he lived for several years. Almost 40 years have gone by since those events and we now know the truth. It was all a lie.

It is important to stress these events. The truth must be known in spite of the case having become a classic of world ufology. Today the Vidal Case will go down in history as a sad reminder in which untruth governed from the start, woven by journalists hoping to provide notoriety to an Argentinean science fiction film. In spite of all this, I wanted to confirm these events myself. The case deserved it. It had been so spectacular, and so much had been written about it, that I wanted to learn more of

it. So it was that in January 2004 I got in touch with Alejandro Agostinelli, my friend (editor of www.dios.com.ar, a Spanish-language website devoted to extraordinary beliefs), who first looked into these events and "spoke" to the person directly responsible for the case. At my request, he said the following about the incident:

Guillermo Gimenez: How did you come across the Vidal Case?

Alejandro Agostinelli: It was an intriguing and popular case when we began to develop an interest for the subject of UFOs in the mid-1970s. Everyone knew to a lesser or greater extent someone who claimed having dealt with the protagonists of the case, "the Vidals", but when you tried to get to the core of the matter, you found out that that person had not been with the Vidals, but had only gleaned it from a third party. It was an endless rumor loop. At the time we were not only unaware of the characteristics and transmission process of a rumor, but that we were actively feeding into it, albeit innocently. I then followed the adventures of my friend Alejandro Chionetti when he visited Maipu around 1980 to interview the Rapallini family, who were the "only indirect protagonists" who could be located. No one knows how this family was involved with the mysterious couple that was "teleported to Mexico". When notary Martin Rapallini claimed having no knowledge of the matter, the "La Razon" and "La Capital" newspapers (the media outlets that confected the alleged scoop) published the denial with a considerable air of skepticism, as if saying that by denying the matter, he was in fact "covering up for the Vidal Raffo couple", arguing that "there was a strict ban on disseminating the case." If memory serves, it was the La Capital newspaper from Mar del Plata who christened the heretofore anonymous experiences as "the Vidals" to protect them from the rapaciousness of the press, since "Dr. Vidal" was "a distinguished professional." This ironclad anonymity assured that the case could not be verified, and would later become essential in turning it into an urban legend.

GG: Would evidence confirm that it was in fact a hoax?

AA: It can be said, with a wide margin of certainty, offered by many students of the subject and the passing of time, that there was never solid evidence regarding the existence of a couple that experienced an adventure of such characteristics at that time and place.

It has also been confirmed that Che OVNI was slated to open two months later, a movie with ingredients copied from the case, and which had begun shooting long before "the story" broke in the news. If memory serves, it was Anibal Uset, Che OVNI-92s director, who in the early Nineties told Chionetti that the case was a ruse to promote the film. Alex was in the U.S.A at the time and I was following the leads. In 1996 I came across Uset and we started to hold meetings. Between our second and third encounter, when we had developed mutual trust, he began to tell his version of the events. Uset-92s testimony was critical. But even without him, the parallels between the film-92s content (teleportation of a car to a distant country, with was a white Peugeot 403 both in the movie and in the Vidal Case) and the structure of the story offered by the media, it can be clearly seen that the relation between story and movie is quite obvious. More coincidences? The only "indirect" witness of the events, who appeared on television (specifically in "Sabados Circulares...") was a youth who Pipo Mancera presented as "a direct relative of the Vidals." That witness was Juan Alberto "Muneco" Mateyko, a now prominent TV host who worked with Uset and was a supporting cast member in the film.

GG: So what-92s your opinion about it today?

AA: I think that there-92s enough evidence to state that one of the cases that contributed to the 1968 UFO flap in Argentina was a journalistic fraud aimed at promoting a movie. Thanks to the story-92s exacting structure and the cultural predisposition toward accepting it at the time, the tale-92s credibility grew when it became part of popular imagination, becoming what we now call an urban legend. What is persuasive about the story is that it ran away from its creators and acquired a life of its own. Scholars of this subject at the time considered it genuine despite having never interviewed "the Vidals". Articles appeared in magazines like Flying Saucer Review or Lumieres Dans la Nuit,

books were written, the story was mentioned a thousand and one times in UFO conferences, radio and television shows, and of course, there were also "skeptical counter rumors" such as the one by Peter Rogerson in Magonia, who cited an anonymous source and wrote that the case had been "a fraud to justify Mrs. Vidal's absence while she was committed to a mental health clinic."

But what surprised me the most isn't that people believed it so readily at the time, but a passing remark made by Uset. When he realized the story's magnitude, the director told me that he began to think the case had been real! "So many people came to tell me that they had known the Vidals that I began to have doubts," he said. "What's more, the confusion was such that I began to think that our story had dovetailed with an actual event." At the time, the fact the questioned his own creation startled me. But I think that this helps to understand how UFO stories are built along with many other modern myths. If even a hoaxer can be led to doubt, this means that mysteries are able to overcome any denial. That's why I think myths are indestructible. Countless teleportation cases have occurred in Argentina and around the world, but the Vidal Case was a lie."

And this how "Ale" reconfirmed these events.

Today, the Vidal Case from May 1968, in which a family was teleported from an Argentinean road in the province of Buenos Aires to Mexico, has been explained. We know the real story to be another.

All of this proves the importance of carrying out UFO re-investigations, even in those cases that are considered landmarks in Ufology.

It falls to researchers, ufologists, to be open to all possibilities. To be flexible in conducting new research, dispensing with unquestionable notions and reformulating, if need be, our own ideas. See the alternate possibilities, no matter how dark, and weed out cases. All of this in benefit of Ufology. We should thus separate the truth from lies to undertake serious communication and research into the UFO phenomenon, unmasking cases such as this one.

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Re: Natural Phenomenon? - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2007 09:33:02 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2007 12:58:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Natural Phenomenon? - Tarbell

>From: Brian Callaghan <bjcallaghan.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2007 12:16:52 -0500
>Subject: Natural Phenomenon?

>Does anyone have an explanation for stars that appear to flash
>or rotate green and red colours?

<snip>

Hi Brian,

This is probably what is known as scintillation.

From Minneart, The Nature Of Light And Color In The Open Air:

"The colour changes are to be ascribed to slight dispersion of the normal terrestrial ray curvature, so that the rays from the star travel along slightly different paths in the atmosphere, according to their colour. For a star at a height of 10 degs. above the horizon we compute distance between the violet and red rays to be as much as 11 inches at a height of 1.25 miles, and 23 inches at 3 miles. The air striae are, on an average, fairly small, so that it may often happen that the violet ray passes through a striation and is deflected, whereas the red ray passes on without deviation. The moments when the light of a star becomes brighter or feebler as a result of scintillation are, therefore, different for the different colours... Colour changes never occur, apparently, at altitudes of more than 50 degs., but frequently below 35 degs. The most beautiful scintillation of all is that of the bright star Sirius, which is visible in the winter months rather low in the sky."

Regards,

Mike

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Leslie Kean's Un-Edited O'Hare Article

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- Dick

From: Leslie Kean <lkean.nul>
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NEW YORK

ON NOV. 7, during the late-afternoon rush at Chicago's bustling O'Hare International Airport, something truly astonishing happened. Pilots, managers and mechanics looked up from their ground positions at the United Airlines terminal and saw an odd, disc-shaped object hovering silently overhead, just below the overcast.

Some minutes later, with many eyes now fixated on it, the wingless vehicle shot straight up at an incredible speed and was gone, leaving a crisp hole through the clouds with blue sky visible at the top.

It was definitely not an airplane, or any known craft, witnesses said, many of them shaken by what they saw.

"I immediately called our operations center to confirm the sighting and the Federal Aviation Administration was contacted while I drove to the other concourse to talk to the witnesses," a United management employee wrote for a National Unidentified Flying Object Reporting Center (NUFORC) investigation.

With NUFORC's input, Chicago Tribune transportation reporter Jon Hilkevitch broke the story in January, which then leapt onto national television news. "The witness credibility is beyond question," says Hilkevitch, who has spoken to dozens of witnesses.

The FAA and United Airlines initially denied knowing anything about the incident, but taped calls and other evidence revealed their communications about it when it occurred.

The FAA then attributed the incident to a "weather phenomenon" and United Airlines advised employees not to talk about it, according to the Tribune.

"If this had been a plane, it would have been investigated," Hilkevitch says. "The FAA treats the smallest safety issue as very important. It will even investigate a coffee pot getting loose and falling in a plane's galley."

"The safety implications of any vehicle operating at low altitude over a major airport outside the authority of air-traffic control are obvious," says National Aeronautics and Space Administration aviation expert Brian E. Smith, a former

manager in NASA's Aviation Safety and Security Program. "Managers should want to hear about such vehicle operations before they become accidents or disasters."

Instead, United witnesses have been disregarded and left to ponder their unsettling observations.

FAA spokesman Tony Molinaro said in January that the "absence of any kind of factual evidence" precludes an investigation. "No FAA controller saw anything. There was nothing on radar either."

Nonetheless, he offered his best "guess": Witnesses could have seen a "hole-punch cloud" in "a perfect circular shape like a round disc" with "vapor going up into it."

In fact, these natural cloud holes - with ice crystals falling down through them, not up - can only form at below freezing temperatures. It was 48 degrees Fahrenheit in the O'Hare cloud bank that afternoon.

A hole could also form in a cloud from rapid evaporation by heat or very dry air, scientists say. This explanation, unlike Molinaro's, fits witness descriptions of a high-energy, round object likely emitting intense heat or other radiation while ascending.

Some experts say radar cannot pickup unrecognizable objects with bizarre behaviors. John Callahan, division chief of accidents and investigations for the FAA during the 1980s, says it's not at all surprising that the O'Hare UFO was undetected on radar - but that doesn't mean that there was nothing there.

Radar technology cannot always capture extremely high-speed UFOs. A hovering object wouldn't necessarily show up either. "If it did, it would be a small dot and they would not give it much concern," Callahan says.

Retired FAA air-traffic-control specialist Jim McClenahan concurs that busy controllers concentrate on the aircraft they're working, focusing out surrounding items that are unimportant to them.

Callahan speaks from direct experience that makes him an authority on the FAA's handling of UFO incidents. In 1986 he reviewed extensive data generated by a Japan Airlines cargo B747 encounter with a gigantic, walnut-shaped UFO over Alaska.

Later, the FAA declared the radar faulty, ignored the three pilot eyewitness accounts, and called the incident as "unconfirmed."

To this day, Callahan fervently disputes these findings based on data still in his possession. "I observed a primary radar target in the position reported by the Japanese pilot," the former official says, which, although intermittent, synchronized with the 30-minute taped interchange between pilots and controllers.

The government response to the O'Hare UFO is predictable, says Callahan. "The FAA will offer a host of other explanations, as if wearing a blindfold. It's always something else so it can't be what it is," he remarked in January.

Official policy actually spells out FAA lack of interest in reports of anomalies, even if the unidentified craft is potentially life-threatening. The FAA Aeronautical Information Manual, providing the fundamentals required for flying in U.S. airspace, states that "persons wanting to report UFO/Unexplained Phenomena activity" should contact an organization such as NUFORC.

If "concern is expressed that life or property might be endangered," the manual says, "report the activity to the local law-enforcement department."

NASA's Brian Smith takes issue with this approach. "We need to encourage reporting of all incidents regardless of biases against particular categories of occurrences," he says.

Richard Haines, a former NASA official and now director of the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena, has collected over a hundred reports from pilots documenting a range

of safety hazards caused by proximity to unfamiliar flying objects or inexplicable brilliant lights.

The data suggest that the objects "are associated with a very high degree of intelligence, deliberate flight control, and advanced energy management," says Haines.

How could our government not be interested in an unknown, highly technological object hovering over a major airport, as reported by competent airline personnel? What about passenger safety? Or national security? Or just plain scientific curiosity about an unexplained phenomenon?

Unless the FAA and other federal agencies shift gears, this mind-boggling incident at O'Hare will be left to haunt us - until the next time, when something even more alarming could happen.

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O'Hare - A Lead-In To Revelation?

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Hello List

Now we're getting a close retrospective on the blatant 'attempted cover-up' at O'Hare, and the mainstream media are deigning to examine other fairly obviously - with hindsight - unexplained sightings, I'm inclined to think we might be heading for a 'revelation' of sorts.

But I'm inclined to go with that chap who said "In politics nothing happens by accident. If it happened, it was planned".

By which I mean - if the revelation duly arrives, I'll distrust it.

Cheers

Ray D

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John Callahan as it right. He has stumbled onto Maccabee's First
Rule For Debunkers:

Any explanation is better than none.

And the Second Rule is:

If the first explanation seems unconvincing then propose
another.

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The Public Interest Declassification Board (PIDB), an advisory body whose members were appointed by the President and the Congress, held its eleventh meeting on February 24 to receive public input on potential improvements to national security classification and declassification policy. Much of the session was devoted to discussion of whether the annual intelligence budget total should be declassified.

Intelligence budget disclosure was first advocated by Congress more than thirty years ago. More recently, it was recommended by the 9/11 Commission as an indispensable first step toward eliminating counterproductive secrecy in the U.S. intelligence bureaucracy. Currently, there are at least three bills pending in the U.S. Senate that would require such disclosure. The step is opposed by the Bush Administration.

"There is no one who is better positioned than the PIDB to win favorable presidential reconsideration of the question of intelligence budget disclosure and to catalyze a final resolution of this perennial classification dispute," I told the PIDB members. "I hope you will seize the opportunity." My written presentation on that and other subjects is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2007/02/sa022407.pdf>

"I am already on record in favor" of disclosure, said former Congressman David Skaggs (D-CO), who chaired the meeting, noting that he had supported legislation to that effect.

"I've been on both sides of the debate," said Martin Faga, former director of the National Reconnaissance Office, who recalled that he had approved the declassification of the NRO's existence in 1992.

The intelligence budget total probably "does not meet the criteria for classification," admitted former Deputy DCI Adm. William Studeman and former Senate Intelligence Committee staffer Joan Vail Grimson, but they said it should remain classified anyway since its disclosure, they feared, could lead to further uncontrolled releases of more sensitive information.

But that kind of approach "undermines the integrity of the

classification system," warned Bill Leonard, director of the Information Security Oversight Office.

"As an intelligence professional, I can't see a way that disclosure of the intelligence budget total could hurt me," said former CIA analyst Bruce Berkowitz, who was also invited to address the Board.

"I would like to hear more," said Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein, who endorsed another FAS proposal to engage agency Inspectors General in oversight of classification and declassification.

The Board members were scheduled to meet later in the day with national security adviser Stephen J. Hadley.

The first annual report of the Public Interest Declassification Board is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/pidb2006.pdf>

The problem of secret spending was examined by the Las Vegas Sun in the context of allegations that Nevada Governor Jim Gibbons took improper advantage of the secret "black budget" while serving in Congress to reward friends and supporters.

See "Bush budget contains many secrets" by Lisa Mascaro, Las Vegas Sun, February 25:

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/sun/2007/feb/25/566681849.html>

SELECTED CRS REPORTS

Some recent reports of the Congressional Research Service that have not previously been made readily available in the public domain include the following.

"Climate Change: Science and Policy Implications," January 25, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33849.pdf>

"Foreign Science and Engineering Presence in U.S. Institutions and the Labor Force," updated January 12, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/97-746.pdf>

"U.S. Military Dispositions: Fact Sheet," updated January 30, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RS20649.pdf>

"Navy Ship Names: Background For Congress," updated January 17, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RS22478.pdf>

"Latin America: Terrorism Issues," updated January 22, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RS21049.pdf>

"U.S. National Science Foundation: An Overview," updated January 24, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/95-307.pdf>

"War Powers Resolution: Presidential Compliance," updated January 16, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33532.pdf>

"Laos: Background and U.S. Relations," updated February 5, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RS20931.pdf>

"Kyrgyzstan's Constitutional Crisis: Context and Implications for U.S. Interests," updated January 5, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RS22546.pdf>

At the conclusion of a widely cited article on U.S. policy towards Iran in the latest issue of The New Yorker, Seymour Hersh referred to a November 2006 report by CRS "on what it depicted as the Administration's blurring of the line between C.I.A. activities and strictly military ones."

The referenced report is "Covert Action: Legislative Background and Possible Policy Questions," November 2, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/intel/RL33715.pdf>

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Subject: Re: Leslie Kean's Un-Edited O'Hare Article - Hall

Leslie Kean asked me to clarify that her "un-edited" piece on O'Hare, which I posted for her, was published in the Providence Journal on Sunday, February 25. (Even this one was edited down from her original story). This article has now been picked up by the Scripps-Howard wire service, which sends it out to 400 newspapers across the country.

http://www.shns.com/shns/g_index2.cfm?action=detail&pk=UFO-02-26-07

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>>ON NOV. 7, during the late-afternoon rush at Chicago's bustling
>>O'Hare International Airport, something truly astonishing
>>happened. Pilots, managers and mechanics looked up from their
>>ground positions at the United Airlines terminal and saw an odd,
>>disc-shaped object hovering silently overhead, just below the
>>overcast.

><snip>

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Stan

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Re: Leslie Kean's Un-Edited O'Hare Article - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 10:53:02 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 11:19:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Leslie Kean's Un-Edited O'Hare Article - Boone

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 09:20:20 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Re: Leslie Kean's Un-Edited O'Hare Article

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2007 19:49:27 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Leslie Kean's Un-Edited O'Hare Article

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2007 22:07:25 +0000
>>>Subject: Leslie Kean's Un-Edited O'Hare Article

>><snip>

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My rules for debunkers are:

1. As long as I'm getting paid I'll deny water is wet.
2. You get more chicks on the debunker's side.
3. I'll continue to debunk until they find a cure for erectile disfunction!
4. Debunking covers their penchant for cross-dressing and playing with Barbie dolls.

Best,

Greg

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Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 17:07:35 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 07:03:51 -0500
Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2007 11:56:11 -0600
>Subject: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>I recently found out some interesting things about the object
>seen by Apollo 11 astronauts that make its identification as a
>panel ejected from the Saturn booster seem not so open and shut
>as some people believe, including Dr Phil Plait, who wrote a
>snarky article about it on his web site:

><http://www.badastronomy.com/bad/tv/firstonthemoon.html>

>That he later changed his story and identified the object as a
>booster panel is proof that astranauts aren't always on the
>level when they talk to the public about UFOs.

>Here's the email I sent to Plait:

>With reference to your article "First on the Moon: The Untold
>Story" concerning the identification of an object seen by the
>Apollo 11 astronauts on Day 2 of the mission, Buzz Aldrin now
>says that the object was a panel from the S-IVB booster. But
>this identification does not seem quite as conclusive as has
>been made out.

>First, according to NASA:

><http://history.nasa.gov/ap15fj/03tde.htm>

>"Once the panels have rotated about 45=C2=B0 from the centreline of
>the launch vehicle, the hinges disengage, allowing the springs
>within the hinge assembly to push the panels away at about 2.5
>m/s, leaving the LM exposed on top of the Saturn's third stage."

>http://www.hq.nasa.gov/alsj/all/alltranscript_tec.pdf

>The mission voice transcript indicates that the panels were
>ejected some time before MET Day 0 at 03:17. The astronauts
>queried mission control about the whereabouts of the S-IVB on
>Day 2 at 12:45. So it appears that 2 days, 9 hours and 28
>minutes elapsed between the panel separation and the sighting
>of the object.

>If the panels were traveling at a speed of 2.5 m/s relative to
>the Apollo spacecraft, the distance between the panels and the
>spacecraft would have been about 517 km, or 320 miles after
>that amount of time.

I don't think its so easy to deduce anything like this. The
panels are jettisoned while the spacecraft is still close enough
to Earth to have the effects of the atmosphere enter into it. So
you need to account for that.

Then there is the matter of midcourse correction. How does that
affect the position of the panels? Maybe it improves it or maybe
worsens it.

The document "Apollo 9 SLA panel jettison separation and

recontact analysis" (NASA TMX 69383), pg 14 states that the panels are expected to deorbit between 3.5 and 5.5 hours after CSM/S-IVB separation. Well, the report seems erroneous because they use 641723 ft altitude for the panel jettison (beginning of TLI ignition rather than the end of TLI firing), when the altitude is 1103215 ft for Apollo 11. At such a high jettison altitude, I think the panels did follow the Apollo 11.

Here's some data about the SLA (adapter panel). Its 2 inch thick, 291 kg/panel, 253 inches long, one end about 121 inch wide and the other end is 183 inch wide (corresponds to 154 and 233 inch diameter circles), the outer surface area for ONE PETAL is 270 ft² but the reference projected area is 239 ft². The tumbling drag coefficient is 1.7. The jettison velocity is 11 +/- 3 feet/second.

The TLI burn starts from the parking orbit (183.8km by 186.5 km) at 2:44 and ends at 2:50. At 3:17 separation occurs and 3:24 docking occurs so the jettison had to occur between those times.

Here's a nice webpage showing some groundbased images of the panels following the Apollo spacecraft at 100000km range. The panels got up to magnitude 9.

<http://www.astr.ua.edu/keel/space/apollo.html>

>Maybe the complexities of orbital mechanics could cause the
>distance of the panels to be closer to the spacecraft than 320
>miles, but this hardly seems to be a "case closed" situation
>regarding the identification of the object seen as an S-IVB
>panel.

Yes, it needs more work.

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Major Server Meltdowns

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 18:32:17 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 07:49:57 -0500
Subject: Major Server Meltdowns

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alienview.nul
www.AlienView.net
AVG Blog -- <http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>
U F O M a g a z i n e -- www.ufomag.com

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Re: UK Mod Remote Viewing Study News Feature - Parr

From: Chris Parr <ChrsP875.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 19:42:00 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 11:24:30 -0500
Subject: Re: UK Mod Remote Viewing Study News Feature - Parr

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2007 14:07:48 -0000
>Subject: UK MoD Remote Viewing Study News Feature

>BBC2's prestigious Newsnight ran a feature on the MoD's remote
>viewing study on Friday night

Hello Nick,

Newsnight has manifested into the Oprah Winfrey Show. Your feature was interesting, but Newsnight is a shadow of its former self.

Jeremy Paxman is embarrassed with the total folly of news topics and current format on the programme. I really expect him to quit in mid interview in the near future and rid himself of the sheer frustration that has taken the clout of a once serious news programme.

A scientific venture by the British govt with a funding of =A318,000 is not exactly an operation based on conviction. Going back to the BBC, these corporate muppets pay unfunny and untalented Jonathan Ross more than =A318,000 a day, based on his annual salary for ripping off the Letterman format. Yet his marvellously sculptured wife 'did' actually write a book about the X-Files, so I can just sneak in here as topical.

Can any Remote viewing revelations give me an insight on the chances of 'Hard Spun' winning the 2007 Kentucky Derby? I am on at 12/1 since early January, so no UFO mutilations near those stables please.

Chris Parr

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Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 08:04:31 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 13:32:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Shell

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 18:32:17 -0600
>Subject: Major Server Meltdowns

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What do you expect? Mercury is in retrograde!

Seriously, though, Yahoo and other networks have had serious
problems last week and this week. No one seems to know why.

Bob Shell

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Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 08:12:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 13:33:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Kaeser

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 18:32:17 -0600
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Weather and a system that is straining in some places may be part of the problem. Systems that should be replicated in multiple locations for uninterrupted access are expensive and there are still a lot of single failure points in major systems.

I tried a few of the sites you mentioned and they appear to be up and running now, so there's nothing to troubleshoot. Most of the providers would be fairly honest about outages, and I'm not sure what they have to say about each individual case.

Steve

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Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 13:04:50 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 13:35:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Boone

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Oh don't _even_ get me started on these weird computer problems.

Methinks there be wolves in the fold again.

One could ponder all sorts of sources for stuff like this.
Considering the thorns in the side we all are it wouldn't
surprise me.

Take into account also the general gross incompetence of some
computer companies.

For instance, Toshiba. I cannot believe it has taken Toshiba
over a year to fix one of my laptop computers. It is a circus of
stupidity I have never seen before. I paid for a warranty, they
screwed up. They had to give me an extended warranty to cover up
the screw up and they still screwed up. When I call I get some
kid from the Punjab Province saying his first name is something
like Justin or Bill and he's talking with a thick Punjab accent,
I then get switched to someone in Indonesia named Buffy who
speaks in a thick Indonesian accent, then some Japanese guy gets
on the phone and doesn't know who in Kentucky was supposed to
fix what.

So I have people who are probably hauling supplies to Bin Laden
in Pakistan talking to guys who still think the Samurai rule
trying to get guys in Kentucky who are still ticked off about
the last NASCAR race.

You tell me why aliens won't land.

When huge companies like Toshiba have this level of gross
incompetence you wonder what's really going on behind the
scenes. I can't believe that you can pay some people to be this
dumb and still have stockholders.

If there is a connection with all these websites and servers
screwing up it's only because of some folly afoot. The source of
that folly is up for grabs.

Don't buy Toshiba. With this kind of customer support and
technical buffoonery it's no wonder the Japanese are shutting
down their markets.

Alfred, maybe we're all getting a bit too close for comfort for some people. I expressed this to good ol' Jeff Rense in an email the other day. I think we've nailed down some culprits to some sinister UFO stuff. It all makes sense.

The keyword here is Sisyphus. Ever notice how in this UFO thing we have everything except physical proof of irrefutable quality? We're always juuuust this close and no cigar?

The answer is in the question.

Best,

Greg

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The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

From: **Geoff Richardson** <geoff.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 15:18:21 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 13:41:07 -0500
Subject: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

During the evening of 13th March 1997, a series of incidents took place which was to become known as

The Phoenix Lights Incident.

At approximately 7-50p.m. a 'V-shaped' formation of bright blue/yellow-white orbs was observed leaving the Las Vegas (Nevada) area and flying at speed over the border into Arizona. This formation of lights was then witnessed by hundreds if not thousands of people as it flew over Phoenix and on to Tucson =96 a total journey of some 300 hundred miles.

The Phoenix Lights incident has become one of the most controversial events in the history of Ufology.

Dr. Lynne Kitei, a physician, witnessed multiple events which occurred in the skies over Phoenix leading up to and including the night of 13th March, 1997 and successfully documented a number of sightings of orbs and v-shaped craft. Dr.Lynne=92s book,

The Phoenix Lights =96 A Skeptic=92s Discovery That We Are Not Alone quickly became a best seller.

Dr. Lynne=92s award winning film, The Phoenix Lights Documentary and her book will both feature in a number of events arranged to commemorate the 10th anniversary of this momentous occasion in the history of Ufology.

Dr. Lynne has provided The WHY? Files with a schedule of these events.

For an account of The Phoenix Lights and a complete review of Dr.Lynne=92s book and the schedule of forthcoming events see:

The Phoenix Lights - <http://www.thewhyfiles.net/phoenixlights.htm>

This website includes many audio and video files.

Geoff Richardson
www.thewhyfiles.net

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