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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Apr 2007 08:18:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 07:18:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Kaeser

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Apr 2007 17:19:15 +0200
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 28 Apr 2007 09:13:18 +0100
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
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>>>Date: Thu, 26 Apr 2007 15:37:50 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

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>>>Jesse Marcel Jr has totally denied seeing in those pictures
>>>any element resembling the symbols he had seen on a beam. After
>>>that false claim made by Bond Johnson, Marcel denied it, and
>>>confirmed that to me.

>>I am aware as to what Jesse Jnr has said in the past in that he
>>never saw any particular symbols familiar to him within the
>>photographs he's seen. I'm not surprised in the least at this
>>as the vast majority of people have only seen the FW photos in
>>either 6x4 style book images or at the best 10x8 prints.

>Bond Johnson had sent to Marcel the new, high resolution,
>scans.

Hi All,

I believe that Jessie was given large prints from the hi-rez scans, but you'll find disagreement on how "hi-rez" those scans were, after being commissioned by Stanton Friedman (if I recall correctly). Stanton has made those scans available on CD for anyone who wants to review them, but I know that some have felt that the scanning process could have been handled differently and so the debate over quality continues. Neil, correct me if my memory is in error, but I thought that your "enhancements" of the images brought out what you've identified as "Symbols", and I'm not sure that Jessie Jr. was ever shown those images, per se.

Jessie has looked at the Ramey photographs and simply stated that the debris show in those photos is not the debris that he saw in his kitchen. It's as simple as that, and I'm not sure that Jessie even spent much time looking for symbols if he felt "up front" that the debris wasn't the same. I'm not sure how he handles this in his upcoming book, but I suspect it would be addressed in some way.

Neil, I'm afraid that there's a lot of evidence to indicate that the debris was switched out completely and that there was no actual Roswell debris shown in Ramey's office. I believe that most of the major Roswell investigators believe that the debris was switched out and all this discussion about "symbols" and

analysis of the debris pictures is a "Red Herring" keeping us busy. The "Ramey Memo" controversy was interesting, but the limits of film emulsion and the imagination/confabulation have led us down a blind alley with no outlet. IMO, interesting arguments can be made in favor of both the "Debris" and the "Memo", but neither lead to a resolution and it ends up being a matter of what you "believe" to be true, or have proven to yourself scientifically.

Steve

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Re: Best Evidence Top 10 UFO Cases Premieres On

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Apr 2007 08:33:25 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 07:22:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Best Evidence Top 10 UFO Cases Premieres On

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Apr 2007 10:26:04 EDT
>Subject: Best Evidence Top 10 UFO Cases Premieres On Space May 10th

>List:

<snip>

>My latest UFO-related documentary, Best Evidence will premiere
>on Space: The Imagination Station on May 10th, at 10 pm
>AST/9 pm EST.

There are some screen captures for animation from three of the cases (Malmstrom, Rendlesham, and Tehran) at the following posts:

<http://tinyurl.com/yr763w>

<http://bestevidence.blogspot.com/2007/04/animating-tehran-1976.html>

<http://bestevidence.blogspot.com/2007/04/animating-rendlesham.html>

Also, this post gives an idea of the MO I adopted when filming the interview segments, which is apropos of some recent comments made here about how documentary filmmakers tend to film interviews in UFO-related films:

<http://tinyurl.com/2z2wsq>

Also, I'll be taping a special show for Tim Binnall's Binnall of America audio this week that will play on May 10th, the same night as the premiere here in Canada. Folks in the rest of the world won't be able to see the film yet, but they will be able to hear Tim and I chatting about it, and, more importantly, listen in to some exclusive audio clips I've provided Tim, including some stuff that didn't make the final cut of the film.

Now, back to the grind of trying to actually deliver on time. ;-)

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
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Re: Triangles UAVs & Warton - Richardson

From: **Geoff Richardson** <geoff.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Apr 2007 17:54:47 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 07:27:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Triangles UAVs & Warton - Richardson

>From: Carol Buckallew <clbuckallew.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 29 Apr 2007 10:57:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: Triangles UAVs & Warton

>Unless they are the size of a foot ball field and about thirty
>or so feet thick I doubt they are the same thing we saw about
>1965 gliding over a valley in Colorado

Carol, I am not doubting your sighting.

I am discussing the probabilities of triangular-shaped UAVs being developed and tested at Warton and the subsequent flight of these craft causing them to be described as UFOs.

As far as I can say (via this List) the video shown in the article is from the nose camera of a triangular craft.

Geoff

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Re: Triangles UAVs & Warton - Shpakovsky

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Apr 2007 14:28:36 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 07:30:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Triangles UAVs & Warton - Shpakovsky

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Apr 2007 14:13:28 -0300
>Subject: Re: Triangles UAVs & Warton

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>The 1978 sighting [newspaper clipping] happened almost 30 years ago. Now are we expected to believe that these things were being tested then and we have still no inkling of them now.

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Can it be that testing of such possible craft already done times ago and it already exist as fully working air - or another - craft? So there can be no necessity to test it, but just use it (who knows where and for what)?

Why we have still no inkling of them now it is another question.

Sergey

Toronto

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Re: Super Loos UFOs & Rollercoasters - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Apr 2007 20:40:27 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 07:31:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Super Loos UFOs & Rollercoasters - Pope

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 15 Apr 2007 23:59:38 +0100
>Subject: Super Loos UFOs & Rollercoasters

>The National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts has
>supported the production of a booklet entitled Shape The Future.

>The booklet has a tagline Super Loos*, UFOs and Rollercoasters:
>Why Engineering Will Transform The Future.

>The booklet is the brainchild of University of Oxford student
>Tsz Fok and is aimed at encouraging students to take up
>engineering in their studies and career.

>The Royal Academy of Engineering is also supporting the venture
>and has provided 5000 copies that will be distributed to
>schools, colleges and other interested organisations and
>individuals.

>The booklet includes short essays from people like Sir James
>Dyson, Professor Kevin Warwick, Carol Vorderman and Lord
>Sainsbury, the former Minister for Science and Innovation.

>All those involved were asked to write an article inspired by
>the same questions: What is the one thing you would like
>engineers to achieve in the next 50 years? How would that have
>an impact in shaping the future?

>I contributed an article on space travel which referenced my
>UFO-related work at the MoD.

>Aside from the core aim of interesting students in science,
>technology and engineering, I hope this is the sort of thing
>that will build bridges between science and ufology, as well as
>encouraging a new generation of well-educated young people to
>look at the UFO phenomenon with open minds.

>[*Loos: Cans, bogs, karzies, johns, terlits, washrooms - ebk]

Tragically, Tsz Fok was killed in a road accident on April 18.
Tsz's family have agreed that the Royal Academy of Engineering
can circulate the booklet to schools and colleges as planned.
This will form part of Tsz's legacy and should encourage more
young people to become engineers, just as he'd hoped.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Secrecy News -- 04/30/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Apr 2007 15:46:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 07:35:14 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 04/30/07

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INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT IN RETROSPECT

With one remarkable exception noted below, no one believes that congressional oversight of intelligence has served the nation well in recent years or that it has been adequate to the momentous demands of the time.

While the country has been roiled by debates over detention and interrogation policies, warrantless domestic intelligence surveillance, extraordinary rendition, the legality and efficacy of torture, and many other urgent and fundamental issues, the congressional intelligence committees have had surprisingly little to contribute.

Under the leadership of Sen. Pat Roberts and Rep. Pete Hoekstra, the committees could not even accomplish their baseline task of legislating an intelligence authorization bill during the past two years.

"The 109th Congress ... became the first since the 94th Congress that did not pass an Intelligence Authorization Act," observed a new report of the Senate Intelligence Committee. "Fiscal year 2006 became the first since 1978 to not only begin but also to end without an intelligence authorization [act]."

Though the committees have been largely ineffective, they were not idle. The 36-page Senate committee report details the proposals that were debated, the legislative initiatives that were introduced, and the various hearings that were held, during the 109th Congress.

See Report of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence covering the period January 4, 2005 to December 8, 2006, Senate Report 110-57, April 26, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_rpt/srpt110-57.html

But from the perspective of the Central Intelligence Agency, the sharply diminished productivity of congressional oversight was just about optimal.

In particular, Senator Roberts' leadership of the Senate Intelligence Committee was "exemplary," the CIA proclaimed in a

March 19 news release.

Neither his colleagues nor his constituents found much reason to celebrate intelligence oversight during his tenure. But at a March 16 luncheon ceremony at CIA headquarters, Senator Roberts was awarded the Agency Seal Medal, which is given to people outside the Agency who have made significant contributions to the work of CIA.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2007/03/cia031907.html>

Today, Senate Intelligence Committee member Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) introduced a bill to close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay.

"Guantanamo Bay has become a lightning rod for international condemnation," Senator Feinstein said. "This has greatly damaged the nation's credibility around the world. Rather than make the United States safer, the image projected by this facility puts us at greater risk. The time has come to close it down."

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2007/04/feinstein043007.html>

SPECIAL OPERATIONS: 2007 POSTURE STATEMENT

Across the globe from Iraq and Afghanistan to Africa to Mindanao and the Sulu Archipelago, U.S. Special Operations Forces are deployed to conduct unconventional warfare, psychological operations, and other activities in support of U.S. military and foreign policy objectives.

In Fiscal Year 2007, U.S. Special Operations Command has total authorized manpower of 47,911 persons, according to a new SOCOM posture statement, which provides an overview of special operations capabilities and missions.

See "U.S. SOCOM: Posture Statement 2007," April 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/socom/posture2007.pdf>

SOME RECENT NSA DECLASSIFICATIONS

Earlier this month, the National Security Agency released several brief historical essays that had been prepared for the Agency's Cryptologic Almanac on the occasion of its 50th anniversary in 2002.

The essays were declassified on April 10 in response to a Mandatory Declassification Review request from Michael Ravnitzky. They include:

"Quis Custodiet Ipsos Custodes?" on the origins of NSA:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/nsa/almanac-quis.pdf>

"SIGINT and the Fall of Saigon, April 1975":

<http://www.fas.org/irp/nsa/almanac-saigon.pdf>

"The First Round: NSA's Effort Against International Terrorism in the 1970s":

<http://www.fas.org/irp/nsa/almanac-terror.pdf>

"A Brief Look at ELINT at NSA":

<http://www.fas.org/irp/nsa/almanac-elint.pdf>

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RAF Rudloe Manor

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Fwd Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 07:38:49 -0400
Subject: RAF Rudloe Manor

The response to a recent Freedom of Information Act request has clarified the role of RAF Rudloe Manor in relation to the MoD's UFO investigations:

<http://tinyurl.com/34bw15>

[a .pdf file]

The reply confirms that a unit - the Flying Complaints Flight, part of HQ Provost and Security Services (UK) - at the base used to act as a focal point for RAF stations to send UFO reports, prior to their being sent to Sec(AS), as the lead division. RAF Rudloe Manor's involvement has previously been cited by people attempting to downplay the role of Sec(AS) and imply that the 'real' UFO investigations were undertaken elsewhere.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Apr 2007 21:41:50 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 07:41:19 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

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I think an even more pertinent question is, did the object move
at all? No mention is made of any motion. If it just "hovered"
there and didn't do anything extraordinary, than I am reluctant
to call it a "UFO" and am inclined to suspect a local solution,
something like a tethered balloon.

I'm not suggesting that as a definitive answer, only an
hypothesis that needs to be explored. Don is right; secret
military technology as a knee-jerk skeptical explanation is
horse manure. But the pilot's size estimates obviously are
guesses based on assuming various distances and even then
assuming a real size. There is no UFO-like performance
indicated, so a local explanation is a reasonable suspect.

- Dick

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Brian,

He should have thought it through. Personally I found his
explanation childish for someone in his line of work even with
only 7 years experience. And you are right, it is confused. You
not only learn your own business but a lot about aviation in
general.

We all know what an MOA is and steer clear of them on their
calendared dates of operation. You get a pretty good idea what's
being tested in them as well because the Notice to Airmen
[NOTAMS] give you some inkling of what is being tested. But you
don't test your one-of prototype over water unless it's a marine
application of some type. [Two of the objects were spotted, BTW]

It's incredibly stupid. Loose the damn thing and 10s of millions
of dollars go to the bottom. If you want to find out why it
failed then you have to drag the navy into it with barges and
divers and ROVs and the whole thing turns into a spectacle and
you still might not find the culprit component that failed.
That's what's pertinent.

I don't see your reasoning re the thing glowing green or bright
yellow. That's doable for whatever reason some aircraft's design
specs would need to do it. There's a lot wrong with thinking
something this big-a mile long-was anything being built by

France and certainly not the US-and tested in broad daylight in such a public area.

I've even seen lenticular clouds offered up. Not over water and not at 2,000 feet. Over a mountain ridge or peak at 10 grand with an appreciable separation of 5,000 feet or above yes. What annoys me about that pilots's theory is how easily other people will buy into it as an explanation.

The closest we will get to it for a long time is perhaps a 1,000 to 1,500 foot dirigible or a gas bag type blimp. Neither of those will be proportionally equivalent to what Ray Bowyers drew up as a description. His drawing looked to be about 10:1 ratio [5000x500 feet], length to thickness. To get that ratio in a dirigible would require so much bracing the thing would never get off the ground. With a blimp, only it's shape keeps it from folding along it's long axis due to it's own internal pressure. Below a critical point of pressure the winds would fold it or the cabin would make the structure sag.

I've said this at least a dozen times regarding these huge objects the US military in the last 2 years has spent about \$1.5 billion on blimp structures that are 800 feet and less in length, re-inventing lighter-than-air technology so they can get them up to high altitudes and hang radar off of them among other sophisticated detection devices. If they have this technology already, why are they spending hundreds of millions to develop them again? That's pertinent.

Don Ledger

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Best Regards

Neil

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From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Tue, 1 May 2007 12:37:45 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 21:59:04 -0400
Subject: UK UFO Files Declassified

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 15:41:15 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 07:40:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Apr 2007 08:18:41 -0400
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>I believe that Jessie was given large prints from the hi-rez
>scans, but you'll find disagreement on how "hi-rez" those scans
>were, after being commissioned by Stanton Friedman (if I recall
>correctly). Stanton has made those scans available on CD for
>anyone who wants to review them, but I know that some have felt
>that the scanning process could have been handled differently
>and so the debate over quality continues. Neil, correct me if my
>memory is in error, but I thought that your "enhancements" of
>the images brought out what you've identified as "Symbols", and

Hi Steve,

Hope you are keeping well, it's my understanding that Jesse Jnr has based his comments on viewing large format(10x8?) prints of the photographs, my own prints are 14 x11 and you are hard pressed to see any of this stuff in them with the naked eye. Stan's drum scan of the RameyDubose negative is by far the clearest of negative scans done but very little extra information was gained because of the finite limit of the photo emulsion resolution in the original negatives.

I've never gone in for fancy "number crunching"<g>, the only enhancements I have made to some of my images is to extend the contrast range to clarify what is already there, ie the Marcel like symbol Gildas and I have been discussing is there in the RameyAlone image to see un-enhanced, stretching the contrast just makes it easier to view, there's also a bunch of decorative stuff in there on that material too, very odd.

>Neil, I'm afraid that there's a lot of evidence to indicate that
>the debris was switched out completely and that there was no
>actual Roswell debris shown in Ramey's office. I believe that
>most of the major Roswell investigators believe that the debris
>was switched out and all this discussion about "symbols" and
>analysis of the debris pictures is a "Red Herring" keeping us
>busy. The "Ramey Memo" controversy was interesting, but the
>limits of film emulsion and the imagination/confabulation have
>led us down a blind alley with no outlet. IMO, interesting
>arguments can be made in favor of both the "Debris" and the
>"Memo", but neither lead to a resolution and it ends up being a
>matter of what you "believe" to be true, or have proven to
>yourself scientifically.

The events of that afternoon in Fort Worth are far more complex than it first seems. We now know from our lens analysis that Bond only took 4 of the 7 known photographs, and that these photographs we can time, due to the sun/shadow angle seen through Ramey's office window to 3.15pm local time(+/-15mins). This puts Bond in Ramey's office before the Roswell Disc story broke on AP and nearly 3 hours before Newton allegedly came on duty(6pm) to have his picture taken with his debris.

When Bond took his pictures there was no news story, he didn't

even take any written copy just the photos. The cover story didn't appear to kick in until sometime between 4 and 5pm and probably accounts for the _sanitisation_ noticable in the later Marcel and Newton pictures where a lot of the more _interesting_ dibris seems to have gone missing.

There's a lot more yet to come out regarding the FW pictures, and I go over some of these new finding in an article in the forthcoming edition of UFO Data magazine published here in the UK shortly.

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Best Regards

Neil

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John Greenewald, Jr. Home From The Hospital

From: John Greenewald <john.nul>
Date: Tue, 1 May 2007 11:18:31 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 07:43:49 -0400
Subject: John Greenewald, Jr. Home From The Hospital

Hello everyone,

First and foremost - thank you to everyone for their letters and phone calls regarding my status. It means a lot to me that all of you care as much as you do!

For those of you who do not know, last Friday I was taken to the emergency room with extremely intense chest and later stomach pains. I quickly came to discover that my appendix was about to blow, and I was rushed into an emergency surgery Friday night.

Let me tell you, never in my life have I experience such pain. What was supposed to be a routine surgery turned into a slighter greater ordeal than doctors anticipated. I was only supposed to have three holes to remove my appendix, but rather according to the doctors, the appendix was extremely infected and required a longer incision for the surgery.

An hour later, I woke up in recovery (which seemed like a blink of an eye) and then the pain started. The pain meds helped to a point, but then a couple of hours later my fever turned into a concern as it went above 103.6, then peaked I believed at 103.7. All of my vitals set off the alarms all night long, including my blood pressure, high heart rate from the pain, and even my oxygen fell so I was put on oxygen.

My fever was so high they packed my in ice (literally) and started pumping me full of morphine for the pain. (I had to wait out the fever since I couldn't drink anything for 12 hours) It took a few days, but my temperature came back to normal, and my pain meds were reduced to pill form in lieu of my morphine shots.

I was discharged from the hospital on Monday, and have been home ever since. My girlfriend has been absolutely amazing, along with my mother who flew in from taking care of my grandfather up north. They have been angels with this, as I have had a TOUGH time down this road to recovery.

But for the most part, here I am a little over a week since the surgery and doing quite well. Still enjoying my pain meds as the pain does get a bit much at times, but am now able to stand and walk on my own without assistance.

Let me tell you, this has been quite a humbling experience. When I (still at the writing of this e-mail) can not even put on my shoes - it makes you realize how lucky many of us are. I understand what it is like to be physically unable to get out of bed, put on my pants, or even go to the bathroom unassisted. Its embarassing, but I realized I had people like my girlfriend, mother, father, sister and many others who were there to support me in so many ways - even many of you who learned of this from my dad and sent in letters and called my parents house.

I should be back to work on Monday - taking it easy of course, but realizing how lucky I am to return to work.

As I don't want to seem overly dramatic - my reason for feeling

this way is simple. Many would say it was a miracle the appendix didn't burst by the time of surgery. Although that is up for debate, late last year, I had the exact same thing happen when I was uninsured, and I ended up NOT going to the hospital. I believed until last Friday it was simply a blockage in my system that passed, but realize now after talking with the doctor, that too was my appendix. It was just a stroke of good luck it didn't blow up, and subsided on its own - only to return a couple of months later. (When I was insured)

Count your blessing everyone - I am.

I hope to continue Black Vault Radio shortly, and return to some sense of normalcy. Again, thank you all for your concerns and letters throughout all of this - it means more to me than you know!

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 17:38:34 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 07:51:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Bourdais

>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 11:30:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 29 Apr 2007 17:19:15 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 28 Apr 2007 09:13:18 +0100
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

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>>>I am aware as to what Jesse Jnr has said in the past in that he
>>>never saw any particular symbols familiar to him within the
>>>photographs he's seen. I'm not surprised in the least at this
>>>as the vast majority of people have only seen the FW photos in
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Neil, and Steven

I am answering you, Neil, and Steven Keaser.

Please, let's try to stick to clear facts.

First, we have a message of James Bond Johnson, passed on UFO
Updates on June 1st, 1998, under the title "Examination of
Roswell Photos Clears the Air Force" . It refers to a Press
release of May 31, by Ronald Regehr, "Director, Research and
Investigations, for Mufon, Orange County, California.

Bond Johnson announces the release by Regehr of a new digital enlargement, with this comment:

"He had made the digital enlargement using latest technology, directly from new enlargements obtained from the original negatives of the photos, now housed in the Special Collections Section of the Main Library at the University of Texas at Arlington.

"Nothing has prepared me to begin to try to read these strange symbols that are displayed prominently all along some of the beams in my photos of General Ramey... It is most impressive that, aided by this advanced digital technology, we finally have the capacity to enlarge details of the wreckage to see clearly what is indeed some kind of "writings" that do not appear to be any known writings by any earth residents" (Etc.)

Then, we have the second "bombshell" of Bond Johnson, in a message of June 15 to UFO Updates, transmitted by Stig Agermose, entitled "Jesse Jr, Again Sees Symbols From Roswell Crash". In it, Johnson writes:

"Now he was seeing them remarkably being painted across his computer screen " (etc.)

And he quoted Jesse Marcel Jr as saying:

"I am sure that some of the material in the photos is the real stuff - maybe it all is". Jesse said as he looked closely at the details... " (etc.)

The next day, Stig Agermose passes a message of Michael Lindemann, from CNI News, entitled "Jesse Jr. Dissociates Himself From Johnson".

Lindemann writes:

"I've told James Bond Johnson in no uncertain terms that this story of his is plain wrong. It's misleading at least, deceptive at worst. Jesse Marcel has emphatically denied seeing anything in the photos except weather balloon material. I've been in repeated touch with Marcel over the last couple of days and I have his written statement. Marcel specifically does not see anything like the symbols he remembers seeing back in 1947. It is very disappointing that Johnson has, in effect put words in Marcel's mouth". Johnson must retract his story".

Well, I'm afraid Bond Johnson never retracted his story!

Being myself in contact with Marcel Jr, I asked him to confirm Lindemann's statement, and he did so, without any ambiguity. Regarding the scans provided by Stan Friedman, I have them and I have not seen any symbol either. Are they different scans than those provided by Ron Regehr, and/or Neil Mossis, I don't really know, but they are, indeed, of high definition.

Now, the deciphering of General Ramey's memo is an entirely different debate. Yes, you can see the lines and try to read them. Great efforts have been made with very interesting results. Perhaps David Rudiak and Brad Sparks would like to refresh our memories about that?

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

From: **Geoff Richardson** <geoff.nul>
Date: Tue, 1 May 2007 17:24:44 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 07:53:47 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

>From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Apr 2007 12:28:17 -0400
>Subject: Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

>>From: **Don Ledger** <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 28 Apr 2007 13:42:25 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

Don is right; secret military technology as a knee-jerk skeptical explanation is horse manure. But the pilot's size estimates obviously are guesses based on assuming various distances and even then assuming a real size. There is no UFO-like performance indicated, so a local explanation is a reasonable suspect.

There have been similar sightings by pilots before:

On June 17, 1966 from the air near Teheran, Iran, several airline pilots sighted a brilliant sphere of light, "sitting on the horizon," so to speak...

On September 10, 1976, the crew and passengers of British European Airway Flight 831, over Lithuania en route from Moscow to London, observed an intensely glowing, stationary ball of light above the clouds underneath the plane..

From Afghanistan in September 1979, British war cameraman Nick Downie observed gigantic, expanding spheres of light deep within the Soviet Union, toward the direction of Saryshagan missile test range...

On June 18, 1982, pilots and crews of Japan Air Lines Flights 403 and 421 reported sighting a giant, expanding globe of light in the North Pacific, 700 kilometers east of Kushiro.

For further details see:

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

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SDI #437 - 20 Questions

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 1 May 2007 16:52:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 08:13:26 -0400
Subject: SDI #437 - 20 Questions

SDI #437 20 Questions

20 Questions (plus) arbitrarily addressed by Dave Furlotte, Don Ecker, and Errol Bruce-Knapp:

1. Is there a sea-change with regard to professional pilot sightings?
2. What is the provenance of the "BS" associated with ufology, driving persons of Don Ecker's ilk from the field? Is it a culture-contrived "BS" mechanism to accomplish same?
3. Does Mr. Ecker ignore an agenda of his own while identifying same in those immediately around him? Who doesn't know any better? Why do people "flock to the crap"?
4. How does ufology remain to have a "genuineness" in Mr. Ecker's view?
5. In as much as an alien may be extant to do us all ill, how is the opposite conjecture that the alien extant is here for better purposes so objectionable?
6. While speaking of injuries incurred, kidnappings executed, and killings endured at the hands of the conjectured alien, has Mr. Ecker made a comparison to a similar population hazarded in worse ways by its own kind (Two tours in-country and he better)?
7. Was there ever any utility to CSETI's pricey UFO call-down seminars? Does exo-politics have the remotest validity?
8. With regard to Daniel Sheehan (Lawyer & UFO point-man for Jimmy Carter, et al) has it occurred to Mr. Ecker that the bigger he builds the fire the more shadows are exposed? Was that too abstruse? Can Mr. Ecker admit to a bias or a cant of his own? Does he really see himself hewing to the straight and narrow centrist-moderate?
9. How is STS-48 an absolute "smoking gun" regarding the validity of the whole UFO paradigm?
10. How "long and proud is the tradition of the United States"? Is a dissenting view remotely appropriate?
11. Are there huge bases on the moon, and are they not ours?
12. Why did the Moon Landing Astronauts arm themselves with heavy caliber pistols to be carried on space missions? Were these weapons carried to the moon's surface?
13. Did Richard Hoagland pirate work not his own regarding lunar anomalies? Did he do same regarding a new understanding of the Brookings institution report (UFOs mean the disintegration of human civilization)?
14. Does NASA obscure ready evidence about an ET reality? If so, why?

15. If the inmates have taken over the ufological asylum, may that not mean that the "officiating staff" has abandoned or abused its authority to the point where the "inmates" have been sucked in to that provoked vacuum... for some kind of effort rewarding their own self-interest? If society and culture stepped up regarding UFOs the way one would expect (like it had egalitarian balls or harbor-girl ovaries) would the inmates even have to be called "inmates"?

16. Was Colonel Corso (UFO Tech) real? Was Zachariah Sitchin (Ancient astronauts) valid? Does an academic always trump an investigator? What constitutes "definitive proof"?

17. How is there even opportunity for alleged red-herrings like SERPO, Dulce, Dan Burrisch, Billy Meier... what is their mechanism, what is their utility, how are they motivated? Is it all money?

18. Who killed JFK? Did Bill Cooper ("Behold A Pale Horse" author) have a certain chutzpah?

19. Is Stanton Friedman a "one trick pony", who "has done some good work"?

20. Will Alfred Lehmborg show more grace than Don Ecker has at his 20 year sign-post and conjectured retirement?

Hopeful that the preceding was understandable enough for authoritarian pedants and strutting popinjays, I caution:

Ufological sensibilities empowered are the listener's own!

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Re: UK UFO Files Declassified - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 08:28:52 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 08:15:01 -0400
Subject: Re: UK UFO Files Declassified - Pope

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
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It didn't escape my attention. I posted the story on UFO UpDates in March:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/mar/m15-009.shtml>

Ufologists have known for a long time that some of the Defence Intelligence Staff files contaminated with asbestos were UFO files. It started conspiracy theories when it was originally thought the files would have to be destroyed. Many ufologists made FOIA requests relating to these files and what's happened recently is that the MoD has given these ufologists a clearer idea of what files are to be released.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: UK UFO Files Declassified - Henningsen

From: Ole Henningsen <oleh.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 10:57:11 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 08:17:54 -0400
Subject: Re: UK UFO Files Declassified - Henningsen

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Hello Stuart,

Well, ALL European ufo-researchers are well aware of this important step by the UK's MoD - Ministry of Defence.

Best regards,

Ole Henningsen
Scandinavian UFO Information
Denmark

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Earthquake Folkestone UK

From: **Chris Rolfe** <chrisr.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 11:13:21 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 08:19:32 -0400
Subject: Earthquake Folkestone UK

Hi Errol, and all on the List.

As you will all know by now, the town of Folkestone, was hit by a 4.3 Mag earthquake at 08.19 BST on Saturday, 28 April.

The damage is a lot more than was at first thought. We ourselves have recieved about 10,000 - 15,000 GBP worth of damage.

Due to the clean up, and other commitments, such as RAYNET, of which so far we have not been asked to help, I am afraid theat all research and investigations by myslef and UFO Monitors East Kent, will have to go on hold.

This should be for about a month. If anyone can update their contact details with me, such as telephone numbers, email addresses, etc., then if i get any reports I can pass them on for them to deal with.

Sorry for any inconvenience caused by this, but as you can appreciate this is going to be quite a busy time. And I must concentrate on my family and two young children at this time.

Thanks

Chris Rolfe
UFO Monitors East Kent
Folkestone, Kent UK.

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 08:10:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 08:31:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Shell

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Re: John Greenwald, Jr. Home From The Hospital -

From: Carl Feindt <waterufo.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 08:18:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 08:42:54 -0400
Subject: Re: John Greenwald, Jr. Home From The Hospital -

>From: John Greenwald <john.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 1 May 2007 11:18:31 -0700
>Subject: John Greenwald, Jr. Home From The Hospital

>First and foremost - thank you to everyone for their letters and
>phone calls regarding my status. It means a lot to me that all
>of you care as much as you do!

>For those of you who do not know, last Friday I was taken to the
>emergency room with extremely intense chest and later stomach
>pains. I quickly came to discover that my appendix was about to
>blow, and I was rushed into an emergency surgery Friday night.

Hello John,

First I've heard of this... has to be a secret List floating out
there somewhere.

In any event, I'm wishing you a speedy recovery, and glad you're
still with us.

Best Wishes
Carl Feindt - "Physical Influences of a UFO on Water"

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 11:25:01 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 10:37:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Friedman

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 08:10:41 -0400
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 17:38:34 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

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I agree with Bob and had talked to J. Bond, but there are also
parts of a conventional radar reflector made of paper covered
foil and sticks.

I should add that if what is on the floor was all there was, the
rancher would easily have brought it all into town and there
would have been no reason for Marcel and Cavitt to go out to the
ranch and Jesse would certainly have recognized it for what it
was, having taken a course on radar that dealt with radar
reflector balloon combinations

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A Close Encounter In Norfolk Road

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 10:40:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 10:40:37 -0400
Subject: A Close Encounter In Norfolk Road

Source: Hunts Post - Huntingdon, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/3756nw>

02 May 2007

A Close Encounter In Norfolk Road

A researcher is trying to unravel a Huntingdonshire UFO mystery that has just been uncovered after more than 30 years.

It took place in November, 1976, in the skies above Huntingdon.

A man, who gave his address as Norfolk Road, had been out walking his dog when he spotted an object in the sky. According to a letter, it was to be his 'close encounter'.

UFO researcher John Hanson, 61, has uncovered the letter, which was sent to the Ministry of Defence, detailing the unidentified flying object experience.

"It seems this gentleman had been taking his dog for a walk in the Sapley Playing Fields area at about 6.20am on November 5," Mr Hanson said. "As he made his regular walk, he came across a most unusual object hovering above the ground with the letters VAWCON marked on the side."

Mr Hanson, a retired police officer, claims that an RAF investigator was dispatched from RAF Wyton to interview the man about the sighting.

The man, who only wished to be identified as Dave, was said to have told the official: "I saw a dome-shaped structure with coloured lights on the top, hovering above the playing field. It had a telescopic probe which appeared from its metallic dome structure. I was petrified and ran home."

The man also drew a sketch of the craft.

The documents have only come to light recently, following investigations by Mr Hanson, who lives in Worcestershire.

Mr Hanson, who has been researching the paranormal since his retirement from the police force in 1995, said: "This case is one of the most unusual I have discovered during my investigations. I've got an open mind about the existence of aliens but there does seem to be lots of evidence - and a lot of hoaxes as well.

"I would be delighted to hear from any Hunts Post readers who might be able to shed some light on the incident or help me find the man involved."

George Robbins, 77, chairman of the Norfolk Road Residents Association, has been living in the road since 1973, but believes it has always been UFO-free.

"I used to know the chap involved but I can't recall anything about a UFO sighting," he said. "UFOs aren't much of a concern, to be honest. We've got more problems with parking and littering."

A police spokesman added: "We do get some calls about UFOs. We had one last Christmas from a woman in Fenland who had seen bright lights above her house.

"We wondered whether it might have been Santa in his sleigh."

There was another report of a UFO sighting on the Oxmoor in 1999, by a resident claiming to have seen a dark shape fly over his house.

The object was described as 'an equilateral triangle with the top cut off'. No action was taken.

* Do you know the man who saw the UFO? Have you seen any strange shapes in the skies above Norfolk Road? E-mail editor.nul with your story or call the news desk on 01480 411481.

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 16:44:38 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 12:02:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 17:38:34 +0200
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

Gildas,

>Neil, and Steven

>I am answering you, Neil, and Steven Keaser.

>Please, let's try to stick to clear facts.

Of course.

>First, we have a message of James Bond Johnson, passed on UFO
>Updates on June 1st, 1998, under the title "Examination of
>Roswell Photos Clears the Air Force" . It refers to a Press
>release of May 31, by Ronald Regehr, "Director, Research and
>Investigations, for Mufon, Orange County, California.

>Bond Johnson announces the release by Regehr of a new digital
>enlargement, with this comment:

>"He had made the digital enlargement using latest technology,
>directly from new enlargements obtained from the original
>negatives of the photos, now housed in the Special Collections
>Section of the Main Library at the University of Texas at
>Arlington.

I believe these were aprox 3 or 4 enlargements made from a new
16x12 print of the RameyDubose image obtained from the UTA by
Ron Regehr

>"Nothing has prepared me to begin to try to read these strange
>symbols that are displayed prominently all along some of the
>beams in my photos of General Ramey... It is most impressive
>that, aided by this advanced digital technology, we finally have
>the capacity to enlarge details of the wreckage to see clearly
>what is indeed some kind of "writings" that do not appear to be
>any known writings by any earth residents" (Etc.)

>Then , we have the second "bombshell" of Bond Johnson, in a
>message of June 15 to UFO Updates, transmitted by Stig Agermose,
>entitled "Jesse Jr, Again Sees Symbols From Roswell Crash". In
>it, Johnson writes:

>"Now he was seeing them remarkably being painted across his
>computer screen " (etc.)

>And he quoted Jesse Marcel Jr as saying:

>"I am sure that some of the material in the photos is the real
>stuff - maybe it all is". Jesse said as he looked closely at
>the details... " (etc.)

For the record I believe it was only around mid-late June 89
that I had my first contacts with Bond and got hold of some of

these first scans. It was only late Aug 89 when I obtained my set of prints of the FW images from the UTA and it took from Sept thro to Dec 89 to make my own working set of digitisations of them. Since then I've also further obtained full scans of the 4 original UTA negatives to work with.

I believe the "symbols" he refers to above were those to be found on a mangled beam in the RameyDubose image.

These symbols do not resemble those seen by Jesse Jnr in any way, so I'm not at all surprised at his comments,

I'm not even aware if Jesse Jnr has ever seen the symbol from the RameyAlone image we are discussing.

>The next day, Stig Agermose passes a message of Michael
>Lindemann, from CNI News, entitled "Jesse Jr. Dissociates
>Himself From Johnson".

>Lindemann writes:

>"I've told James Bond Johnson in no uncertain terms that this
>story of his is plain wrong. It's misleading at least, deceptive
>at worst. Jesse Marcel has emphatically denied seeing anything
>in the photos except weather balloon material. I've been in
>repeated touch with Marcel over the last couple of days and I
>have his written statement. Marcel specifically does not see
>anything like the symbols he remembers seeing back in 1947. It
>is very disappointing that Johnson has, in effect put words in
>Marcel's mouth". Johnson must retract his story".

>Well, I'm afraid Bond Johnson never retracted his story!

Bond was nothing if not "enthusiastic", sometimes he was a little too enthusiastic.<G>

You had to remember one of his majors was journalism and he had been a PIO early on in his Army career<g>.

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If you've been looking at Stan's scan of the RameyDubose image I'm not surprised you haven't seen the symbol I refer to, as it's not in that image. It's to be found in the RameyAlone image, and can be clearly seen on the "balloon envelope" debris at the back of the picture without any enhancement if you have a large format print, you can certainly see it in my 14 x11, even better with the help of a small lens.

I can post a URL to an image to illustrate where to look if you like.

>Now, the deciphering of General Ramey's memo is an entirely
>different debate. Yes, you can see the lines and try to read
>them. Great efforts have been made with very interesting
>results. Perhaps David Rudiak and Brad Sparks would like to
>refresh our memories about that?

Gildas,

You can clearly see the "tram-lines" in the "glyph panel" sitting smack diagonally across a so called "ML307 foil-paper panel" but most people dismiss this even though it plainly is there and is absolutely no part of any ML307 construction as confirmed in contemporary photos nor can be identified with any item in the original plans, and if that's the case it cannot be taken as an item of ML307 debris.

People tend to see what they want to see with the debris, they see sticks, they see foil, to them this confirms its balloon and radar target debris. But this answer does not encompass all the debris and in particular that which shouldn't be there if it were just balloon and radar target debris ie, things like the "glyph panel", buttons, pipes and wires on the "balloon

envelope", non rubber like envelope material, folded heavy guage metal and the enigmatic "thick debris" to found in the Bettman image.

If the debris is from an ML307 what part do these play?, and why arn't they shown on the engineering drawings? and why don't we see them in contemporary photos like those taken on the 9th of July demo launch at FWAAF and printed in the 10th July edition of the FW Star Telegram?. I have been asking this same question since 1989/90 and I'm still waiting to get a credible answer from the people who see only balloon and radar target debris.

Best Regards

Neil

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Fwd Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 15:14:47 -0400
Subject: UFO 'Evidence' Grows

Source: This Is Guernsey, Channel Islands, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/39udne>

2/5/2007

UFO 'Evidence' Grows

by Joel de Woolfson

A retired Air France pilot has backed Aurigny's Ray Bowyer's UFO sighting.

Captain Jean-Charles Duboc claimed he saw a huge object over Paris on 28 January 1994 while flying an Airbus 320 from Nice to London.

It was well documented in the French media and on internet sites.

The 55-year-old's sighting was supported by fellow flight crew and French radar, which picked up the object about 25 miles east of Paris for 50 seconds.

"The observation of Captain Ray Bowyer is really impressive for several reasons," he said.

"The fact it was daytime, a huge size, low altitude, nine minutes of sighting, passengers and another crew to confirm it.

"In fact, Captain Bowyer's observation is very similar to mine, except there was two objects and they were very low."

However, unlike Captain Bowyer, who gave no suggestion as to what the UFO might have been, Captain Duboc believes the one he was was from another world.

"My position about the sighting off Alderney is that an extraterrestrial civilisation wants to develop contacts with our planet and that they deliberately organise UFO sightings."

He said that in the last 60 years, there have been approximately 1,300 sightings by pilots and about 15% have been confirmed by radar.

"It is a really scary reality, but pilots have exceptional training and are the best qualified observers to identify UFOs."

Air France would not say if Captain Duboc had flown for it because of data protection laws.

Captain Duboc said the size of the objects seen by Captain Bowyer and a Blue Islands pilot was similar to that of the UFO he saw which he described as a huge lens with a bank angle of 45 degrees.

"We soon realised it was about 25 nautical miles away and it didn't move. It was absolutely huge because it is impossible to see an airplane distinctly at that distance.

"The dimensions of that object could have been around 500 metres and we saw it for between one and two minutes before it dematerialised in about 10 to 20 seconds."

Aurigny pilot Ray Bowyer has today told of his delight at the response to his UFO sighting.

The 50-year-old captain, who claimed he saw two identical objects as he was approaching Alderney from Southampton, said he had been inundated by people telling similar stories.

"Since the story has been publicised, I must have had a least 20 people come up to me and tell me their story," he said.

He said it has had a very positive impact.

"I think what it has done is make it acceptable for other people to tell their stories. It seems to have lubricated people's tonsils to talk about this sort of experience."

Captain Bowyer's UFO sighting received national media attention last week and the story has been seen by people all over the globe after being picked up by various news websites.

He said the stories people had told him varied greatly.

"I must say that some of the people said things that I thought could be explained. However I reckon that there are people out there that have seen stuff that cannot be explained."

He added that he had received a lot of support from fellow pilots.

"In the profession it's fairly well known that if you come forward and tell these sort of stories, you become unemployable."

Captain Bowyer praised his bosses at Aurigny for their understanding.

"I think if I had not had eight years with the company it would not have been mentioned. But I'm lucky that I had the security with Aurigny and I want to thank them for their support.

"It's really nice that other people have come forward to say that they have had similar experiences."

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 08:38:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 08:38:27 -0400
Subject: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

Source: The Guardian - London, UK

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/print/0,,329804654-117780,00.html>

Thursday May 3, 2007

MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

James Randerson
Guardian

The Ministry of Defence plans to open its "X-Files" on UFO sightings to the public for the first time. Officials have not yet decided on a date for the release of the reports, which date back to 1967, but it is hoped to be within weeks.

The move follows the decision by the French national space agency to release its UFO files in March, the first official body in the world to do so.

UFO buffs will be keen to find out what officials knew about some of the UK's most famous sightings and whether any action was taken. One celebrated event - at Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, in 1980 - has been dubbed "Britain's Roswell" after the UFO incident in the US in 1947. At Rendlesham there were several witness reports of a UFO apparently landing. The released files should support or discount claims that radiation was detected at the site after the event.

David Clarke, a lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam University and author of *Flying Saucerers: A Social History of UFOlogy*, said opening the MoD's files would make it harder to sustain the idea that evidence for the existence of aliens has been suppressed. "The more of this stuff that they put on their website or put in the national archives, the less it will cost the taxpayer, because at the moment people are writing in about individual incidents and they are having respond," said Dr Clarke, referring to requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

The documents due for release are witness reports of apparent UFO sightings, many by civil pilots and military personnel. Most were simply collected and filed by a small, secret unit within defence intelligence called DI55. A few are thought to have been investigated further by the military, but the details have never been made public. There are 24 files due for release, each containing 200-300 reports of sightings, plus internal MoD briefings and correspondence.

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UFO Over Edinburgh Was Helicopter Officials Say

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 12:42:45 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 11:24:42 -0400
Subject: UFO Over Edinburgh Was Helicopter Officials Say

<http://news.scotsman.com/scotland.cfm?id=677412007>

The story is typical but read the responses at the bottom of the story.

The Scots are just hilarious. I haven't laughed so hard in days.

Best,

Greg

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Anne Henson

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 17:55:31 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 11:28:40 -0400
Subject: Anne Henson

List,

This was originally a personal query for Nick Redfern, but my emails to him are bouncing back. On reflection, however, it occurred to me that List members might be interested in the matter, especially in light of the anticipated increased availability of British official UFO data.

Background: the query relates to an intriguing case from 1962 outlined in Nick's 'On The Trail Of The Saucer Spies' (2006).

Thirty-one years after the event Nick discovered a file in the National Archive at Kew, demonstrating the involvement of the Provost & Security Services in the case, an involvement of a type that had previously been denied through official channels.

Anne Henson had witnessed a sequence of UAPs and had contacted RAF Chivenor. She was subsequently visited, more than once, by a P&SS investigator. So...

Nick,

I've just finished reading 'On The Trail Of The Saucer Spies' (an excellent piece of work, upon which I congratulate you) and there is one loose end that I would like you to clarify if you are able.

I was most intrigued by the Anne Henson case, which seems highly unusual in a number of ways. There is, however a fundamental discrepancy between Anne Henson's account of events and the account that you have uncovered from the P&SS files. Anne speaks of a third visit on which her Investigator witnessed the phenomenon and took a photograph. The P&SS report indicates only two visits and omits any mention of a sighting on the part of the Investigator or of any photograph having been taken.

Can you account for this discrepancy?

Have you been able to ask Anne Henson about it?

It would seem that there are only two possible explanations:

1. Anne Henson has, either deliberately (unlikely, as it appears from your account that you initiated the contact after finding the file at Kew, and that Anne Henson is not a 'publicity seeker' with an agenda of her own) or in good faith (perhaps confusing two or more separate events and rolling them into a single memory after 40+ years) given an inaccurate account of her interaction with officialdom.
2. The official record does not accurately reflect the full extent of the investigation that took place, and does not include some hard evidence that might support Anne Henson's position.

Needless to say, if you agree with that analysis of the possible explanations, it would be interesting to hear your views on where the balance of probability rests.

Gerald O'Connell

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 13:08:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 11:32:01 -0400
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>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
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Yes, please do. I'm certainly open-minded enough to take a look
if you show me where. So far all I've seen is balloon junk and
pieces of a radar target, but I'm happy to look once again and
see just what you are talking about.

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Sorry to hear of John's appendix problem. Glad its taken care
of.

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Balthaser

From: Dennis Balthaser <truthskr.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 10:56:42 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 11:37:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Balthaser

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 11:25:01 -0300
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 08:10:41 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

<snip>

>>Bond Johnson was an old man looking for his last hurrah, and
>>desperately trying to make his role in the Roswell story greater
>>than it really was, which was totally peripheral to the real
>>story. I corresponded with him, I liked him, but I paid no mind
>>to his exaggerations.

>>His photos show a bunch of balloon junk, nothing more.

>I agree with Bob and had talked to J. Bond, but there are also
>parts of a conventional radar reflector made of paper covered
>foil and sticks.

>I should add that if what is on the floor was all there was, the
>rancher would easily have brought it all into town and there
>would have been no reason for Marcel and Cavitt to go out to the
>ranch and Jesse would certainly have recognized it for what it
>was, having taken a course on radar that dealt with radar
>reflector balloon combinations

Perhaps the List will allow me to throw my 2 cents into this
discussion.

I interviewed James Bond Johnson in 2001, and that interview is
available at:

[www.truthseekeratroswell.com/interview James Bond Johnson.html](http://www.truthseekeratroswell.com/interview%20James%20Bond%20Johnson.html)

which might explain some of the embellishment Johnson did about
his involvement, not only with me, but also with Kevin Randle
and David Rudiak in interviews or conversations they had with
him. Surprisingly to me when Johnson passed away his son told me
that he had handed out my interview to those attending the
memorial service for his Dad.

Secondly for those of you that have the photo of Gen Ramey
(kneeling down) and Col Dubose, is that not an unopened package
wrapped in brown paper, behind them on the floor against the
wall? Could that be some of the debris Maj. Marcel brought to Ft
Worth and not yet opened? The brown wrapping paper on the floor
doesn't appear to have ever been folded up either, but rather
removed off a new roll of paper for the photo session.

Just some thoughts.

Dennis Balthaser
www.truthseekeratroswell.com

www.gizapyramid.com

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Re: A Close Encounter In Norfolk Road - Shough

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 19:11:29 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 11:39:15 -0400
Subject: Re: A Close Encounter In Norfolk Road - Shough

>Source: Hunts Post - Huntingdon, England, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/3756nw>

>02 May 2007

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This page is dated 2005 so it seems the documents have been available for some time. The witness is identified here as Dave Pointer, and the investigating officer from RAF Wyton was a Flt Lt Chapman acting on advice from DI55. Chapman reported that although Mr. Pointer was "perfectly normal" he was unable to reach any conclusion on the incident.

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Secrecy News -- 05/02/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 13:43:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 11:51:17 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 05/02/07

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2007, Issue No. 46
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ARMY CLAMPS DOWN WITH NEW OPSEC POLICY

A new U.S. Army regulation on Operations Security (OPSEC) would sharply restrict the ability of soldiers to participate in public life without supervision and authorization from superior officers.

The regulation also encourages Army personnel to view attempts by unauthorized persons to gather restricted information as an act of subversion against the United States.

"All Department of the Army personnel and DoD contractors will... consider handling attempts by unauthorized personnel to solicit critical information or sensitive information as a Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army (SAEDA) incident," the regulation states (at section 2-1).

"Sensitive" information is defined here (at section 1-5(c)(3)(e)) to include not just vital details of military operations and technologies but also documents marked "For Official Use Only" (FOUO) that may be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

It follows that inquisitive members of the press or the public who actively pursue such FOUO records may be deemed enemies of the United States.

In what seems to be a serious conceptual muddle, the new regulation conflates OPSEC, which is supposed to be a defense against adversaries of the United States, with FOIA restrictions, which regulate public access to government information. As a result, it appears that OPSEC procedures are now to be used to control access to predecisional documents, copyrighted or proprietary material, and other FOIA-exempt records.

A copy of the new regulation, dated April 19 and itself marked For Official Use Only, was obtained by Wired News and is posted here:

http://blog.wired.com/defense/files/army_reg_530_1_updated.pdf

Taken at face value, the regulation would spell the end of military blogging and would severely curtail military participation in public life. It imposes a non-discretionary pre-publication review requirement, stating that "all Department of the Army personnel... will... consult with their immediate supervisor... prior to publishing or posting information in a public forum." (sec. 2-1).

It was reported by Noah Shachtman in "New Army Rules Could Kill G.I. Blogs (Maybe E-mail, Too)," Danger Room, May 2:

http://blog.wired.com/defense/2007/05/new_army_rules.html

The terms of the Army regulation are so expansive as to create innumerable new opportunities for violations and infractions.

Just this week, for example, the Army's own 1st Information Operations Command ironically posted a briefing on "OPSEC in the Blogosphere," marked For Official Use Only:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/army/opsec-blog.pdf>

(Thanks, again, to Entropic Memes at www.slugsite.com.)

NEW DOCTRINE ON JOINT SPECIAL OPERATIONS

The planning and performance of Joint Special Operations are described in some detail in a new publication from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Joint special operations (SO) are conducted by SOF [special operations forces] from more than one Service in hostile, denied, or politically sensitive environments to achieve military, diplomatic, informational, and/or economic objectives employing military capabilities for which there is no broad conventional force requirement."

"These operations may require low visibility, clandestine, or covert capabilities."

"SO differ from conventional operations in degree of physical and political risk, operational techniques, use of special equipment, modes of employment, independence from friendly support, and dependence on detailed operational intelligence and indigenous assets."

See "Joint Special Operations Task Force Operations," Joint Publication 3-05.1, 26 April 2007 (400 pages, 1.8 MB PDF):

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3_05_01.pdf

OVERSIGHT OF AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

"Air Force intelligence components do not engage in experimentation involving human subjects for intelligence purposes," a new Air Force Instruction states categorically.

Except for the exceptions.

"Any exception would require approval by the Secretary or Under Secretary of the Air Force and would be undertaken only with the informed consent of the subject and in accordance with procedures established by AF/SG to safeguard the welfare of subjects."

The new Instruction presents a generally scrupulous account of the regulatory framework within which Air Force intelligence operates. It addresses domestic search and surveillance, imagery collection and dissemination, mail covers, and other intelligence activities.

See Air Force Instruction 14-104, "Oversight of Intelligence Activities," 16 April 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usaf/afi14-104.pdf>

Some other noteworthy new Air Force Instructions include these:

AFI 10-2604, "Disease Containment Planning Guidance," 6 April

2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usaf/afil0-2604.pdf>

AFI 40-201, "Managing Radioactive Materials in the U.S. Air Force," 13 April 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usaf/afi40-201.pdf>

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"During calendar year 2006, the Government made 2,181 applications to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court for authority to conduct electronic surveillance and physical search for foreign intelligence purposes," according to the latest Justice Department report to Congress on implementation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. The court approved 2,176 applications, making substantive modifications to 73 of them, and denying one, in part.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/fisa/2006rept.pdf>

The Open Government Act of 2007, which would strengthen several access provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, was favorably reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee for consideration by the full Senate. Much of the Committee report on the bill was devoted to a lengthy critique by Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ), who unsuccessfully opposed it, and a letter from the Justice Department, likewise in opposition. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2007/opengov.html>

The responsibilities of various Pentagon components in dealing with the threat of weapons of mass destruction are delineated in a new directive. See "Department of Defense (DoD) Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Policy," DoD Directive 2060.02, April 19, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/d2060_02.pdf

"Sudan: The Crisis in Darfur and Status of the North-South Peace Agreement" is the subject of a report from the Congressional Research Service, updated March 27, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL33574.pdf>

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Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 16:29:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 11:55:25 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 1 May 2007 17:24:44 +0100
>Subject: Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

>>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 29 Apr 2007 12:28:17 -0400
>>Subject: Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 28 Apr 2007 13:42:25 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

>Don is right; secret military technology as a knee-jerk
>skeptical explanation is horse manure. But the pilot's size
>estimates obviously are guesses based on assuming various
>distances and even then assuming a real size. There is no UFO-
>like performance indicated, so a local explanation is a
>reasonable suspect.

>There have been similar sightings by pilots before:

Geoff, no offense, but I doubt anyone on this List needs to be reminded of the hundreds of sightings that have been made by experienced military & civil aviation personnel.

I realise, though, that my comment wasn't very clear. What I meant was that in general it is reasonable to suggest that an unknown, unidentifiable object in the sky might be an experimental craft. After all, there was time when every plane in existence was at an experimental stage. As much as I want to find hard evidence of extra-terrestrial visitors I'm unwilling to entertain more mundane origins for any sightings.

That being said, I doubt that whatever was seen over the Channel islands was military, given that it was reported to be glowing yellow and green (yes, Don, I know that it's possible, but the point i'm trying to make is that it seems rather an unlikely profile for a secret, experimental craft).

In any case, I don't think it's right to label this guy's suggestion as "horse manure". He was simply stating his opinion, after all:

"I am not trying to discredit anything that Ray said because I saw him 45 minutes after the incident and he was clearly shaken. He obviously saw something."

That's hardly the statement of a disinformation specialist. So what? He thinks there might be a mundane explanation. Big deal. I think we can both agree to disagree with him and leave it at that.

Brian

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'UFO Crash' Video Likely A Hoax

From: William Bolt <ab5sy.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 14:58:24 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 11:59:08 -0400
Subject: 'UFO Crash' Video Likely A Hoax

This is the first I've seen of this. Too bad there was no other info given except what is below.

This may have been around for ages.

(Video) Alleged footage of a UFO crash in the desert...

<http://emuse.ebaumsworld.com/video/watch/17202>

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FOIA Alexander & Victorian

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci.nul>
Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 19:12:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 12:11:08 -0400
Subject: FOIA Alexander & Victorian

From: Edward Hammond <ehammond.nul-PROJECT.ORG>
To: FOI-L.nul
Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 15:22:56 -0700
Subject: LANL Non-Lethal FOIA and John Alexander

The Sunshine Project
Information Pointer - 2 May 2007

<http://www.sunshine-project.org>

New Non-Lethal Papers Document 1990s US Research Program

It was an epic battle between two really, really wierd hombres. It was waged, in part, through Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. It revealed important information about US "non-lethal" chemical and biological weapons research and 1993 ruminations on preemptive war and proliferation of nuclear and other weapons. Some of the information has been lost, likely forever, but a new FOIA request has unearthed old documents of historical interest in chemical and biological weapons, all because of a strange rivalry between two strange men.

If you are only interested in the documents click to see them:

<http://www.sunshine-project.org/incapacitants/azadehdel.html>

If you are interested in where they came from, and some commentary on their content, read on.

On one side was John Alexander, a zealous US Army Colonel (ret.), veteran of the Vietnam War's notorious Phoenix Program, and holder of a PhD in "Death Studies". A believer in psychokinesis, Alexander promotes intelligence gathering with specialists trained in a "psychic" pseudoscience technique called "remote visioning" and - no joke - is a CIA consultant and widely-known proponent of so-called "non-lethal" warfare. Now living in Las Vegas, Alexander and psychobabble colleagues including Gen. Albert Stubblebine were featured in the recent book *The Men Who Stare at Goats* (http://www.jonronson.com/goats_04.html).

The Colonel's opponent: Habib [Armen Victorian] Azadehdel, probably not his real name, an Armenian-born conspiracy theorist living in Nottingham, England. Azadehdel, possibly a former operative of the Shah of Iran, is a researcher and liberal user of pseudonyms ranging from Julian Phillips to Cassava N'Tumbo. Azadehdel's daring and illegal overseas exploits as an orchid smuggler for Kew Gardens, and other clients, were portrayed in the book *Orchid Fever*. Azadehdel was also the subject of a 2004 short film, *The Mythologist*

<http://www.mythologist.co.uk/>

Both men share a strong interest in UFOs and, at least in Alexander's case, alien abductions and farm animal autopsies

allegedly performed by flying saucer crews. (No joke.) They had squabbles with one another in the field of "UFOology". By some accounts, the origin of the battle between the two men is the woman who is now John Alexander's wife, Victoria, herself no stranger to touch-free spoon bending and little green aliens. Whether it was rivalry over a woman or that Azadehdel was genuinely concerned that Alexander needed to be exposed as a US government disinformation plant in the "UFO community", the two developed a bitter enmity.

The field of battle: The Freedom of Information Act. From 1990 through 1997, Azadehdel filed 52 FOIA requests (under the pseudonym Armen Victorian) with Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, where Alexander led the US government's "non-lethal" weapons research effort.

Alexander strenuously fought them, seeking intervention from DOD in Washington to prevent release of some records. Some correspondence related to Alexander's resistance has been released by DOE, other parts - some of which appear to be genuine - can be found on the internet. The battle also played out in articles - by both parties - on listservers and in outlets such as Lobster Magazine and other conspiracy and UFO theory media.

Unfortunately, the files on 46 of Azadehdel's FOIA requests no longer exist courtesy of a National Nuclear Security Administration paper shredder. A new Sunshine Project FOIA rescued the remaining six from a similar fate.

The FOIA records include important historical information on the US "non-lethal" weapons effort, led by Alexander at the time. These include discussions about parlaying government bioremediation research into a US biological weapons program to develop microbes to attack infrastructure and military materials. This illegal avenue of US "non-lethal" weapons research has been previously demonstrated in other government documents; but has never been acknowledged by the US government.

The records also include early ruminations (1993) by a Los Alamos nuclear nonproliferation expert on preemptive war and, citing interest from Paul Wolfowitz, the possibility of using "non-lethal" weapons in interventions intended to stop proliferation. The nuclear guy, however, was no sucker for the "non-lethal" moniker, noting that if the US used such weapons in preemptive strikes that "The highest payoffs would probably be prior to the engagement of major lethal force." Which is precisely what NGOs have been saying, and the government has been denying, for years: Military "non-lethal" weapons systems are frequently for use as multipliers of lethal force, and not for use saving any adversary or bystander's life.

The records also reveal the existence of three classified 1993 US Department of Energy studies on microbial (i.e. biological) and chemical "non-lethal" weapons, for which the Sunshine Project today requested Mandatory Declassification Review.

All of the materials are now available online, as follows:

- 1) The entire 523 page file provided by DOE. (Warning: Big, repetitive.)
- 2) Alexander, John B. Potential Non-Lethal Policy Issues, LANL document number LA-UR-92-3773, 28 September 1992.
- 3) Anonymous. Non-Lethal Technology Overlap (marked: "Rough Draft"), Los Alamos National Lab, c. 1992-1993. (Includes "Biology" entry.)
- 4) Pilat, Joseph F. Responding to Proliferation: A Role for Nonlethal Defenses?, LANL document number LA-UR-93-1506, 22 April 1993.
- 5) Bowden, J.A. Non-Lethal Defense Options for Future Conflict, LANL document number LA-UR-93-3044, 20 August 1993.
- 6) Alexander, John B. A Proposal for Non-Lethal Force Development, LANL document number LA-CP-94-0190, 22 August 1994.
- 7) Alexander, John B. Nonlethal Antimateriel Application of Superacids and Other Very Aggressive Chemical Agents, LANL

document number LA-CP-94-0203, 19 September 2004, prepared
for NATO Agard Study AAS-40.

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 17:31:08 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 10:01:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 08:10:41 -0400
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

Hi Bob,

>I've spent some time looking at the high res scans. There is
>nothing there. No symbols, no weird writing, nothing. Those who
>see anything unusual in these photos are simply not familiar
>with photographic analysis or the tricks the human mind plays in
>trying to superimpose order on chaos.

Please read my reply to Gildas regarding the above and I have taken into account the eye/brain interface trying to make structure out of chaos, but when you see the same symbols repeating themselves in a structured form ie following a line or perpendicular to an upper and lower line as in the "glyph panel" you then have to conclude there is something more to it than mere mind games.

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>desperately trying to make his role in the Roswell story greater
>than it really was, which was totally peripheral to the real
>story. I corresponded with him, I liked him, but I paid no mind
>to his exaggerations.

If Bond wanted to garner personal recognition he had quietly championed a far, far worthier cause to shout about than those old photos. I'm glad he saw the case through to a successful outcome before he died.

There's very little on the web referring to the campaign he and his veteran colleagues ran but this is one item I spotted.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MRGRG-MS/message/315>

Best Regards

Neil

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Did Ancient Biotech Create Nephilim?

From: Tom Horn <raidersnewsupdate.nul>
Date: Thu, 3 May 2007 09:27:09 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 13:58:47 -0400
Subject: Did Ancient Biotech Create Nephilim?

<http://www.raidersnewsnetwork.com/full.php?news=3D5172>

Added: May 3rd, 2007 7:55 AM

Did Ancient Biotech Create "Nephilim"? Will Modern Science Bring Them Again?
by Thomas Horn

"The benei Elohim saw the daughters of Adam, that they were fit extensions" (Gen 6:2, Interlinear Hebrew Bible).

May 3, 2007 -- RaidersNewsNetwork.com -- In the study of the Old Testament Book of Genesis, beings of great stature called "giants" appear, which some scholars believe came into existence after powerful angels known as 'Watchers' descended to earth and used women (or their biological matter) to construct bodies of flesh, which they used to "extend" themselves into the material world.

The Apocryphal books of Enoch, 2 Esdras, Genesis Aprocryphon and Jasher support the Genesis story, adding that the sin of the angels grew to include genetic modification of animals as well as humans. The Book of Jasher, mentioned in the Bible in Joshua 10:13 and 2 Samuel 1:18, says, "After the fallen angels went into the daughters of men, the sons of men taught the mixture of animals of one species with the other, in order to provoke the Lord"(4:18). This clear reference to the Genesis 6 record illustrates that "animals" were included in whatever cross-species experiments were being conducted, and that this activity resulted in judgment from God. The Book of Enoch also supports this record, saying that after the fallen angels merged their DNA with women, they "began to sin against birds, and beasts, and reptiles, and fish" (7:5,6). The Old Testament contains associated reference to genetic mutations, which developed among humans following this activity, including unusual size, physical strength, six fingers, six toes, animal appetite for blood and even lion-like features among men (2 Sam 21:20; 23:20).

What if, by corrupting the species barrier in which each creature was to recreate after its "own kind," Watchers had successfully mingled human-animal DNA and combined the hereditary traits of different species into a single new mutation? An entirely new being=97Nephilim=97might have suddenly possessed the combined intelligence and instincts (seeing, hearing, smelling, reacting to the environment) of several life forms and in ways unfamiliar to creation.

Will modern biotechnology resurrect Nephilim?

Today, molecular biologists classify the functions of genes within native species but are unsure in many cases how a gene's coding might react from one species to another. In recombinant DNA technology, a "transgenic" organism is created when the genetic structure of one specie is altered by the transfer of a gene or genes from another. This could change not only the genetic structure of the modified animal and its offspring, but its evolutionary development, sensory modalities, disease propensity, personality and behavior traits among other things.

Such transgenic tinkering already exists in many parts of the world including the United States, Britain and Australia where animal eggs are being used to create hybrid human embryos from which stem cell lines can be produced for medical research. A team at Newcastle and Durham universities in the UK recently announced plans to "create hybrid rabbit and human embryos, as well as other =91chimera=92 embryos mixing human and cow genes." More alarmingly, the same researchers have already managed to reanimate tissue "from dead human cells in another breakthrough which was heralded as a way of overcoming ethical dilemmas over using living embryos for medical research" (1). In the United States, similar studies led Irv Weissman, director of Stanford University=92s Institute of Cancer/Stem Cell Biology and Medicine in California to create mice with partly human brains, causing some ethicists to raise the issue of "humanized animals" in the future that could become "self aware" as a result of genetic modification. Even the President of the United States, George W. Bush in his January 31st, 2006 State of the Union Address called for legislation to "prohibit=85. creating human-animal hybrids, and buying, selling, or patenting human embryos."

Not everybody shares these concerns. A radical, international, intellectual, and cultural movement known as "Transhumanism" supports the use of new sciences including genetic modification to enhance human mental and physical abilities and aptitudes so that "human beings will eventually be transformed into beings with such greatly expanded abilities as to merit the label 'posthuman'" (2).

I have personally debated leading transhumanist, Dr. James Hughes on his weekly syndicated talk show, Changesurfer Radio. Hughes is Executive Director of the Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies and teaches at Trinity College in Hartford Connecticut. He is also the author of "Citizen Cyborg: Why Democratic Societies Must Respond to the Redesigned Human of the Future", a sort of Bible for transhumanist values. Dr. Hughes joins a growing body of academics, bioethicists and sociologists who support "large-scale genetic and neurological engineering of ourselves=85.[a] new chapter in evolution [as] the result of accelerating developments in the fields of genomics, stem-cell research, genetic enhancement, germ-line engineering, neuro-pharmacology, artificial intelligence, robotics, pattern recognition technologies, and nanotechnology=85. at the intersection of science and religion [which has begun to question] what it means to be human=85" (3).

In related development, Case Law School in Cleveland was awarded a \$773,000 grant in April 2006 from the National Institutes of Health to develop guidelines "for the use of human subjects in what could be the next frontier in medical technology =96 genetic enhancement." Maxwell Mehlman, Arthur E. Petersilge Professor of Law, director of the Law-Medicine Center at the Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and professor of bioethics in the Case School of Medicine is leading the team of "law professors, physicians, and bioethicists in the two-year project to develop standards for tests on human subjects in research that involves the use of genetic technologies to enhance =91normal=92 individuals =96 to make them smarter, stronger, or better-looking" (4).

Other law schools including Stanford and Oxford have recently hosted "Human Enhancement and Technology" conferences where transhumanists, futurists, bioethicists and legal scholars merged to discuss the ethical and legal ramifications of posthumans.

In his book "Life, Liberty and the Defense of Dignity: The Challenges of Bioethics", the former chairman of the President's Council on Bioethics, Leon Kass provided a status report on where we stand today regarding transhumanism. He warned in the introduction that "Human nature itself lies on the operating table, ready for alteration, for eugenic and psychic 'enhancement,' for wholesale redesign. In leading laboratories, academic and industrial, new creators are confidently amassing their powers and quietly honing their skills, while on the street their evangelists are zealously prophesying a posthuman future. For anyone who cares about preserving our humanity, the time has come for paying attention" (5).

Not to be outdone in this regard by the National Institute of Health, DARPA and other agencies of the U.S. military have taken

inspiration from the likes of Tolkein's Lord of the Rings. In a scene reminiscent of Saruman the wizard creating monstrous Uruk-Hai to wage unending, merciless war, we find billions of American tax dollars have flowed into the Pentagon's Frankensteinian dream of "super-soldiers" and the "Extended Performance War Fighter" program. Not only does the EPWFP envision "injecting young men and women with hormonal, neurological and genetic concoctions; implanting microchips and electrodes in their bodies to control their internal organs and brain functions; and plying them with drugs that deaden some of their normal human tendencies: the need for sleep, the fear of death, [and] the reluctance to kill their fellow human beings," but Chris Floyd in an article for CounterPunch a while back quoted the Daily Telegraph and Christian Science Monitor, saying "some of the research now underway involves actually altering the genetic code of soldiers, modifying bits of DNA to fashion a new type of human specimen, one that functions like a machine, killing tirelessly for days and nights on end... mutations [that] will 'revolutionize the contemporary order of battle' and guarantee 'operational dominance across the whole range of potential U.S. military employments" (6).

In keeping with our editorial, imagine the staggering implications of such science if dead Nephilim tissue was discovered with intact DNA and a government somewhere that was willing to clone or mingle the extracted organisms to make Homo-nephilim. If one accepts the biblical story of giants as real, such discovery could actually be made someday, or perhaps already has been and was covered up. The technology to resurrect the extinct species already exists, and cloning methods are being studied now for use with bringing back Tasmanian Tigers, Woolly Mammoths and other extinguished creatures.

"Let not the dead live, let not the giants rise again=85" (Isaiah 26.14, Douay-Rheims Version).

The reference above from the Book of Isaiah 26:14 could be troubling, as it may reflect a prayer from the prophet, a petition to God not to allow the giants to incarnate again. Did Isaiah pray this way because he knew something about the future, something related to a return of Nephilim?

The relationship between creatures called "Rephaim" and the Nephilim of ancient texts is enlightening, as Rephaim are viewed as the spirits of dead Nephilim in the grave. The word "Rephaim" carries with it the meaning 'to heal' or to be 'healed' as in a 'resurrection'. In the Ras Shamra texts, the Rephaim are described as both human and divine beings who worshipped the Amorite god Ba'al, the ruler of the underworld, where the Rephaim served as his acolyte assembly of lesser gods, kings, heroes, and rulers. These beings were believed to have power to return from the dead through incarnation in bodily form as 'Nephilim'. The ability of Rephaim to be reincarnated in this way as living Nephilim is viewed by some as the explanation for Nephilim existing before, and after, the Great Flood.

The book of Job may elucidate this idea when it says, "Dead things are formed from under the waters..." (Job 26.5). The dead in this text are Rephaim and the phrase "are formed" is from "Chuwil", meaning to twist or whirl as in a double helix coil or genetic manufacturing. When combined with something my good friend Steve Quayle once wrote, the word "Chuwil" takes on added meaning:

"When the Greek Septuagint was created, the Hebrew word Nephilim was translated into Greek as 'gegenes'. This is the same word used in Greek mythology for the 'Titans', creatures created through the interbreeding of the Greek gods and human beings. The English words 'genes' and 'genetics' are built around the same root word as gegenes; genea meaning 'breed' or 'kind'. Thus, the choice of this word again suggests a genetic component to the creation of these giants." (7)

And what about this prophecy from Isaiah:

"The vision which Esaias son of Amos saw against Babylon. Lift up a standard on the mountain of the plain, exalt the voice to them, beckon with the hand, OPEN THE GATES, YE RULER. I GIVE COMMAND AND I BRING THEM: GIANTS ARE COMING TO FULFILL MY WRATH [emphasis added]... For behold! the day of the Lord is coming which cannot be escaped, a day of wrath and anger, to make the

world desolate... And Babylon... shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah... It shall never be inhabited... and monsters shall rest there, and devils shall dance there and satyrs shall dwell there..." (Isaiah 13:1-3, 9, 19-22, [Septuagint Version]) (8).

Given what is happening in Babylon (Iraq) and biotechnology today, we may be witnessing the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy.

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Bourdais

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Fwd Date: Fri, 04 May 2007 07:47:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Bourdais

>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 02 May 2007 16:44:38 +0100
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 17:38:34 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

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>_If_ the debris is from an ML307 what part do these play?, and
>why arn't they shown on the engineering drawings? and why don't
>we see them in contemporary photos like those taken on the 9th
>of July demo launch at FWAAF and printed in the 10th July
>edition of the FW Star Telegram?. I have been asking this same
>question since 1989/90 and I'm still waiting to get a credible
>answer from the people who see only balloon and radar target
>debris.

Neil,

Thank you for this detailed answer.

To me, there is a very simple and credible answer to all this:
the sworn affidavit of Gal DuBose who said that the real debris
had been switched and replaced by balloon debris, as part of a
cover-up.

Gildas

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Astronaut Wally Schirra Passes

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Fwd Date: Fri, 04 May 2007 07:53:13 -0400
Subject: Astronaut Wally Schirra Passes

Source: The Toronto Star - Ontairo, Canada

<http://www.thestar.com/News/article/210124>

May 03, 2007

Third U.S. Astronaut To Orbit Earth Dies

Associated Press SAN DIEGO =97 Walter M. Schirra Jr., one of the original Mercury Seven astronauts and the only man to fly on NASA=92s Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs, has died. He was 84.

His family said he died of natural causes, David Mould, NASA press secretary in Washington, said today. Mould said he had been suffering from cancer but didn=92t know if that contributed to the death.

In October 1962, Schirra became the third American to orbit the Earth, encircling the globe six times in a flight that lasted more than nine hours.

Americans in space before him were Alan Shepard and Virgil (Gus) Grissom, who flew suborbital flights in 1961, and John Glenn and Scott Carpenter, who orbited Earth earlier in 1962.

He returned to space three years later as commander of Gemini 6 and guided his two-man capsule toward Gemini 7, already in orbit.

On Dec. 15, 1965, the two ships came close to each other as they shot through space, almost 300 kilometres above the Earth. It was the first rendezvous of two spacecraft in orbit.

His third and final space flight in 1968 inaugurated the Apollo program that sought to land a man on the moon.

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Newly Declassified US Documents Confirm UFO Crash

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Fwd Date: Fri, 04 May 2007 07:58:51 -0400
Subject: Newly Declassified US Documents Confirm UFO Crash

US Air Force Confirms UFO Crash

Newly Declassified Documents Confirm MOON DUST Involvement in
Bolivia UFO Crash of a Pair of Weird Spheres

DOD - Declassifies More MOON DUST Documents

Air Intelligence Agency

New information has been released from the Air Intelligence Agency, part of the US Air Force through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) that further confirms the August 1979 crashes of a pair of weird spheres near Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The documents not only verify what Ryan S. Wood has already revealed in *Majic Eyes Only*, but also provides additional intriguing details and references to "MOON DUST," the prominent governmental space debris and UFO retrieval program designed to locate, recover, and deliver descended foreign space vehicles back to Wright Patterson Foreign Technology Division headquarters for analysis and exploitation.

According to several eye-witnesses, two "balls of fire" fell from the sky and softly landed in the cities of Santa Cruz and Cotoca on August 8th, 1979. The story behind these fallen objects is continuously growing with intensity and credibility. The spheres-almost identical in nature-were about "80 centimeters in diameter and ~2 meters in circumference with a hole in one side and a metal skin covering approximately one-half inch thickness. The spheres weighed about six kilograms with half-inch thick skin and the outside metal was similar to copper with dark and light spots, the plants near the objects were burned." First hand witnesses mentioned in the official documentation of this incident include Colonel Ariel Coca, Campesino Gonzalo Menacho Viveras, and Nathaniel Mendez Hurtado. Most of the mystery associated with these incidents is in the practically impossible landing of these objects. The two objects were reported to be on fire, made a loud whistling sound and then exploded. However, "in the area where they've been found, there were no signs of the impact and it looks as though the spheres landed smoothly." How did the spheres negotiate a smooth landing? Certainly they are not terrestrial space debris. More mysterious yet, is the presence of a "silent aircraft" with three lights that appeared later the same evening, hovering above the explosion area. What was the craft doing? Who contracted it to be there and why? Was it an extraterrestrial craft or man-made?

The incidents' association with project MOON DUST intensifies these questions; what was the level of involvement of MOON DUST personnel and what did they hope to gain or hide in Bolivia? Where are the spheres today?

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Re: Anne Henson - Redfern

From: **Nicholas Redfern** <nick_redfern.nul>
Date: Thu, 3 May 2007 09:15:24 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 May 2007 08:03:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Anne Henson - Redfern

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 17:55:31 +0100
>Subject: Anne Henson

<snip>

>Nick,

>I've just finished reading 'On The Trail Of The Saucer Spies'
>(an excellent piece of work, upon which I congratulate you)
>and there is one loose end that I would like you to clarify if
>you are able.

>I was most intrigued by the Anne Henson case, which seems
>highly unusual in a number of ways. There is, however a
>fundamental discrepancy between Anne Henson's account of
>events and the account that you have uncovered from the P&SS
>files. Anne speaks of a third visit on which her Investigator
>witnessed the phenomenon and took a photograph. The P&SS
>report indicates only two visits and omits any mention of a
>sighting on the part of the Investigator or of any photograph
>having been taken.

>Can you account for this discrepancy?

Gerald:

No I can't account for the discrepancy, other than to say that Anne sticks to her story. She can't account for the discrepancy either, other than to say that she definitely recalled the photo issue, as well as the fact that her drawings etc. that she had made were removed by the P&SS chap and never returned.

>Have you been able to ask Anne Henson about it?

Yes, I personally interviewed her extensively back in the late 90s on several occasions, and we discussed every issue - including what was in the official file and what was not.

>It would seem that there are only two possible explanations:

>1. Anne Henson has, either deliberately (unlikely, as it appears
>from your account that you initiated the contact after finding
>the file at Kew, and that Anne Henson is not a 'publicity
>seeker' with an agenda of her own) or in good faith (perhaps
>confusing two or more separate events and rolling them into a
>single memory after 40+ years) given an inaccurate account of
>her interaction with officialdom.

I don't believe for one minute that Anne deliberately gave an inaccurate account, for this main reason: why mislead someone about something as innocuous as a photo - and a photo that wasn't even hers? And a photo that only showed a blob of light, not something more spectacular? To me that makes no sense.

That she made a mistake in her memory recall is not an impossible scenario; but she told me that after that final

visit, that she was never visited again in any capacity concerning UFOs. So, it seems unlikely that she confused that event with another one.

>2. The official record does not accurately reflect the full
>extent of the investigation that took place, and does not
>include some hard evidence that might support Anne Henson's
>position.

Yes, there are aspects of the story that differ (the chief ones being - as above - the photo issue and the non-return of her drawings). And certainly the story is an unusual one; but Anne has never waived from her version of events.

>Needless to say, if you agree with that analysis of the possible
>explanations, it would be interesting to hear your views on where
>the balance of probability rests.

It's difficult to say 45 years after the events occurred. But it's worth noting that Anne never went out of her way to draw attention to what happened. Instead, I tracked her down when the file was declassified and she was happy to talk. So, she wasn't trying to get the story out, and hadn't attempted to in the intervening period; and she was amazed to learn that the file had even surfaced. In fact, she had no idea that such a file existed.

My view today is as it was after we had extensively spoken: namely that here was a woman recalling an event from the early 60s as accurately as she could.

Note too: that "Saucer Spies" included another story (supported by the official files) of a young woman personally visited by P&SS personnel - in the mid 60s and that has a vehicle interference angle to it, and even rumors of alien contact (with a "Mr. Griffin").

Interesting that the P&SS and the MoD deny that the P&SS investigate UFOs - the claim is that the P&SS at Acton and later at RAF Rudloe Mmanor simply acted as a coordination point for reports. However, of the few P&SS documents on UFOs that have surfaced at the National Archive at Kew, there is prime evidence in *all* of the cases of P&SS personnel traveling to the homes of witnesses to interview them.

Traveling around the country to interview UFO witnesses is unheard of in the official "UFO Office" at Whitehall; yet the P&SS were doing it decades ago.

I have countless other examples of P&SS involvement in UFO investigations - including a statement made to me by former Director of Security and Provost Marshal (RAF), Air Commodore J.L. Uprichard that the Anne Henson case was a "rare example" of the P&SS investigating a UFO encounter as a "low flying incident."

Interestingly, years ago Tim Good's anonymous sources had told him that the P&SS secretly investigated UFOs under cover of "low flying" incidents.

Neil Rusling, former Treasurer of the RAF Police Association, told me in 1996 that he had learned that the P&SS at Rudloe were still, at that time, investigating UFOs.

The list goes on.

Nick

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Re: A Close Encounter In Norfolk Road - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 17:25:29 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 May 2007 08:17:33 -0400
Subject: Re: A Close Encounter In Norfolk Road - McGonagle

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 2 May 2007 19:11:29 +0100
>Subject: Re: A Close Encounter In Norfolk Road

>>Source: Hunts Post - Huntingdon, England, UK

>><http://tinyurl.com/3756nw>

>>02 May 2007

>>A Close Encounter In Norfolk Road

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>Dave Clarke has some more detail on this case at:

><http://www.uk-ufo.org/condign/secfilunid2.htm>

>This page is dated 2005 so it seems the documents have been
>available for some time. The witness is identified here as Dave
>Pointer, and the investigating officer from RAF Wyton was a Flt
>Lt Chapman acting on advice from DI55. Chapman reported that
>although Mr. Pointer was "perfectly normal" he was unable to
>reach any conclusion on the incident.

Apologies to Martin and the List,

I have been really busy lately (and still am), but I did intend to comment on this post earlier.

This case was found by both myself and Dave Clarke on a joint visit to TNA in January, 2005. I have been assisting John Hanson in respect of the case, and I think that the suggestion that it was newly discovered by John in the article is down to a misunderstanding between him and the reporter.

In fact, the witness emphasised in his report to the MoD that if his identity was disclosed by them, he would "deny everything". Although Dave and I are both aware of the real name of the witness, the name used in Dave's article is a pseudonym.

Some time ago, I provided copies of the witness sketch and narrative to David Sankey, an accomplished artist, for him to create an artistic impression of the object. The results can be seen at:

<http://tinyurl.com/28ohzn>

At the same site are several more artist's impressions of UFOs, including a nice one of the Socorro incident.

In my opinion, this is a very interesting report, one of the few that were actually followed up by the MoD, and it defies explanation based on what is currently known about it.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming6.nul>
Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 12:28:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 May 2007 08:21:36 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 08:38:27 -0400
>Subject: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>Source: The Guardian - London, UK

><http://www.guardian.co.uk/print/0,,329804654-117780,00.html>

>Thursday May 3, 2007

>MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>James Randerson
>Guardian

<snip>

>David Clarke, a lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam
>University and author of *Flying Saucerers: A Social History of*
>UFOlogy, said opening the MoD's files would make it harder to
>sustain the idea that evidence for the existence of aliens has
>been suppressed.

Rather strange illogic there.

As demonstrated in the recent scandal about the firing U.S.
Attorneys, a government can release vast quantities of
documents without revealing anything of real importance. And
when subpoenas are issued to get at what actually is important,
the government will fight it like hell and claim "executive
privilege" and plead the Fifth, etc.

These periodic document dumps neither support nor conflict with
the possibility that governments don't share everything they
know about UFOs with the public. The fact that governments are
frequently caught in "misstatements" about the subject makes it
somewhat easier to sustain the idea.

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Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

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>>Don is right; secret military technology as a knee-jerk
>>skeptical explanation is horse manure. But the pilot's size
>>estimates obviously are guesses based on assuming various
>>distances and even then assuming a real size. There is no UFO-
>>like performance indicated, so a local explanation is a
>>reasonable suspect.

>>There have been similar sightings by pilots before:

>Geoff, no offense, but I doubt anyone on this List needs to be
>reminded of the hundreds of sightings that have been made by
>experienced military & civil aviation personnel.

>I realise, though, that my comment wasn't very clear. What I
>meant was that in general it is reasonable to suggest that an
>unknown, unidentifiable object in the sky might be an
>experimental craft. After all, there was time when every plane
>in existence was at an experimental stage. As much as I want to
>find hard evidence of extra-terrestrial visitors I'm unwilling to
>entertain more mundane origins for any sightings.

>That being said, I doubt that whatever was seen over the Channel
>islands was military, given that it was reported to be glowing
>yellow and green (yes, Don, I know that it's possible, but the
>point i'm trying to make is that it seems rather an unlikely
>profile for a secret, experimental craft).

>In any case, I don't think it's right to label this guy's
>suggestion as "horse manure". He was simply stating his opinion,
>after all:

>"I am not trying to discredit anything that Ray said because I
>saw him 45 minutes after the incident and he was clearly shaken.
>He obviously saw something."

>That's hardly the statement of a disinformation specialist. So
>what? He thinks there might be a mundane explanation. Big deal.
>I think we can both agree to disagree with him and leave it at
>that.

Apparently a response I wrote about that article made it into
the Guernsey Press on the opinions page and was referred to by
the Editor in his Blog, though for the life of me I can't find
it to see how much of it was edited out. But three people in
that area have emailed me to say they read it. Two of them
thought I lived there.

This fellow made it a point to be heard and offered up his opinion. He probably called it in to reporter Joel de Woolfson which I find interesting. As ridiculous as his statements seem they are pilot against pilot and without this pilot having been there himself, offers up an amateurish interpretation of which even he himself should have reservations. Kneejerk as it was that will satisfy most of the public who know diddly squat about aviation. In fact his comments play upon their profound ignorance of it.

Brian, you can leave it at that but I can't because this is part and parcel of the same tripe we get all of the time when a good solid case comes in and the explanation, no matter how ridiculous, is offered up supposedly as sober second thought. He should have asked himself at least these three questions:

1] Who's secret military aircraft was it that was somewhere between a half mile and one mile long and hundreds of feet thick. If French made then does that mean we can now bow to France as the aviation leader instead of the United States. France actually runs second [or did in 2006] in sale of aviation technology and aircraft to the US's number one position by a slim margin. Was it from the UK?. Same question applies.

2] If it wasn't French or British [German or Swedish even] and was American in construction why would they risk detection getting it all of the way from the deserts of Nevada to some small islands off the coast of France just to test it over water there and in a busy airway. What's wrong with the Pacific Ocean only a few hundred miles to the west of the Nevada test sites?

3] Staying with the American built scenario, why are they spending the money to invent this thing when they have already spent nearly a billion dollars reinventing the blimp as recently as last fall.

You know, some common sense has to apply. This pilot should have known better. He has to know about lift and drag coefficients, weight to structure ratios [the same as any pilot does] and probably even a little about gas volumes verses envelope weights and how that comes into play in balloons. At a certain point the envelope that has to be strong enough [thick enough] to contain the helium at pressure becomes so heavy that it becomes a detriment and won't lift off the ground, never mind the payload it is built to carry.

If aeronautical engineers can build a 1,000 foot long LTA craft then they can build one 5,000 feet long, so why don't they... because of the weight to volume problem and the problem of keeping the shape of the thing so it can be pushed through the air before the flat-plate drag effect comes into play and the weight of engines powerful enough [plus the fuel to run them] to overcome the huge structure's natural "sail" area to the slightest wind.

Had he been there that pilot probably would not have made the statement he did in the press. Instead he would have been asking how the hell something that big could get off the ground with present day technology?

Maybe he just wanted to get his name in the paper, get in solid with his boss, perhaps.

Don

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LOS ALAMOS BLOCKS RESEARCHER ACCESS TO ARCHIVES

Los Alamos National Laboratory will no longer permit historians and other researchers to have access to its archival records because Los Alamos National Security (LANS), the private contractor that now operates the Lab, says it has "no policy in place" that would allow such access.

"Policies that had previously applied to the University of California relating to the disclosure of information directly to you are no longer applicable," wrote Judy Archuleta of the Los Alamos Information Practices Office to Alex Wellerstein, a graduate student at Harvard.

Mr. Wellerstein had sought copies of Lab records on the history of nuclear secrecy policy and he had been led to believe that access to such material would be granted, in accordance with past practice.

"Because LANS is a private company, the policies that applied [previously] are no longer in place," she said.

"No policy is presently in place that authorizes the direct disclosure of the information you seek," she wrote.

Instead, Mr. Wellerstein was told that he should pursue his research through the Freedom of Information Act.

"The FOIA process, however cumbersome, currently provides the only means of accessing our records," wrote Roger A. Meade, the Los Alamos Archivist/Historian on April 17.

But FOIA requests are poorly suited to archival research since they can easily take years to process and must specify in advance the records that are sought.

In effect, when it comes to historical or other public research, the Los Alamos archives are closed for business.

It's "terrible news" for scholars, said Hugh Gusterson, an anthropologist who has studied the culture of the nuclear weapons labs.

OSCE REPORTS ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Government secrecy and public access policies in dozens of countries from Albania to Uzbekistan were described in a major new report from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

The report surveyed freedom of information (FOI) laws, national security classification policies, penalties for unauthorized disclosures of information, and provisions for protecting journalists' sources.

There is good news and bad news, the report says.

"The FOI trend in the OSCE participating States is positive. Out of 56 OSCE participating States, 45 started their 'Copernican revolution' in favour of the public's right to know, by adopting national laws on access to information."

"Unfortunately, many countries retained the right to classify a too wide array of information as 'state secrets'. In fact, the majority of the OSCE participating States have not yet adjusted their rules of classification to the FOI principles, that is, they disregard the primacy of the public's right to know."

The report offers some comparative analysis and proposes a series of "best practices" in promoting public access to government information.

"There should be sanctions for those who deliberately and improperly designate information as secret or maintain excessive secrecy," the report advises.

See the summary report, entitled "Access to information by the media in the OSCE region: trends and recommendations," Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, 30 April 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/library/osce-access.pdf>

The underlying country reports (423 pages) are available here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/library/osce-reports.pdf>

FEDERAL ID PLAN THREATENS PRIVACY, SAY JPL SCIENTISTS

A Bush Administration plan to require a standardized identification system for federal employees poses "severe threats to the privacy rights of scientists and others," employees at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) wrote to Congress last week.

In August 2004, President Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 12, "Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors," which was intended to enhance security by establishing a mandatory, verifiable, and standardized identification system for government personnel.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nspd/hspd-12.html>

But the implementation of the Directive is doing more than that, the JPL scientists told Congress.

"We and our colleagues have found that this order, which is merely intended to establish a common standard of identification for access to federal facilities, is being used to gather extensive personal information about employees, including fingerprints, racial, ethnic, financial and medical information."

"Rigorous proof [of identification] does not require intrusion into the personal lives of federal employees," they wrote on April 26.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2007/05/hspd12-letter.pdf>

Aside from civil liberties concerns, they added, the collection

of personal data under HSPD-12 has "a very negative impact on our ability to recruit the very best scientific and engineering talent to address our nation's complex technical needs."

"In the face of such intrusions talented researchers are inclined to take positions elsewhere, where the employers have a modicum of respect for the Constitution."

The four JPL scientists addressed their request for relief to Rep. Rush Holt (D-NJ) and Rep. Vernon J. Ehlers (R-Mich.) since "the four of us, like the two of you, hold doctorates in the physical sciences."

COURT URGED TO ASSESS STATE SECRET CLAIMS

When the government asserts the state secrets privilege in the course of litigation, the judiciary must independently evaluate the purported secret that is at issue and should not simply defer to the executive branch, several public interest groups argued in an amicus curiae brief this week.

The brief, to which the FAS Project on Government Secrecy signed on, was filed in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in a state secrets case involving alleged domestic intelligence surveillance (Hepting v. USA, and related cases).

"The government's extreme reading of the [state secrets] privilege would thwart government accountability, denying a forum for legitimate claims of government wrongdoing and undermining independent judicial review of executive action," the brief stated.

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/statesec/hepting-amicus.pdf>

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Folklore Of The Space Age

James Oberg

The great age of exploration in the 1500s witnessed the creation of its own folklore: sea serpents, unicorns and unipeds, the Fountain of Youth and the Seven Cities of Cibola. Not surprisingly, the young Space Age has also witnessed a similar body of myth and legend, based on rumors, travellers' tales, misinterpretations, wild imaginations, and self-serving fabrications.

This lecture elucidates the most popular of these stories and to trace them to their sources, not merely to refute them but to understand the processes which created them and helped them spread. Their popular appeal is analyzed. Related, authentic mysteries are discussed, along with guidelines for telling the difference. The tone is humorous and sympathetic, not negative.

In a culture of conspiracies, why not imagine a conspiracy to either "fake" the moon flights, or to conceal a vast array of moon bases -- and new books, articles, WWW pages, and lectures have appeared on this theme. Meanwhile, many UFO stories around the world are based on honest public misperception of space and rocket activity. The most interesting case occurred in the Soviet Ukraine in the late 1960's, when secret space weapons tests caused fireballs to appear frequently in the evening sky. The public reported these as "crescent-UFOs" and that's the way they are recorded in the UFO literature. An official team from Moscow's Academy of Sciences even published a formal study verifying that the phenomenon was unexplainable in earthly terms. But it was all a coverup of an illegal weapon which the USSR had signed a treaty promising not to deploy. Similar UFO cases from Russia, China, France, Argentina, and the US can be traced back to unusual space activities.

It is widely believed that "astronauts have seen UFOs, too", in space and on the Moon, and dozens of stories are in circulation. The grandest involve Apollo-11 and allegations of secret photographs and transcripts. It is amusing and instructive to trace these legends as they migrate from country to country, book to book, growing and 'improving' along the way.

Other tales include: the "face on Mars"; the "bridge on the Moon", the vanished Linne crater, and similar lunar illusions; the "Somebody Else is on the Moon" syndrome; the "Tunguska Blast" of 1908 and the idea it was an alien nuclear-powered spaceship; "the Great Galactic Ghoul", which came back to life to grab Fobos-1 and NASA's "Mars Observer"; strange television signals from space; the "missing day in time", in which a NASA computer allegedly verified the Book of Joshua; ex-post-facto

rewriting of Velikovskian planetary predictions; and many more myths and legends of the Space Age.

Such worldwide mythology of space has helped to humanize this new alien frontier, which is culturally beneficial. But it also raises questions about the level of information on which the media and public is basing technical and political judgments. Other fallacies of space flight are mentioned, and new approaches to public information policies are suggested. Perhaps because NASA has made spaceflight boring, it's not surprising people seek excitement in alternate perceptions of the newest human frontier, outer space.

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Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of "UFOs"

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How good are pilots' "UFO reports"? There is some dispute over whether the features they describe are imaginative interpretations of raw visual stimuli (based on their own aviation experience) or are sound renditions of raw perceptions.

Experienced UFO investigators realize that pilots, who instinctively and quite properly interpret visual phenomena in the most hazardous terms, are not dispassionate observers. Allen Hynek wrote: "Surprisingly, commercial and military pilots appear to make relatively poor witnesses..." The quote is from "The Hynek UFO Report", page 261 (Barnes and Noble reprint). (271 in original Dell, Dec 1977) He found that the best class of witnesses had a 50% misperception rate, but that pilots had a much higher rate: 88% for military pilots, 89% for commercial pilots. the worst of all categories listed. Pilots could be counted on to perceive familiar objects - aircraft and ground structures - very well, Hynek continued, but added a caveat: "Thus it might surprise us that a pilot had trouble identifying other aircraft, but it should come as no surprise that the majority of pilot misidentifications were of astronomical objects." Dell page 271

Here are two "test cases" that are illustrative: the November 5, 1990 re-entry of the Gorizont/Proton rocket body across northern France and Germany, and the January 28, 1994 launch of Progress TM-21 from Kazakhstan. Both events were observed by airline crews. Arguably, in both cases, the pilots over-interpreted their perceptions and subconsciously introduced "deductions" and "conclusions" to shape their remembered perceptions.

The resulting perceptions look like many other 'classic UFO encounters' reported by pilots, encounters that superficially have a high credibility because of the technical expertise of the witnesses. But both of these man-made events provide a rare opportunity to calibrate pilots' perceptions to what we know was actually being observed, and to raise a caution flag about accepting similar perceptions as gospel.

The first description is from the "Special Report to FSR [Flying Saucer Review] (May 1991)", by Paul Whitehead, Summer 1991 issue, page 10"

"It was a dark, early evening (6:15 pm local time), on November 5th 1990, and a British Airways passenger aircraft was en route to London, flying over the Alps at 31,000 ft. The crew heard a

nearby Lufthansa jet report and query 'traffic ahead'. The BA captain peered intently ahead into the night sky. What he saw was hardly what he expected!

"(At the time, the European press reported the incident, and the 'official line' was given: the UFOs were in fact 'space debris from an old satellite re-entering the atmosphere'.)

"Well, MAYBE! But more details have now emerged. An airline pilot, well known to me and based in the UK, has spoken personally to the BA captain who logged the report, at the request of SIGAP (Surrey Investigations Group on Aerial Phenomena). SIGAP has agreed to the captain's request not to make public his name, in order to protect him from publicity, and FSR respects that request. The airline pilot who spoke to the BA captain also wishes to remain anonymous.

"What did the BA captain see? Here is his comment.

" 'I looked ahead and saw, somewhat to my surprise, ahead and to the right and higher than we were, a set of bright lights. One of the lights, the leading one, was brighter than the others, and appeared bigger, almost disklike. It was followed closely by another three that seemed to be in a V formation. As I watched, I heard another aircraft crew also reporting seeing lights.

" 'I watched the objects intently as they moved across my field of view, right to left, ahead and high. It was then, on hearing the report from the other aircraft, that I realized I was watching something much further away than I had first thought. The other report came from France.'

"Was it a satellite re-entry? The pilot stated: 'It certainly didn't look like that to me. I have seen a re-entry before and this was different.'

"But it was the BA captain's further comments that are causing amazement and intense interest. SIGAP has released the information to UFO researcher and writer Tim Good, and we hope to have more comprehensive details this year.

"That same night, a colleague of the captain, in another BA aircraft, reported two 'very bright, mystifying lights' while flying over the North Sea. Two days later, an RAF Tornado pilot told the captain that on the same evening (5th November) his Tornado - while flying with another squadron aircraft, had been 'approached by bright lights'. The lights, he reported, 'formed on the Tornadoes'. (This expression 'formate' is apparently used to indicate a deliberate intent)

"The accompanying Tornado pilot was so convinced that they were on collision course with the lights (apparently nine of them were seen) that he 'broke away' and took 'violent evasive action'. This same pilot later added that he thought he was heading directly for a C5 Galaxy, a giant US transport plane. The formation of UFOs carried 'straight on course and shot off ahead at speed - they were nearly supersonic. Some C5!', he said, indicating that they were going faster than the speed a C5 can achieve.

"The pilot known to Paul Whitehead commented, 'This is all a good true story, and could do with an explanation. All the pilots are adamant that what they had seen was definitely not satellite debris - and they should know,'"

Further details were reported in the National Enquirer, March 12, 1991, page 50: "Airline pilot in chilling brush with giant UFO", by Fleur Brenham. Has photo of "Veteran pilot, Capt. Mike D'Alton. He's convinced it came from outer space."

"A massive glowing UFO stunned a veteran British Airways pilot and his crew when it shot in front of their Boeing 737 on a night flight from Rome to London - then zoomed out of sight at fantastic speed"

The newspaper quoted the pilot: "This thing was not of this world," declared Capt. Mike D'Alton. "In all my 23 years of flying I've never seen a craft anything like this."

More: "Capt. D'Alton says he's convinced the mysterious craft came from outer space because: It was traveling at tremendous

speed, but caused no sonic boom. . . it had a bizarre shape like nothing he'd ever set eyes on . . . and it made a sharp turn while flying at high speeds - an impossible maneuver that would rip any man-made aircraft to bits. Just as incredible, when Capt. D'Alton checked with area air traffic controllers, they hadn't detected a thing! 'There was nothing on the radar screens of any of the control towers it was flying over,' he said."

According to the article, "The encounter began at 6:03 p.m. last November 5 as Capt. D'Alton's airliner was flying over Genoa, Italy. 'The rest of the crew saw it, too,' he said. 'What we saw was one large, fairly bright light. Ahead of it was a formation of three fainter lights in a triangle. Another faint light was behind the large light and was slightly lower.'

D'Alton continued: "The craft was flying level, going much too fast to be a man-made aircraft. I've flown all over the world, and I know this thing wasn't a shooting star, space debris or the northern lights."

Said Bob Parkhouse, the flight's chief steward: "The UFO was moving from left to right across the horizon. It was a sight I'd never seen before!"

"The crew watched the craft for two minutes, said Capt. D'Alton. 'Then it took a lightning-fast right-angle turn and zoomed out of sight.' Other pilots, including a Lufthansa German Airlines captain, reported a UFO sighting around the same time. Capt D'Alton said. 'It had to be something from another planet - because it was definitely not man-made!' "

Still more details from Tim Good's "UFO Report 1992", pp. 136-7.

"5 November 1990: Genoa, Italy/North Sea - British Airways Captain Mike D'Alton reported sighting a UFO during the night flight in a Boeing 737 from Rome to Gatwick, describing it as a silver disc with three faint points of light in arrow formation and a fourth light behind it.

"Captain D'Alton said the object was visible for about 2 minutes over Genoa. 'I've never seen anything like it before and can't explain what it was. My co-pilot and I called in two cabin crew to see it and then it went out of sight. Ground radar couldn't pick it up, so it must have been travelling at phenomenal speed.' (Sunday Telegraph, London/Sunday Mail, Glasgow, 11 November 1990)

"That same night, another BA captain reported two 'very bright mystifying lights' while flying over the North Sea, and later spoke to an RAF Tornado pilot who, together with another Tornado from the same squadron, had been 'approached by bright lights' which 'formed' on the Tornados. The accompanying Tornado pilot was so convinced that they were on collision course with the lights - apparently nine were seen - that he 'broke away' and took 'violent evasive action'. The formation of UFOs continued 'straight on course and shot off ahead at speed - they were nearly supersonic. . .'

"(These incidents were confirmed to Paul Whitehead of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena via another airline pilot, who had spoken with the BA pilot involved in the North Sea incident, and reported to me by Paul in April 1991. . . . In addition, the following report may provide corroboration.)"

Good then describes a case labeled "5 November 1990: Near Rheindalen, Germany/North Sea", and writes:

"According to a highly placed RAF Germany source, two terrific explosions were heard on two separate occasions at night in the Rheindalen area. After the second explosion (at 22:00) the crew of a Phantom jet reported UFOs headed north in a 'finger' formation.

"Separately, two Tornado jets over the North Sea encountered two large round objects, each with five blue lights and several other white lights around the rim. As the Tornados closed to investigate, one of the UFOs headed for one of the jets, which had to take violent evasive action to avoid collision. The two unknowns then headed north until they were out of sight. Nothing

showed on the radar screens of the Tornados."

A third report was labeled "5-6 November 1990: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland", and Good wrote:

"Mysterious aerial objects, variously described as orange balls, triangles and points of light were reported during the night by hundreds of witnesses in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. Some described a moving shape comprising three, five or six brilliant points of light. Experts in Munich and other countries suggested that a meteorite or satellite re-entry was to blame.

"But in Belgium, dozens reported a triangular object with three lights, flying slowly and soundlessly to the south-west, and the air force said it was studying the reports in liaison with neighboring air forces. Several crew members of civilian and military planes also sighted UFOs, including a British pilot, who reported four objects flying in formation over the Ardennes hills in south Belgium.

"In France, Jean-Jacques Velasco, director of Service for the Investigation of Re-entry Phenomena, said an investigation would be launched, and confirmed that several airline pilots had reported sightings but that no radar contact was recorded in French airspace. One Air France pilot told a radio interviewer: 'We were on a flight to Barcelona at about 33,000 feet at 19:03 hours when we first saw the shape. It couldn't have been a satellite (re-entry) because it was there for three or four minutes'.

"In Italy, six airline pilots reported 'a mysterious and intense white light' south-east of Turin. Pilots also reported five white smoke trails nearby. Police in Bavaria were swamped with calls from people reporting streaks of light with tails of fire at about 19:00 on 5 November (Glasgow Herald, 7 November 1990)."

Now, what can we make of these impressive testimonials? The satellite reentry was occurring right before their eyes, and these pilots made many, many perceptual and interpretative errors, including:

1. In FSR, the anonymous BA pilot (obviously D'Alton) recalls: "One of the lights . . . was brighter than the others, and appeared bigger, almost disklike." It was just as light, a piece of burning debris, and the "disk" interpretation was a mental pattern conjured up from previous experience, not from this actual apparition. Note that later, Good alters this comment to have the pilot unequivocally call it "a silver disc".

2. The main light "was followed closely by another three that seemed to be in a V formation," according to the pilot. Referring to a "formation" is an assumption of intelligent control. The pieces of flaming debris were scattered randomly in a group and stayed approximately in the same relative positions, but the pilots misinterpreted this to mean they were flying in formation.

3. FSR reports the pilot saying "I watched the objects intently as they moved across my field of view, right to left," but the objects' actual motion was left to right, as reported elsewhere correctly. Either the FSR writer, or the pilot, jumbled this key piece of information.

4. The pilot did not believe the apparition was a satellite re-entry because "I have seen a re-entry before and this was different." These re-entries are particularly spectacular because of the size of the object, and the pilot was speaking from an inadequate experience base here.

5. The RAF military pilots in the Tornados concluded that "the lights 'formed on the Tornados', which is the kind of thing a fighter pilot is trained to detect and avoid, not dispassionately contemplate. The lights, of course, never changed course, but the pilots who were surprised by them feared the worst.

6. The accompanying Tornado pilot was so convinced that they were on collision course with the lights that he "broke away" and took "violent evasive action". This move would be prudent in an unknown situation, but there's no need to believe that the

perception of dead-on approach was really accurate. Since the flaming debris was tens of miles high, no real "collision course" ever existed, outside the mind of the pilot.

7. D'Alton in the National Enquirer is quoted as claiming " it made a sharp turn while flying at high speeds - an impossible maneuver that would rip any man-made aircraft to bits. " Again, the actual object never made such a turn, and the pilot's over-interpretation of what the object MUST be experiencing was based on mistaken judgments of actual distance and motion.

8. After two minutes of flying straight, said D'Alton, ". . .it took a lightning-fast right-angle turn and zoomed out of sight." But we know that the actual observed object never made such a maneuver, but D'Alton remembered it clearly when trying to explain in his own mind how it disappeared so fast.

9. The newspaper account, quoted in Good's book, has D'Alton claiming that "ground radar couldn't pick it up, so it must have been travelling at phenomenal speed." Actually, the speed would have had nothing to do with radar failing to pick it up, but the actual distance - which D'Alton misjudged, leading to subsequent erroneous interpretations - did.

10. The Tornado pilots described the flaming debris as " two large round objects, each with five blue lights and several other white lights around the rim." Since they were used to seeing other structured vehicles with lights mounted on them, when they spotted this unusual apparition, that's the way they misperceived and remembered it.

11. "In Belgium, dozens reported a triangular object with three lights, flying slowly and soundlessly to the south-west," but these were separate fireball fragments at a great distance, which witnesses assumed were lights on some larger structure. Their slow angular rate was misinterpreted to be a genuine slow speed because their true distance was grossly underestimated.

12. "A British pilot . . . reported four objects flying in formation over the Ardennes hills in south Belgium." The pilot may have been over southern Belgium, but the objects he saw didn't have to be, they were hundreds of miles away. And despite his instinctive (and wrong) assumption the lights were "flying in formation", they were randomly-space fireball fragments.

13. Note that Good writes that "Jean-Jacques Velasco,. . . said an investigation would be launched," but Good saw the results of that investigation before his book went to press, and he neglected to tell his readers that Velasco proved the lights were from the satellite re-entry.

Such selective omissions make many such stories appear far stronger than they really are.

14. One Air France pilot told a radio interviewer: '. . . It couldn't have been a satellite (re-entry) because it was there for three or four minutes', but such reasoning is groundless since near-horizontal re-entriers can be seen for many minutes, especially from airplanes at high altitude. The pilot didn't know this, and rejected that explanation erroneously.

15. "In Italy, six airline pilots reported 'a mysterious and intense white light' south-east of Turin. Pilots also reported five white smoke trails nearby." They may have been near Turin when they saw the lights and assumed incorrectly they were 'nearby', but the lights were far, far away.

Hynek's assessment of the accuracy of "UFO reports" from pilots appears to be right on target. It is not meant as an insult to their intelligence, integrity, or professional competence. It does, however, reflect the training their minds have gotten from years of flight experience.

A second case is the so-called "Tajik Air" UFO, on January 28, 1994. It is based on message from the American Embassy in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (Mr. Escudero), Jan 31/0310Z. Selected passages follow:

"1. Tajik air chief pilot, amcit [american citizen] ed rhodes, and his two american pilot colleagues reported jan 29 that, on january 27, they had encountered a ufo while flying at 41,000

feet in their boeing 747 at lat 45 north and long 55 east, over kazakhstan. They first encountered the object as a bright light of enormous intensity, approaching them from over the horizon to the east at a great rate of speed and at a much higher altitude than their own. They watched the object for some forty minutes as it maneuvered in circles, corkscrews, and made 90-degree turns at rapid rates of speed and under very high g's. Captain rhodes took several photos with a pocket olympus camera and will send copies to the embassy and tajikistan desk (lowry taylor) in the department, if they come out. After some time, the object adopted a horizontal high-speed course and disappeared over the horizon.

"2. As it was dark when the object was observed, the crew were unable to discern its shape. They described the light it emitted as having a 'bow wave' and as resembling a high-speed photo of a bullet in flight, in which a very small object gives off a much larger trailing wave of heat/light. Some forty-five minutes after the initial sighting, as the sun was rising, the aircraft flew under the contrails which the object had left behind. The plane was making over 500 knots. Rhodes estimated the altitude of the contrails at approximately 100,000 feet, noting that there is too little air/moisture at that extreme altitude to enable the creation of contrails by the propulsion mechanisms of ordinary aircraft which might be able to reach that height. The paths of the contrails reflected the maneuvers of the object, i.e., circles, corkscrews, etc.

"3. To our suggestion that the object might have been a meteor entering and skipping off the earth's atmosphere, rhodes and his crew were adamant that they had seen thousands of 'falling stars' and other space junk entering the atmosphere in their years of flying passenger aircraft for panam. This, they insisted, was nothing like a meteor. On the basis of its speed and maneuverability, rhodes expressed the opinion, which his crew seemed to support, that the object was extraterrestrial and under intelligent control."

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These booster plumes are known to last 40-60 minutes after a launch, which would explain the air crew's feeling that they observed the UFO for that long. The plumes are twisted into corkscrews and zig-zags by the varying directional winds in the upper atmosphere.

Since this is the obvious visual stimulus for this apparition, we can see that this air crew made many, many perceptual mistakes, including:

1. A "bright light of enormous intensity" must be calibrated with a pilot's dark-adapted yes in a dimly lit cockpit. From hundreds of miles away a rocket is indeed a "bright light" but it is hardly dazzling, blinding, or "of enormous intensity".

2. They concluded the UFO "approached them from over the horizon" when it merely rose and grew brighter as it was at all times flying away from their reported position. They mistook "brightening" for "nearing", an extremely common UFO witness error.

3. They claim to have watched "the object" for forty minutes, although the rocket would have been out of sight in four or five minutes. The smoke plumes, sunlit in the pre-dawn upper atmosphere, would have been visible ahead of them in the sky for forty minutes, but there was no "object" there.

4. The pilots reported seeing "circles, corkscrews, and 90-degree turns" but the actual rocket did no such maneuvers. However, the smoke trail would within half an hour have portrayed such a path, so the pilots could have simply assumed they were seeing an accurate history of the object's original path, instead of a smoke trail distorted by winds. They could NOT have actually seen the UFO performing these maneuvers, but in hindsight they could easily believe they did.

5. The UFO maneuvered "under very high g's", according to the pilots. But that rests on assumptions of actual distances and actual speeds, as well as the erroneous belief that it really changed course as reflected in the smoke trail.

6. The pilots recall that "after some time, the object adopted a horizontal high-speed course", when the rocket had been flying essentially straight and horizontally away from them since early in its flight. Their report of a non-existent gross change in course and speed must have been a rationalization to explain its eventual disappearance.

7. The pilots "were adamant that they had seen thousands of 'falling stars' and other space junk entering the atmosphere in their years of flying. . . . This, they insisted, was nothing like a meteor." While true, it mis-aims attention at one explanation while omitting the other, a rocket launching.

8. The pilots concluded that "on the basis of its speed and maneuverability, . . .the object was extraterrestrial and under intelligent control." One last erroneous interpretation based on all previous misinterpretations and imaginations.

These recent examples are consistent with the experience of UFO investigators for more than fifty years. Reports of UFO maneuvering, intelligent flight formations, responses to witnesses, and other 'inexplicable' narratives can be engendered from prosaic, simple, but unfamiliar phenomena. In these cases, "UFO reports", even from pilots, did not need a "real UFO" to create them.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Yes, but that's not so unusual when confronting emergent myths.
Born out of a persistent tradition of social and political
deference (e.g. it still takes, in the contemporary British
zeitgeist, an old Etonian to revive the Tory vote), the idea
that our rulers and their minions are capable of being wholly
honest with us flies in the face of all evidence and experience.
It is inevitable, therefore, that the psychological need to
promulgate a folklore that reassures us that "everything's
really OK" will have to embrace some fundamentally irrational
elements. Thus, the legend that unfolds will necessarily involve
a series of 'dreamlike' episodes in which non sequiturs like
this are incorporated into its narrative and raised to the
status of truth by a process of repetition and unfounded
assertion.

The crucial point here is that mere data (albeit in apparently
impressive volume: 'thousands of UFO files') bereft of rigorous
critical scrutiny does not, in itself, constitute 'evidence'. As
Nick Redfern's recent reply to my Anne Henson query suggests,
there can be serious questions as to the completeness and
accuracy of information released through official channels.

When conclusions are drawn as to the significance of data even
before that data has been released, we would be well advised to
ask some searching questions as to the nature of the belief
system that is being supported by such a process.

Gerald O'Connell

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Are Abductees Aware As If Afflicted With ASD?

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Fwd Date: Sat, 05 May 2007 07:50:42 -0400
Subject: Are Abductees Aware As If Afflicted With ASD?

Are all abductees acutely aware, at an ASD level, when manipulated by their abductors?

Abnormal Face Processing In Toddlers With Autism And Developmental Delays

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/05/070503135415.htm>

Science Daily =97 Toddlers with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) often have difficulty focusing on people's faces and making eye contact, but a new study by Yale School of Medicine researchers found that these same toddlers do not have difficulty looking at photographs of faces.

The researchers, led by Yale Child Study Center Assistant Professor Katarzyna Chawarska, will present their work at the International Meeting for Autism Research May 3-5 in Seattle, Washington, also found that toddlers with ASD spend most of the time examining the eyes.

"This is a surprising finding, given that avoiding eye contact is one of the classic hallmarks of autism," said Chawarska. "The results are preliminary and will require further replication and extension, but they suggest that pictures of faces and eyes are, by themselves, neither inherently unattractive nor inherently aversive to toddlers with ASD. Therefore, the limited attention to faces and eyes observed in natural settings may be due to the fact that faces don't stand out to them as much as other objects in the environment. There also may be heightened arousal related to the complex social and perceptual context in which faces usually occur."

The study examined visual scanning patterns and recognition of faces and abstract patterns in toddlers. The data were collected through an eye-tracking system. Chawarska said toddlers with ASD and developmental delays were impaired when recognizing faces they had seen previously.

"When given time to familiarize with a picture of a face, both groups spent more time looking at the outside features of the face, such as the hair, ears and the neck compared to the their typically developing peers," said Chawarska. "It is therefore likely that toddlers with disabilities were having a harder time encoding information regarding facial identity because they were simply looking less at facial features, which are of greatest help in extracting this type of information. We also found it interesting that those toddlers with ASD who adopted a pattern of looking at faces which closely resembled the pattern of typical toddlers, were less socially impaired and were also better at face recognition."

Chawarska said that the next step is to closely examine the spatial and temporal characteristic of the children's visual scanning patterns. "While typical and developmentally delayed toddlers move quickly between various inner elements of the face, scanning rapidly between the left and right eye, toddlers with ASD tend to look longer at specific facial features than

other children, which might signify an idiosyncratic approach to face processing specific to ASD in early development," said Chawarska.

Other authors on the study included Frederick Shic, Ami Klin and Fred Volkmar.

Note: This story has been adapted from a news release issued by Yale University.

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>As demonstrated in the recent scandal about the firing U.S.
>Attorneys, a government can release vast quantities of
>documents without revealing anything of real importance.

The term for that in intelligence circles is "limited hangout"
and refers to the situation where some agency is compelled to
release some temporarily scandalous information in the hopes
that attention will be riveted to that and the much more
damaging secrets will remain unknown.

>These periodic document dumps neither support nor conflict with
>the possibility that governments don't share everything they
>know about UFOs with the public. The fact that governments are
>frequently caught in "misstatements" about the subject makes it
>somewhat easier to sustain the idea.

I'm not surprised that "the government" sometimes does wrong-
foot itself with statements on this subject. The thing is, "the
government" probably doesn't know much more than some of the
grayer beards (if you will) on this List. I imagine that many
reports are shuffled up a chain never to be seen again and the
government, as an entity, really doesn't have some double-super-
secret archive to hide. The information simply follows a
prescribed chain - with very stringent secrecy rules, of course
- until poof it disappears into who knows where. And those
secrecy rules keep anyone in that chain from speaking about what
as passed by their desk, even to "the government" itself.

I imagine that, a very long time ago, a cadre of military,
intelligence, political, and industrial folks basically split
themselves off from any possibility of regular oversight. Call
it MJ-12, if you like. It's like Phillip Corso said, "Who are
you going to ask?" if it's been designated a secret?

No, I doubt "the government" really could tell us, even if they
knew. Certainly, we might slowly pry out the the trails the
information took on its way to dreamland. We might convince
certain agencies to let its former servants to speak about wht
they've seen. But the really good stuff - the clear photos, the
"materials" - are probably gone for good.

Brian

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Subject: Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 15:00:45 -0300
>Subject: Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

>This fellow made it a point to be heard and offered up his
>opinion. He probably called it in to reporter Joel de Woolfson
>which I find interesting. As ridiculous as his statements seem
>they are pilot against pilot and without this pilot having been
>there himself, offers up an amateurish interpretation of which
>even he himself should have reservations. Kneejerk as it was
>that will satisfy most of the public who know diddly squat about
>aviation. In fact his comments play upon their profound
>ignorance of it.

People offer up their opinions all the time, though. Everyone
who posts to this List does, for that matter. I guess my
comments were in reponse to my perception that your reaction was
that this guy had an agenda to discredit the witness. That
wasn't my take at all. Rather, it just seemed like one guy's
opinion. We have to remember that what a journalist chooses to
print is their subjective choice, also.

>1] Who's secret military aircraft was it that was somewhere
>between a half mile and one mile long and hundreds of feet
>thick. If French made then does that mean we can now bow to
>France as the aviation leader instead of the United States.
>France actually runs second [or did in 2006] in sale of aviation
>technology and aircraft to the US's number one position by a
>slim margin. Was it from the UK?. Same question applies.

>2] If it wasn't French or British [German or Swedish even] and
>was American in construction why would they risk detection
>getting it all of the way from the deserts of Nevada to some
>small islands off the coast of France just to test it over water
>there and in a busy airway. What's wrong with the Pacific Ocean
>only a few hundred miles to the west of the Nevada test sites?
>3] Staying with the American built scenario, why are they
>spending the money to invent this thing when they have already
>spent nearly a billion dollars reinventing the blimp as recently
>as last fall.

Well, yeah, I can agree with you on all of that. I've made
similar arguments in the past.

>You know, some common sense has to apply. This pilot should have
>known better. He has to know about lift and drag coefficients,
>weight to structure ratios [the same as any pilot does] and
>probably even a little about gas volumes verses envelope weights
>and how that comes into play in balloons. At a certain point the
>envelope that has to be strong enough [thick enough] to contain
>the helium at pressure becomes so heavy that it becomes a
>detriment and won't lift off the ground, never mind the payload
>it is built to carry.

>If aeronautical engineers can build a 1,000 foot long LTA craft
>then they can build one 5,000 feet long, so why don't
>they... because of the weight to volume problem and the problem
>of keeping the shape of the thing so it can be pushed through

>the air before the flat-plate drag effect comes into play and
>the weight of engines powerful enough [plus the fuel to run
>them] to overcome the huge structure's natural "sail" area to
>the slightest wind.

Heh. You've brought back memories of John McPhee's excellent
book, The Deltoid Pumpkin Seed.

>Had he been there that pilot probably would not have made the
>statement he did in the press. Instead he would have been asking
>how the hell something that big could get off the ground with
>present day technology?

Well, that's just the thing: if the first pilot's description
was accurate, the object was truly a very extraordinary sight.
It's not unreasonable for non-witnesses to be unwilling to
entertain such phenomena. As open as I am to the notion of
extraterrestrial craft visiting Earth, I simply cannot blame
others for not being able to quite "go there", if you will.

Brian

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There's a danger in making generalisations about MoD's handling
of the subject, because policy and practices have varied
considerably over the years. Some sightings were investigated in
details, others were looked at less thoroughly and some weren't
investigated at all.

Variables include which MoD division had lead responsibility for
UFOs at the time (you wouldn't expect copy addresses to
investigate, unless asked), standard operating procedures,
available resources, competing priorities, and the beliefs and
working practices (e.g. reactive or proactive) of the personnel
concerned.

The quality of information supplied by the witness is also a key
factor. Some witnesses make vague reports a long time after a
sighting, and can't even recall the date. And at the time of my
tour of duty, radar data was only kept for around a month. So in
the case of retrospective reports, meaningful investigation can
be difficult or impossible.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Date: Sat, 05 May 2007 13:37:58 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 May 2007 08:12:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs -

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>Source: Peter Smith's Website

><http://www.zip.com.au/~psmith/pilot-ufos.html>

>November 10, 2002

>Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of "UFOs"

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>observed the UFO for that long. The plumes are twisted into
>corkscrews and zig-zags by the varying directional winds in the
>upper atmosphere.

>Since this is the obvious visual stimulus for this apparition,
>we can see that this air crew made many, many perceptual
>mistakes, including:

>1. A "bright light of enormous intensity" must be calibrated
>with a pilot's dark-adapted eyes in a dimly lit cockpit. From
>hundreds of miles away a rocket is indeed a "bright light" but
>it is hardly dazzling, blinding, or "of enormous intensity".

>2. They concluded the UFO "approached them from over the
>horizon" when it merely rose and grew brighter as it was at all
>times flying away from their reported position. They mistook
>"brightening" for "nearing", an extremely common UFO witness
>error.

>3. They claim to have watched "the object" for forty minutes,
>although the rocket would have been out of sight in four or five
>minutes. The smoke plumes, sunlit in the pre-dawn upper
>atmosphere, would have been visible ahead of them in the sky for
>forty minutes, but there was no "object" there.

>4. The pilots reported seeing "circles, corkscrews, and 90-
>degree turns" but the actual rocket did no such maneuvers.

Ergo it wasn't the rocket.

>However, the smoke trail would within half an hour have
>portrayed such a path, so the pilots could have simply assumed
>they were seeing an accurate history of the object's original
>path, instead of a smoke trail distorted by winds. They could
>NOT have actually seen the UFO performing these maneuvers, but
>in hindsight they could easily believe they did.

Watch the word "assumed". Oberg is trying to make a square peg
fit into a round hole. The rocket launched so that's what the
pilots' had to have seen.

>5. The UFO maneuvered "under very high g's", according to the
>pilots. But that rests on assumptions of actual distances and
>actual speeds, as well as the erroneous belief that it really
>changed course as reflected in the smoke trail.

Pretty easy to note a course direction change. Rockets don't do
that.

>6. The pilots recall that "after some time, the object adopted a
>horizontal high-speed course", when the rocket had been flying
>essentially straight and horizontally away from them since early
>in its flight. Their report of a non-existent gross change in
>course and speed must have been a rationalization to explain its
>eventual disappearance.

Again he assumes they were looking at the rocket. The rocket was
up there so that's what they saw.

>7. The pilots "were adamant that they had seen thousands of
>'falling stars' and other space junk entering the atmosphere in
>their years of flying... This, they insisted, was nothing
>like a meteor." While true, it mis-aims attention at one
>explanation while omitting the other, a rocket launching.

He's got this rocket launch on the brain.

>8. The pilots concluded that "on the basis of its speed and
>maneuverability... the object was extraterrestrial and under
>intelligent control." One last erroneous interpretation based on
>all previous misinterpretations and imaginations.

Gross over exaggeration.

>These recent examples are consistent with the experience of UFO
>investigators for more than fifty years. Reports of UFO
>maneuvering, intelligent flight formations, responses to
>witnesses, and other 'inexplicable' narratives can be engendered
>from prosaic, simple, but unfamiliar phenomena.

Meaning they were all rockets.

>In these cases, "UFO reports", even from pilots, did not need
>a "real UFO" to create them.

Nor astronomers or middle level NASA engineers. And three out of
more than 10,000 sightings-if they were prosaic? Oberg hasn't
proved his case. I responded to this about 6 or 7 months ago.
It's on Update's archives somewhere. Jim Oberg wrote it in
2002. he should have sent this to Dick Haines Ph.D. retired
Chief scientist at NASA/AMES for 30 years [to Oberg's mid-level
engineer] who disagrees with Oberg's opinion about pilot
reliability.

Roswell, pilot misconceptions, next it will be the Socorro "balloon". The big wheel keeps on turning.

Don Ledger

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Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 05 May 2007 14:03:15 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 May 2007 08:16:42 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 04 May 2007 23:55:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 15:00:45 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UK Channel Island UFOs May Have Been Military?

<snip>

>>Had he been there that pilot probably would not have made the
>>statement he did in the press. Instead he would have been asking
>>how the hell something that big could get off the ground with
>>present day technology?

>Well, that's just the thing: if the first pilot's description
>was accurate, the object was truly a very extraordinary sight.
>It's not unreasonable for non-witnesses to be unwilling to
>entertain such phenomena. As open as I am to the notion of
>extraterrestrial craft visiting Earth, I simply cannot blame
>others for not being able to quite "go there", if you will.

Brian, all,

Brad Sparks made this point to me off-List. He used the Boeing 737-900 as an example it being the longest 737. He estimated it at about 200 feet. [Actually having just checked it's only 138 ft 2 in (42.1 m) in length] If you extrapolated that by a factor of four the [40 miles instead of 10] then the object would have been only 552 feet long, not one mile long.

But to note any detail at all on a 737 at ten miles at a shallow angle to your flight line would be very difficult. If this thing impressed Capt. Bowers by its size enough to make him fearfull it would have been either a lot larger at ten miles than the example 737. Something the apparent size of a 737-900 at ten miles would be unremarkable and not likely to initiate the reaction he has admitted to.

There is a lot of aviation detail missing from this sighting needed to form an opinion.

Don Ledger

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UFOs The Culture Of Contact In NYC

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Date: Sat, 5 May 2007 18:41:38 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 May 2007 08:26:44 -0400
Subject: UFOs The Culture Of Contact In NYC

In Seven Weeks 'They' land in New York City!

UFOs: The Culture Of Contact (1947-2007) MultiMedia Festival

The weekend of June 22-23-24, 2007 at The Pioneer Theater, The Secret School & Lil Lounge, all in Manhattan's East Village, with the support of UFO Magazine, on the 60th anniversary of the Modern UFO Era started by the Ken Arnold sighting of June 24, 1947, featuring:

Close Encounters of the Movie Kind at The Pioneer Theater on June 22-23

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UFO Magazine & Close Encounter Witness Panel

Sat. 23 Program introduced by Jeremy Vaeni - Invaders From Mars (1953) with a Budd Hopkins talk, Stranger From Venus (1954) with Michael Mannion & Trish Corbett, Starman (1984) with special surprise guest speaker & Contact (1997) with Harold Egel at The Pioneer Theater.

Close Encounters with Speakers at The Secret School (24) and/or The Pioneer Theater (22-23):

Budd Hopkins, Bill & Nancy Birnes, Jeremy Vaeni, Michael Mannion & Trish Corbett, Phil Imbrogno, Farah Yurdozu, Jeffrey Morgan Foss, Carol Rainey, Robert Morningstar, Clay & Shawn Pickering, Alan Steinfeld, Harold Egel, and Close Encounters Witness Panel.

Close Encounters of the Art Kind at The Secret School (23-24) and/or The Pioneer Theater (22-23): Artists David Huggins, Ionel Talpazon, Melissa Reed, the Combustive Motor Corp., David Twidle, Marcus Boas & Salvador Rossillo.

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Dutch Pilot Sighting 1997?

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Fwd Date: Sun, 06 May 2007 08:31:44 -0400
Subject: Dutch Pilot Sighting 1997?

Dear List

Does anyone have any information on this alleged pilot/ATC recording?

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com:80/forum/thread280529/pg1>

Shorter version on YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XoH7CUBnCJ4>

where someone called Pedropicasso 41 says: "I got it from Anton Teuben from niburudotnl, who got it from the source (the pilot is a friend of him, who did not believe in this stuff before this happened to him). I made the animation to make it viewable on YouTube."

Martin Shough

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Former U.S. UFO Working Group Members Confirm ET

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Former U.S. Government UFO Working Group Members Confirm Extraterrestrial Tales

(PRLEAP.COM) Minneapolis, MN (PRLEAP) May 7, 2007 =97 A confidential STAR Report by Starstream Research, a private provider of intelligence and analysis on futuristic defense issues, reveals that past and present members of the U.S. Government Intelligence Community continue to be concerned about an alien extraterrestrial presence.

In addition to the confidential report, a series of articles, available to the public at www.starstreamresearch.com tell the story of the United States Government=92s interest in the paranormal and unexplained phenomena, like UFOs. Copies of declassified documents are also available for viewing.

"To the Moon and Back, With Love" re-tells the story of Ingo Swann, a psychic secretly tested by the CIA in the mid-1970=92s at the Stanford Research Institute, adding additional documentation from the DIA STAR GATE program.

U.K. based phenomenologist Caryn Anscomb examines the intersection of mythology and the Intelligence Community in a series titled "Trickster Tales."

"Exempt from Legal Recourse" is an on-going investigation that uncovers a trail of counterintelligence activities aimed at members of the UFO community, surrounding allegations of an extraterrestrial presence.

According to Starstream Research founder Gary S. Bekkum, "No one has actually confirmed the existence of an alien invasion, but sources suggest high ranking figures in the intelligence community, including former Directors of Central Intelligence, have discussed this issue, at least in private."

Bekkum added, "We have also confirmed the existence of a Working Group on UFO=92s, the same group first reported by Howard Blum in his book, =91Out There=92. We have an audio recording on file of a former CIA official stating that he had attended the first meeting of the working group in the 1980=92s."

An associate of Starstream Research verified that the voice on the tape was most likely the same Senior Intelligence Official she had been introduced to at a private meeting in Washington, D.C. in 2006.

Explanations provided for the existence of the original working group include radar anomalies known as "Fastwalkers," which are sometimes ignored as noise in signal traces.

According to reports published by Starstream Research, several sources contributed to similar rumors of actual contact with an extraterrestrial civilization. The original source of the so-called "core story" is unknown, but typically three contact events are said to have occurred, beginning in 1947, and continuing in the 1980=92s and 1990=92s.

"It has been difficult to determine the veracity of the material we have received, even when sourced from government representatives, because of the past use of UFO data for counterintelligence purposes."

Bekkum also noted that a similar tale had been fed to Howard Blum during the research phase of his book, in the 1980=92s. "Blum interpreted the passing of questionable material as a test by an unknown intelligence source. Starstream Research was alerted to the importance of Blum=92s out-of-print book from comments the CIA official made during the recorded phone conversation, which originated with a non-affiliated researcher based in the United Kingdom. It is unknown if the official was aware that he had been recorded. Given our close relationship to some of the same individuals, we need to emphasize that information provided to us, even by official sources, needs to be interpreted carefully."

The STAR Report remains confidential.

Some of the results of the various investigations, reviews and copies of CIA and DIA documents, and additional background are available at the Starstream Research web site:

www.starstreamresearch.com

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Date: Sun, 6 May 2007 10:02:00 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 May 2007 17:13:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs -

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 05 May 2007 13:37:58 -0300
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Jeff

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Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
Date: Sun, 6 May 2007 16:32:35 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 06:50:54 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 5 May 2007 13:33:45 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 5 May 2007 01:05:11 +0100
>>Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>>>>Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 08:38:27 -0400
>>>>Subject: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>>>>Source: The Guardian - London, UK
>>>><http://www.guardian.co.uk/print/0,,329804654-117780,00.html>

>>>>Thursday May 3, 2007

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>>>>Guardian

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>at the time of my
>tour of duty, radar data was only kept for around a month. So in
>the case of retrospective reports, meaningful investigation can
>be difficult or impossible.

Nick,

Are you referring to keeping electronic data for one month, or any record at all?

If the electronic data were anomalous and a potential cause for concern, would it be kept for longer, or would a non-electronic description of it be retained?

How would all of this fit with, say, standard procedures for maintenance? For example, if anomalous readings were attributed to intermittent system faults, one presumes that data would be retained and accumulated until the fault were identified and resolved. Would it not be feasible (indeed, essential) that anomalous data not ultimately determined to be attributable to system faults could be retained for a longer (perhaps much longer) period? Even when such data were erased in its original electronic form, would there not be a written/descriptive record of it kept (at least for the lifetime of the system concerned) as part of a system performance logging process?

If the answer to that last one were to be a positive, then a whole new line of potential research might be indicated: correlation of anomalous sightings with radar system maintenance data. Who knows what exotic new forms of 'plasma' might emerge from such an undertaking...

Gerald O'Connell

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Date: Sun, 6 May 2007 18:29:16 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 06:53:45 -0400
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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>>4. The pilots reported seeing "circles, corkscrews, and 90-
>>degree turns" but the actual rocket did no such maneuvers.

>Ergo it wasn't the rocket.

If you'll look closely the "90-degree turn" only comes from the sensationalist National Enquirer article and not from any other source and was probably completely fabricated. Once you eliminate that crap then it does fit a space decay or re-entry, and there is no pilot "misperception" of sighting details such as time, location, appearance, etc., only pilot misinterpretation of the ultimate cause.

Pilots like other UFO witnesses cannot be treated like they are PhD scientist investigators of their own UFO sightings, hence their off-the-cuff opinions as to what it was they saw are not at the same level of reliability as their observational details, and cannot be expected to be.

If quoted by the media shortly after landing pilots cannot possibly have spent weeks investigating the cause of their sighting as they've only had a few minutes. And again not being PhD scientists nor having years of UFO investigative experience they can't be expected to come up with the right explanation instantly.

Several years ago I did a study of witness observational accuracy using IFO data buried in the Condon Report which the CU Project deliberately refused to analyze even though it had been a project goal. They apparently discovered as I did that using IFO's where we know what it was a witness saw and how far away, etc., that witnesses turned out to be an astonishingly high 97% to 98% accurate. Astonishing only because of the widespread debunking propaganda that devalues eyewitness data as worthless.

What was not highly accurate were the witness interpretations of their own sightings.

The Hynek study that supposedly found that pilots had the highest rate of IFO's in the Blue Book files is completely undocumented and unsubstantiated. It appears on one page of The Hynek UFO Report and there is no source data on how many reports were categorized, the criteria used, etc., and it appears the

methodology was utterly confused between "misperception" and "misidentification," which are two different things. Given that kind of fundamental confusion it is unclear whether the Blue Book "IFO's" that were used were the actual "Known" IFO's and not the "Possible" and "Probable" categories, to give one example of deeply flawed methodology.

"Misperception" involves errors in the observational details and my study shows there are very few of those in any category of witness occupation. "Misidentification" involves erroneous witness opinion of the ultimate cause of the sighting, which are subject to great error because it is asking essentially for a conclusion that only a PhD scientist investigation could properly render and no such thing is available to the witness. Yet if the witness gets that wrong he or she is slandered from here to eternity.

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Fwd Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 06:56:12 -0400
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Well he never seems to find anything compelling, Jeff. If he's
maintining his skeptical attitude in's in his interest to
discredit pilot reports.

Don

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>The Ministry of Defence plans to open its "X-Files" on UFO
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>yet decided on a date for the release of the reports, which date
>back to 1967, but it is hoped to be within weeks.

>The move follows the decision by the French national space
>agency to release its UFO files in March, the first official
>body in the world to do so.

People seem to have forgotten that the Air Force released the Project Blue Book (and Grudge and Sign) files in 1975 or '76, the FBI released its files in 1977 and the CIA in 1978. In the following years files were released by other US government agencies.

Of course, this is not to say the the US government has released all of its files. But then, how do we know that the French have released all of their files and that the British will release all of theirs?

Are formerly Top Secret British files to be released? (Only a few TS documents have been released by the US government.)

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>aviation experience) or are sound renditions of raw perceptions.

>Experienced UFO investigators realize that pilots, who
>instinctively and quite properly interpret visual phenomena in
>the most hazardous terms, are not dispassionate observers. Allen
>Hynek wrote: "Surprisingly, commercial and military pilots
>appear to make relatively poor witnesses..." The quote is from
>"The Hynek UFO Report", page 261 (Barnes and Noble reprint).
>(271 in original Dell, Dec 1977) He found that the best class of
>witnesses had a 50% misperception rate, but that pilots had a
>much higher rate: 88% for military pilots, 89% for commercial
>pilots. the worst of all categories listed. Pilots could be
>counted on to perceive familiar objects - aircraft and ground
>structures - very well, Hynek continued, but added a caveat:
>"Thus it might surprise us that a pilot had trouble identifying
>other aircraft, but it should come as no surprise that the
>majority of pilot misidentifications were of astronomical
>objects." Dell page 271

>Here are two "test cases" that are illustrative: the November 5,
>1990 re-entry of the Gorizont/Proton rocket body across northern
>France and Germany, and the January 28, 1994 launch of Progress
>TM-21 from Kazakhstan. Both events were observed by airline
>crews. Arguably, in both cases, the pilots over-interpreted
>their perceptions and subconsciously introduced "deductions" and
>"conclusions" to shape their remembered perceptions.

Here we find Oberg assuming the answer and then "force fitting"
the data to the answer by rejecting any portions of the
descriptions that might contradict the assumed explanation.
Oberg, for example, is willing to ignore descriptions like
"sharp turn" without further questioning' of the pilot to
establish the exact nature of the turn. INstead, Oberg argues
that the pilot invented the turn to explain the disappearance of
the object.

Maccabee's First Rule For Debunkers: Any explanation is better
than none.

Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs -

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Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 13:24:07 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 10:56:06 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 00:17:00 -0400
>Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>>Source: The Guardian - London, UK

>><http://www.guardian.co.uk/print/0,,329804654-117780,00.html>

>>Thursday May 3, 2007

>>MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>>James Randerson
>>Guardian

>>The Ministry of Defence plans to open its "X-Files" on UFO
>>sightings to the public for the first time. Officials have not
>>yet decided on a date for the release of the reports, which date
>>back to 1967, but it is hoped to be within weeks.

>>The move follows the decision by the French national space
>>agency to release its UFO files in March, the first official
>>body in the world to do so.

>People seem to have forgotten that the Air Force released the
>Project Blue Book (and Grudge and Sign) files in 1975 or '76,
>the FBI released its files in 1977 and the CIA in 1978. In the
>following years files were released by other US government
>agencies.

>Of course, this is not to say the the US government has released
>_all_ of its files. But then, how do we know that the French
>have released all of their files and that the British will
>release all of theirs?

People who believe that governments lie about UFOs are unlikely
to believe that all the files have been released, unless the
files tell them what they want to hear. Even if such people
believe that the officials handling the release are sincere,
they'll claim that those officials are 'out of the loop', and
that the 'real' files are elsewhere.

>Are formerly Top Secret British files to be released? (Only a
>few TS documents have been released by the US government.)

The classification given at the time the files were being used
is not the key factor here. Material will be considered for
release according to the provisions of the Freedom of
Information Act (and the Data Protection Act, in the case of
personal information). Material covered by the exemptions will
not be released. While highly classified documents may still
need to be withheld in whole or in part (mainly because of the
exemptions covered by Sections 23, 24, 26 and 27), sensitivities
may have changed over the years. See here for further details of
the exemptions:

<http://www.dca.gov.uk/foi/yourRights/exemptions.htm>

There's been a lot of misunderstanding about the forthcoming release of MoD UFO files. I recently posted a short note about this on the Latest News section of my website:

http://www.nickpope.net/latest_news.htm

I've circulated a more detailed clarification of the situation off-List, to a few people who have asked me about this, and will try to post it on the List later today.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 08:48:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 11:18:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs -

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 06 May 2007 21:50:37 -0300
>Subject: Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs

>>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 6 May 2007 10:02:00 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 05 May 2007 13:37:58 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs

>>>UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>>>>Source: Peter Smith's Website

>>>><http://www.zip.com.au/~psmith/pilot-ufos.html>

>>>>November 10, 2002

>>>>Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of "UFOs"

>>>>James Oberg
>>>>jamesoberg.nul
>>>>voice/fax 281-337-2838

>>>>How good are pilots' "UFO reports"? There is some dispute over
>>>>whether the features they describe are imaginative
>>>>interpretations of raw visual stimuli (based on their own
>>>>aviation experience) or are sound renditions of raw
>>>>perceptions.

>>><snip>

>>Don, isn't Oberg simply the new Phil Klass (government
>>spokesperson/hatchet man)?

>Well he never seems to find anything compelling, Jeff. If he's
>maintaining his skeptical attitude it's in his interest to
>discredit pilot reports.

But wait! Wouldn't that be unethical, pathological,
irresponsible, invalidating, and wrong? How can that be? And
if it is true how is it remotely tolerated by an honorable
society in a freedom loving country? Who else and to what
degree?

Sincerely, the inappropriately maligned, thoughtlessly
abused, and profitably disrespected left-side-of-the-bell-
curve-worker-bees-and-artisans otherwise required to "lift the
bale" and "tote the barge" wants to know, eh? ...More all the
time! I'd stir us up!

If lying cheating and stealing is inevitable, then, not lying
cheating and stealing so freakin' much!

All he is 'association'. Stripped of that, his input carries no weight at all.

Conversely, if Don Ledger said a particular item, idea, or person had a yellow-streak long & wide as that left by a platoon of diarrhetic camels... I'd put it right in the bank.

alienview.nul

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Klasskurtxians!

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 09:00:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 11:19:46 -0400
Subject: Klasskurtxians!

"Impacted Klasskurtxians! At best _teats_ of insentience, a profuse broken-wind... needless gloom we inhabit so far from perfection amidst an intransigence of these fair-weather friends. At worst sullen agents of blackness despised - stooges for the 'man'... purveyors of lies..."

More pointed poetics in "diatribe" with illustration at:

<http://tinyurl.com/24v1v3>

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alienview.nul
www.AlienView.net
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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 11:24:56 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 11:51:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Randle

>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 15:41:15 +0100
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 30 Apr 2007 08:18:41 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

<snip>

Good Day List, Neil, All -

>The events of that afternoon in Fort Worth are far more complex
>than it first seems. We now know from our lens analysis that
>Bond only took 4 of the 7 known photographs, and that these
>photographs we can time, due to the sun/shadow angle seen
>through Ramey's office window to _3.15pm_ local time(+/-15mins).
>This puts Bond in Ramey's office _before_ the Roswell Disc story
>broke on AP and nearly 3 hours _before_ Newton allegedly came on
>duty(6pm) to have his picture taken with his debris.

This makes no sense to me. If the AP story hadn't broken, why would Cullen Greenesend Johnson out to the base. Johnson told me, as I'm sure he told others, that the editor assigned him to go out to the base. In fact, according to a chronology printed in the Daily Illini (the student newspaper at the University of Illinois) the AP story hit the wire at 2:26 PM. At 2:55 there was a bulletin to that initial story.

I'm also a little surprised at this suggestion that Johnson took only four of the six pictures that he claimed. It seems that the quality, composition, and details in six of the pictures match well. The seventh, of Newton, is clearly different.

Given that the time in Ramey's office is based, not on a specific time, but on a range of times based on an analysis of the sun angles (and correct me if I'm wrong, but did you know the orientation of the office windows to the sun when you made the analysis?), and we know when the story hit the AP wire, and we know that Johnson was told to go out to the base and see Ramey after the initial story, the events might not be nearly as complex as some would like them to be.

BTW, Neil, have you drawn any conclusions about the veracity of Johnson's stories, having heard all my taped interviews with him?

KRandle

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SDI Streaming Media

From: **Terry Groff** <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 11:32:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 15:52:54 -0400
Subject: SDI Streaming Media

List,

In case you haven't noticed you can now stream the Strange Days... Indeed podcasts from my site. You will still be required to log in using the current username and password.

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http://mufondfw.org/mdf/sdi_stream.m3u

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I did and I'm just a poor bassist. If I can do it, so can you.

Help keep this wonderful program alive. The latest podcast is an hour long interview with Don Ecker on his recent decision to leave the field of Ufological studies. Very informative.

Thanks

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MoD UFO Files

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 20:00:39 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 15:54:37 -0400
Subject: MoD UFO Files

In March 2007 I wrote a post on UFO UpDates concerning the forthcoming release of some MoD UFO files that had previously been contaminated with asbestos:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/mar/m15-009.shtml>

Ufologists have known for a long time that some of a large number of Defence Intelligence Staff files contaminated with asbestos were UFO files. It started conspiracy theories when it was originally thought that these files would have to be destroyed. Many ufologists made FOIA requests relating to these files and what's happened recently is that the MoD has given these ufologists a clearer idea of what files are to be released. The 24 UFO files concerned have now been decontaminated and it is hoped that they can be released shortly. They will still have to be examined carefully and redacted in accordance with the Data Protection Act and the exemptions in the Freedom of Information Act.

The MoD has long wanted to release not just these 24 DIS files but all its UFO files, for the same reasons as the French. Responding to FOIA requests from ufologists is becoming an increasing burden on MoD manpower - the MoD receives more FOIA requests on UFOs than any other subject, including the Iraq war. The Department would love to send all the UFO files to the National Archives and/or scan them onto the MoD website. That way the MoD could respond to every UFO-related FOIA request simply by referring people to the National Archives or the MoD website. The contamination of certain DIS UFO files with asbestos was an added complication that has now been resolved.

An often overlooked difficulty in releasing the MoD files is the Data Protection Act. The Act prohibits the MoD from passing personal information (names, addresses, etc) to any third party. This is somewhat akin to the ufological concept of witness confidentiality. Essentially, if Mr X reports a UFO to the MoD, he probably doesn't want his personal details passed to Ms Y, and the law protects his confidentiality accordingly. So, before any file can be released, it has to be examined page by page, line by line, word by word, to ensure that no personal information is inappropriately disclosed. To date, the MoD has received over 10,000 UFO reports. Case files on major incidents can run to over 100 pages of documentation - redaction and disclosure is a massive job.

The Data Protection Act isn't the only complicating factor. Exemptions to the FOIA quite properly preclude release of information that might compromise national security (some UFO-related documents detail the capabilities of military radar), undermine international relations (some UFO-related documents give details of other countries that have passed the UK information in confidence), or compromise methods and sources:

<http://www.dca.gov.uk/foi/yourRights/exemptions.htm>

I was in Paris in March and met Jacques Patenet from GEIPAN. We discussed these issues. The British and French situation is very similar. Both countries are genuinely committed to open government, but need to respect people's personal privacy and

ensure that information that would genuinely compromise national security or international relations is not disclosed.

Bottom line: the process of redacting the 24 DIS files should start shortly but the job may not be complete for months. Full disclosure of all MoD's UFO files may still be years away. New releases should be listed on the front page of the FOI section of the MoD's website, which List members with an interest may wish to check regularly:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/>

Sometimes things don't make the front page, so it's worth following the links on the front page and accessing the Publication Scheme page and the Disclosure Log page, checking their front pages and searching them by keying "UFO" into the search box.

As an amusing postscript to this story, even my own privacy is protected under the Data Protection Act. I wrote a number of the UFO-related documents that have already been released under the FOIA, but even where they relate to cases I've discussed on the BBC or elsewhere, my own name is blacked out.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Russia Sees Moon Plot In NASA Plans

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 16:29:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 16:29:46 -0400
Subject: Russia Sees Moon Plot In NASA Plans

Source: The Daily Telegraph - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/3bmp69>

02/05/2007

Russia Sees Moon Plot In NASA Plans

By Adrian Blomfield in Moscow

Mankind's second race for the moon took on a distinctly Cold War feel yesterday when the Russian space agency accused its old rival NASA of rejecting a proposal for joint lunar exploration.

The claim comes amid suspicion in Moscow that the United States is seeking to deny Russia access to an isotope in abundance under the moon's surface that many believe could replace fossil fuels and even end the threat of global warming.

A new era of international co-operation in space supposedly dawned after the United States, Russia and other powers declared their intention to send humans to the moon for the first time since 1972.

But while NASA has lobbied for support from Britain and the European Space Agency, Russia claims its offers have been rebuffed.

Yesterday Anatoly Perminov, the head of Russia's Federal Space Agency Roscosmos, said: "We are ready to co-operate but for some reason the United States has announced that it will carry out the programme itself. Strange as it is, the United States is short of experts to implement the programme."

NASA announced in December that it was planning to build an international base camp on one of the Moon's poles, permanently staffing it by 2024. Russia's space rocket manufacturer Energia revealed an even more ambitious programme last August, saying it would build a permanent Moon base by 2015.

While the Americans have either been coy or dismissive on the subject, Russia openly says the main purpose of its lunar programme is the industrial extraction of helium-3.

Dismissed by critics as a 21st-century equivalent of the medieval alchemist's fruitless quest to turn lead into gold, some scientists say helium-3 could be the answer to the world's energy woes.

A non-radioactive isotope of helium, helium-3 is a proven and potent fuel for nuclear fusion - so potent that just six metric tons would supply Britain with enough energy for a year.

As helium-3 is non-polluting and is so effective in such tiny quantities, many countries are taking it very seriously. Germany, India and China, which will launch a lunar probe to

research extraction techniques in September, are all studying ways to mine the isotope.

"Whoever conquers the moon first will be the first to benefit," said Ouyang Ziyuan, the chief scientist of China's lunar programme.

Energia says it will start "industrial scale delivery" of helium-3, transported by cargo space ships via the International Space Station, no later than 2020. Gazprom, the state-owned energy giant directly controlled by the Kremlin, is said to be strongly supportive of the project.

The United States has appeared much more cautious, not least because scientists are yet to discover the secrets of large scale nuclear fusion. Commercial fusion reactors look unlikely to come on line before the second half of this century.

But many officials in Moscow's space programme believe Washington's lunar agenda is driven by a desire to monopolise helium-3 mining. They allege that President Bush has moved helium-3 experts into key positions on NASA's advisory council.

The plot, says Erik Galimov, an academic with the Russian Academy of Sciences, would "enable the US to establish its control of the energy market 20 years from now and put the rest of the world on its knees as hydrocarbons run out."

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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McCartney Bowie May Headline Aliens Contact

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 16:33:16 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 16:33:16 -0400
Subject: McCartney Bowie May Headline Aliens Contact

Source: Stiff.Co.Nz - Auckland, New Zealand

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/4044494a5620.html>

Tuesday, 1 May 2007

McCartney Bowie May Headline Aliens Contact Concert

Bang! Showbiz

Sir Paul McCartney, David Bowie and Michael Jackson are set to make contact with aliens, claims author Michael C Luckman.

The acts, along with Sir Elton John and The Rolling Stones, have been lined up to headline a series of concerts aimed at establishing peaceful contact with aliens by beaming music into outer space.

Luckman, author of Alien Rock: The Rock 'n' Roll Extraterrestrial Connection, plans to hold his 'Signals to Space Concerts' in Berlin, Tokyo, New York, China, Russia, Mexico and London, and hopes extraterrestrials will respond to the shows.

He told BANG Showbiz: "The aim of the concerts is to beam live music into outer space, particularly to targets in our solar systems, including Mars and the moon, to try and establish peaceful contact with extraterrestrial civilisations. Each show will be as large as Woodstock."

He added: "Some of the possible headliners are Sir Paul McCartney, Sir Elton John, David Bowie, The Rolling Stones, Aerosmith and Michael Jackson.

"Pete Bennett, the legendary promotion manager for the Beatles is also going to be involved in the project.

"He is a friend and supporter of both my book and the 'Signal to Space Concerts' and feels, as I do, that space is music's final frontier."

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Secrecy News -- 05/07/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 14:40:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 07:05:49 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 05/07/07

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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ARMY DOCUMENTS POSTED "ILLEGALLY," ARMY SAYS

A U.S. Army official told the Federation of American Scientists that Army documents on the FAS web site had been published by FAS "illegally" and must be removed.

"There are only 5 Official Army Publications Sites," wrote Cheryl Clark of the U.S. Army Publications Directorate in a May 4 email message. "You are not one of them."

"You can link to our publications, but you cannot host them," she wrote.

Furthermore, she indicated, a recent Army Regulation on "Operations Security" (first published by Wired News and mirrored on the FAS site) was "not intended for Public release."

"Please remove this publication immediately or further action will be taken," Ms. Clark warned.

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2007/05/sa050707.html#req>

"I have considered your request that we remove Army publications from the Federation of American Scientists web site," I responded today. "I have decided not to comply."

By law the Army cannot copyright its publications, the response explained. Nor is FAS, a non-governmental organization, subject to internal Army regulations on information policy.

"Accordingly, our publications are not illegal nor in violation of any applicable regulation."

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2007/05/sa050707.html>

To eliminate potential confusion, we added a disclaimer to our Army doctrine web page indicating that the FAS collection of Army records is not an official Army source, and directing readers to several such official sites.

THE EVOLUTION OF ARMY OPSEC

The recent evolution of Army operations security (OPSEC) policy can be traced from the 1995 regulation on the subject--

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/ar530-1-1995.pdf>

to the 2005 revision--

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/ar530-1-2005.pdf>

to the latest iteration of April 2007--

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/ar530-1.pdf>

In response to reporting by Noah Shachtman of Wired News and the Danger Room blog, the Army issued a Fact Sheet on May 2 asserting that Army OPSEC policy on military blogging was unchanged:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/army/blog050207.pdf>

ARMY UPDATES REGULATION ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

The U.S. Army issued an updated regulation governing its conduct of intelligence activities, including domestic surveillance policy and practice.

The new regulation makes several technical changes and rescinds the "For Official Use Only" status of the prior edition.

See "U.S. Army Intelligence Activities," Army Regulation 381-10, May 3, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/ar381-10.pdf>

For comparison, the prior edition, dated 22 November 2005, may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/ar381-10-2005.pdf>

SELECTED CRS REPORTS

Some noteworthy new (or newly updated) publications of the Congressional Research Service that have not otherwise been made available to the public online include the following.

"FY2007 Supplemental Appropriations for Defense, Foreign Affairs, and Other Purposes," updated May 2, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33900.pdf>

"Congressional Authority To Limit U.S. Military Operations in Iraq," updated April 24, 2007:

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

"Presidential Signing Statements: Constitutional and Institutional Implications," updated April 13, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33667.pdf>

"Clinical Trials Reporting and Publication," updated April 27, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL32832.pdf>

"Nuclear Warheads: The Reliable Replacement Warhead Program and the Life Extension Program," updated April 4, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL33748.pdf>

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Re: SDI Streaming Media - Moroff

From: Daniel Moroff <dmoroff1073.nul>
Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 16:08:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 07:10:22 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI Streaming Media - Moroff

>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 11:32:26 -0500
>Subject: SDI Streaming Media

>In case you haven't noticed you can now stream the Strange
>Days... Indeed podcasts from my site. You will still be required
>to log in using the current username and password.

>This is included with your \$5 per month subscription.

>To access it simply go to:

>http://mufondfw.org/mdf/sdi_stream.m3u

>This will stream all podcast sequentially from the latest
>podcast (currently SDI - 437) to SDI - 432

>I encourage everyone reading this to purchase this very
>reasonable subscription. At \$5 a month I don't think it will
>send you in to bankruptcy.

>To subscribe go to:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/program/>

>and click the "Subscribe" button to register via PayPal or
>your credit card.

>I did and I'm just a poor bassist. If I can do it, so can you.

>Help keep this wonderful program alive. The latest podcast is an
>hour long interview with Don Ecker on his recent decision to
>leave the field of Ufological studies. Very informative.

Hi Terry,

For some unexplainable reason, I can neither download nor stream
the pod cast with either the Internet Explorer 7 or the
Netscasp 7.x or 8.x from your site. Only Mozilla FireFox
will let me stream it. Any idea why I can't download the
podcasts?

A curious subscriber,

Daniel Moroff

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Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 21:47:21 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 07:13:32 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 6 May 2007 16:32:35 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 5 May 2007 13:33:45 +0100
>>Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

<snip>

>>>>Source: The Guardian - London, UK
>>>><http://www.guardian.co.uk/print/0,,329804654-117780,00.html>

>>>>Thursday May 3, 2007

>>>>MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>>at the time of my
>>tour of duty, radar data was only kept for around a month. So in
>>the case of retrospective reports, meaningful investigation can
>>be difficult or impossible.

>Are you referring to keeping electronic data for one month, or
>any record at all?

I meant that video recordings were routinely taken of radar screens, with cassettes being kept for around a month, before being reused. So if I wanted to check whether military radar had picked up an anomalous return that might correlate a UFO sighting, I needed to requisition the tapes within a month of the sighting.

>If the electronic data were anomalous and a potential cause for
>concern, would it be kept for longer, or would a non-electronic
>description of it be retained?

>How would all of this fit with, say, standard procedures for
>maintenance? For example, if anomalous readings were attributed
>to intermittent system faults, one presumes that data would be
>retained and accumulated until the fault were identified and
>resolved. Would it not be feasible (indeed, essential) that
>anomalous data not ultimately determined to be attributable to
>system faults could be retained for a longer (perhaps much
>longer) period? Even when such data were erased in its original
>electronic form, would there not be a written/descriptive record
>of it kept (at least for the lifetime of the system concerned)
>as part of a system performance logging process?

After investigation, some radar returns that initially look anomalous can be attributed to technical faults, anomalous propagation, interference with other radar systems or even something as mundane as a flock of birds. Data retention would be on a case by case basis. I would expect that in the case of anything interesting or unusual, data would be kept until the matter was resolved or closed.

>If the answer to that last one were to be a positive, then a

>whole new line of potential research might be indicated:
>correlation of anomalous sightings with radar system maintenance
>data. Who knows what exotic new forms of 'plasma' might emerge
>from such an undertaking...

An interesting idea.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: McCartney Bowie May Headline Aliens Contact

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 16:00:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 07:15:04 -0400
Subject: Re: McCartney Bowie May Headline Aliens Contact

>Source: Stiff.Co.Nz - Auckland, New Zealand

><http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/4044494a5620.html>

>Tuesday, 1 May 2007

>McCartney Bowie May Headline Aliens Contact Concert

>Bang! Showbiz

>Sir Paul McCartney, David Bowie and Michael Jackson are set to
>make contact with aliens, claims author Michael C Luckman.

>The acts, along with Sir Elton John and The Rolling Stones, have
>been lined up to headline a series of concerts aimed at
>establishing peaceful contact with aliens by beaming music into
>outer space.

And why the frag not? Raised Consciousness is raised
consciousness... and it's not really like an alternative
progress would be otherwise thwarted in any way. How far in 60
years, again?

Hey, be the first on your block to start treating the very
necessary left half of the Bell curve with a deserved respect,
eh? Remember, at the concrescence we all have to go... Better
embrace of this what one can...

Besides, we learned via Babylon 5 that disrespect and disregard
to that very necessary segment of society added an additional
member of the Worker Caste to the Council of Nine...

It can't hurt to beam a little "positive intention" into the
cosmos... and here's just the bunch to spearhead it.

Rock_on_, you know? Our advancement the province of poets and
artists? I wouldn't be that surprised. Don't _reflexively_ turn
up your nose...

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Re: McCartney Bowie May Headline Aliens Contact

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 19:50:37 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 07:18:05 -0400
Subject: Re: McCartney Bowie May Headline Aliens Contact

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>Source: Stiff.Co.Nz - Auckland, New Zealand

><http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/4044494a5620.html>

>Tuesday, 1 May 2007

>McCartney Bowie May Headline Aliens Contact Concert

Ye gods....

Don

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UK F-15 UFO Incident

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Tue, 8 May 2007 01:46:35 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 07:22:13 -0400
Subject: UK F-15 UFO Incident

On January 12 2007 two USAF F-15 aircraft encountered an unidentified object that was tracked on radar over the UK.

There's probably a prosaic explanation for this one, but it certainly got British ufologists excited. Here's the information on the MoD's website:

Response to incident involving USAF F15 aircraft
(29-03-2007-111736-002) PDF [23.9 KB]

Service Police Report PDF [71.0 KB]

<http://tinyurl.com/2kau2s>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs -

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 00:47:35 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 07:24:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs -

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 6 May 2007 18:29:16 EDT
>Subject: Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 05 May 2007 13:37:58 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs

>>>UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>>>Source: Peter Smith's Website

>>><http://www.zip.com.au/~psmith/pilot-ufos.html>

>>>November 10, 2002

>>>Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of "UFOs"

><snip>

>>>4. The pilots reported seeing "circles, corkscrews, and 90-degree turns" but the actual rocket did no such maneuvers.

>>Ergo it wasn't the rocket.

>If you'll look closely the "90-degree turn" only comes from the
>sensationalist National Enquirer article and not from any other
>source and was probably completely fabricated. Once you
>eliminate that crap then it does fit a space decay or re-entry,
>and there is no pilot "misperception" of sighting details such
>as time, location, appearance, etc., only pilot
>misinterpretation of the ultimate cause.

>Pilots like other UFO witnesses cannot be treated like they are
>PhD scientist investigators of their own UFO sightings, hence
>their off-the-cuff opinions as to what it was they saw are not
>at the same level of reliability as their observational details,
>and cannot be expected to be.

>If quoted by the media shortly after landing pilots cannot
>possibly have spent weeks investigating the cause of their
>sighting as they've only had a few minutes. And again not being
>PhD scientists nor having years of UFO investigative experience
>they can't be expected to come up with the right explanation
>instantly.

>Several years ago I did a study of witness observational
>accuracy using IFO data buried in the Condon Report which the CU
>Project deliberately refused to analyze even though it had been
>a project goal. They apparently discovered as I did that using
>IFO's where we know what it was a witness saw and how far away,
>etc., that witnesses turned out to be an astonishingly high 97%
>to 98% accurate. Astonishing only because of the widespread
>debunking propaganda that devalues eyewitness data as worthless.

>What was not highly accurate were the witness interpretations
>of their own sightings.

>The Hynek study that supposedly found that pilots had the
>highest rate of IFO's in the Blue Book files is completely
>undocumented and unsubstantiated. It appears on one page of The
>Hynek UFO Report and there is no source data on how many reports
>were categorized, the criteria used, etc., and it appears the
>methodology was utterly confused between "misperception" and
>"misidentification," which are two different things. Given that
>kind of fundamental confusion it is unclear whether the Blue
>Book "IFO's" that were used were the actual "Known" IFO's and
>not the "Possible" and "Probable" categories, to give one
>example of deeply flawed methodology.

>"Misperception" involves errors in the observational details and
>my study shows there are very few of those in any category of
>witness occupation. "Misidentification" involves erroneous
>witness opinion of the ultimate cause of the sighting, which are
>subject to great error because it is asking essentially for a
>conclusion that only a PhD scientist investigation could
>properly render and no such thing is available to the witness.
>Yet if the witness gets that wrong he or she is slandered from
>here to eternity.

I can't argue with any of this Brad. Well put.

It has always bugged me how badly the witnesses get treated
regardless what their background and expertise. It's a wonder
they still come forward, but often are compelled to when they
need to know.

Don

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 00:55:56 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 07:27:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs -

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 00:17:19 -0400
>Subject: Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs

>>Source: Peter Smith's Website

>><http://www.zip.com.au/~psmith/pilot-ufos.html>

>>November 10, 2002

>>Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of "UFOs"

>>James Oberg
>>jamesoberg.nul
>>voice/fax 281-337-2838

>>How good are pilots' "UFO reports"? There is some dispute over
>>whether the features they describe are imaginative
>>interpretations of raw visual stimuli (based on their own
>>aviation experience) or are sound renditions of raw perceptions.

>>Experienced UFO investigators realize that pilots, who
>>instinctively and quite properly interpret visual phenomena in
>>the most hazardous terms, are not dispassionate observers. Allen
>>Hynek wrote: "Surprisingly, commercial and military pilots
>>appear to make relatively poor witnesses..." The quote is from
>>"The Hynek UFO Report", page 261 (Barnes and Noble reprint).
>>(271 in original Dell, Dec 1977) He found that the best class of
>>witnesses had a 50% misperception rate, but that pilots had a
>>much higher rate: 88% for military pilots, 89% for commercial
>>pilots. the worst of all categories listed. Pilots could be
>>counted on to perceive familiar objects - aircraft and ground
>>structures - very well, Hynek continued, but added a caveat:
>>"Thus it might surprise us that a pilot had trouble identifying
>>other aircraft, but it should come as no surprise that the
>>majority of pilot misidentifications were of astronomical
>>objects." Dell page 271

>>Here are two "test cases" that are illustrative: the November 5,
>>1990 re-entry of the Gorizont/Proton rocket body across northern
>>France and Germany, and the January 28, 1994 launch of Progress
>>TM-21 from Kazakhstan. Both events were observed by airline
>>crews. Arguably, in both cases, the pilots over-interpreted
>>their perceptions and subconsciously introduced "deductions" and
>>"conclusions" to shape their remembered perceptions.

>Here we find Oberg assuming the answer and then "force fitting"
>the data to the answer by rejecting any portions of the
>descriptions that might contradict the assumed explanation.
>Oberg, for example, is willing to ignore descriptions like
>"sharp turn" without further questioning' of the pilot to
>establish the exact nature of the turn. INstead, Oberg argues
>that the pilot invented the turn to explain the disappearance of
>the object.

>Maccabee's First Rule For Debunkers: Any explanation is better
>than none.

And lets not forget, Oberg isn't an aviation expert. He worked on the Shuttle as an engineer. Sure the Shuttle enjoyed flight characteristics while in glide as a just barely lifting body - and even that's not accurate - but comparing that to everyday flight is like comparing elevators to to the Saturn rocket because they both go up.

Many debunkers rely on the public's ignorance of the aviation field to bowl them over with non-applicable science.

Don

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Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 01:10:22 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 07:30:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 08:48:24 -0500
>Subject: Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 06 May 2007 21:50:37 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs

>>>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 6 May 2007 10:02:00 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Case Studies In Pilot Misperceptions Of UFOs

<snip>

>>>Don, isn't Oberg simply the new Phil Klass (government
>>>spokesperson/hatchet man)?

>>Well he never seems to find anything compelling, Jeff. If he's
>>maintaining his skeptical attitude it's in his interest to
>>discredit pilot reports.

>But wait! Wouldn't that be unethical, pathological,
>irresponsible, invalidating, and wrong? How can that be? And
>if it is true how is it remotely tolerated by an honorable
>society in a freedom loving country? Who else and to what
>degree?

>Sincerely, the inappropriately maligned, thoughtlessly
>abused, and profitably disrespected left-side-of-the-bell-
>curve-worker-bees-and-artisans otherwise required to "lift the
>bale" and "tote the barge" wants to know, eh? ...More all the
>time! I'd stir us up!

We are here to keep them in the lifestyle we so richly deserve-
but of which there isn't enough to go around. Protecting turf is
a full time job for much of government and its institutions.

>If lying cheating and stealing is inevitable, then, not lying
>cheating and stealing so freakin' much!

Well in the civilized nations of the world we are brought up to
believe that the aforementioned is not right. We are taught this
so it will be easier to do same by the really important people -
for our own good. This usually works until some crap disturber
starts asking questions that begin with "How come... or Why is
it... or Where is the documentation...", stuff like that.

>All he is 'association'. Stripped of that, his input carries no
>weight at all.

>Conversely, if Don Ledger said a particular item, idea, or
>person had a yellow-streak long & wide as that left by a platoon
>of diarrhetic camels... I'd put it right in the bank.

Yeah, Al, but will it earn interest?

Don

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Huntingdon UK UFO Stories

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 09 May 2007 07:42:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 May 2007 07:42:24 -0400
Subject: Huntingdon UK UFO Stories

Source: The Hunts Post - Huntingdon, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/22jaah>

08 May 2007

Are We alone? Your UFO Stories...
Web Editorial - webdesk.nul

Following last week's article about a UFO sighting above Norfolk Road, The Hunts Post has been inundated with tales of mysterious shapes in the sky.

One reader, John Bray, even sent in this picture, of a close encounter believed to have taken place near the Eaton Oak pub in Eaton Socon.

Mr Bray, who lives in Eaton Socon, claims the photograph was taken by a friend of his in 1979. The friend kept the photograph to himself at first, fearing no one would believe him, but eventually confided in Mr Bray.

Mr Bray claims to have sent the photograph to a "UFO research centre" in Norfolk, who examined the image and could not find "anything wrong with it" to indicate that it wasn't genuine.

As well as Mr Bray's new evidence, the mystery of the UFO sighting in Norfolk Road has become a little clearer.

Sue Plows, of Lammas Gardens, Huntingdon, is the sister of the man involved in the sighting. She told The Hunts Post: "It all happened early one morning. We knew Dave wasn't making it up, we could tell. There were other people around who had seen the same things, and the dog - Pippa - was ill for days afterwards."

David, the fourth child of six, committed suicide in 1991 after a marriage breakdown.

Another reader, Alan Williams from Wyton, suggested that the markings on the side of the craft may have read VRWCON, rather than VAWCON.

Mr Williams says that this could be the registration number of an aircraft from Sarawak, which is now part of Malaysia.

Other readers to contact The Hunts Post included Sawtry woman Linda Ashton, who claimed her family had seen two silver discs fly over their house in Hull in 1976. Mrs Ashton said: "They were there one minute, gone the next. You tend not to make too much of it in case people think you are round the bend."

Eynesbury resident Gina wrote of an experience she had while living in Duxford in the 1970s. She recalls a "bluey-mauve" light enveloping her bedroom, her son, then 18, being scared by humming bright lights in a field.

Gina wrote: "If the spaceships do exist they are very intelligent. Does the intelligence sector of the Government know more than it will ever let on?"

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 15:39:14 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 May 2007 07:47:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

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>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>This makes no sense to me. If the AP story hadn't broken, why
>would Cullen Greenesend Johnson out to the base. Johnson told
>me, as I'm sure he told others, that the editor assigned him to
>go out to the base. In fact, according to a chronology printed
>in the Daily Illini (the student newspaper at the University of
>Illinois) the AP story hit the wire at 2:26 PM. At 2:55 there
>was a bulletin to that initial story.

Hi Kevin,

I believe the 2.26pm time refers to CST, the Daily Illini actually gives the time referenced to their local time which I think was 4.26pm(CST+2). Fort Worth time was CST+1 ie 3.26pm. We originally stated the sun/angle time refered to 4.15pm until we realised FW did not adopt DST until the Unified Time Act in the early 60's like a number of other US states. A point which has to be clarified when referring to historical news clipping stating of times of events. Illinois, like Texas had not adopted DST in 1947.

>I'm also a little surprised at this suggestion that Johnson took
>only four of the six pictures that he claimed. It seems that the
>quality, composition, and details in six of the pictures match
>well. The seventh, of Newton, is clearly different.

The claim is backed by analysis of the lens geometry used in the 4 surviving negatives. Only 2 of these photographs were taken with the same lens, those showing Ramey and Ramey with DuBose. The Marcel images analysis indicates that these images were taken with a lens of a different focal length, in fact possibly 2 different lens, indicating the Marcel images were possibly shot by two completely different cameras. Bond only possessed the 1 lens for his SpeedGraphic and we can see his hat in one of the Ramey, Ramey/DuBose photographs, this ties him to these 2 negatives(+ 2 other surviving prints).

>Given that the time in Ramey's office is based, not on a
>specific time, but on a range of times based on an analysis of
>the sun angles (and correct me if I'm wrong, but did you know
>the orientation of the office windows to the sun when you made
>the analysis?)

We didn't need the offices orientation as we could see both the shadow and the object that cast the shadow(a car fender of known dimentions) through Rameys window. This feature by the way is only visable if you have a negative scan, it's not visible in the std prints due to the way the printing process alters the dynamic range of the image.

>, and we know when the story hit the AP wire, and
>we know that Johnson was told to go out to the base and see
>Ramey after the initial story, the events might not be nearly as
>complex as some would like them to be.

We don't know it was the AP story that triggered Bond's trip out to FWAAF, most people assume it was this. Bond claimed his trip was a reponse to a "flash", this is not a newswire story it's a warning message to let the subscribers know there was a breaking story to follow shortly. He was also not sure it was an AP "flash" and the ST subscribed to at least 6 other wireservices and had a whole room dedicated to the service teletypes. We have details of AP's story copy because AP was the most widespread wireservice but even then we only know of it's coverage chronology because the Daily Illini writer happened to quote most of it. There must have been a lot more "chatter" on the wires that day that hasn't survived. Just look at the snippets that did survive of the hard copy UP coverage that was salvaged in Roswell

>BTW, Neil, have you drawn any conclusions about the veracity of
>Johnson's stories, having heard all my taped interviews with
>him?

Kevin, I believe the core of Bond's story is true but he initially made a few large, wrong, but understandable assumptions. ie He had no concious memory of Marcel yet there in the ST's archives along with the pics of Ramey are two of Marcel, anyone would assume the same photog must have taken them and one's credited to JBJ. We know now this is highly unlikely and there is a mechinism employed by the newspapers at the time that can account for these "outside" photographs being archived along with original ST material, they were simply bought in from other photographers on the underground market just as Bond sold one of his 4 photographs to a wire company that evening and which finally reappeared in the Bettmann Archive, it's not credited as an ST photograph but it's one of the 4 Bond took.

Given our timing of Bond's 4 photographs are correct at 3.15pm(+/-15mins) FW time, we can easily go along with Bond's recollection that he was the only photog there at that time.

The Marcel pics and the Newton pic must have been taken later that evening, Newton's shift(single handed therfore the night shift) didn't start until 6pm and both the Newton and Marcel pics have elements that indicate they were taken at or around the same time. Here Kevin is your "press conference", the Marcel pics indicate different cameras, so more than the one cameraman plus the Newton pic, even more photogs. But it's highly probable these were taken anything up to 2-3 hours later than Bond's 4 pictures and just to reinforce the publicity for the cover story.

Best Regards

Neil

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Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

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>Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>>Source: The Guardian - London, UK

>><http://www.guardian.co.uk/print/0,,329804654-117780,00.html>

>>Thursday May 3, 2007

>>MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>>James Randerson
>>Guardian

>>The Ministry of Defence plans to open its "X-Files" on UFO
>>sightings to the public for the first time. Officials have not
>>yet decided on a date for the release of the reports, which
>>date back to 1967, but it is hoped to be within weeks.

>>The move follows the decision by the French national space
>>agency to release its UFO files in March, the first official
>>body in the world to do so.

>People seem to have forgotten that the Air Force released the
>Project Blue Book (and Grudge and Sign) files in 1975 or '76,
>the FBI released its files in 1977 and the CIA in 1978. In the
>following years files were released by other US government
>agencies.

>Of course, this is not to say the the US government has released
>_all_ of its files. But then, how do we know that the French
>have released all of their files and that the British will
>release all of theirs?

Bruce, and all,

I had recently a little debate with Jacques Patenet, the new man
in charge of Geipan at CNES. He admitted that, if there are
secret military files in France, he does not have access to
them, and they will not be published by Geipan.

Are there such secret files? He told me that he does not know.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: UK F-15 UFO Incident - Ledger

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Fwd Date: Wed, 09 May 2007 07:56:24 -0400
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>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 8 May 2007 01:46:35 +0100
>Subject: F-15 UFO Incident

>On January 12 2007 two USAF F-15 aircraft encountered an
>unidentified object that was tracked on radar over the UK.

>There's probably a prosaic explanation for this one, but it
>certainly got British ufologists excited. Here's the
>information on the MoD's website:

>Response to incident involving USAF F15 aircraft
>(29-03-2007-111736-002) PDF [23.9 KB]

>Service Police Report PDF [71.0 KB]

><http://tinyurl.com/2kau2s>

Hi Nick,

This is one of those annoying incidents that has potential then you find you have a grapefruit to soccerball sized object drifting around between 17,000 and 18,000 feet with enough cross section for the aircraft's radar [but only the one F-15 apparently] to lock onto it.

Seems a bit off for the RAF pilot to suggest that it was a piece that had fallen off a weather balloon since the thing remained at the same altitude long enough for his F-15 to make three passes at it.

What's curious about it is that it remained 'apparently' stationary in one area for several minutes, long enough to initiate and carry out three passes under the object. The F-15's turbulence should have had the thing bouncing around the sky. Not sure how the A/C Cmdr knew that it was drifting with the wind when he was travelling at 300 knots [346 mph]. The report doesn't mention the pilot's description [on tape] of the object which he said looked like a rock.

Additionally one always needs to be careful when told about anomalies on radar that suddenly appear in one sector of the ATC's screen as being some quirk of the radar itself suddenly being untrustworthy while the controller is still working traffic on another sector of the screen, whether it be military or commercial traffic carrying 200 plus passengers. The rush to condemn the returns from none transponder traffic as radar quirks while the lives of hundreds of people are in the hands of these same returns strikes me as opportunistic and frankly silly. The radio or H.A.M. radio operator that picked up on this deserves some credit for being right about the incident.

Best,

Don

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Raelians Moving Headquarters To Las Vegas

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May 8, 2007

I-Team: Alien Nation, Raelians Moving Headquarters To Las Vegas

You've heard the old cliché that Las Vegas has more churches per capita than any other city in America? Maybe it's true, maybe it isn't, but we're about to get another one.

The Raelians are unlike any other religion in the world since they do not believe in God at all. But it's their other beliefs that are more likely to raise hackles among other faiths.

It's just a coincidence that Raelians rhymes with aliens, but it's telling. Although they've been called a cult, they are far removed from any religious cult you've ever heard of.

Offer up your comments on the Raelians and their relocation to Las Vegas.

God plays no part in their religion. Instead, they believe we are all the product of cloning experiments in an extraterrestrial lab. But it's their status as sexual libertines that will probably drive rivals up the wall.

When the adult video industry held its annual convention in Las Vegas earlier this year, it attracted the usual assortment of porn stars, sex merchants, and switch hitters, but tucked in among the bawdy booths and abundant cleavage were religious ambassadors, including J.C.'s girls, former strippers and escorts who've found Jesus and quit the biz.

The yin to their yang, are Rael's girls, made up of Raelian sex workers who think there's nothing wrong with sexual freedom and that there's no need for strippers or hookers to repent at all.

Ricky Roehr, with the Raelian Movement, said, "Trying to make these girls feel guilty for what they are doing with their bodies, with their lives. They are bringing pleasure to other people, you know. It's your right to do with your body what you wish, as long as you are not harming other people."

Chief Investigative Reporter George Knapp: "So, no need to repent?"

Ricky Roehr: "Absolutely."

Roehr is a professional musician on the Strip and the president of the Raelian Movement in the U.S. Although there are only a few dozen Raelians in Las Vegas, the city will soon become the North American headquarters for the church, which has already sold the Canadian retreat that has long been the site of annual get-together's for the faithful.

Roehr acknowledges that Las Vegas is a good fit for the church. "It'd an open-minded community. It's a happy community. If you travel anywhere in the country, you know there are a lot of happy people here."

Chances are there will be fewer happy people among local religious leaders once the Raelians relocate. It is the world's only atheistic religion. The prophet Rael, a former French journalist who -- to the Raelians -- is on a par with Jesus or Buddha, says humans were created not by a God but by extraterrestrials cloned in a lab.

A private company run by Raelian scientists claims to have duplicated the ET science by creating human clones three years ago. If it's true, the birth of the cloned babies has never been confirmed by outside experts. Still, it prompted the president of France and others to call for a ban on human cloning experiments.

The Raelians preach tolerance for other religious beliefs but seem to revel in tweaking the noses of rival religious leaders by promoting science over faith.

Rael, the founder of Raelian Movement, said, "I hope everyone in this room, when your child or grandchild is sick, you don't run to a church or temple, you run to a hospital because you prefer science."

The Raelians have been slammed by other religions as perverts, Satanists, pedophiles, racists, and a lot more. Death threats are not uncommon. But if there's any spot where their core philosophy should fit, this could be it.

"Pleasure is good. We are created for pleasure. And every moment of our life is for pleasure. Whether it's to eat, pay your taxes so you don't go to jail, either we do it for pleasure or for the avoidance of displeasure. It's very fundamental. It's how we were made. It's why we were made," explained Ricky Roehr.

The Raelians have been in Las Vegas since the '80s. Now, our town will become their headquarters.

The group plans to either build a headquarters in Las Vegas, or perhaps buy and renovate a hotel. They don't need a place to worship, they say, only a place to hold seminars.

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Re: McCartney Bowie May Headline Aliens Contact -

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>Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 16:33:16 -0400
>Subject: McCartney Bowie May Headline Aliens Contact

>Source: Stiff.Co.Nz - Auckland, New Zealand

><http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/4044494a5620.html>

>Tuesday, 1 May 2007

>McCartney Bowie May Headline Aliens Contact Concert

Not that facts matter with stories like this, but Bowie only curates shows now. He doesn't perform sets anymore, not since his heart attack three years ago.

On a related note, buy his recent albums such as Heathen and Reality - he had a tremendous resurgence of talent in this later period of his life.

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Considering Aliens
UFO adventures past and present
Joanna Hofer

May 11 marks the anniversary of one of the most famous UFO sightings in U.S. history. In 1950 in McMinnville, Ore., farmer Paul Trent and his wife Evelyn were doing their evening chores when they saw "a large, metallic-looking, disc-shaped object hovering silently in the sky." Mr. Trent ran to his house and grabbed his camera. The two photographs he was able to take were published in Life magazine in June of that year. Air Force investigators, FBI agents, and later the Condon Committee all scrutinized Trent's photos, but no one could ever prove them to be a hoax. For many years afterward, the national news media referred to McMinnville as "Saucerville."

UFOs in history

UFOs have been reported since before the time of Christ. What these objects actually are continues to be debated. Highly popularized educated guesses include: angels, weather balloons, secret government projects and, the most popular conclusion, aliens from outer space.

The Book of Ezekiel (circa 593 B.C.), and in particular the passage (1:16) describing "Ezekiel's wheel," is believed by some to depict a UFO encounter. In Central Asia in 329 B.C., Alexander the Great is reported to have seen "two great silver shields" flying in the sky. On April 14, 1561, a woodcut by Hans Glaser records what some believe was a UFO battle over Nuremberg, Germany. As reported by The Nuremberg Gazette, there was a "dreadful apparition" with "cylindrical shapes from which emerged black, red, orange and blue-white spheres that darted about." Five years later, another woodcut, this time from Basel, Switzerland, shows the town's sky covered with dark flying orbs. Even Christopher Columbus is said to have recorded a UFO sighting in his diaries on his voyage to the New World.

There are various websites that chronicle UFO sightings by year and location. If you believe these sites, the human population seems forever plagued by alien fly-bys. Whatever your opinion may be, it's interesting to examine the pictures and drawings of the sightings for similarities and differences.

As with humans, aliens seem to be concerned with vehicle style. While human automobile and aeronautical designs have changed radically over the past hundred years, aliens seem content to stick with three basic vehicular models: the sphere, the saucer and the cigar. Sometimes they fly in formation. Sometimes they have red lights. Sometimes they have green lights. Sometimes

orange. All in all, UFO sightings are remarkably similar given that they are reported from all over the world. Still, seeing is believing. Without seeing a UFO for oneself, it is nearly impossible to believe.

Becoming a UFO investigator

Want to do something that sets you apart? Not content to let others decide the UFO mystery for you? Want to have something different to tell people at parties or merely an excuse to get someone you like out in the dark? Become a MUFON field investigator.

It's sort of like ghost busters but for aliens. Regardless of the unfortunate and clunky acronym, there might still be some glamour in this occupation. Think about how it would sound: "I investigate the existence of extra-terrestrial life--in my spare time." Perhaps weird, definitely different, and intriguing if you could manage some pictures you took in the field. Perhaps as you rise in status in the organization, you could get them to change their acronym into something, well, cooler.

All joking aside, becoming a MUFON field investigator is serious business. MUFON is a nonprofit organization founded in 1969 to resolve the mysteries of UFOs. At the MUFON branch right here in Portland, you can complete the requisite steps. First, you have to join MUFON. In exchange for \$45 a year, both a monthly subscription to MUFON UFO Journal and a membership in MUFON can be yours. You will also receive a MUFON membership card displaying your photo (also good at parties). Don't despair if people ask you if you made this yourself.

Next you'll need to purchase a copy of the MUFON field investigator's manual (\$28.50 for members and \$38.50 for non-members). The manual contains information on everything from interviewing witnesses to dealing with the press. Attend a training class offered by your local MUFON chapter, take the open book test and you're almost done.

To become a MUFON field investigator, you must score at least 80 percent on the exam, providing correct answers to questions involving: "light and optics; sound; electromagnetic properties; measurements; physical traces; photography; radio and radar; celestial objects; atmosphere and weather; conventional vehicles; witness reactions; and the recent history of UFO experiences." Particular attention must be paid to "investigative ethics, interviewing methods, collateral contacts and technical background." Finally, it is recommended that you accompany a MUFON field investigator on at least one live field investigation.

If you do see a UFO

If you do happen across a UFO, you're not alone. There are dozens of organizations that would like to hear from you and take your report. MUFON advises above all to stay calm. Enjoy what may be the experience of a lifetime. If possible, record the event with a camera or a camcorder. Write down your observations as soon as possible.

Or, better yet, run like hell.

Eighth Annual UFO Festival (May 18-19)

The Eighth Annual UFO Festival will be held in McMinnville, Ore. on the weekend of May 18-19. The director of the International Center for Abduction Research (ICAR), Dr. David Jacobs, will present his views on how "ufology" has changed since the 1947 Roswell incident. The director of the National UFO Reporting Center, Peter Robbins, will also speak. Along with a panel discussion and presentations, there will be live music, an alien pet costume contest and an alien costume ball.

For more information

Eighth Annual McMinnville UFO Fest, ufofest.com

National Institute for Discovery Sciences, nidsci.org

ICAR, International Center for Abduction Research, ufoabduction.com

National UFO Reporting Center, nuforc.org

UFO Museum and Research Center, roswellufomuseum.com

Mutual UFO Network, mufon.com

UFO Evidence, ufoevidence.org

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UFOs Make Yuma Man's Life A Pit Stop
By Rick Tosches
Denver Post Staff Writer

Yuma

He plopped down in a big chair in his sturdy old home on Main Street in this northeast Colorado town, a village nestled in a land where alfalfa grows quickly, time passes slowly and when it turns black at night, well, all kinds of things can dance across the sable sky.

Big Tim Cullen says it was a night like that so many years ago when the lights of a UFO rose over the grassy hills and settled alongside his car. He says he got a good look.

"It was 100 foot long, 20 foot wide and about 10 foot high."

And then it was gone.

On Sunday, just a few weeks shy of the 29th anniversary of that night in 1978, Cullen leaned back in the chair and talked of the night the spaceship came down. It hovered along Colorado 59 between Yuma and the smaller town of Joes, he says. And even though he doesn't remember this part, Cullen said the aliens took him that night and implanted a strange metal chip in his left wrist - a chip he wouldn't find until 1998.

Cullen isn't alone, of course. Thousands claim they've been abducted by aliens. Hundreds of thousands say they've seen UFOs. Heck, just a few weeks ago a well-respected former Arizona governor said he saw a UFO hovering over Phoenix while he was in office.

"When I saw it, I said, 'this is definitely a UFO,'" ex-Gov. Fife Symington said of the 1997 event. "It was absolutely breathtaking."

Which leads to the obvious question: Arizona had a governor named "Fife"?

And another question: How come it took Cullen 20 years to discover the freaky alien implant in his left wrist? The answer: it took him that long to whack his left thumb with a hammer.

Cullen, 55, stood up Sunday morning and disappeared into a back room of the house where he and his wife have lived for nearly three decades. He came back with an X-ray and held it against the living room window. The images, taken at a Yuma medical clinic, clearly showed a small spot in the wrist, a white

triangular image lodged in the tissue above the bones.

Cullen didn't say a word. Not that he's shy about this. He's been featured on lots of UFO-type websites and even on a Learning Channel show called "101 Things Removed From the Human Body."

But sometimes, he doesn't know what to say. Or what to think.

"It's all so strange," he said quietly.

Crash kicked off sightings

It all began April 2, 1978. He awoke from a dream about a terrible car crash. Seven days later, the car he was driving rolled five times, according to the police report. Cullen, then 27, suffered a broken neck and other injuries. About seven weeks later, on May 30, while returning from a doctor's appointment in Denver, his neck still encased in a protective collar, the UFO appeared from the darkness where Vernon Road slices through the hay fields and meets the highway. Cullen and his wife, Janet, stared.

"It didn't make any noise," Cullen said.

And that was that.

Until he saw another UFO two years later, in 1980, in the exact same spot along Colorado 59. And then, a third encounter of the "Yipes!" kind came in 1994, 40 miles to the south near the cemetery in Cope.

"That one had blue and white lights," he said.

The story goes quickly then. Cullen whopped his thumb with the hammer in 1998 while trying to drive a steel rod into the ground for a cement project. The ensuing X-ray showed the odd chunk of metal.

"I knew then what had happened," Cullen said. "I knew it was an alien implant from that first encounter in 1978. There was lost time that night. I have to assume I was abducted."

They want our powers

Weeks after the X-ray, Cullen talked to a reporter at the Yuma newspaper. Word reached the UFO community. Websites trumpeted "The Cullen Abduction." In 2000, he said, he traveled to a clinic in California and had the alien, well, thing removed from his wrist. No one knows what the thing is, he said.

But this is what he believes: the aliens chose him because of his psychic abilities. In addition to the dream of the 1978 car crash a week before it happened, Cullen said there are constant psychic moments in his life. Aliens, he surmises, don't have that power. They are gathering information via these implants from Cullen and others like him.

He got out of his chair then and went to the door. Outside his small home on the Colorado grasslands, branches with tiny new spring leaves rustled in a fresh wind. From his front steps he looked to the west. Storm clouds gathered on the horizon.

"I am totally open to the idea," said Symington, the Harvard-educated former Arizona governor and an ex-Air Force captain, "that whoever they are occasionally pass this way."

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Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Bourdais

>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 15:39:14 +0100
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 11:24:56 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 15:41:15 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>This makes no sense to me. If the AP story hadn't broken, why
>>would Cullen Greenesend Johnson out to the base. Johnson told
>>me, as I'm sure he told others, that the editor assigned him to
>>go out to the base. In fact, according to a chronology printed
>>in the Daily Illini (the student newspaper at the University of
>>Illinois) the AP story hit the wire at 2:26 PM. At 2:55 there
>>was a bulletin to that initial story.

>Hi Kevin,

>I believe the 2.26pm time refers to CST, the Daily Illini
>actually gives the time referenced to their local time which I
>think was 4.26pm(CST+2). Fort Worth time was CST+1 ie 3.26pm. We
>originally stated the sun/angle time refered to 4.15pm until we
>realised FW did not adopt DST until the Unified Time Act in the
>early 60's like a number of other US states. A point which has
>to be clarified when refering to historical news clipping
>stating of times of events. Illinois, like Texas had not
>adopted DST in 1947.

Neil,

I fail to understand your line of thinking.

Of course, the real debris were never shown to the press, since
there was a cover-up to hide it, as General DuBose stated in
his affidavit. What is the point, then, of discussing the exact
time at which the pictures of the balloon debris were taken?

Gildas

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Re: Raelians Moving Headquarters To Las Vegas -

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Wed, 9 May 2007 09:27:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 07:20:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Raelians Moving Headquarters To Las Vegas -

On May 9, 2007, at 7:59 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>Source: KLAS-TV - Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

><http://www.klas-tv.com/Global/story.asp?S=6482858>

>May 8, 2007

>I-Team: Alien Nation, Raelians Moving Headquarters To Las Vegas

Raelians and Las Vegas. Now there's a match made in heaven!

Let's just hope they adopt the saying, "What happens in Las Vegas stays in Las Vegas" and we never hear from or of them again.

Bob Shell

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Re: UK F-15 UFO Incident - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 07:24:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UK F-15 UFO Incident - Shough

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 14:28:35 -0300
>Subject: Re: UK F-15 UFO Incident

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 8 May 2007 01:46:35 +0100
>>Subject: F-15 UFO Incident

>>On January 12 2007 two USAF F-15 aircraft encountered an
>>unidentified object that was tracked on radar over the UK.

>>There's probably a prosaic explanation for this one, but it
>>certainly got British ufologists excited. Here's the
>>information on the MoD's website:

>>Response to incident involving USAF F15 aircraft
>>(29-03-2007-111736-002) PDF [23.9 KB]

>>Service Police Report PDF [71.0 KB]

>><http://tinyurl.com/2kau2s>

>Hi Nick,

>This is one of those annoying incidents that has potential then
>you find you have a grapefruit to soccerball sized object
>drifting around between 17,000 and 18,000 feet with enough
>cross
>section for the aircraft's radar [but only the one F-15
>apparently] to lock onto it.

Hi Don

Actually both planes got radar lock on it. The wingman's lock occurs towards the end of the clip after two earlier locks (at least) by GATOR. As he makes his pass you can hear him saying "clean . . . clean" and then "locked!" followed by "bullseye" and the range and bearing to the target. He subsequently gets a visual but like his partner is not able to identify the object.

>Seems a bit off for the RAF pilot to suggest that it was a
>piece
>that had fallen off a weather balloon since the thing remained
>at the same altitude long enough for his F-15 to make three
>passes at it.

As I suggested on another list, the pilot's (USAF, not RAF) idea of a piece fallen off a balloon might well have been no more than the sort of notion you would come up with if pressed for an opinion. "If you had to come up with an explanation, what would you say?" It doesn't necessarily mean that the pilot(s) believed it, and in fact the evidence of the audio is that they were puzzled at the time.

>What's curious about it is that it remained 'apparently'
>stationary in one area for several minutes, long enough to
>initiate and carry out three passes under the object. The F-15's

>turbulance should have had the thing bouncing around the sky.

Quite, given they got close enough to this grapefruit-sized "rock" to attempt visual identification by size and shape. And 4.5 mins minimum of essentially neutral buoyancy is a bit odd to say the least. I can only think of a small collapsed pilot balloon, partially deflated into a baggy shape with just enough remnant buoyancy to keep it lofted, maybe helped by an updraught. But what balloon of that sort has the radar cross-section to give solid auto-locks at ranges up to 15 miles? Conversely, if it was a "piece" of some unidentified kind that fell off the instrument package of a larger balloon (say) then it could have had metallic components that would help the RCS, but then it should fall thousands of feet during the event. A partially-deflated balloon and an instrument package then. But so small? And how come the package - probably about equal in size, at least, for any realistic instruments - is not visible hanging below this little collapsed envelope? It would have to be wrapped up inside it somehow, which just doesn't add up.

>Not sure how the A/C Cmdr knew that it was drifting with the
>>wind when he was travelling at 300 knots [346 mph].

I'm not sure about this either. The radar appears to be able to deduct the aircraft intercept vector to estimate true ground speeds, and these are given as from 30 to 80 knots at various times, but I can't help feeling a bit sceptical that the pilot(s) determined the direction of this motion in relation to the wind whilst screaming in at 300 knots (at least - GATOR *slows down* to this when getting close and advises that "I'm not going to go below 300 knots"). Over the course of the whole incident the reported object speed would take it a few miles, so maybe they knew their positions quite accurately and were able to determine that the centre-of-gravity of the "dogfight" had drifted several miles since the first contact? Maybe they later matched this with the weather for 18,000 ft and GATOR based his reported "with the wind" estimate on this? On the other hand, it could just be that the words of the RAF interviewer that it was reportedly "drifting with the wind" are based on a statement that it seemed to be drifting at about the speed of the wind. Who knows?

>The report doesn't mention the pilot's description
>[on tape] of the object which he said looked like a rock.
>Additionally one always needs to be careful when told about
>anomalies on radar that suddenly appear in one sector of the
>ATC's screen as being some quirk of the radar itself suddenly
>being untrustworthy while the controller is still working
>traffic on another sector of the screen, whether it be military
>or commercial traffic carrying 200 plus passengers. The rush to
>condemn the returns from none transponder traffic as radar
>quirks while the lives of hundreds of people are in the hands
>of these same returns strikes me as opportunistic and frankly
>silly. The radio or H.A.M. radio operator that picked up on
>this deserves some credit for being right about the incident.

Maybe I'm misinterpreting you but you seem to suggest that an ATC ground radar contact is being discounted. I'm not aware of any evidence for a ground radar contact other than the original anonymous story that London area military ATC had tasked the F-15s with investigating. This is denied in the MoD report. Although strictly speaking the report does not specifically deny that LAATC might have contacted the F-15s in a merely advisory capacity, the denial is supported by the separate statement that MoD do not know the location of the incident. At least that means there is no record, anyway.

So I do agree with you that this is an odd one and a frustrating one, that is certainly not solved. On the other hand it isn't strong enough to bear much weight as it stands and I doubt it'll ever be resolved or become a classic unless the pilots are found or a USAF report surfaces.

Martin Shough

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Randle

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 30 Apr 2007 08:18:41 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

Neil, List, All -

I think you misunderstood my point. You wrote:

>When Bond took his pictures there was no news story, he didn't
>even take any written copy just the photos. The cover story
>didn't appear to kick in until sometime between 4 and 5pm and
>probably accounts for the sanitisation noticable in the later
>Marcel and Newton pictures where a lot of the more interesting
>debris seems to have gone missing.

My point was that Johnson went out to the base because he had been ordered to do so by Cullen Greene (his editor at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram) who told him, according to what Johnson told me, "Get out to General Ramey's office. They've got a flying saucer and they're bringing it from Roswell."

So, there was a news story at that point. When Johnson got there, he said, "I posed General Ramey with this debris. At that time I was briefed on the idea that it was not a flying disk as first reported but in fact was a weather balloon that had crashed. I returned to my office."

So, while it is true that the cover story was not reported by the news organizations until four or five, when Johnson arrived, Ramey was already prepared to give the cover story.

You say, "He didn't even take any written copy just the photos." Yet he told me, several times that the story that appeared in the Star-Telegram on July 9 was his. He wrote it. The last paragraph of that said, "After his first look, Ramey declared all it was was a weather balloon. The weather officer verified his view."

Given that Johnson claimed authorship of this article more than once, it seems fairly clear that Ramey told Johnson the weather balloon story when Johnson arrived at Ramey's office, and not some hours later as Johnson would eventually claim.

It also seems that there was no sanitization of the debris after the pictures of Ramey and DuBose. The debris on the floor is in the same relative positions and the it is the angle of the camera that has changed. You might have noticed that there is a tie and a cap on the radiator in the pictures of Ramey and in the pictures of Marcel, but it has been moved by the time Newton gets there. I know that Johnson's hat appears in one of the pictures but is not visible in the others... Marcel is in the way, for example.

So, my point is, (1) Johnson knew why he was going out to Ramey's office because his editor had told him, (2) Ramey told him it was a weather balloon at the time as verified by both my taped interviews with Johnson and the article that he originally claimed to have written and then began to deny because it contradicted his new story, (3) he must have taken notes because he wrote the newspaper story and (4) the debris in the various pictures is the same with no real evidence that anything had been removed.

I know that you've heard the tapes because I sent copies of them to you to verify that I had not misquoted Johnson, but that he had changed his story, significantly.

KRandle

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Secrecy News -- 05/09/07

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CONGRESS NOT TOLD OF COVERT ACTION, COMMITTEE COMPLAINS

U.S. intelligence recently undertook a "significant" covert action without notifying Congress, as required by law, the House Intelligence Committee disclosed in a new report on the 2008 intelligence authorization bill.

"The Committee was dismayed at a recent incident wherein the Intelligence Community failed to inform the Congress of a significant covert action activity. This failure to notify Congress constitutes a violation of the National Security Act of 1947."

"Despite agency explanations that the failure was inadvertent, the Committee is deeply troubled over the fact that such an oversight could occur, whether intentionally or inadvertently."

"The Committee firmly believes that scrupulous transparency between the Intelligence Community and this Committee is an absolute necessity on matters related to covert action."

In response to this lapse, the Committee adopted a provision in its authorization bill that would require the CIA Inspector General to audit each covert action program at least once every three years.

The pending bill is "the single largest intelligence authorization bill ever written by the Committee," according to a May 2 news release.

The new intelligence authorization report describes new reporting requirements on the role of contractors in U.S. intelligence, Member concerns regarding intelligence policy in Iraq and domestic surveillance, defects in intelligence acquisition programs, and the evolution of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

"The recent 100-day agenda released by the DNI contained a great deal of bureaucratic verbiage but failed to articulate a clear and compelling plan for addressing chronic problems plaguing the

Intelligence Community, such as deficiencies in foreign language capability, lack of diversity, information-sharing impediments, overclassification, and the lack of common security clearance practices," the report said.

The bill does not include changes to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act sought by the Administration.

"Before the Committee will support any change to existing law, it is essential that the President provide some measure of assurance that were he to sign a bill modifying FISA into law, he would agree to be bound by it," the report stated.

In minority views appended to the report, Republican members criticized the Committee endorsement of an intelligence role in assessing the impact of global warming, and other Committee judgments.

See Report on the Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2008, House Report 110-131, May 7:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_rpt/hrpt110-131.html

ODNI TO HOLD CONFERENCE ON OPEN SOURCE INTEL

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence is sponsoring a public conference on open source intelligence in Washington, DC on July 16-17.

"The conference will raise awareness about open source and encourage information sharing among the Intelligence Community and its partners in academia, think tanks, private industry, and with federal, state, local and tribal entities and international partners."

"The two-day conference will host participants from local, national, and international organizations from both the public and private sector."

"The conference is free and open to the public." See:

<https://www.dniopensource2007.com/>

"There will be free food," added organizer Theresa Sciacchetano seductively.

NGA FORESEES CURBS ON SATELLITE IMAGERY

In an interview with the Associated Press, the director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency warned that under certain circumstances the government might seek to restrict the dissemination of commercial satellite imagery.

See "Curbs on satellite photos may be needed" by Katherine Shrader, Associated Press, May 8:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070508/ap_on_go_ot/spy_imagery_2

A 2005 satellite image shows what appear to be launchers for the Shaheen 2 medium-range ballistic missile at Pakistan's National Defense Complex near Islamabad. The image is analyzed by Hans Kristensen on the FAS Strategic Security Blog at:

http://www.fas.org/blog/ssp/2007/05/pakistani_nuclear_forces_2007.php

JOINT INTERDICTION OPERATIONS

A new publication from the Joint Chiefs of Staff presents military doctrine on joint interdiction operations.

"Interdiction operations are actions to divert, disrupt, delay, or destroy an enemy's surface capabilities before they can be used effectively against friendly forces, or to otherwise achieve objectives."

"In support of law enforcement, interdiction includes activities conducted to divert, disrupt, delay, intercept, board, detain,

or destroy, as appropriate, vessels, vehicles, aircraft, people and cargo. Interdiction also can be used to prevent an enemy from achieving a variety of objectives affecting the US populace, economy, or national interests."

See "Joint Interdiction," Joint Publication 3-03, 3 May 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3_03.pdf

SELECTED CRS REPORTS

Some recently updated reports from the Congressional Research Service now available on the Federation of American Scientists web site include the following.

"Stem Cell Research: Federal Research Funding and Oversight," updated April 18, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL33540.pdf>

"Israeli-Arab Negotiations: Background, Conflicts, and U.S. Policy," updated April 10, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mideast/RL33530.pdf>

"Nuclear Weapons: Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty," updated April 4, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/nuke/RL33548.pdf>

"U.S. Strategic Nuclear Forces: Background, Developments, and Issues," updated April 3, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/nuke/RL33640.pdf>

ARMY INTEL ON OPPOSING FORCE ORGANIZATION

U.S. Army intelligence has published a new field manual on how to structure an opposing force (OPFOR) for U.S. military training purposes.

"As a training tool, the OPFOR must be a challenging, uncooperative sparring partner capable of stressing any or all warfighting functions and mission-essential tasks of the U.S. force," the manual states.

See "Opposing Force Organization Guide," FM 7-100.4, May 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm7-100-4.pdf>

"Put Steven Aftergood in the Brig" is the eye-catching title of what is actually a rather sympathetic blog entry from Commentary Magazine's Gabriel Schoenfeld on the recent dust-up between the Army and the Federation of American Scientists over our practice of publishing certain Army documents.

<http://www.commentarymagazine.com/contentions/index.php/schoenfeld/408>

"Army Threatens Critic Over Blog Policy" was Justin Rood's take on the story at ABC News' The Blotter:

http://blogs.abcnews.com/theblotter/2007/05/army_threatens_.html

Secrecy News is written by Steven Aftergood and published by the Federation of American Scientists.

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<http://www.hartlepooltoday.co.uk/news?articleid=3D2863828>

09 May 2007

I Always Knew Something Was Out There

There have been thousands of speculated UFO sightings over the years, as well as a belief that "something is out there".

But Hartlepool woman Dianne Sudron says aliens really do exist.

And in the last 30 years they have visited her to help her overcome life's ups and downs.

Here talks about her extra-terrestrial experiences.

Dianne Sudron's initiation into friendship with extra-terrestrials began when she was just 13.

In 1974, she had been babysitting her brother and younger sisters at her home in Elphin Walk, Hartlepool, when she saw a UFO above the houses between her street and Brierton Community School.

"It was like a big headlamp but not as big as a football and hovering above the rooftops," she said.

"I wasn't scared."

Dianne said she was with her friend and a boy, and the three of them followed it as it headed towards Owton Manor Primary School.

She added: "The UFO was there for about 10 minutes. I was fascinated. I always sort of believed in them and knew something was out there. When I saw one, it confirmed it."

The next time she saw the 'visitors' she was babysitting again.

The 45-year-old said: "They came in through the French windows. There was about six of them and they had creamy-coloured bald heads with pointy chins and eyes like almonds, like you see in films.

"I remember it vividly. We had ornaments on a shelf next to the window and part of the wall became a control panel and an alien, that seemed to me to be female, would press buttons on the wall. There were flashing lights and it just seemed to be part of the UFO.

"I used to say to them, 'how long are you going to be, I don't want you here when my mam and dad come in'. We used to speak in telepathy and they would immobilise me. I used to just sit there.

She added: "My mind is blank. I don't know whether they took me somewhere or whether they did something to my body.

"They used to come in through the French window at the back of the room and float out through the front window. I wondered if our house was in the way, in the middle of the alien highway or something."

Dianne said the 1970s were "rife" for UFO sightings, especially in the area near Brierton Community School.

"Someone looked out of their bedroom window and saw hundreds of aliens," she said.

"I used to babysit and keep all that stuff to myself. I didn't want to say to my parents when they returned 'everything's fine apart from a big bunch of aliens came in'."

A couple of years later, Dianne joined a spiritual and psychic development group in the town.

She said: "We would get psychic messages from extra-terrestrials and they would channel themselves through someone's body. They would say they were sending 'love, healing and light to all mankind'.

"These aliens were humanoid and very beautiful with blonde hair and a space between their eyes. They had crystals for eyebrows. They were from the Pleiades constellation."

"For about six months we used to speak to them. It was debatable whether we believed they existed, we just went with the flow.

"I thought 'I'd really like to meet them extra-terrestrials, it's not good enough to just have it channelled'. I wanted to take it one step further.

"But when I told the group I wanted to meet them, they didn't want to know. They were frightened and I left."

When Dianne was 26, she lived in Stockton Road, where her first actual contact with the beings took place.

She said: "I'd had a bad relationship and thought why not ask them for help and love. I was sitting on the sofa and I heard a voice say 'Are you feeling OK?' I didn't know what to do. It was a lovely softly-spoken voice. It was a nice English accent.

"The voice asked me 'do you want us to play you some music?' I said yes. I started hearing 1940s music. It made me laugh. I thought it was so funny; either they've got a sense of humour or they don't know what music I like."

Dianne moved to Wolverhampton to be with her fianc=E9 but her fascination with the paranormal proved too difficult for their relationship.

She said: "We got engaged, but the aliens came between me and my fianc=E9. First of all he didn't believe in it, because I was saying all these things."

She said: "I was lodging with him when I heard a loud bang. The aliens had bumped themselves down and fallen on top of each other. They were laughing and giggling about it. It was so strange to see aliens on the floor thinking it was funny."

She said her fianc=E9 acknowledged the next day =96 for the first time =96 that she was being visited by aliens.

"He said he heard the bang and 'I think I believe you'. He called them the three amigos."

Call centre worker Dianne remembers an experience in Wolverhampton which particularly stands out.

"An alien pulled up in a silver car. It was quite early in the morning. I seemed to see in my mind, this alien pulling up in an expensive Honda car. I could see it in my mind, parked up outside the house," she said.

"I thought I better compose myself. I am going to be frightened. I tried to trace them in my mind coming in the door and coming up the stairs.

"But in a matter of two seconds it came to the bottom of my bed. They looked like doctors. One had a clipboard. I had been suffering from cystitis at the time, but I know they gave me an operation on my forehead. They cut through a piece. I was aware of it and sort of conscious.

"It seemed to hurt but as soon as they had gone, it went. I don't know whether they were trying to make me more psychic. If you have an operation on your third eye you become more psychic.

"Sometimes they put implants in people and put them up their noses to track people, not for any bad reasons, just to know what people are doing.

"I think they were investigating me anyway. I think they are investigating a lot of humans on the planet to see how their minds work and to change the way the world works.

"I think they do it to lots of people, they're just not lucky enough to remember."

When Dianne was 33, she came back to Hartlepool, and her inter-galactic friends made another appearance.

She said: "I was laid on the settee and fell asleep then I heard a sound at the door. It just sounded like when you stand on a cat's tail. It was quite a scary experience.

"I felt either a rope or a fishing line come around me. It didn't hurt. It was like a lasso. It was wet and it touched me on the face as if I'd been hit with a wet fish. I was going up towards the light.

"I didn't want to go any further and gently came back down.

"They have visited me about 30 times. It's fairly regular. At one point it seemed to be happening all the time. Each experience is totally different.

"They used to put a ray over my body to immobilise me. I think it was to try to calm you down. They didn't do anything sinister to me.

"I don't tell people. They are quite frightened of it. I don't need to tell people. I don't think they believe me.

"That's why I'm telling my story to the Mail, to give credibility. I want to get it into concrete evidence if you don't come out and say people think, maybe . . . "

"People may say I'm barmy but at the moment we've got a hole in the ozone layer. We are living in times that are delicately balanced. I don't know what we are going to do."

Dianne, who is a follower of guru Sai Baba, added: "Aliens have given me so much of themselves, so much love and understanding.

"I hope I'll see them soon. I enjoy the experience. They are not going to harm you."

Dianne is writing a book about her experiences, which she will call Alien Dreamland.

She said: "I've got bits of information but I've been holding back to see if I can find a hypnotherapist to help me regress. I'd like to find one that's interested in UFOs."

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A Reminder For Canadian Readers

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 07:40:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 07:40:29 -0400
Subject: A Reminder For Canadian Readers

Both tonight, Thursday, and tomorrow morning Space Channel is premiering Paul Kimball's latest UFO documentary, Best Evidence... Your local listings will tell you exactly when.

See:

<http://www.bestevidence.blogspot.com/>

for more info on the doc.

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SDI #438 - 20 Questions

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 10:12:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 12:38:40 -0400
Subject: SDI #438 - 20 Questions

SDI #438

20 Questions boldly addressed this iteration by Dave Furlotte, Michael Woods, Kevin Randle, and Alfred Lehmborg, magnificently conducted by Errol Bruce-Knapp:

1. Why does "Bubba" hate the western hemisphere? Can Bill O'Reilly, Sean Hannity, or Don Ecker provide an answer to same?
2. Why was the Army interested in what occurred at Kecksburg (a reported UFO recovery site) as just one example of similar incidents of extreme interest?
3. Given vetted interactions with the functionalities of nuclear missiles, documented lost men and equipment (not including Mantel), and 60 plus years reflecting 6 categories of quality ufological evidence pointing to the activity of same... ..how can government officials maintain the rubric that "UFOs pose no threat to national security"?
4. Does officialdom infantilize lay citizenry with regard to UFOs and the presence of the 'other'?
5. Where does Paul Kimball take aggregate Ufology via his "Best Evidence," top-ten-cases-approach film documentary?
6. Is salvation only 20 light-years away? Does a red dwarf sun provide a food producing light?
7. Are our "intellectual poyne-dexters" doing the heavy lifting or the convenient lifting?
8. Will the stirring phrase "deflector shields at maximum" someday be an actionable command?
9. How will a huge umbrella in space to counter global warming further affect (sic) Chaos' butterfly wing?
10. Does Alfred Lehmborg lust for his own Roswell "scratch and win" ticket?
11. Were the Vikings misunderstood colorblind travelers, merely, or were they just trying to grab something good for themselves?
12. What would compel Michael Woods to drink a can of 10w40 motor oil?
13. What annoys Kevin Randle about the UFO field?
14. What are the mechanics of dismissing Bessie Brazel's (daughter of key Roswell principal) testimony regarding Roswell?
15. What is this worrisome phenomena of "vanishing debris"?
16. How has Ufology changed over the years? How has Ufology changed Kevin Randle. How has Kevin Randle changed Ufology?

17. Why can't we all just get along? Who owns the ufological "turf"? Where is ready cooperation? Whither that sensible collegiality? What's happened to the remotest fellowship.

18. Where is the "applied scientific methodology" actually applied? Has science had abundant opportunity for same and failed to step up to that particular plate?

19. With regard to official "shoot them down" orders and plausible attempts to accomplish same, is Doctor Randle perhaps flogging Occam a little too hard? Did Dr. Randle entertain an "either/or" fallacy at the seventy minute mark?

20. Does Doctor Randle believe there is extra-terrestrial (bona fide EBE) component to Roswell, or not? Did Dr. Randle do more ufological fuse lighting this visit or or ufological defusing?

Wow, to 20 plus Questions already and over 70 minutes remain! Dr. Randle remained resplendently redoubtable and well rooted in a redoubtable reality, and Lehmborg? Well, hang on if you feel like soaring and cleaving or, like Lehmborg, remotely aspire to same.

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Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 16:48:07 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 12:42:28 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

Hello List,

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Regards,

Joe

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Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

From: Nicholas Redfern <nick.redfern.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 09:17:11 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 12:47:12 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 16:56:57 +0200
>Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 00:17:00 -0400
>>Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>>>Source: The Guardian - London, UK

>>><http://www.guardian.co.uk/print/0,,329804654-117780,00.html>

>>>Thursday May 3, 2007

>>>MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>>>James Randerson
>>>Guardian

>>>The Ministry of Defence plans to open its "X-Files" on UFO
>>>sightings to the public for the first time. Officials have not
>>>yet decided on a date for the release of the reports, which
>>>date back to 1967, but it is hoped to be within weeks.

>>>The move follows the decision by the French national space
>>>agency to release its UFO files in March, the first official
>>>body in the world to do so.

>>People seem to have forgotten that the Air Force released the
>>Project Blue Book (and Grudge and Sign) files in 1975 or '76,
>>the FBI released its files in 1977 and the CIA in 1978. In the
>>following years files were released by other US government
>>agencies.

>>Of course, this is not to say the the US government has released
>>_all_ of its files. But then, how do we know thatthe French
>>have released all of their files and that the British will
>>release all of theirs?

>Bruce, and all,

>I had recently a little debate with Jacques Patenet, the new man
>in charge of Geipan at CNES. He admitted that, if there are
>secret military files in France, he does not have access to
>them, and they will not be published by Geipan.

>Are there such secret files? He told me that he does
>not know.

List:

New data on the proposed release of the British MoD's UFO files
has surfaced, including the fact that some people within the MoD
want the original copies of the files destroyed after they are
scanned and posted on-line.

The new material also provides background on the "how and why" of the MoD's decision to release its files.

See:

<http://www.ufomystic.com/the-redfern-files/ufos-the-uk-files/>

Nick Redfern

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Have You Ever Been Abducted By Space Aliens?

From: William Bolt <ab5sy.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 09:48:01 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 08:15:08 -0400
Subject: Have You Ever Been Abducted By Space Aliens?

Source: Born Again Redneck Yogi

<http://tinyurl.com/33fawt>

May 08, 2007

Have you ever been abducted by space aliens?

According to the alien abduction statistics from "Experiential America: A Bipartisan Study," by Dr. Lucinda Porpoise Wellsley-Meyer and Dr. Robert Griffin:

67% of Democrats say that they have been abducted by space aliens.

98% of Libertarians say that they have been abducted by space aliens.

0% Republicans say that they have been abducted by space aliens.

Now who do want running the country?

Read all about it on Right Wing Nation. Just make sure you aren't drinking anything while you do.

PS I would like to know if Dr. Lucinda Porpoise Wellsley-Meyer was abducted at birth or during adolescence. Hey I'm trying to keep a straight face here.

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 12:57:04 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 08:17:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Boone

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 09 May 2007 15:10:32 +0200
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 15:39:14 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

<snip>

>>I believe the 2.26pm time refers to CST, the Daily Illini
>>actually gives the time referenced to their local time which I
>>think was 4.26pm(CST+2). Fort Worth time was CST+1 ie 3.26pm. We
>>originally stated the sun/angle time refered to 4.15pm until we
>>realised FW did not adopt DST until the Unified Time Act in the
>>early 60's like a number of other US states. A point which has
>>to be clarified when refering to historical news clipping
>>stating of times of events. Illinois, like Texas had not
>>adopted DST in 1947.

>Neil,

>I fail to understand your line of thinking.

>Of course, the real debris were never shown to the press, since
>there was a cover-up to hide it, as General DuBose stated in
>his affidavit. What is the point, then, of discussing the exact
>time at which the pictures of the balloon debris were taken?

>Gildas

Now here's an opportunity for the public to know about the late
Gen. Dubose, Mr. Bourdais!

I saw Gen. Dubose's video taped admissions but didn't see the
affidavit. If you can please point us all to your favorite
source material which displays this.

Since DuBose was on the scene and an orchestrator of the cover
up what he says goes a long way without salt or pepper.

Best,

Greg

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Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 18:12:14 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 08:18:25 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 16:48:07 +0100
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

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Thanks Joe, the history of this affair seems very clear from these documents.

I'm struck by what you say here:

"What concerns me most about this message is the intention to destroy the unedited original material after the redacted version is on-line. This is, I am sure, in contravention of the Public Records Act as it effectively removes accountability and prevents access to the unredacted records in 30 years as would otherwise have been the case. This would make post-mortem examination of reports largely impossible, since it would be impossible to tell in most cases if the people involved were related, if they made multiple reports, and if they observed them from their home address, the location of their observation position would be lost forever. I have already raised this issue with the Department for Constitutional Affairs, copying DI55 in."

This is concerning. The author of the memo mentioning destruction is effectively asking someone "can we do this?", rather than stating an intention. So one can hope that the answer was a loud "no!" But it's important that you've raised the matter explicitly. I wonder why they should want to destroy the files anyway - it isn't pressure on storage space that's the issue after all, but pressure on office time, which the online archiving would presumably relieve.

Martin Shough

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Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 19:12:16 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 08:19:35 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 16:48:07 +0100
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

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I'm sorry MoD referred to you and your chums as "UFO spotters",
when I know you've made every effort to portray yourselves as
journalists, academics, astronomers and cultural historians :-)

Naughty MoD. This wouldn't have happened in my day!

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: ESA Admits Doubts About Their Mars Face Model

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 11:48:25 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 08:21:59 -0400
Subject: Re: ESA Admits Doubts About Their Mars Face Model

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFOUpdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2007 13:53:17 -0500
>Subject: Re: ESA Admits Doubts About Their Mars Face Model

>The resolution of this new camera is down to a few centimeters
>from several hundred kilometers above the planet surface. The
>technology is remarkable, but I never was overly excited about
>the prospect of another Face image at this very high resolution.
>I figured that it most likely just show more natural terrain at
>a finer scale. The landform is obviously composed of native
>rock, as I and other people surmised before the first high-res
>image was taken by the Mars Global Surveyor back in 1998. There
>are only two alternative explanations for the appearance of the
>Face: it's either a natural landform eroded for not fully-
>explained reasons into an unusually symmetrical shape, or it's
>an artificially sculpted landform whose finer details have been
>eroded away. Erosion of artificial stone structures tends to
>begin at the smallest scale and progressively obliterates
>larger-scale features. I've seen close-ups of unrepaired
>surfaces of the Great Sphinx that looklike perfectly natural
>cliff faces covered with gullies and no hint of alteration by
>human hands. That being said, with regard to artificiality, I
>think the rule should be that the landform is presumed "innocent
>until proven guilty." The high resolution images have fallen far
>short of proof.

Agreed. I think too many of the debunker types were assuming
that this (if real) would have been 'built' rather than carved
from an already existing mesa. And now since the surface looks
so natural close-up, they can happily dismiss it for good.

Hoagland still seems to assume that also, although I don't know
why. I haven't seen any sign of his "girders" yet... I did hear
him on C to C a few days ago saying that he has (of course)
found some "amazing things" in the new MRO image... we'll see...

>I agree, although I suspect the results will more likely than
>not be the same as with the Face. In the short run, the question
>of primitive mircrobial life on or near the surface of Mars
>seems more likley to be resolved. There do seem to be some
>indications of it, including the results of the Labeled Release
>experiments on the old Viking Landers which were dismissed too
>hastily, in my opinion because scientists didn't know at the
>time how stubbornly simpler life forms can hang on in extremely
>hostile environments.

Exactly.

Paul

Planetaria
<http://web.mac.com/paulscottanderson/iWeb/planetaria>

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Richard Sauder's Underground Bases And Tunnels

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 17:24:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 08:29:24 -0400
Subject: Richard Sauder's Underground Bases And Tunnels

I was working on a research project recently and came across a book in my library that I read a while back and was reminded again of just how good it is. It was written by Richard Sauder, Ph.D. in 1995.

Underground Bases and Tunnels: What is the Government trying to hide? Adventures Unlimited Press: One Adventure Place, Kempton, IL, 60946.

Although written 12 years ago, it's still a 'must have' for anyone's library who is interested in this subject. As it says on the cover of the book:

"There are more underground bases than you think, and there's more going on than just planning to keep the President alive in a nuclear war."

The following people are quoted endorsing the book. These are from the back cover:

"Underground Bases and Tunnels is long overdue, helping to clear up a highly misunderstood subject. It's not only for the UFO crowd, but for all who are interested in what the government does -- but doesn't want to talk about!" -- Don Ecker

"I am delighted to see this book in print at last. It represents an indispensable reference not only for today's UFOlogists, but for anyone interested in contemporary science and for technical issues in American politics." -- Jacques Vallee

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I hope the book is still in print. The original cost was \$15.95 plus s/h It also contains photos, diagrams, maps, and an index.

Katharina Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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Karla K. Turner Memorial Site

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 17:31:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 08:32:00 -0400
Subject: Karla K. Turner Memorial Site

I'm not sure if this has been posted before, but I also came across this site that is great for anyone who is having trouble finding Dr. Turner's books. For those of you who did not know her, she was one tenacious and intelligent abductee and a great researcher. Her books have been scanned for the public and are located here:

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

I highly recommend Taken. Also, some of her articles are published at:

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part_II/research.html

They begin where it reads: Karla & Elton Turner

Katharina Wilson
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Secrecy News -- 05/10/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 16:30:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 08:33:54 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 05/10/07

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** I DON'T BELONG IN THE BRIG

"OBNOXIOUS" GOVT POLICY WON'T FORCE DISMISSAL OF AIPAC CASE

The presiding judge in the closely-watched prosecution of two former officials of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) charged with unlawfully receiving national defense information has denied a defense motion to dismiss the case on grounds of alleged constitutional violations by the government.

The defense had argued that the case should be dismissed because the government pressured AIPAC, the defendants' former employer, not to pay their legal fees and thereby violated their constitutional rights to due process and the right to counsel.

The alleged interference occurred in 2004 and 2005, when "the government was actively investigating defendants and AIPAC," Judge T.S. Ellis III explained in a new memorandum opinion.

According to the defendants' account, "prosecutors implicitly or explicitly threatened AIPAC with criminal charges, and/or threatened further intense scrutiny of AIPAC in the event the government perceived AIPAC's cooperation as unsatisfactory." To demonstrate its "cooperation," AIPAC subsequently fired the defendants and ceased to pay their legal fees. The organization was not charged in the indictment.

The court essentially validated the defense account. "Defendants have adequately shown a wrongful [government] interference with their contractual relations with AIPAC" (p. 16).

The government's policy (under the so-called "Thompson Memorandum") of pressuring employers to withhold legal fees to support their employees "is unquestionably obnoxious and is fraught with the risk of constitutional harm in specific cases," Judge Ellis wrote (p. 26).

But in this case, the practice did not prejudice the defendants, he said, since they nevertheless managed to assemble an extremely capable defense team.

"A mountain of evidence convincingly demonstrates that defense counsel's zealous, thorough, and effective representation of

defendants has not been adversely affected by the loss of AIPAC's fee payments," he wrote in his May 8 opinion.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/aipac/memop050807.pdf>

The motion to dismiss was therefore denied.

The AIPAC trial, previously scheduled for June 4, has been postponed. A closed hearing is scheduled for June 7.

NEW LIGHT ON INTELLIGENCE BUDGET EARMARKS

One new feature of the intelligence budgeting process is the mandatory public disclosure of "earmarks" -- funds that are specifically requested by an individual member of Congress and designated for a particular program.

The disclosures shed at least a few photons worth of new light on the deliberately obscure intelligence budget.

More than two dozen earmarks, from the \$500,000 for a "Behavior Pattern Training Recognition Program" requested by Rep. Ed Pastor (D-AZ) to the \$23 million for the National Drug Intelligence Center requested by Rep. John Murtha (D-PA), are itemized in the printed (or PDF) version of the House Intelligence Committee report on the FY 2008 Intelligence Authorization Act (at pp. 50-51):

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_rpt/hrpt110-131.pdf

ARMS CONTROL AND NONPROLIFERATION TECHNOLOGIES

"Arms Control and Nonproliferation Technologies" (ACNT) was the name of a now-defunct Department of Energy journal that sought to inform policy makers about the capacities and limitations of arms control-related technologies.

At its best, ACNT provided a foundation for clear thinking about arms control and an intelligible introduction to the technologies involved.

It has been referenced in various studies performed by the National Academy of Sciences and others, but has become hard to find.

The journal ceased publication in 2001, when its budget became a casualty of post-9/11 spending priorities and "suddenly arms control wasn't fashionable any more," a DOE official told Secrecy News.

It was deleted from the website of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (where it was produced) in 2005.

Secrecy News has recovered all extant issues of Arms Control and Nonproliferation Technologies from multiple sources and assembled them in an online archive on the Federation of American Scientists web site here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/acnt/index.html>

I DON'T BELONG IN THE BRIG

In reporting on our unauthorized reproduction of Army publications, as noted yesterday, Gabriel Schoenfeld wrote an article entitled "Put Steven Aftergood in the Brig."

<http://www.commentarymagazine.com/contentions/index.php/schoenfeld/408>

He was way out of line, wrote Robert S. Norris of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

"Let's get our prisons straight. A Brig is a ship's or Navy/Marine prison and to my knowledge Aftergood has not angered the Navy to that point yet."

"As for the Army, the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas is a more logical place."

<http://usacac.leavenworth.army.mil/CAC/usdb.asp>

"But since Aftergood is a civilian he is not eligible for incarceration there either."

"As he has done nothing wrong it looks as though he must remain free."

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H. Allen Smith And Charles Fort

From: Jerry Hamm <zoomarl.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 18:19:45 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 08:38:29 -0400
Subject: H. Allen Smith And Charles Fort

Dear List,

In H. Allen Smith's 1962 autobiography, *To Hell In A Hand Basket*, at the end of Chapter 18, entitled *The World's Worst Reporter* he recounts his attendance at the first meeting of the Fortean Society in 1931, and his encounter with Charles Fort.

Smith was born in McLeansboro, Illinois in 1907 and became a newspaper reporter at the age of 19. He later became a humorist author who was very popular in the 1940's and 50's. He died in 1976. He spent four years of his childhood living in my hometown of Defiance, Ohio, after his family moved there from Decatur, Illinois in 1918.

Quoted below, Smith discusses the event which ended his one-track pre-occupation with literary people.

The instrument responsible for my disillusionment, I think, was a man known as The Mad Genius of the Bronx - Charles Fort. He had serious doubts that the earth revolves around the sun. He scoffed at medical science even on his deathbed. He subscribed to theories that a mud turtle would blush to believe.

I attended the first meeting of the Fortean Society in a suite at the Savoy Plaza on a cold, snowy night in 1931. Theodore Dreiser was there and Burton Rascoe and Ben Hecht. Tiffany Thayer, the novelist, was present as secretary of the Society but Dreiser did most of the talking. Fort himself, somewhat fishfuddled by it all, sat and puffed quietly at a cigar. I was told that Edgar Lee Masters, Booth Tarkington, John Cowper Powys, and Alexander Woollcott were among Charles Fort's followers.

Fort wrote books about weird natural phenomena, especially a force called teleportation - the reverse of gravitation. He cited scores of instances in which objects have been swished off the earth to vanish in space. Among these mysterious disappearances were not a few human beings who were standing in the middle of the road one moment and gone forever in the next. He called attention, for example, to the simultaneous disappearance of Ambrose Bierce in Mexico and Ambrose Small in Canada. Was someone Out There collecting Ambroses? Fort suspected as much.

Dreiser and the others at that little dinner made a tremendous fuss over Fort. A week or so later I went to visit the old boy in his grubby apartment up in the Bronx. I wanted to look at his files, the records which Dreiser had talked about so much. They consisted of thousands of newspaper clippings plus more thousands of penciled notes, written in a code known only to Fort, and these were pigeon--holed around the apartment, many of them packed away in old shoe boxes.

Fort showed me a game of supercheckers he had invented, in which he employed one thousand men, moving them by battalions on a board containing some seven thousand squares. He told me that the stars were not actual bodies in space but that they were

merely apertures in a gelatinous substance surrounding the earth. What we see is a light shining through these holes. Fort pursued this notion to such lengths that he once warned aviators against the gelatinous shell, declaring that if they were not careful they might find themselves stuck like currants in a blancmange.

He said there were fields of ice as big as those in the Arctic Ocean floating around in the sky. Hence, winter.

He went on and on, and I got to thinking about Dreiser and the others who were trumpeting his genius and I lost some of my blind enthusiasm for book authors. I began writing about movie actresses and strippers and athletes and. . . The Greatest Man in the World [Albert Einstein].

Best Wishes,

Jerry Hamm

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Ancient Craft Left On Moon?

From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 19:54:57 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 08:48:12 -0400
Subject: Ancient Craft Left On Moon?

Forwarded Message

>This is supposedly an abandoned or "ancient" craft left
>on the moon and photographed by Apollo astronauts.
>Interesting to say the least.

><http://www.neilslade.com/Papers/bulbs.html>

>Mike Atkins
>NKP, TFA 68-69

Terry W. Colvin
Sierra Vista, Arizona

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Re: UK F-15 UFO Incident - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 03:13:28 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 10:00:06 -0400
Subject: Re: UK F-15 UFO Incident - Ledger

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 9 May 2007 16:37:03 +0100
>Subject: Re: UK F-15 UFO Incident

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 14:28:35 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UK F-15 UFO Incident

>>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 8 May 2007 01:46:35 +0100
>>>Subject: F-15 UFO Incident

>>>On January 12 2007 two USAF F-15 aircraft encountered an
>>>unidentified object that was tracked on radar over the UK.

>>>There's probably a prosaic explanation for this one, but it
>>>certainly got British ufologists excited. Here's the
>>>information on the MoD's website:

>>>Response to incident involving USAF F15 aircraft
>>>(29-03-2007-111736-002) PDF [23.9 KB]

>>>Service Police Report PDF [71.0 KB]

>>><http://tinyurl.com/2kau2s>

>>This is one of those annoying incidents that has potential then
>>you find you have a grapefruit to soccerball sized object
>>drifting around between 17,000 and 18,000 feet with enough
>>cross section for the aircraft's radar [but only the one F-15
>>apparently] to lock onto it.

>Actually both planes got radar lock on it. The wingman's lock
>occurs towards the end of the clip after two earlier locks (at
>least) by GATOR. As he makes his pass you can hear him saying
>"clean . . . clean" and then "locked!" followed by "bullseye"
>and the range and bearing to the target. He subsequently gets a
>visual but like his partner is not able to identify the object.

My second attempt at this thread. Lost what I had typed in
earlier to one of those annoying Windows updates with a restart
that catches you off guard.

I was trusting to the MOD document and my faulty recollection of
the 4 minutes of audio I have saved somewhere. The second F-15
did lock on.

>>Seems a bit off for the RAF pilot to suggest that it was a piece
>>that had fallen off a weather balloon since the thing remained
>>at the same altitude long enough for his F-15 to make three
>>passes at it.

>As I suggested on another list, the pilot's (USAF, not RAF) idea
>of a piece fallen off a balloon might well have been no more
>than the sort of notion you would come up with if pressed for an

>opinion. "If you had to come up with an explanation, what would
>you say?" It doesn't necessarily mean that the pilot(s) believed
>it, and in fact the evidence of the audio is that they were
>puzzled at the time.

I think you are right. Gator likely had a better idea of what
this might be than of that which he spoke [got that flowery
phrasing from Al Lehmberg]. I suspect this is a common occurrence.

>>What's curious about it is that it remained 'apparently'
>>stationary in one area for several minutes, long enough to
>>initiate and carry out three passes under the object. The F-15's
>>turbulence should have had the thing bouncing around the sky.

>Quite, given they got close enough to this grapefruit-sized
>"rock" to attempt visual identification by size and shape. And
>4.5 mins minimum of essentially neutral buoyancy is a bit odd to
>say the least. I can only think of a small collapsed pilot
>balloon, partially deflated into a baggy shape with just enough
>remnant buoyancy to keep it lofted, maybe helped by an
>updraught. But what balloon of that sort has the radar cross-
>section to give solid auto-locks at ranges up to 15 miles?

You probably are already aware of this bit of information but
for the others note that the F-15 was fitted with a Hughes
AN/APG-70 pulse-Doppler radar with good lookdown [look-up as
well] capability that could separate targets from ground
clutter. It also had the ability in "raid assessment mode" to
"see" individual aircraft in a tightly packed formation. You
have to wonder just how small it could see. can't find detail on
the latter. At such close range and fraction of a second
observation time just how close did GATOR actually get to this
thing and was it really that small?

>Conversely, if it was a "piece" of some unidentified kind that
>fell off the instrument package of a larger balloon (say) then
>it could have had metallic components that would help the RCS,
>but then it should fall thousands of feet during the event. A
>partially-deflated balloon _and_ an instrument package then. But
>so small? And how come the package - probably about equal in
>size, at least, for any realistic instruments - is not visible
>hanging below this little collapsed envelope? It would have to
>be wrapped up inside it somehow, which just doesn't add up.

>>Not sure how the A/C Cmdr knew that it was drifting with the
>>wind when he was travelling at 300 knots [346 mph].

>I'm not sure about this either. The radar appears to be able to
>deduct the aircraft intercept vector to estimate true ground
>speeds, and these are given as from 30 to 80 knots at various
>times, but I can't help feeling a bit sceptical that the
>pilot(s) determined the direction of this motion in relation to
>the wind whilst screaming in at 300 knots (at least - GATOR
>*slows down* to this when getting close and advises that "I'm
>not going to go below 300 knots").

Yeah, GATOR wasn't at critical speed here but 300 knots is
uncomfortably close to the stall if he happened to pull up
slightly and his airspeed bled off. Believe stall speed is about
220 knots. It's best angle of glide [engines out] is 240 knots.
Doesn't take long with a 68,000 pound airplane to lose that 80
knots. Possibility of a flat spin here with the engines at
reduced RPMs.

>Over the course of the whole
>incident the reported object speed would take it a few miles, so
>maybe they knew their positions quite accurately and were able
>to determine that the centre-of-gravity of the "dogfight" had
>drifted several miles since the first contact? Maybe they later
>matched this with the weather for 18,000 ft and GATOR based his
>reported "with the wind" estimate on this? On the other hand, it
>could just be that the words of the RAF interviewer that it was
>reportedly "drifting with the wind" are based on a statement that
>it seemed to be drifting at about the _speed_ of the wind. Who
>knows?

Something we won't ever know.

>>The report doesn't mention the pilot's description
>>[on tape] of the object which he said looked like a rock.
>>Additionally one always needs to be careful when told about

>>anomalies on radar that suddenly appear in one sector of the
>>ATC's screen as being some quirk of the radar itself suddenly
>>being untrustworthy while the controller is still working
>>traffic on another sector of the screen, whether it be military
>>or commercial traffic carrying 200 plus passengers. The rush to
>>condemn the returns from none transponder traffic as radar
>>quirks while the lives of hundreds of people are in the hands
>>of these same returns strikes me as opportunistic and frankly
>>silly. The radio or H.A.M. radio operator that picked up on
>>this deserves some credit for being right about the incident.

>Maybe I'm misinterpreting you but you seem to suggest that an
>ATC ground radar contact is being discounted. I'm not aware of
>any evidence for a ground radar contact other than the original
>anonymous story that London area military ATC had tasked the F-
>15s with investigating. This is denied in the MoD report.
>Although strictly speaking the report does not specifically deny
>that LAATC might have contacted the F-15s in a merely advisory
>capacity, the denial is supported by the separate statement that
>MoD do not know the location of the incident. At least that
>means there is no record, anyway.

I was actually drawing on other reports of anomalous targets
outside of this incident. Drifted off there. But this needs to
be asked. If the object wasn't moving was it rejected [more
realistically, ignored] by the military radar. That happens a lot
as you know. The returns might have been evident but not noted
[logged] by the radar operator. Again, we'll never know.

>So I do agree with you that this is an odd one and a frustrating
>one, that is certainly not solved. On the other hand it isn't
>strong enough to bear much weight as it stands and I doubt it'll
>ever be resolved or become a classic unless the pilots are found
>or a USAF report surfaces.

I never did like those 'little' UFO reports... the ones about a
foot or three feet or 6 inches in diameter. Give me a great, big
honkin' UFO every time.

It's a personal flaw I guess.

Don

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Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 20:13:31 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 07:40:38 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 09:17:11 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

<snip>

>New data on the proposed release of the British MoD's UFO files
>has surfaced, including the fact that some people within the MoD
>want the original copies of the files destroyed after they are
>scanned and posted on-line.

This is an interesting and important point. If a document is scanned onto the MoD website in entirety, I don't believe there's a problem with destroying the original, though historians would doubtless disagree. But if what's scanned on is a redacted version (e.g. with the name of a witness blacked out, or with information such as the capability of a military radar system struck through) then that's another matter, because at some stage in the future the personal privacy and classification issues will cease to be relevant. And if the original documents are destroyed, the redacted information will be lost forever.

>The new material also provides background on the "how and why"
>of the MoD's decision to release its files.

With respect, it provides one ufologist's interpretation of the MoD's decision to release its files. Not quite the same thing.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Richard Sauder's Underground Bases And Tunnels

From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 08:44:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 07:42:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Richard Sauder's Underground Bases And Tunnels

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 17:24:58 -0500
>Subject: Richard Sauder's Underground Bases And Tunnels

>I was working on a research project recently and came across a
>book in my library that I read a while back and was reminded
>again of just how good it is. It was written by Richard Sauder,
>Ph.D. in 1995.

>Underground Bases and Tunnels: What is the Government trying to
>hide? Adventures Unlimited Press: One Adventure Place, Kempton,
>IL, 60946.

>Although written 12 years ago, it's still a 'must have' for
>anyone's library who is interested in this subject. As it says
>on the cover of the book:

>"There are more underground bases than you think, and there's
>more going on than just planning to keep the President alive in
>a nuclear war."

>The following people are quoted endorsing the book. These are
>from the back cover:

I read the book shortly after it came out and retain it in my small library. It is quite interesting and has a lot of information that most had never considered. Dr. Sauder lived in Maryland at the time that the book was written, I believe, and he mentioned a few areas around the Washington DC region that are interesting. I can say that there are a lot of military related properties tucked away in the DC area, and most date back to the early days of the Cold War. Minuteman Silos used to ring the City, and they were essentially built below the surface, as were many of the managing facilities. The mountains west of the City has been used since World War I for many purposes, including underground facilities for Congress and the President (now declassified because of media attention in the 90's).

I tried to contact Sauder at one point to see if I could set up a small meeting with some local researchers to share information and ideas, but that never came off. I believe I heard that he moved from the Maryland area, but he's still active in the genre at some level.

Steve

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Re: Have You Ever Been Abducted By Space Aliens? -

From: **Bill Weber** <wweber1.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 08:52:08 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 07:43:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Have You Ever Been Abducted By Space Aliens? -

>From: William Bolt <ab5sy.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 09:48:01 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Have You Ever Been Abducted By Space Aliens?

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>Source: Born Again Redneck Yogi

><http://tinyurl.com/33fawt>

>May 08, 2007

>Have you ever been abducted by space aliens?

>According to the alien abduction statistics from "Experiential
>America: A Bipartisan Study," by Dr. Lucinda Porpoise Wellsley-
>Meyer and Dr. Robert Griffin:

>67% of Democrats say that they have been abducted by space
>aliens.

>98% of Libertarians say that they have been abducted by space
>aliens.

>0% Republicans say that they have been abducted by space
>aliens.

That's because they may be the space aliens.

>Now who do want running the country?

Darth Cheney, Commander Guy, and a bunch of frigging idiots with
their hands in the cash register. That's why I'm one of the
happy 28% who still supports the present administration.

Best,

Bill

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 15:00:31 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 07:46:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Bourdais

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 12:57:04 EDT
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 09 May 2007 15:10:32 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 15:39:14 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

<snip>

>>Neil,

>>I fail to understand your line of thinking.

>>Of course, the real debris were never shown to the press, since
>>there was a cover-up to hide it, as General DuBose stated in
>>his affidavit. What is the point, then, of discussing the exact
>>time at which the pictures of the balloon debris were taken?

>Now here's an opportunity for the public to know about the late
>Gen. Dubose, Mr. Bourdais!

>I saw Gen. Dubose's video taped admissions but didn't see the
>affidavit. If you can please point us all to your favorite
>source material which displays this.

>Since DuBose was on the scene and an orchestrator of the cover
>up what he says goes a long way without salt or pepper.

Greg,

I have it in several books, for instance those of Kevin Randle
and Donald Schmitt.

It's even in the book of Karl Pflock! I have not checked but I
am pretty sure that it is on the web, for instance on the site
of David Rudiak. Can you confirm that, David?

However, if you don't find it, I will scan it and pass it on the
List.

Gildas

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 09:23:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 07:47:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Kaeser

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 12:57:04 EDT
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>Now here's an opportunity for the public to know about the late
>Gen. Dubose, Mr. Bourdais!

>I saw Gen. Dubose's video taped admissions but didn't see the
>affidavit. If you can please point us all to your favorite
>source material which displays this.

>Since DuBose was on the scene and an orchestrator of the cover
>up what he says goes a long way without salt or pepper.

Hi Greg,

The problem with taped "admissions" and "affidavits" that have been submitted is that the witnesses come off as "less than credible" to the skeptical. Gen. Dubose's video is part of the Fund's "Roswell Recollections" Video presentation, but he is clearly very elderly and as stand alone evidence it fails to convert those who aren't already on board. Col. Corso's book and interviews suffer the same problem, in that a powerfull whistle-blower isn't enough to open up historical records and move this debate beyond that of anecdotal commentary.

Steve

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Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 09:29:12 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 07:53:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Boone

>From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 19:54:57 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
>Subject: Ancient Craft Left On Moon?

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>Sierra Vista, Arizona

Wait, just hold on thar.

Apollo 20? This link you've sent is to a supposed video from
Apollo 20? Last time I checked my history books the last Apollo
mission was Apollo 17.

Now let me guess, someone is going to tell us that there were
secret Apollo missions led by the Illuminati who were guided by
the Face on Mars who resurrected the dead Alien Autopsy Alien
who will return to Earth in 2012 AD.

Nice special effects though.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - O'Connell

From: Edward J O'Connell <ejayo.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 10:32:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 07:55:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - O'Connell

A creepy, compelling bit of CGI work, with a great dense layer of analog fuzz laid on top, I think. Man, it gives you the shivers.

The opening logoshot, "Apollo 20" is interesting, as that was one of the cancelled apollo missions.

<http://www.astronautix.com/flights/apollo20.htm>

God, how some part of me longs for something like this to be true.

Jay O'Connell

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Re: Have You Ever Been Abducted By Space Aliens? -

From: **Jeff Olson** <jlolson.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 08:35:49 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 07:57:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Have You Ever Been Abducted By Space Aliens? -

>From: William Bolt <ab5sy.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 09:48:01 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Have You Ever Been Abducted By Space Aliens?

>Source: Born Again Redneck Yogi

><http://tinyurl.com/33fawt>

>May 08, 2007

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>>aliens.

>98% of Libertarians say that they have been abducted by space
>a>aliens.

>0% Republicans say that they have been abducted by space aliens.

>Now who do want running the country?

As a libertarian, I deeply resent the above remark. I've personally never met a libertarian who hasn't been abducted not once, but multiple times. I've been probed so many times myself that I now simply have the aliens forward my medical files to my HMO.

To claim a mere 98% is slanderous.

Huffily,

Jeff

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Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Olson

From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 09:03:54 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 07:59:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Olson

>From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 19:54:57 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
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Several months ago I encountered a website where what appeared to be a downed craft on the Moon was shown.

www.marsearthconnection.com/march.html

I was unsuccessful in accessing this site today, but here's another site which has the photo: FTP directory /pub/images/apollo/as15/ at ftp

This is photo strongly resembles to my eye the ship portrayed in your link, Terry.

Jeff

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Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 17:55:33 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 08:00:47 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 18:12:14 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

<snip>

Hello Martin,

>Thanks Joe, the history of this affair seems very clear from
>these documents.

You're welcome.

>I'm struck by what you say here:

>"What concerns me most about this message is the intention to
>destroy the unedited original material after the redacted
>version is on-line...."

<snip>

>This is concerning. The author of the memo mentioning
>destruction is effectively asking someone "can we do this?",
>rather than stating an intention. So one can hope that the
>answer was a loud "no!" But it's important that you've raised
>the matter explicitly. I wonder why they should want to destroy
>the files anyway - it isn't pressure on storage space that's the
>issue after all, but pressure on office time, which the online
>archiving would presumably relieve.

This isn't the only example of excessive secrecy within DI55. In a document related to the internal circulation of the Condign Report was the following remark from a senior DI55 official:

"On archiving, we recommend that the files containing the lay sightings are never released to public records, since they contain personal details of individuals given in confidence."

I have also highlighted this comment to the Department for Constitutional Affairs (they administer the Public Records Act, the Freedom of Information Act, and the Data Protection Act). I have asked DCA for authoritative guidance on the application of the DPA in relation to records subject to the PRA. I also queried with them the practice of removing the names of officials from documents provided under FoIA, as the lack of details makes it very difficult to understand the context of dialogue in terms of departmental hierarchy in many cases. A previous decision by the Information Commissioner (the body which oversees FoIA) took the view that official's names should not be redacted.

I copied my query in full to the FoIA point of contact at DI55. If they destroy anything after the time that they received the copy of my post, they can be held to account if DCA respond in my favour.

It is a pity, other MoD departments have been very helpful and co-operative in relation to FoIA requests. This is perhaps why a

DI55 official wrote in relation to the internal distribution of Condign:

"In view of the 'leakiness' of Sec AS we would advocate only releasing the report to them on request".

You may also remember the reference in Condign to the suggestion that Pilots were discouraged from making reports to the MoD following the publication of Nick Pope's first book.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 18:04:51 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 08:04:43 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 19:12:16 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD Opens Its Files On UFO Sightings To Public

<snip>

Hello Nick, it's always a pleasant surprise to get a direct response from you,

>I'm sorry MoD referred to you and your chums as "UFO spotters",
>when I know you've made every effort to portray yourselves as
>journalists, academics, astronomers and cultural historians :-)

>Naughty MoD. This wouldn't have happened in my day!

There's no need to apologise on behalf of the MoD, since you are now in the unique position of being 'The Man Who Left The MOD' - see:

<http://tinyurl.com/ysatf9>

(Amazon).

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Richard Sauder's Underground Bases And Tunnels

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 12:15:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 08:06:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Richard Sauder's Underground Bases And Tunnels

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 17:24:58 -0500
>Subject: Richard Sauder's Underground Bases And Tunnels

<snip>

>these strange, highly secret projects." -- Whitley Strieber

>I hope the book is still in print. The original cost was \$15.95
>plus s/h It also contains photos, diagrams, maps, and an index.

>Katharina Wilson
>www.alienjigsaw.com

It can be purchased from Amazon at

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

Terry Groff
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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 11:09:40 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 08:08:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Apr 2007 10:29:06 +0100
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 25 Apr 2007 11:50:14 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>In the end, all the skeptics have is Bessie B. describing
>>"flower tape", a description she could easily have picked up
>>from elsewhere - the newspaper, her father, etc. Nothing else
>>she describes really matches up with a plausible Mogul or
>>anything else.

>>While we're on the subject of 'flower tape', why is that nobody
>>else mentions 'flower tape' being on the radar target in Gen.
>>Ramey's office? Nobody there ever described any such thing, and
>>better yet, we have multiple, detailed photos of that debris
>>which various people have poured over in high resolution,
>>including the unnamed high level government photo lab the Air
>>Force debunkers had looking at the photos to try to find it.
>>Nobody can find it, just further proof that the radar target in
>>Fort Worth was just a shill for whatever was really recovered.

>I concur with David's above comment that there are no "flower
>pattern" markings to be found anywhere within the Ramey office
>photographs. But add that some patterning on a beam in the
>Newton photograph does closely match his description of beam
>symbols he claimed to have seen on the debris.

>Symbols closely resembling those drawn by Jess Marcel Jnr. can
>be found on the "balloon debris". But neither of these match
>the "flower symbols" as Charles Moore described

>Please see example images here:

><http://130.88.237.201/images/compX.gif>

Sorry, but all I see is crinkled aluminum foil reflecting back a camera flash in various ways. "Markings" on sticks look like torn aluminum foil/paper still stuck to glue beads when the main sheet of foil paper was torn away. I think markings or symbols on the sticks are imaginary.

I agree that no tape much less "flower tape" can be seen anywhere, period The late Karl Pflock tried to claim that the white strips seen along the edges of some of the big sheets were the white flower tape of Mogul. Wrong! These were nothing more than the white paper-backed foil folded over at the edges to form sheaths for the balsa sticks. So no white tape, just white paper backing, a normal construction detail for the radar targets. Another debunking Mogul myth debunked.

For details of the radar target construction, see:

http://roswellproof.com/rawin_construction.html

Although I disagree with Neil about the existence of markings, there are subtle details that I do consider important in the debate as to where the radar target material came from. For one, the white paper foil backing in the various photos is perfectly even white, with no staining or discoloration to be seen anywhere. In other words, it looks like a completely new radar target, not one that's been dragged through the dirt and brush and lain in the elements for a month.

Also, when I did a 3-D reconstruction of the sticks and foil, it added up to exactly one radar target, not the alleged multi-target Mogul. How could multi-targets come down at the Foster ranch, Mack Brazel then rolling them all up into a single bundle (as per his Daily Record story), yet when they are unpacked and displayed, it all magically adds up to one target, not portions of one target, portions of another, etc.? Very curious.

There is one caveat to this analysis. I also found maybe two (maybe three) extra bare sticks in the photos, i.e., sticks with no fragments of foil/paper still adhering to them. These were sticks that had never had the foil paper glued to them. What were those sticks doing there? That had me puzzled for a while until I understood the details of the target construction. The targets folded down into flat triangles that could be packed 24 to a box for shipping. I discovered they could only fold down if two of the edge sticks were removed from the edge sheaths, i.e. they weren't secured with glue into the sheaths like the other four edge sticks of the framework. Conversely, when the targets were unfolded for use, those two sticks were then inserted into the sheaths. (Again, see construction details at my website, including an animation of the targets folding down flat.)

Thus, the boxed radar targets consisted of folded down targets plus the extra edge sticks that were to be inserted afterwards. So here's what I think happened. They pulled a single, brand new radar target out of a box. Hence the paper is completely clean. Then someone grabbed a handful of the extra bare edge sticks out of the box (not knowing they needed only two to complete the radar target). Then they busted and tore up the target. (A two-year old could easily do this.) Voila! A single, clean, busted up radar target with a few extra sticks on display in Ramey's office. That economically accounts for what is seen in Ramey's office; a multitarget, aged Mogul does not. It is also consistent with the accounts of Marcel and Dubose about a substituted weather balloon as part of a cover story.

Also Ramey and his minions always referred to the target in the singular, including weather officer Newton. Newton to this day insists that it was single target, and although a big Roswell skeptic, also adds that the target could have come from anywhere. He's never been convinced it came from Mogul. Indeed, that's exactly the point. There's nothing in those photos that indicates the debris came from Mogul.

Debunkers also claim that Ramey would not have had access to a radar target, they were some strange, exotic beast only used on Project Mogul. (The late Robert Todd, e.g., tried to push this bit of nonsense.) In reality, we have quotes from 1947 indicating that they were used at times all over the country by civilian and military weather services. There were also a number of radar target crashes reported in the newspapers plus a number of military debunking demonstrations carried out immediately after Roswell, including one at Fort Worth AAF, where Ramey supposedly couldn't get hold of a radar target. So another debunking myth busted.

Fort Worth radar target demonstration:

<http://roswellproof.com/FWSTJuly11.html>

Other 1947 military saucer/radar target debunking demonstrations:

<http://roswellproof.com/balloondemos.html>

Essay on the military's post-Roswell debunking campaign:

<http://roswellproof.com/militarydebunk.html>

Reported 1947 radar target crashes:

http://roswellproof.com/balloon_crashes.html

Quotes from 1947 about widespread radar target use:

http://roswellproof.com/balloon_use.html

Obviously it wasn't such a big deal getting a hold of a radar target to substitute for the real Roswell debris. Even if there were no radar targets at Fort Worth proper on July 8, one could easily have been flown in within two hours from a number of locations.

David Rudiak

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Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Hall

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Just amazing what people's wild imaginations can read into
rocks.

- Dick

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Cleveland Has Most UFO Investigators In World

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 08:42:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 08:42:42 -0400
Subject: Cleveland Has Most UFO Investigators In World

Source: NewsNet 5 - Cleveland, Ohio, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2as6ex>

May 11, 2007

20 UFO Sightings Reported In NE Ohio In 2 Years

Cleveland Has Most UFO Investigators In World

CLEVELAND -- Experts say the Cleveland area is a hotbed for UFOs.

For many, the idea is a joke. But others are not so sure. However, one local group has absolutely no doubt -- in their view, we are not alone.

NewsChannel5 began with the premise that UFOs are out there. After all, if people see something in the sky and don't know what it is, then by definition it remains "unidentified," at least until it is identified.

Aaron Clark is one of many UFO investigators and a member of the Cleveland Ufology Project.

The group is not new. It's been around since 1952.

NewsChannel5 reported that Cleveland has the most UFO investigators in the world.

Some experts speculate on why northeast Ohio?

"There are unusual things that are manmade here. Quite often they appear to show curiosity with new construction building a dam or a factory or something, and there is a UFO sighting in conjunction with it," said UFO investigator Richard Lee.

Two years ago, Olmsted Falls police officers followed bright lights in the sky after receiving numerous phone calls from residents who saw strange green and red lights moving across the sky. They were never identified.

Since then there have been at least 20 reported sightings in northeast Ohio.

Thousands of sightings are reported every year worldwide. But experts say just as many go unreported because of skepticism.

They say for people who see something in the sky, it's a life-changing experience.

"Affects their life, affects their religion, affects their relationships. I've known people who have become divorced because of their experiences," said Lee.

The next Cleveland Ufology Project meeting is May 19, at Busch Funeral Home at 501 Ridge Road in Parma. Start time is 7:30 p.m.

For more information, log onto their Web site.\
:

<http://www.clevelandufo.com/meetings.html>

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>Now who do want running the country?

>Read all about it on Right Wing Nation. Just make sure you
>aren't drinking anything while you do.

>PS I would like to know if Dr. Lucinda Porpoise Wellsley-Meyer
>was abducted at birth or during adolescence. Hey I'm trying to
>keep a straight face here.

Why, oh why, can't we be taken seriously? Oh yes, it's because
we can't take it seriously.

Whether alien abductions are eventually revealed as actually
alien or not, the abductees need whatever understanding,
compassion, and help we can offer.

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 18:30:31 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 08:48:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 01 May 2007 15:41:15 +0100
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 30 Apr 2007 08:18:41 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>I believe that Jessie was given large prints from the hi-rez
>>scans, but you'll find disagreement on how "hi-rez" those scans
>>were, after being commissioned by Stanton Friedman (if I recall
>>correctly). Stanton has made those scans available on CD for
>>anyone who wants to review them, but I know that some have felt
>>that the scanning process could have been handled differently
>>and so the debate over quality continues. Neil, correct me if
>>my memory is in error, but I thought that your "enhancements"
>>of the images brought out what you've identified as "Symbols",
>>and

>The events of that afternoon in Fort Worth are far more complex
>than it first seems. We now know from our lens analysis that
>Bond only took 4 of the 7 known photographs,

Not so. This is another of Andrew Lavoie's faulty analyses. He compared the angles between the rug stripes in the Ramey/Dubose photos and one of the Ramey alone photos with one of the Marcel photos (Marcel looking right). Because the stripe angle separation between the Ramey et al photos were similar whereas the Marcel photo stripes were more splayed out, he concluded that two different cameras with two different focal lengths were used.

What's wrong with this conclusion? It doesn't take simple perspective into account. Lavoie would only be right if all the photos were taken at the same height. But they weren't. The stripe angles will change with the height of the camera above the rug even if one camera is used. It is very obvious just by eyeballing the photos that the Marcel photo was taken with the cameraman kneeling down at Marcel's level (e.g., the top of the radiator and the chair seats are just barely visible) while all the Ramey photos used were taken with the cameraman standing up (much more of the radiator top and the chair seats are exposed).

The higher the camera (Ramey photos), the less skewed the stripes will be. The lower the camera, the more skewed they are. End of story. One camera could have taken all the photos.

There could conceivably be two cameras at work here, but a simplistic and erroneous analysis like the one LaVoie used won't give us the definitive answer claimed by Lavoie and other members of the RPIT (Roswell Photointerpretation) group.

>and that these
>photographs we can time, due to the sun/shadow angle seen
>through Ramey's office window to 3.15pm local
>time(+/-15mins).

This is more of Lavoie's faulty analysis . As Kevin Randle tried to point out, we don't know the orientation of the room (and thus can't know for sure the position of the sun). Good point. Lavoie merely assumed that the sun was coming directly from the left, or west, i.e., assuming the walls of the room was laid out east/west and north/south.

One indication that this probably isn't right is the fact, evident from aerial photographs, that most of the streets and building at the Fort Worth base are laid out diagonally, i.e., at 45 degrees to the usual north/south/east/west grid. Was this also true of Ramey's office? I don't know, but it easily could have been.

A more definite indication is the fact that the bottom edge of the shadow used by LaVoie is obviously slanted upward to the right. In other words, the sun instead of being directly to the left, was instead to the left and behind. At 3:15 p.m. CST, the sun was at azimuth 264 deg., or almost due west (270 deg.)

Lavoie also assumes the shadow was being cast by the bumper of a car and even claims to know the exact make and year (1941 Buick). Considering that all we can see of the outside is through a small slit in Ramey's curtain, this is truly amazing. In fact, what is really casting the shadow is entirely open to conjecture, as is the time of day. When I model something like an old 1940s Buick in a 3-D ray-tracer where I can simulate various angles of the sun at different times of day (and assuming different orientations of the car relative to the sun), I can't get anything like the shadow. E.g., assuming, as LaVoie did, that the sun is directly to the left at around 3:15 p.m., the shadow from the hood and fender of the "Buick" totally obscures the bumper shadow. In other words, LaVoie's sundial "Buick" is more like a "bumper" floating in the air with no car behind it.

My best guess is that the shadow-caster may be something simple like a concrete curb instead of a car bumper. The recessed "license plate holder" might instead be a drain in the curb. Whatever it is, it is being strongly illuminated by the sun on the top, which wouldn't be possible for a car bumper (rest of car is in the way).

When I instead model a simple curb and assume Ramey's office is oriented diagonally (i.e. rotated about 45 degrees to a typical N/S/E/W grid), I get a time closer to two hours later, i.e., around 5:15 p.m. CST. However given all the uncertainties, I don't have a lot of faith in that shadow time either.

At least a later time is consistent with everything else. The story was already out, which is why J. Bond Johnson was dispatched to cover it to begin with. AP was apparently first to break the story on the newswire at 3:26 CST:

AP chronology: http://roswellproof.com/AP_Chronology.html

Comparing newspaper stories, Ramey began to change the story to weather balloon about an hour later (NY Times, San Francisco Examiner, Chicago Tribune). Acting AAF chief staff Vandenberg was also reported dropping into the AAF public relations office at the Pentagon to handle the crisis. Vandenberg's log again indicates he was out of his office for an hour again starting about hour after the initial AP newswire (from about 4:15 to 5:15 CST). Ramey was called in Fort Worth from the Pentagon PR office. According to the Washington Post, Ramey gave a description, but then said he hadn't seen it yet! How could Bond Johnson have already photographed Ramey with the debris, yet Ramey hadn't seen it yet over an hour later?

Johnson's original story was also that he got sent only because he happened to come in at the shift change, around 5:00 p.m., and there was nobody else available. In fact, the first mention of Ramey's involvement by AP was a bulletin at 4:53 p.m. (saying Ramey had shipped the "disc" to Wright Field). That at least is in accordance with Johnson's earlier accounts before he began altering his story.

Another indication that this early photo time is all hooey comes from Robert Shirkey, the assistant operations officer at Roswell, who recalled Marcel's B-29 arriving and being loaded just after he got back from lunch. Shirkey thought it took off

at around 2:00 p.m. Roswell time or 3:00 in Fort Worth. Flight time from Roswell to Fort Worth would be 1-1/2 to 2 hours (for comparison, a log of a B-29 flight the next day carrying the mysterious crate to Fort Worth had a flight time of 1 hour 55 minutes). Then Marcel had to get from the B-29 to Ramey's office. (Robert Porter on the plane with Marcel said a guard was posted before they were allowed to leave.) Ramey wasn't in his office at first, said Marcel. When Ramey returned he showed Ramey some of the samples (laying them out on Ramey's desk, not the floor), then he and Ramey went to the map room before returning to Ramey's office. That's when the balloon switch occurred. The photos were taken afterwards. Thus we are talking probably around 2-1/2 hours to the photo session from Marcel's departure time from Roswell. If Shirkey was right about the time, the photos would likely have been taken around 5:30. Even if we push back Shirkey's time an hour, it would have been 4:30, or at least at hour after Johnson's imaginary pre-Roswell story photo shoot.

And remember, it was also around this time (i.e., around 4:30), according to the newspapers, that Ramey was on the phone with the Pentagon and claiming to not having seen the debris yet. So the actual photo shoot must have been later than this. It sure wasn't 3:15 plus or minus 15 minutes.

>This puts Bond in Ramey's office before the Roswell Disc story
>broke on AP and nearly 3 hours before Newton allegedly came
>on duty(6pm) to have his picture taken with his debris.

Again, this is total garbage. Given the multitudinous uncertainties, LaVoie's "precise" shadow time is highly questionable at best (it certainly can't be pinned down to within +/- 15 minutes), and all other evidence (including Bond Johnson's original story) points to the photos being taken much later.

>When Bond took his pictures there was no news story,

But in Johnson's original account, he was dispatched because there was a news story. In fact, he said his editor had gotten Ramey's involvement from the AP newswire which is why he was sent to the base. This would suggest around 4:53 p.m. time when AP first mentioned Ramey.

>he didn't even take any written copy just the photos.

But when Kevin Randle originally interviewed Johnson, several times he claimed to be the author of the AP story. At the very least he would have conveyed to someone at the Star-Telegram what he had been told by Ramey.

>The cover story
>didn't appear to kick in until sometime between 4 and 5pm and
>probably accounts for the sanitisation noticeable in the
>later Marcel and Newton pictures where a lot of the more
>interesting debris seems to have gone missing.

Again with your old claim that the debris was somehow "sanitized." It was just a stock weather balloon and radar target. There was no exotic debris displayed. No "sanitizing" needed to be done. There has been some minor movement of some the debris between the Ramey and Ramey/Dubose photos and the Marcel and Newton photos, but that's about it. Nothing has been removed or "sanitized."

That being said, it is interesting that various debris and other details enable a determination of the order of the photos. They place the Marcel and Newton photos closer together in time, with Marcel being photographed somewhere between Newton and Ramey/Dubose. E.g., the "hatbox" size wrapped package (Marcel's wrapped "real" debris from Roswell?) that was stuck behind the center chair in the Ramey & Ramey/Dubose photos is now seen leaning against the radiator in the Marcel and Newton photos (and the chair is now pushed back against the wall). However the tie on the radiator in the Ramey/Dubose/Marcel photos is missing in the Newton photo. The white hat visible on the left chair in the Ramey/Dubose "grim" photo (supposedly Johnson's hat) is missing in the Marcel facing left photo and Newton photo (in the rest of the photos, the position is obscured by Ramey's or Marcel's body).

There are also some small radar target debris pieces that match up in position and orientation in the Marcel/Newton photos, but not in the various Ramey photos. So it would appear that the order of the photos was Ramey/Dubose followed by Marcel then Newton, or perhaps the reverse (an interesting scenario in itself, though I doubt it).

I do agree with Neil that exactly what happened that afternoon in Ramey's office has never been fully determined and much can be learned by careful scrutiny of the photos. However, most of the claims of the RPIT group on this score I consider to be highly erroneous if not bizarre. E.g., I've actually had arguments with you guys over your claim this wasn't a real radar target because some of the stick pieces were shorter than specified in the schematic. Hmmm, aren't broken pieces shorter than whole pieces? That's how weird some of your arguments get.

>There's a lot more yet to come out regarding the FW pictures,
>and I go over some of these new findings in an article in the
>forthcoming edition of UFO Data magazine published here in the
>UK shortly.

><http://www.ufodata.co.uk/>

I look forward to it Neil, but I've been hearing these claims for years, such as the yet unnamed Star-Telegram employee who supposedly backs up Johnson's revised claim of being in Ramey's office before the story even broke in the news or Ramey claiming to first see the debris. (Supposedly Ramey did this because he owed the Star-Telegram a big favor--Hah!)

Bond Johnson later clearly changed and confabulated many parts of his account in order to turn himself from a minor participant into the centerpiece of the Roswell story, the photographer of the "real" Roswell debris and in his old age heroically tried to make the public aware of this. But his many revised versions were all bunk. All he photographed was a weather balloon and radar target, as he originally said he was told by General Ramey (later changed by Johnson to Ramey not having any idea what it was), and which is clearly reflected in the news accounts of the time, including one of the Star-Telegram stories which he originally claimed to write and was the basis of many AP accounts:

"As soon as the 'disk' was brought into General Ramey's office, he and Colonel Dubose tabbed it as a weather device. The weather officer on duty at the time, Warrant Officer Newton, merely made identification positive."

See: http://www.roswellproof.com/FortWorthST_July9.html

David Rudiak

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From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 08:51:35 -0400
Subject: UFO DATA Magazine May-June 2007

The May/June issue of UFO DATA magazine is now available. This issue is a 'Roswell Special'. Roswell articles come from: Steve Johnson (other UFO crashes), Dennis G. Balthaser (Roswell 60th Anniversary Festival), Neil Morris (The Fort Worth Photo's), Kevin Randle (Roswell Today), Philip Mantle (Alien Autopsy-new interview with Ray Santilli), Ed Gehrman (MP's Crash Site Revisited), and Nick Pope (roswell Plus Sixty).

Added to this there is the usual mix of articles and features including: F15's UFO encounter over the UK by Steve Johnson, MILABS by Malcolm Robinson, Conversation with DI55 by Robbie Graham, A 1958 Radar case by David Cayton, Remembering Warminster by Kevin Goodman, The Thousand Oaks Incident by Brian Vike, plus sightings and news from various parts of the world.

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 08:54:33 -0400
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>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 15:00:31 +0200
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 12:57:04 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 09 May 2007 15:10:32 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 15:39:14 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

><snip>

>>>Neil,

>>>I fail to understand your line of thinking.

>>>Of course, the real debris were never shown to the press, since
>>>there was a cover-up to hide it, as General DuBose stated in
>>>his affidavit. What is the point, then, of discussing the exact
>>>time at which the pictures of the balloon debris were taken?

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>>source material which displays this.

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>Greg,

>I have it in several books, for instance those of Kevin Randle
>and Donald Schmitt.

>It's even in the book of Karl Pflock! I have not checked but I
>am pretty sure that it is on the web, for instance on the site
>of David Rudiak. Can you confirm that, David?

>However, if you don't find it, I will scan it and pass it on the
>List.

Excellent! See this is what I was talking about in regard to
those one-stop places for solid Roswell references. The general
public doesn't have the time to do the research but when they do
they immediately start to see the outpoints and need those easy
to access references or FAQ files.

I would easily say that when I poll people regarding UFOs and get to Roswell 90% of the public know enough about Roswell to keep me on my toes! They'll start spouting the names of the witnesses and you researchers like most folks talk about who won the big game last night. Thanks primarily to the cable tv networks specials and now thanks to YouTube and Google video.

An affidavit from the man who practically invented the Air Force that there was indeed a conspiracy regarding the Roswell incident is like icing on the cake.

Best,

Greg

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>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 09:23:49 -0400
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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>Hi Greg,

>The problem with taped "admissions" and "affidavits" that have
>been submitted is that the witnesses come off as "less than
>credible" to the skeptical. Gen. Dubose's video is part of the
>Fund's "Roswell Recollections" Video presentation, but he is
>clearly very elderly and as stand alone evidence it fails to
>convert those who aren't already on board. Col. Corso's book
>and interviews suffer the same problem, in that a powerfull
>whistle-blower isn't enough to open up historical records and
>move this debate beyond that of anecdotal commentary.

>Steve

Oh I'd have to disagree with you 100% there Steve.

Just because Dubose was elderly at the time of his disclosure
doesn't discredit his testimony one iota. I deal with seniors
every day and some folks even in their 100s are just as sharp
mentally as any twenty something and far more responsible. I've
got ladies in my church who are 70 who outrun us guys here in
Hollywood during our daily jogs.

One of my doctors who is 73 pumps iron, arm wrestles, is a
genius and I would think twice before getting into a fist fight
with him and I bench press 400lbs and am almost half his age.

So don't gimme that 'because they're old they're no good'
routine. It ain't gonna wash here.

Any testimony is always in ratio to a person's stability
overall. Age may be a factor but youth has fantasy as a
liability and age has only stability. If Gen. Dubose was still
able to sit up and tell a joke while giving his testimony then
it's good to go. I had and still have some uncles who served
under Dubose and Ramey. They were there during the Roswell days
and after in the new Air Force. I've even got great uncles who

served with Dubose and his like during WWII and they sit up each night watching the game show Jeopardy and giving Alex Trebec a run for his money whilst they scream from their recliner chairs.

Corso on the other hand had a flair for fancy and a joker's hand about things meaning he liked a good laugh. I can look between the lines of what he had to say as I had already tracked him down on the issue and lo and behold a few years later he came out with his book and I was able to confirm some data from personal sources from two of the companies he listed. His overall story is a bit overblown and off the beaten direction but the core is true.

So here we have testimony on video. Sworn documentation to back it up. It doesn't get better than that. If video and sworn affidavits are invalid then any testimony from anywhere is invalid.

There's no debate about what happened at Roswell anymore the debate is what happened afterwards.

Best,

Greg

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John Ford Update

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciifo.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 08:55:29 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 09:12:29 -0400
Subject: John Ford Update

Hello EBK and List,

Just wanted to give a heads up on an upcoming series due to air on A&E in the next couple of months. It is called Alien Encounters and has been produced by the company Original Productions. You can go to the site at:

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

Just click the Alien Encounters button for a synopsis on the series.

One of the issues they will be exploring is the plight of John Ford and the alleged crash at Southaven Park on Long Island. Apparently, Original Productions hired an attorney whose expertise is in mental health law, and she is now representing John Ford.

According to John Ford, the attorney believes he was framed by the government and feels he is still being held on flimsy reasons and on trumped up charges.

It remains to be seen if this series will break the mold of past documentaries, but I hope it is enlightening at least.

Cross your fingers.

The truth is still out there,

Kelly

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Horn Remembers Mystery On Road To McMinnville

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On Road To McMinnville, Horn Remembers Mystery

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Decades ago I worked at Archway Cookie Factory in McMinnville, Oregon. I saw lots of interesting things in those days--from the Mayor of Portland "exposing" himself, to the eruption of Mt. St. Helens. But it was the UFO that really caught my attention. Mine, my wife, and hundreds of other people.

by Thomas Horn

May 10, 2007, Portland -- RaidersNewsNetwork.com -- In the mid 1970's my wife and I were crossing the Scholes Mountain on our way to Aloha, Oregon to visit her mother, when suddenly a brightly colored object moved erratically across the sky and caught our attention.

At first, I thought it was reflection on the glass, maybe the sun or something else creating an illusion.

As I continued watching from the corner of my eye, what appeared to be a shiny, three dimensional form started doing things any known aircraft certainly could not do: shooting around at a phenomenal rate of speed, abruptly stopping, rocketing this way, then that, all with hard angle turns.

I looked at my wife and pointed. "Do you see that? What is that?" I asked.

It was the middle of the day, yet she had seen it too. Whatever it was shone bright enough that both of us had no problem keeping it in view until I could stop the car.

Pulling to the shoulder, we got out and observed the phenomenon for several more seconds before "it" abruptly shot away, out of our sight and at an incredible rate of speed.

"What the heck did we just see?" I repeated.

Like me, Nita didn't have a clue. Spooky space effect in broad daylight? Top secret experiment? Angel!? Demon!? No idea.

We contemplated not telling anybody what had happened, but by the next morning the Statesman Journal, Salem, Oregon's top newspaper had featured an article about hundreds of people across Washington and Oregon having seen a "UFO." With no empirical evidence or captured aliens to prove our sighting was real, the story quickly dissipated into another UFO "unknown".

For some of these Oregonians, this probably felt like old news. UFOs had been passing this way since American businessman

Kenneth Arnold witnessed nine of the elliptical-shaped objects moving over Mount Rainier in Washington, June 24, 1947.

On one occasion one of "them" may have actually stopped long enough to pose for a picture.

I'm talking about the Trent UFO case, the one the Oregonian reminded everybody about this week when they pointed back to their June 10, 1950 edition, which had carried a story about poor Evelyn Trent.

There she was, just minding her business and feeding the rabbits on the farm, when suddenly an object appeared overhead. When she yelled for her husband Paul, he "came-a-runnin'" with his Kodak Roamer camera in hand.

Paul was able to get two photographs of the large, metallic-disc hovering silently northeast of the farm just before sunset.

A few days later a bank hung the photos in their window, where they were seen by a local reporter. The paper published the photos, which were soon picked up by wire services worldwide and then by Life Magazine on June 26, 1950.

During 1967-1968, while funding an investigation of UFOs at the University of Colorado (the Condon Report) for the US Air Force, photoanalyst William Hartmann studied the Trent pictures and concluded they were "...one of the few UFO reports in which all factors investigated, geometric, psychological and physical appear to be consistent with the assertion that an extraordinary flying object flew within sight of two witnesses."

The National Investigations Committee On Aerial Phenomena went on to study the photos, eventually listing them as "...one of the top cases demonstrating very strong evidence for the existence for unknown structured objects in our atmosphere."

The Air Force couldn't find a better explanation. Neither could the University of Colorado, and researchers afterward concluded that the Trent sighting and its physical evidence was one of the best records ever made for a true UFO event. The story was placed on the Top Ten Best Evidence List and has remained there for the last 40 years.

Some time back, indie filmmaker Terry Halstead persuaded the Trents to be interviewed for his short film "The Trent Case Documentary". As the victim of a stroke, Paul Trent had difficulty speaking, and soon afterward both he and his wife Evelyn passed away. In 2000, the 50th anniversary of the Trent sighting, McMinnville began hosting a UFO fest in memory of the Trents and their experience.

This year, the McMinnville UFO days is happening on Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19. Dr. David Jacobs is Keynote Speaker. Dr. Jacobs is the director of the International Center for Abduction Research (ICAR), associate professor of history at Temple University in Philadelphia and UFO researcher for nearly 40 years. Guest speakers Peter Robbins, UFO researcher and best-selling author, and Peter Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center, will round out the Panel Q&A on Saturday morning.

The McMinnville UFO festival has grown to become second only to the July 4th weekend activities at Roswell, NM. That's where I'll be this year, as the good folks at Roswell have invited me to give a 1.5 hour lecture on the subject "Nephilim Stargates: The Year 2012 and the Return of the Watchers." After my experience with the UFO infested skies above Oregon three decades ago, you can bet I'll have my eyes fixed above Roswell... and my Kodak Roamer camera in hand for whatever shows up.

[Thanks to Thomas Horn for the lead]

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 10:11:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 10:11:40 -0400
Subject: The UFO UpDates Archive Hits 70,000 Posts

In the years since its 1996 inception the UFO UpDates List has archived much of recent UFO history and broad discussion of a past reaching back into antiquity.

With this post, the counter at the Archive clicks over to a staggering 70,000 posts! Every one of them manually 'tidied' by this moderator.

A huge debt of gratitude is due all posters, past and present, to the UFO UpDates List for contributing to one of the largest repositories of UFO knowledge anywhere on the planet. My thanks.

Here's to reaching 100,000,

Errol Bruce-Knapp
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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Bourdais

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 16:25:28 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 07:53:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Bourdais

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 08:30:06 EDT
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 15:00:31 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

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>>>>there was a cover-up to hide it, as General DuBose stated in
>>>>his affidavit. What is the point, then, of discussing the exact
>>>>time at which the pictures of the balloon debris were taken?

>>>Now here's an opportunity for the public to know about the late
>>>Gen. Dubose, Mr. Bourdais!

Greg,

Here are the links to General DuBose and his affidavit, on David Rudiak's web site:

<http://roswellproof.homestead.com/dubose.html>

http://roswellproof.homestead.com/dubose.html#anchor_3254

By the way, I happen to be invited to Roswell for the upcoming festival in July, where I am invited to speak about the French UFO studies.

I look forward to meeting, perhaps, some member of this list!

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 17:04:45 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 07:56:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Bourdais

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 09:23:49 -0400
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>Hi Greg,

>The problem with taped "admissions" and "affidavits" that have
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>Fund's "Roswell Recollections" Video presentation, but he is
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>convert those who aren't already on board. Col. Corso's book
>and interviews suffer the same problem, in that a powerfull
>whistle-blower isn't enough to open up historical records and
>move this debate beyond that of anecdotal commentary.

Steve,

I have the video and the testimony of General DuBose. It looks
clear enough to me.

His affidavit states clearly that the weather balloon shown to
the press was a cover-up.

It is not "stand alone evidence". It is important, corroborated
by dozens of others.

Col Corso is quite another story.

Gildas

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 13:04:31 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 08:02:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Kaeser

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 08:45:06 EDT
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 09:23:49 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 12:57:04 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

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>>>affidavit. If you can please point us all to your favorite
>>>source material which displays this.

>>>Since DuBose was on the scene and an orchestrator of the cover
>>>up what he says goes a long way without salt or pepper.

>>The problem with taped "admissions" and "affidavits" that have
>>been submitted is that the witnesses come off as "less than
>>credible" to the skeptical. Gen. Dubose's video is part of the
>>Fund's "Roswell Recollections" Video presentation, but he is
>>clearly very elderly and as stand alone evidence it fails to
>>convert those who aren't already on board. Col. Corso's book
>>and interviews suffer the same problem, in that a powerfull
>>whistle-blower isn't enough to open up historical records and
>>move this debate beyond that of anecdotal commentary.

>Oh I'd have to disagree with you 100% there Steve.

>Just because Dubose was elderly at the time of his disclosure
>doesn't discredit his testimony one iota. I deal with seniors
>every day and some folks even in their 100s are just as sharp
>mentally as any twenty something and far more responsible. I've
>got ladies in my church who are 70 who outrun us guys here in
>Hollywood during our daily jogs.

>One of my doctors who is 73 pumps iron, arm wrestles, is a
>genius and I would think twice before getting into a fist fight
>with him and I bench press 400lbs and am almost half his age.

>So don't gimme that 'because they're old they're no good'
>routine. It ain't gonna wash here.

Hi Greg,

Don't tell me. Tell the world that they've missed the important
points here. It's not like this is 'new' information, or that it
suddenly came to light.

I'm stating what I believe to fact here, but you can draw your
own conclusions otherwise. We have death bed statements, video

testimony and other statements from military officials, but it hasn't raised the level of discussion and skeptics can simply point to their age.

There is more that I could say here about recorded testimony from Walter Haut, but it's not my place to discuss some of this in a public forum and I think the current status speaks for itself.

We all know elderly individuals that stand out for their health and agility, but we're not the ones that have to go through a paradigm shift in beliefs to accept the concept being proposed.

It's conceivable that someone will come forward with good information and a paper trail to back it up, and that would change the picture. But so far, that hasn't been the case and a search for some foundation to support the statements has been futile for the most part.

Steve

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Re: John Ford Update - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 12:52:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 08:04:09 -0400
Subject: Re: John Ford Update - Lehmborg

>From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 08:55:29 EDT
>Subject: John Ford Update

<snip>

>According to John Ford, the attorney believes he was framed by
>the government and feels he is still being held on flimsy
>reasons and on trumped up charges.

>It remains to be seen if this series will break the mold of past
>documentaries, but I hope it is enlightening at least.

>Cross your fingers.

>The truth is still out there,

>Kelly

Wow! This is great news!

Serendipity abides! I've provided John Ford articles for the next two issues of UFO Magazine, too.

Please keep us posted, Sir, with regard to anything else you hear on the subject!

Restore John Ford!

alienview.nul
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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 14:17:04 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 08:06:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Randle

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 08:30:06 EDT
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 15:00:31 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 12:57:04 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

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>>>affidavit. If you can please point us all to your favorite
>>>source material which displays this.

<snip>

List All,

For everyone's convenience, I have posted the affidavit to my
blog that can be found at:

www.KevinRandle.blogspot.com

There is a scan of it there as well.

KRandle

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Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 13:25:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 08:07:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Groff

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 18:22:11 +0000
>Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon?

>Just amazing what people's wild imaginations can read into
>rocks.

>- Dick

Dick,

With all due respect, whether this is real or fabricated, I find way too much symmetry for this to be a rock formation.

I took a couple of screen captures from the YouTube video of the "ship". You can see the symmetry yourself.

http://mufondfw.org/mdf/screen_captures_of_moon_ship.html

All the best,

Terry

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Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 12:58:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 08:08:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Groff

>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 09:03:54 -0600
>Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon?

>Several months ago I encountered a website where what appeared
>to be a downed craft on the Moon was shown.

>www.marsearthconnection.com/march.html

>I was unsuccessful in accessing this site today, but here's
>another site which has the photo: FTP directory
>/pub/images/apollo/as15/ at ftp

>This is photo strongly resembles to my eye the ship portrayed in
>your link, Terry.

What is the FTP site URL?

Thanks

Terry

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 12:25:45 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 08:10:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 12:57:04 EDT
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 09 May 2007 15:10:32 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 15:39:14 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>I fail to understand your line of thinking.

>>Of course, the real debris were never shown to the press, since
>>there was a cover-up to hide it, as General DuBose stated in
>>his affidavit. What is the point, then, of discussing the exact
>>time at which the pictures of the balloon debris were taken?

Gildas, the purpose was photographer J. Bond Johnson trying to make himself into a big hero by placing himself in Ramey's office before the rest of the world even knew about the Roswell story. (If this had actually happened, it is very strange that Johnson's newspaper, the Star-Telegram, failed to mention their exclusive status and being the first to get the real story. In contrast, the reporter from the San Francisco Examiner who knew Ramey, called him, and was probably first to get his balloon story, didn't hesitate to take credit for his scoop on getting the "real" story.)

Aside from Johnson's later-year shenanigans with the Roswell story, knowing the true time would actually be useful in reconstructing the sequence of events in the coverup on that fateful afternoon. I peg the actual photo time to roughly 5:30 CST, not 3:15 p.m., as Neil and others in Johnson's RPIT group have been trying to make it. (AP's announcement of the Roswell base press release first went out at 3:26 CST)

>I saw Gen. Dubose's video taped admissions but didn't see the
>affidavit. If you can please point us all to your favorite
>source material which displays this.

Greg, I have Dubose's affidavit in text form along with a discussion and various Dubose quotes at my web site:

<http://www.roswellproof.com/dubose.html>

David Rudiak

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Re: ESA Admits Doubts About Their Mars Face Model

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfl Fleming6.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 16:01:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 08:16:07 -0400
Subject: Re: ESA Admits Doubts About Their Mars Face Model

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 11:48:25 -0700
>Subject: Re: ESA Admits Doubts About Their Mars Face Model

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfl Fleming6.nul>
>>To: UFOUpdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2007 13:53:17 -0500
>>Subject: Re: ESA Admits Doubts About Their Mars Face Model

>>The resolution of this new camera is down to a few centimeters
>>from several hundred kilometers above the planet surface. The
>>technology is remarkable, but I never was overly excited about
>>the prospect of another Face image at this very high resolution.
>>I figured that it most likely just show more natural terrain at
>>a finer scale. The landform is obviously composed of native
>>rock, as I and other people surmised before the first high-res
>>image was taken by the Mars Global Surveyor back in 1998. There
>>are only two alternative explanations for the appearance of the
>>Face: it's either a natural landform eroded for not fully-
>>explained reasons into an unusually symmetrical shape, or it's
>>an artificially sculpted landform whose finer details have been
>>eroded away. Erosion of artificial stone structures tends to
>>begin at the smallest scale and progressively obliterates
>>larger-scale features. I've seen close-ups of unrepaired
>>surfaces of the Great Sphinx that looklike perfectly natural
>>cliff faces covered with gullies and no hint of alteration by
>>human hands. That being said, with regard to artificiality, I
>>think the rule should be that the landform is presumed "innocent
>>until proven guilty." The high resolution images have fallen far
>>short of proof.

>Agreed. I think too many of the debunker types were assuming
>that this (if real) would have been 'built' rather than carved
>from an already existing mesa. And now since the surface looks
>so natural close-up, they can happily dismiss it for good.

Hello, Paul

A few days before the first high-resolution MGS image was released in 1998, I posted a message on an AOL board giving my prediction of what the image would likely show. I wrote that it would probably show a badly eroded rock with perhaps some trace features that might suggest artificial modifications. I also predicted that the skeptics would emphasize the natural-looking features, but I was thinking at the time about what they would emphasize verbally in arguments about the image. I certainly wasn't expecting that they would be quite so literal in 'emphasizing' the natural appearance of the Face through the use of digital tricks such as excessive image filtering as was done on that first image or the grossly exaggerated height scales on ESA's 3D model. Live and learn.

>Hoagland still seems to assume that also, although I don't know
>why. I haven't seen any sign of his "girders" yet... I did hear
>him on C to C a few days ago saying that he has (of course)
>found some "amazing things" in the new MRO image... we'll see...

I doubt we'll see much of anything. I downloaded the enormous

186 MB image and I haven't found anything resembling girders or anything else that didn't look completely natural. And, by the way, I don't think there is any chance that the image has been tampered with. People at NASA and ESA seem to get 'artistic' with the Face images they release to the news media, but it's my impression that they are always very serious about the accuracy of their actual data products.

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Leo Dworshak Passes

From: **Judy Mickelson** <ufolady.nul>
Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 00:58:53 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 09:02:25 -0400
Subject: Leo Dworshak Passes

I just received word that Leo Dworshak died in Helena, Montana, two weeks ago. Leo wrote in 2003, a book titled, UFOs Are With Us- Take My Word. This book is on Amazon and they have sold so many. He was a very nice older gentleman. He has written another book and his daughter will be putting it together to have it published.

I met Leo and his wife in Helena and had a nice conversation with him about his and his brothers encounters while younger. He was in his eighties then but as sharp as a tack.

Judy

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Residents Spot Strange UFO Lights

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Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 09:19:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 09:19:15 -0400
Subject: Residents Spot Strange UFO Lights

Source: BBC News - London, UK

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/6651121.stm

Sunday, 13 May 2007

Residents Spot Strange UFO Lights

Residents in County Down have raised the possibility of a UFO sighting above the skies of Bangor.

Several callers to BBC Northern Ireland have reported a series of strange orange lights in the night sky.

Air traffic control at Belfast International Airport said it had also received reports about the sightings, including one from the Coastguard.

However, the airport said it had no record of any aircraft in the sky at the time.

The callers said the sightings had been made on Saturday evening.

Clifford Rosbottom from Bangor told the BBC: "There were three orange globes - nearly in a straight line - they were an absolutely fascinating sight.

"I watched them for five minutes, and then very slowly, they just disappeared.

"The only thing I thought it could have been was three high-flying aircraft.

"If that is not the case, then I have no idea, and the only other thing I can think of is in fact that they were UFOs."

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 10:43:42 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 07:25:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Boone

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 16:25:28 +0200
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 08:30:06 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 15:00:31 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

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>>>>Of course, the real debris were never shown to the press, since
>>>>there was a cover-up to hide it, as General DuBose stated in
>>>>his affidavit. What is the point, then, of discussing the exact
>>>>time at which the pictures of the balloon debris were taken?

>>>>Now here's an opportunity for the public to know about the late
>>>>Gen. Dubose, Mr. Bourdais!

>Greg,

>Here are the links to General DuBose and his affidavit, on David
>Rudiak's web site:

><http://roswellproof.homestead.com/dubose.html>

>http://roswellproof.homestead.com/dubose.html#anchor_3254

>By the way, I happen to be invited to Roswell for the upcoming
>festival in July, where I am invited to speak about the French
>UFO studies.

>I look forward to meeting, perhaps, some member of this list!

>Gildas Bourdais

Great day in the morning! (as my grandpa would exclaim and he
was there during WWII and still exclaims this way.)

That data from Gen. Dubose is enough for someone with some
smarts around here to put out a new Roswell documentary called
something like,

Roswell: Put A Fork In It!

It's done.

We know there's a cover up but a cover up of what? Since we
cannot rely on the government nor the press then the data
gleaned from the people is more than sufficient enough.

Now the questions are what happened to the debris, who stole it, sold it, made paperweights out of it etc.

After reading the evidence presented any naysayers are just people with problems.

Mr. Bourdais, I hope to be in Roswell this July. I sure miss the food! If anyone loves fresh steak and ice cream you need to pack up the kids and head on down Roswell way. There's a lady there that invented the Caesar Salad Wrap too. Pancakes, waffles, mmmm some good eatin'!

Our group is launching a new television show in a couple of weeks and I'm moving to build a new art studio. I should be freed up by July and you'll see me in Roswell with a milk shake in one hand and a something cooked from a cow in the other!

Best,

Greg

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Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Ally

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 12:02:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 07:27:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Ally

>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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That your screen caps show a symmetrical object is completely unsurprising. The hoaxer has simply created a model based on the photograph released by NASA. One could do the same for any of the other photographs which show what some people regard as an anomaly eg. the 'face' on Mars.

Brian

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Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 13:28:58 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 07:29:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Ledger

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Have to agree, Terry. Hoax it might be but it isn't a rock at least not a naturally occurring rock on the moon. It is symmetrical and even looks aerodynamic-which might be a clue. Why aerodynamic for space? My problems with the video is the script that appears on the screen purportedly to make the radio transmissions understandable. I can't hear the transmissions to begin with. And why would the transmissions be so bad?

The video - or film - of this event seems more in line with the quality of Apollo 11. That problem with a non-existent Apollo 20 mission confusion has to be cleared up. Was this supposed to have been shot on first orbit of the Moon or later by the CM pilot while alone in the Command Module. That would be just too pat since he's deceased.

I'd like to know the history of this clip, who was supposed to have shot it. It had to be one of the three following: Mission Commander Eugene Cernan, Commander USN [now 73], Command Module Pilot Ronald Ellwin Evans, Commander USN [deceased 1990], Lunar Module Pilot Dr. Harrison Hagen (Jack) Schmitt, Ph.D. civilian [now 72].

Two of the crew are still alive and could provide answers to this latest, but not holding my breath.

Don Ledger

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<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/resources/apollo/frame/?AS15-P-9625>

<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/resources/apollo/frame/?AS15-P-9630>

This is a stereo pair taken on Apollo Mission 15, revolution 38, centred on 19 deg S and 117.5 deg E, in the region southwest of DELPORTE, and north of IZSAK (presumably crater names). This panorama includes the coordinates given on the alleged film. And there it is. You can't miss it.

Just to add that I've made a stereo pair of an enlarged detail of the object from these NASA images, and I have to admit that it really does look like a long shark-shaped object resting in the crater with its nose elevated. I don't really know what to make of this. If anyone's interested in having a look I can send the stereo pair privately - just let your eyes cross to superimpose the two shots (a beer might help) and the relief stands out. I'd like to know if anyone has any ideas. If this is what it appears to be - and not just a freak of shadow perspectives - then at the least it seems to be an extraordinary bit of geology or planetology. Has anyone heard about this

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Martin Shough

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Blather Celebrates Its 10th

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 07:51:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 07:51:28 -0400
Subject: Blather Celebrates Its 10th

The old-timers on the List will remember Daev 'Blather' Walsh.
Blather is celebrating its 10th and true to form there is
much to grin at in the celebratory post at:

http://www.blather.net/blather/2007/05/blathernet_10_years_old.html

May you be long gone, Daev, before the Devil knows...

ebk

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Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC

From: **Robert Morningstar** <robert_morningstar.nul>
Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 17:26:29 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 07:52:58 -0400
Subject: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XoH7CUBnCJ4&mode=related&search=>

This is a very interesting audio file of ATC talking to a Dutch pilot who encounters 2 UFOs repeatedly during his flight to Schipol airport.

Robert M*

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Re: ESA Admits Doubts About Their Mars Face Model

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 23:53:13 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 08:06:26 -0400
Subject: Re: ESA Admits Doubts About Their Mars Face Model

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 12 May 2007 16:01:22 -0500
>Subject: Re: ESA Admits Doubts About Their Mars Face Model

Hi Lan,

>I doubt we'll see much of anything. I downloaded the enormous
>186 MB image and I haven't found anything resembling girders or
>anything else that didn't look completely natural.

I doubt it too. I've looked at the largest image also (BTW, the
186 MB one was soon replaced by a 300 MB one), but haven't seen
anything yet that looks unusual or artificial to me.

Paul

Planetaria
<http://web.mac.com/paulscottanderson/iWeb/planetaria>

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Former Mexican President's Nephew 1973 UFO Photo

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 09:51:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 06:56:53 -0400
Subject: Former Mexican President's Nephew 1973 UFO Photo

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
May 13, 2007

Date: 05.12.07
Source: www.analuisacid.com

MEXICO: Former President's Nephew Photographed UFO in 1973
By Ana Luisa Cid

In March 2007 I received several clippings from the "Novedades" newspaper, dated October 26, 1973, from Ing. Hector Perez Rodr=EDguez, making reference to a sighting by Mr. Juan David Mateos Chanfreau, the nephew of (deceased) former Mexican president Lic. Adolfo Lopez Mateos.

According to the publication, the witness gave his story to the press and provided them with a copy of the photo he took with his Polaroid camera. The snapshot was taken while he travelled aboard his car along the road from Ciudad Camargo to Chihuahua (1973).

Ing. Perez, who kindly provided me a copy of the clippings he has kept for 30 years, believes that it is possible that Mr. Mateos Chanfreau's experience is possibly related to the Coyame Case, which occurred in the same geographic region and on a date relatively close to that of the alleged crash of a spacecraft in the Chihuahua desert (1974).

In another news item from "Novedades" it is said that six UFOs were seen in the USA, witnessed by over 50 people, among them then-deputy sheriff Jim Taylor of Surrey County.

Transcript of the news item from Novedades, 26 October 1973:

"Mexican Tells How He Saw and Photographed a Flying Saucer"

The existence of flying saucers no longer appears to be a mere invention of people with excessive imagination or feverish minds. When mechanical means - such as photography - are brought into play to determine their reality, only one question remains: where do they come from?

Juan David Mateos Chanfreau, nephew of the deceased former president Adolfo Lopez mateos, has asked himself this question in vain for two months. But the issue of their provenance is secondary, because there is something more important: he knows that they exist, he has seen one of them and has photographed it.

The account he gives NOVEDADES shows the emotion the event produced in him; his satisfaction at the experience surpasses all limits.

Juan David was traveling from Ciudad Camargo to Chihuahua a little over 60 days ago. The day was somewhat hazy but precisely due to the lack of solar reflection, the landscape was clear and placid.

Upon reaching the desert area between Villanueva and the city of Chihuahua, he began to hear a strange sound coming from his car radio. He suddenly looked upward and saw an object suspended in mid-air.

He hit the brakes at once. He was invaded by a stupor and cannot remember if he turned off the radio, but he fully recalls the rigidity that took over his limbs for some seconds. He was afraid that something bad would happen to him. However, curiosity won out over prudence and his arm, guided as if by an electric shock, reached for the glove compartment where his photo camera rested.

"Before taking it, I had the sensation that someone was keeping me from doing so," he says, "and I grabbed it cautiously. I felt afraid again, but the anxiety of having proof of what I was seeing won out, and I stepped out of the car."

The craft, which produced a very slight vibration, rotated displaying its colors of orange, purple and red. Parapeted behind his vehicle, he was about to press the shutter. The artifact, which was to the right of the highway at a distance of some 60 meters and an altitude of 20, did not move. And the photo was taken.

He immediately felt the urge to flee, but some internal sense advised him not to move. Some minutes went by, which seemed like centuries to Juan David. Suddenly the craft began to move. Rising, it tilted until it remained sideways, rising vertically, and taking off at a fantastic speed. He saw no smoke; he was only able to hear an intense vibration that became more painful as the intensity grew. The metal turned into a multitude of dats that rose, blinding his riveted eyes. In a matter of seconds, the saucer was lost to the immensity of space.

Reality took hold and thousands of questions spilled into his mind: where did it come from? Was it terrestrial or not? But among the lack of answers there stood an unquestionable fact: something remarkable had happened and none other than he had witnessed and photographed it. The amazement of the event would suffice - perhaps some day he would find out the rest.

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Kimball's UFO Evidence The Top Ten UFO Cases

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 12:43:18 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 06:58:41 -0400
Subject: Kimball's UFO Evidence The Top Ten UFO Cases

Paul Kimball's documentary, UFO Evidence: The Top Ten UFO Cases aired over the weekend on the Space Channel here in Canada. Any feedback. I missed the first half which included the Shag Harbour Incident because I was away.

Any comments? I liked what I saw. Perhaps Paul knows when the next airing will be?

Don Ledger

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From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 07:01:29 -0400
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Terry

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Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 12:10:01 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 07:03:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Tarbell

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 18:35:30 +0100
>Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon?

<snip>

>Is it real? Well, there definitely is an "object" there on the
>moon. The location given on the YouTube clip is 17.3 deg S,
>117.62 deg E. Go to the image atlas of the Lunar and Planetary
>Institute, a NASA research subsidiary in Houston

><http://www.lpi.usra.edu/resources/apollo/frame/?AS15-P-9625>

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>what it appears to be - and not just a freak of shadow
>perspectives - then at the least it seems to be an extraordinary
>bit of geology or planetology. Has anyone heard about this
>apparent object or formation before?

Hi Martin,

See also this image from the same mission, with somewhat
different lighting - 2.8 MB:

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

Although it loses its 'craft'-like appearance in this view, it
remains an intriguing geologic feature.

I'll have that beer anyway.

Regards

Mike

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Re: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC - van

From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 23:37:02 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 07:06:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC - van

>From: Robert Morningstar <robert_morningstar.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 17:26:29 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XoH7CUBn CJ4&mode=related&search=>

>This is a very interesting audio file of ATC talking to a Dutch
>pilot who encounters 2 UFOs repeatedly during his flight to
>Schipol airport.

The audio file is a part of a larger audio file.

Those UFOs are planes 'waiting' in the air, circling around.

The person that made that sorted audio file faked the event by
cutting the answers from the trafficcontrolcentre.

Bert RvB.

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www.rjrsnvbrn.nl

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Get On Alien Trail For Charity

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 07:11:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 07:11:40 -0400
Subject: Get On Alien Trail For Charity

Source: Suffolk Evening Star - Ipswich, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2ouvw5>

14 May 2007

Get On Alien Trail For Charity

Hazel Byford

Organisers of an annual cycle ride are today encouraging fundraisers to head on the trail of space invaders.

The East Anglia's Children's Hospices Ride for Life is this year taking on an alien theme.

Now in its fifth year, the main event at Rendlesham Forest will see riders following a UFO trail.

For those who do not want to do the alien trail, there are alternative six mile and ten mile off-road routes, and a three mile walk.

More than 200 people are expected to take part.

Steve Bloomfield, from the charity, said: "A number of the riders will be wearing alien outfits.

"None of the rides are arduous, with the emphasis on family participation.

"There is a prize for the best dressed alien so there's lots of fun for UFO hunters of all ages.

"The children's hospice in Ipswich will benefit directly from funds raised by this event."

UFO experts have been flocking to Rendlesham Forest since reported sightings between Christmas and the new year in 1980.

The sightings have left scientists baffled but explanations have ranged from it being the light from Orford lighthouse to a teenager driving his dad's police car around the nearby airbase with the lights flashing.

<snip>

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More On Bangor Sightings

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 07:42:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 07:42:40 -0400
Subject: More On Bangor Sightings

Source: The Belfast Telegraph - Belfast, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/yub5cy>

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

We Are Not Alone

By Victoria O'Hara

Strange lights spotted hovering in the Co Down night sky could be aliens carrying out a surveillance of the Earth - a paranormal expert has claimed.

Betty Meyler, president of the UFO Society of Ireland, made the suggestion that we are not alone after a number of residents in Bangor spotted a series of mysterious orange lights in the sky last weekend.

Air traffic control at Belfast International Airport said it had received reports about the sightings, including one from the Coastguard.

However, the airport said it had no record of any aircraft in the sky at the time.

Ms Meyler, who founded the organisation in 1996, told the Belfast Telegraph these types of sightings are quite rare for Northern Ireland.

"I get at least two or three calls a month from the south about sightings, but not from the north, so this is interesting," she said.

"Most are about lights in the sky, some are in a triangular formation.

"A lot of these sightings take place in megalithic sites, but I don't know what is in Bangor in that respect."

One resident who witnessed the lights described them as "three orange globes".

He said he watched them for five minutes and they then disappeared.

Ms Meyler, who is based in Co Roscommon in the Republic, said: "We believe these extra terrestrials are doing a surveillance of the Earth and when we are ready for it - which we're not at the moment - they will show themselves and they just want to come in love and peace to help us.

"Usually what happens is that only one or two people see it and then they don't always come forward as they are afraid of being laughed at, but I think this needs to be taken very seriously."

Ms Meyler said UFO sceptics do not bother her in trying to learn about alien life forms.

"Look what they did to Galileo when he said the earth was round and everyone else said it was flat," she said.

"He was taken up for heresy. So anything new is always laughed at and ridiculed, so I'm used to it, it doesn't bother me. I just feel that I am right.

"I think it is my job to educate other people to think the way I'm thinking."

If you spot any alien activity you can contact Betty Meyler at:

www.ufosocietyireland.com

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Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 13:35:28 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 14:10:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Shough

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 13:02:13 -0300
>Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon?

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 18:35:30 +0100
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>Hi Martin,

>These don't seem to be at the resolution of the video. I can't
>get near the detail exhibited there from the above URLs. Is
>there a higher rez download somewhere?

Hi Don

I'm assuming you mean the resolution of the background moonscape
rather than the object, which can have been digitally or
manually retouched for the video. I don't yet know of any other
higher res imagery of this area. Perhaps others on List do? If
there isn't then a hoaxer could have invented some extra terrain
detail I suppose.

There's the low res Lunar Orbiter far side map

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

showing the area of Delporte and Izsac somewhere bottom left of
this image, but it's hard even to identify major craters let
alone locate the "shark".

The Apollo Image Atlas has numerous photos of the area at similar
resolution to AS15-P-9625/30 from missions 15 & 17

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<http://tinyurl.com/2rg5hp>

eg from Apollo 17:

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

but although the altitudes, tilts and sun angles do vary they don't vary by enough to prove what the 3-D shape of the feature really is.

Martin Shough

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Re: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC -

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 14:17:15 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 14:11:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC -

>From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
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Hello Bert

You speak as though this is definitely established. I posted a request for information about this sound file 10 days ago, both here on UpDates and on Euroufo, to be met with a resounding silence from all sides. Is your solution widely known and accepted?

Martin Shough

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Re: More On Bangor Sightings - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 14:41:56 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 14:12:50 -0400
Subject: Re: More On Bangor Sightings - Shough

>Source: The Belfast Telegraph - Belfast, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/yub5cy>

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I do hope not. I suggest Ms Meyler refrains from teaching history
of science at least!

MS

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Re: Opening The Files On British Flying Saucers -

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 18:28:50 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 14:13:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Opening The Files On British Flying Saucers -

Maclean's Magazine has run an article on the forthcoming release of the MoD's UFO files.

I understand that Maclean's is a fairly major news magazine, so I hope this will help raise the profile of ufology in Canada.

http://www.macleans.ca/article.jsp?content070521_105251_105251

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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SDI #439 -- 20 Questions!

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 14:01:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 14:21:36 -0400
Subject: SDI #439 -- 20 Questions!

SDI #439 -- 20 Questions

20 Questions perplexingly addressed by Dave Furlotte, Stuart Miller, and Wendy Connors as washed and combed by Errol Bruce-Knapp:

1. What manner of contribution does 70,000 posts to UFO UpDates _mean_, given it seems to reflect a looming concrescence along with _other_ social mechanisms of our time. Is it a history? Is it a cogent commentary? Is it a running tally? Is it a written documentary? Is it a ufological treasure trove of its own?
2. Does Paul Kimball's Best Evidence reflect a new ufological credibility? Is the American Air Force a bastion of idiocy, incompetence, and _banal_ ineptitude. Is the UFO conundrum a real occurrence happening in real time in a real world?
3. Should Bruce Macabee be forgiven over his misidentification of the Carp/Guardian Case as a legitimate UFO landing film?
4. Culturally, Philosophically, Militarily, and Governmentally, is the United States of America in danger of strangling on its own snot bubble? Has the aggregate _lay_ intelligence of same been impinged upon by these relatively closed institutions in an unacceptable manner?
5. Are there immensely proportioned but crash-landed star-craft on our moon? How can the far side of the moon be considered the 'dark' side, still? What happened to the live-feed from NASA regarding its media? Does NASA hide, fudge, and lie about _data_ or function in any kind of cover-up regarding same?
6. Why is David Clarke (British ufological non-enthusiast) reviled by the Ministry of Great Britain? Is there a resurgence of ufological turf war 'twixt Mulderian Nick Pope and Contrarian David Clarke?
7. Why is the contested release of GB UFO Files (BMOD), now, so _damned_ peculiar? Given the testimony of highly placed institutional officials, how can the British deny a more thorough investigation of UFOs than is reported or stingily released in a reported flood of FOIA requests?
8. Has Nick Pope written the best paper on British ufology, ever? Like Paul Kimball in his last film by more than one report, has Pope uncovered incontrovertible evidence of high strangeness even if proof itself remains elusive and ethereal?
9. Even if the government _is_ as clueless with regard to UFOs as is lay humanity, are they in a much more _lucrative_ position to provide for open investigation? Could the details of said investigation tend to _invalidate_ the authority supporting these better positioned investigators, provoking then that reluctance to "investigate," at all? Is what has been pulled out (gun-camera footage, alien objects, conclusive evidence etc.) locked away out of sight with a too restrictive need to know.
10. How could anyone not want to come on the SDI program? How is it Errol can speak with no apology? How does Errol serve

ufology?

11. How does Bernard Newman (author of The Flying Saucer a strangely prescient 1948 UFO book) illuminate the ufological landscape and provide a validation for Roswell.
12. Was NASA warned off the moon by ET?
13. Is Paul Kimball "a ufologist totally into ufology, love him or hate him, wish him blessings or ill"?
14. What was Air Force Regulation 200-2, and if UFOs are no threat to national security why is an Air Force Regulation required in their regard?
15. Did the Air Force have secret relationships with select UFO organizations?
16. What occurred in Los Angeles, California on February 23, 1942 involving a military engagement of an unidentified flying object hovering silently, for hours, over the blacked out and terrified city. What _was_ "The Battle of Los Angeles"?
17. Why did Betty Cash and Vicky Landrum think the end of the world was at hand in 1981?
18. Did Betty Cash die as a result of radiation received during their sighting of a UFO?
19. Did early ufologist Dr. Ivan P. Sanderson spy on ufology for American spy agencies?
20. Was the Air Force once _convinced_ of an ET component to sighted UFOs?

"Treasure dreams, for when dreams fly, life's enchantment's realized." - Alfred Lehmborg

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 10:58:41 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 14:31:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 11:09:40 -0700
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 26 Apr 2007 10:29:06 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>The events of that afternoon in Fort Worth are far more complex
>>than it first seems. We now know from our lens analysis that
>>Bond only took 4 of the 7 known photographs,

>Not so. This is another of Andrew Lavoie's faulty analyses. He
>compared the angles between the rug stripes in the Ramey/Dubose
>photos and one of the Ramey alone photos with one of the Marcel
>photos (Marcel looking right). Because the stripe angle
>separation between the Ramey et al photos were similar whereas
>the Marcel photo stripes were more splayed out, he concluded
>that two different cameras with two different focal lengths were
>used.

>What's wrong with this conclusion? It doesn't take simple
>perspective into account. Lavoie would only be right if _all_
>the photos were taken at the same height. But they weren't. The
>stripe angles will change with the height of the camera above
>the rug even if one camera is used. It is very obvious just by
>eyeballing the photos that the Marcel photo was taken with the
>cameraman kneeling down at Marcel's level (e.g., the top of the
>radiator and the chair seats are just barely visible) while all
>the Ramey photos used were taken with the cameraman standing up
>(much more of the radiator top and the chair seats are exposed.

>The higher the camera (Ramey photos), the less skewed the
>stripes will be. The lower the camera, the more skewed they are.
>End of story. One camera could have taken all the photos.

David,

Andrew no longer subscribes to the mailing list but I will forward your comments on to him. But from what I recall and without checking back (this analysis was done back in 2005) perspective was allowed for and not only that I personally produced a set of test photographs (taken both in standing and crouching heights) at 3 different focal lengths for Andrew to test his analysis with. He himself sought out a professional large format photographer who was also a camera collector (he has several SpeedGraphic's) and between them they produced a range of test images to cross check. I can also say that the professional photog's first comment about the 4 UTA images were that "these were not taken with the same lens" but that's only an opinion from a photo professional who still uses 5x4 format cameras in his day job.

>There could conceivably be two cameras at work here, but a
>simplistic and erroneous analysis like the one LaVoie used won't
>give us the definitive answer claimed by Lavoie and other
>members of the RPIT (Roswell Photointerpretation) group.

There are other factors too: 5x4 format flat sheet film had and still has, a reference notch to locate the film sheet correctly into the film holders. From this we can deduce which way the camera taking the photograph was held if it were a SpeedGraphic. The Ramey, Ramey/DuBose and Marcel Right images all follow a pattern and indicate the camera was rotated 90 degree counter clockwise, yet the Marcel Left would have had to have been taken with the camera rotated 90 degrees in the opposite direction had it been a SpeedGraphic. Photographers even amateur ones like myself are creatures of habit, it would also be very tricky to operate a SpeedGraphic in that odd position with a handheld flash which is what Bond used.

There is also the circumstantial evidence that the Ramey and RameyDuBose images were taken on one batch of film yet the Marcel images were taken on film from a completely different production line, as confirmed from the batch coding on the film itself and aslo the negative archive coding that indicates the two sets of negatives were processed and archived at different times. And though far from conclusive evidence even the film holders used for the Marcel shots are of a different brand and style from those used for the Ramey images.

>>and that these
>>photographs we can time, due to the sun/shadow angle seen
>>through Ramey's office window to 3.15pm local
>>time(+/-15mins).

>This is more of Lavoie's faulty analysis . As Kevin Randle tried
>to point out, we don't know the orientation of the room (and
>thus can't know for sure the position of the sun). Good point.
>Lavoie merely assumed that the sun was coming directly from the
>left, or west, i.e., assuming the walls of the room was laid out
>east/west and north/south.

If you know where you are ie Fort Worth, you don't need azimuth information all you need is the elevation angle which we checked against the US Navy astronomical database for sun angles for Fort Worth on July 8th 1947.

>One indication that this probably isn't right is the fact,
>evident from aerial photographs, that most of the streets and
>building at the Fort Worth base are laid out diagonally, i.e.,
>at 45 degrees to the usual north/south/east/west grid. Was this
>also true of Ramey's office? I don't know, but it easily could
>have been.

>A more definite indication is the fact that the bottom edge of
>the shadow used by LaVoie is obviously slanted upward to the
>right. In other words, the sun instead of being directly to the
>left, was instead to the left and behind. At 3:15 p.m. CST,
>the sun was at azimuth 264 deg., or almost due west (270 deg.)

>Lavoie also assumes the shadow was being cast by the bumper of a
>car and even claims to know the exact make and year (1941
>Buick).

The front fender seen in the image is unique to the Series 60 Buick.

>Considering that all we can see of the outside is
>through a small slit in Ramey's curtain, this is truly amazing.
>In fact, what is really casting the shadow is entirely open to
>conjecture, as is the time of day. When I model something like
>an old 1940s Buick in a 3-D ray-tracer where I can simulate
>various angles of the sun at different times of day (and
>assuming different orientations of the car relative to the sun),
>I can't get anything like the shadow. E.g., assuming, as LaVoie
>did, that the sun is directly to the left at around 3:15 p.m.,
>the shadow from the hood and fender of the "Buick" totally
>obscures the bumper shadow. In other words, LaVoie's sundial
>"Buick" is more like a "bumper" floating in the air with no car
>behind it.

You can actually make out very vaguely more of the same car in the other Ramey UTA neg.

>My best guess is that the shadow-caster may be something simple
>like a concrete curb instead of a car bumper. The recessed
>"license plate holder" might instead be a drain in the curb.

>Whatever it is, it is being strongly illuminated by the sun on
>the top, which wouldn't be possible for a car bumper (rest of
>car is in the way).

>When I instead model a simple curb and assume Ramey's office is
>oriented diagonally (i.e. rotated about 45 degrees to a typical
>N/S/E/W grid), I get a time closer to two hours later, i.e.,
>around 5:15 p.m. CST. However given all the uncertainties, I
>don't have a lot of faith in that shadow time either.

>At least a later time is consistent with everything else. The
>story was already out, which is why J. Bond Johnson was
>dispatched to cover it to begin with. AP was apparently first to
>break the story on the newswire at 3:26 CST:

>AP chronology: http://roswellproof.com/AP_Chronology.html

>Comparing newspaper stories, Ramey began to change the story to
>weather balloon about an hour later (NY Times, San Francisco
>Examiner, Chicago Tribune). Acting AAF chief staff Vandenberg
>was also reported dropping into the AAF public relations office
>at the Pentagon to handle the crisis. Vandenberg's log again
>indicates he was out of his office for an hour again starting
>about hour after the initial AP newswire (from about 4:15 to
>5:15 CST). Ramey was called in Fort Worth from the Pentagon PR
>office. According to the Washington Post, Ramey gave a
>description, but then said he hadn't seen it yet! How could Bond
>Johnson have already photographed Ramey with the debris, yet
>Ramey hadn't seen it yet over an hour later?

>Johnson's original story was also that he got sent only because
>he happened to come in at the shift change, around 5:00 p.m.,
>and there was nobody else available. In fact, the first mention
>of Ramey's involvement by AP was a bulletin at 4:53 p.m. (saying
>Ramey had shipped the "disc" to Wright Field). That at least
>is in accordance with Johnson's earlier accounts before he began
>altering his story.

>Another indication that this early photo time is all hooey comes
>from Robert Shirkey, the assistant operations officer at
>Roswell, who recalled Marcel's B-29 arriving and being loaded
>just after he got back from lunch. Shirkey thought it took off
>at around 2:00 p.m. Roswell time or 3:00 in Fort Worth. Flight
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we also discovered that the US military adopted and used DST
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David if you want the historical references for all this I can
probably dig them out for you.

>And remember, it was also around this time (i.e., around 4:30),
>according to the newspapers, that Ramey was on the phone with
>the Pentagon and claiming to not having seen the debris yet. So
>the actual photo shoot must have been later than this. It sure
>wasn't 3:15 plus or minus 15 minutes.

>>This puts Bond in Ramey's office before the Roswell Disc story
>>broke on AP and nearly 3 hours before Newton allegedly came

>>on duty(6pm) to have his picture taken with his debris.

>Again, this is total garbage. Given the multitudinous
>uncertainties, LaVoie's "precise" shadow time is highly
>questionable at best (it certainly can't be pinned down to
>within +/- 15 minutes), and all other evidence (including Bond
>Johnson's original story) points to the photos being taken much
>later.

>>When Bond took his pictures there was no news story,

>But in Johnson's original account, he was dispatched because
>there was a news story. In fact, he said his editor had gotten
>Ramey's involvement from the AP newswire which is why he was
>sent to the base. This would suggest around 4:53 p.m. time when
>AP first mentioned Ramey.

>>he didn't even take any written copy just the photos.

>But when Kevin Randle originally interviewed Johnson, several
>times he claimed to be the author of the AP story. At the very
>least he would have conveyed to someone at the Star-Telegram
>what he had been told by Ramey.

He didn't write any story that night, the journalist who was
in the ST office that evening confirmed all the "disc" stories
published in the ST were compiled and written by the city desk
editor, who's name I would have to dig out of my files, but I do
have.

Neil

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Redfern On PreCognitive Dissonance Thursday Night

From: **Stephen Lewis** <elfis.nul>
Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 11:09:07 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 15:44:36 -0400
Subject: Redfern On PreCognitive Dissonance Thursday Night

Greetings UFO UpDates Listfolk,

Nick Redfern will be our guest Thursday night (May 17th) from 7-9pm CST, on PreCognitive Dissonance via the Anomaly Radio Network.

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Re: SDI #439 -- 20 Questions! - Lewis

From: **Stephen Lewis** <elfis.nul>
Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 11:29:40 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 15:46:23 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI #439 -- 20 Questions! - Lewis

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 14:01:50 -0500
>Subject: SDI #439 -- 20 Questions!

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>20 Questions perplexingly addressed by Dave Furlotte, Stuart
>Miller, and Wendy Connors as washed and combed by Errol Bruce-
>Knapp:

<snip>

>19. Did early ufologist Dr. Ivan P. Sanderson spy on ufology
>for American spy agencies?

All great question Alfred. But #19 alone is enough to make me a
paid subscriber to SDI!

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Re: Kimball's UFO Evidence The Top Ten UFO Cases -

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 14:50:48 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 15:54:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Kimball's UFO Evidence The Top Ten UFO Cases -

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 12:43:18 -0300
>Subject: Kimball's UFO Evidence The Top Ten UFO Cases

<snip>

>I liked what I saw.

Thanks Don.

>Perhaps Paul knows when the next airing will be?

Actually, they repeated it Friday morning at 11 am AST / 10 am EST. However, after the initial airing, the network never really tells me when they'll air it again, so I'm usually as surprised as the next guy - I once had my lawyer call me at lunch to tell me another doc I had done was repeating on Bravo. Who knew?

Space will be airing the film 16 more times over the next 4 years. I'll ask them to notify me the next time it's on, but your best bet is to check the schedule every now and then.

And, for people who didn't see it, here is the final top 10, along with the people who appeared in each segment to comment:

10. Nuremberg, 1561 (note - this was actually an editorial decision on my part, as I bumped the case that came in at #10 so I could make the point about the pre-1947 nature of the UFO phenomenon, which a couple of people suggested I do) - Don Ledger, Stan Friedman

9. Skylab III - Brad Sparks, Stan Friedman

8. Yukon 1996 - Stan Friedman (I would have really liked to get Martin Jasek in this segment, and he agreed to do it, but time and budget just didn't allow for us to make it out to BC; Stan filled in admirably)

7. Malmstrom AFB 1967 - Captain Robert Salas, Dick Hall, Stan Friedman

6. Shag Harbour - Don Ledger

5. Santa Barbara Channel, 1953 (the "Kelly Johnson" case) - Brad Sparks, Stan Friedman

4. McMinnville, 1950 (the Trent photos) - Bruce Maccabee, Brad Sparks

3. Rendlesham Forest - Colonel Charles Halt, Dick Hall, Nick Pope

2. Tehran, 1976 - Stan Friedman, Bruce Maccabee

1. RB47, 1957 - Brad Sparks, Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Bailey (who also discussed his own RB47 incident over the Gulf of Mexico five years later), Stan Friedman

In the closing segment, it is Mac Tonnies who gets the final word.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey that led to the final 10 cases (er... 9, actually, if you discount Nuremberg), and to my good friend Kris Lee McBride, who I think did a bang-up job narrating the film.

Best regards,
Paul Kimball
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Re: Opening The Files On British Flying Saucers -

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 14:53:30 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 15:56:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Opening The Files On British Flying Saucers -

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 18:28:50 +0100
>Subject: Opening The Files On British Flying Saucers

>Maclean's Magazine has run an article on the forthcoming release
>of the MoD's UFO files.

>I understand that Maclean's is a fairly major news magazine, so
>I hope this will help raise the profile of ufology in Canada.

>http://www.macleans.ca/article.jsp?content070521_105251_105251

Nick:

This is indeed interesting - Maclean's is Canada's equivalent to Time or Newsweek, so it will definitely put a spike in the profile of the UFO phenomenon. Hopefully they'll give it a serious look.

Best regards,

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Re: SDI #439 -- 20 Questions! - Kimball

From: Kim Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 15:01:14 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 15:58:30 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI #439 -- 20 Questions! - Kimball

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 14:01:50 -0500
>Subject: SDI #439 -- 20 Questions!

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Mr. Lehmborg:

<snip>

>2. Does Paul Kimball's Best Evidence reflect a new ufological
>credibility?

Considering who made it, probably not. ;-)

>Is the American Air Force a bastion of idiocy, incompetence, and
>_banal_ ineptitude.

Far from it. Indeed, in the RB47 case segment, we see that the best of the best the USAF had to offer were encountering UFOs in the 1950s and 1960s, and were being told to keep quiet about it by the USAF.

>Is the UFO conundrum a real occurrence happening in real time in a
>real world?

That's the \$10 million question, but it seems that way to me.

<snip>

>8. Has Nick Pope written the best paper on British ufology,
>ever? Like Paul Kimball in his last film by more than one
>report, has Pope uncovered incontrovertible evidence of high
>strangeness even if proof itself remains elusive and ethereal?

I couldn't say about Nick's paper, which I have not yet read. However, with regards to Best Evidence, all that I wanted to do was make a serious case for the objective reality of the UFO phenomenon, whatever it may be. But there is some definite "high strangeness" in there that it would behoove science and the media to take a closer look at.

Best regards,

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Re: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 15:51:56 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 16:04:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC - Gammon

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 14:17:15 +0100
>Subject: Re: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC

>>From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 23:37:02 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC

>>The audio file is a part of a larger audio file.

>>Those UFOs are planes 'waiting' in the air, circling around.

>>The person that made that sorted audio file faked the event by
>>cutting the answers from the trafficcontrolcentre.

>Hello Bert

>You speak as though this is definitely established. I posted a
>request for information about this sound file 10 days ago, both
>here on UpDates and on Euroufo, to be met with a resounding
>silence from all sides. Is your solution widely known and
>accepted?

>Martin Shough

Good point, Martin. I was, until now, withholding comment.

I was under the impression that 'holding-maneuvers' as an
explanation was indeed merely a suggestion from control-tower
and not the proven identity of the sighting.

Of course it's quite possible that the pilot may have witnessed
a genuine UFO and then later misidentified craft in 'holding
maneuvers' for same objects.

- Jason Gammon

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 16:13:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 16:30:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Shell

>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 10:58:41 +0100
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>opposite direction had it been a SpeedGraphic. Photographers
>even amateur ones like myself are creatures of habit, it would
>also be very tricky to operate a SpeedGraphic in that odd
>position with a handheld flash which is what Bond used.

Neil, this is not true at all.

I'm probably one of the few, and maybe the only, person on this list who has actually shot a lot of photos with a Speed Graphic (two words, not one). I've also worked extensively with a number of other 4 X 5 cameras, and spent my share of time in the darkroom loading sheet film holders (sometimes called dark slides by British photographers).

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They also let you know which side is the emulsion side. If you hold a sheet of film with the long side vertical and the notches are closest to the upper right or lower left corner, then the emulsion is facing you. If the notches are in the upper left or lower right corner, then the emulsion is facing away from you. But you only need do this check with the first sheet in a new box, since all sheets are packaged facing the same way.

Once I had determined which way the emulsion faced, I would put the film back in its box with the emulsion facing up and never feel a notch on film from that box again. I'd imagine that most other sheet film users would do the same, since I learned how to do it from a real old-timer who would have been a contemporary of Bond's.

When I loaded my film holders I never paid attention to which way the notches ended up, because it does not matter at all.

Also, I should point out that the Speed Graphic flash had a solenoid trigger on it. A solenoid was mounted on the lensboard, and you could fire the camera by pressing the button on the flash. Nice system. When used in this way, the Speed Graphic was normally rotated 90 degrees counter-clockwise, putting the flash on top for more natural shadows, the flash also serving as a handle. Rotating it the other way put the flash down below at an

unnatural angle and gave people "vampire eyes". You should be able to tell where the flash was by looking at the shadows in the photos.

There is a vast amount of information about Speed Graphic and other Graphic cameras here:

<http://graflex.org/>

I've seen nothing that convinces me that all of those photos didn't come from the same camera.

Bob

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 14:11:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 08:04:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Gehrman

>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 10:58:41 +0100
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>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 11:09:40 -0700
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David,

You mention Master Sergeant Robert Porter but fail to include his most important testimony. First, he's the only person, out of all the Roswell witnesses who describes the packages we can see on Ramey's office floor: Porter swore he loaded the B-29 with "the material wrapped in packages with wrapping paper... triangle shaped, about 2 1/2 feet across the bottom. The rest were in small packages about the size of a shoe box. The brown paper was held with tape... extremely light weight... like picking up an empty package... could have fit into the trunk of a car."

I agree he made sure that a guard was posted, after which, "he could eat lunch" and then mentions coming back from lunch. He didn't describe it as breakfast or dinner or supper, but lunch. Lunch in the Army doesn't usually happen later than two o'clock. So if Porter went to and came back from "lunch" then it was much earlier that 4:30 or 5:00 PM. when they arrived in FW.

Ed

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>dark.

>They also let you know which side is the emulsion side. If you
>hold a sheet of film with the long side vertical and the notches
>are closest to the upper right or lower left corner, then the
>emulsion is facing you. If the notches are in the upper left or
>lower right corner, then the emulsion is facing away from you.
>But you only need do this check with the first sheet in a new
>box, since all sheets are packaged facing the same way.

Not that it's necessary, but I can confirm from personal
experience of using commercial films with old darkslides as well
as vacuum-backs that Bob's explanation is exactly right.

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Re: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC -

From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 01:51:28 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 08:08:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC -

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 14:17:15 +0100
>Subject: Re: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC

>>From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 23:37:02 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC

>>The audio file is a part of a larger audio file.

>>Those UFOs are planes 'waiting' in the air, circling around.

>>The person that made that sorted audio file faked the event by
>>cutting the answers from the trafficcontrolcentre.

>You speak as though this is definitely established. I posted a
>request for information about this sound file 10 days ago, both
>here on UpDates and on Euroufo, to be met with a resounding
>silence from all sides. Is your solution widely known and
>accepted?

I had no time to search for those websites until this week:

<http://www.ufoplaza.nl/viewtopic.php?t=1839>

<http://ez-files.net/download.php?file=1a5cd14f>

The transcript here:

<http://www.flabber.nl/archief/016457.php>

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Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Ballou

From: Rachel Ballou <cat.nul-texas.net>
Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 19:00:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 08:13:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Ballou

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 18:35:30 +0100
>Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon?

<snip>

>Is it real? Well, there definitely is an "object" there on the
>moon. The location given on the YouTube clip is 17.3 deg S,
>117.62 deg E. Go to the image atlas of the Lunar and Planetary
>Institute, a NASA research subsidiary in Houston

><http://www.lpi.usra.edu/resources/apollo/frame/?AS15-P-9625>

><http://www.lpi.usra.edu/resources/apollo/frame/?AS15-P-9630>

>This is a stereo pair taken on Apollo Mission 15, revolution 38,
>centred on 19 deg S and 117.5 deg E, in the region southwest of
>DELPORTE, and north of IZSAK (presumably crater names). This
>panorama includes the coordinates given on the alleged film. And
>there it is. You can't miss it.

>Just to add that I've made a stereo pair of an enlarged detail
>of the object from these NASA images, and I have to admit that
>it really does look like a long shark-shaped object resting in
>the crater with its nose elevated. I don't really know what to
>make of this. If anyone's interested in having a look I can send
>the stereo pair privately - just let your eyes cross to
>superimpose the two shots (a beer might help) and the relief
>stands out. I'd like to know if anyone has any ideas. If this is
>what it appears to be - and not just a freak of shadow
>perspectives - then at the least it seems to be an extraordinary
>bit of geology or planetology. Has anyone heard about this
>apparent object or formation before?

It appears that many of the archived videos that were available
on NASA's website have been removed. While searching, I came
across this article and thought it may be of interest to all of
you considering the current topic. I have been out of the loop
for several months now, so you all may already be aware of this.
I thought it convenient of NASA to clumsily lose something of
such importance. It was only the most important moment in
history for mankind. Right?

NASA's explanation for the lost Apollo tapes:

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/apollo/apollo_tapes.html

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The Secrets Of Fatima

From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 06:24:38 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 08:17:27 -0400
Subject: The Secrets Of Fatima

Hi,

It is 90 years since the Fatima visions, and it is still believed to be connected to today's UFO activity.

I've written a report on this topic at:

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Re: Kimball's UFO Evidence The Top Ten UFO Cases -

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 02:42:43 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 08:19:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Kimball's UFO Evidence The Top Ten UFO Cases -

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 14:50:48 EDT
>Subject: Re: Kimball's UFO Evidence The Top Ten UFO Cases

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 12:43:18 -0300
>>Subject: Kimball's UFO Evidence The Top Ten UFO Cases

><snip>

>>I liked what I saw.

>Thanks Don.

>>Perhaps Paul knows when the next airing will be?

>Actually, they repeated it Friday morning at 11 am AST / 10 am
>EST. However, after the initial airing, the network never really
>tells me when they'll air it again, so I'm usually as surprised
>as the next guy - I once had my lawyer call me at lunch to tell
>me another doc I had done was repeating on Bravo. Who knew?

>Space will be airing the film 16 more times over the next 4
>years. I'll ask them to notify me the next time it's on, but
>your best bet is to check the schedule every now and then.

Thanks, Paul, I'll keep an eye open.

Don

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 10:50:43 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 08:21:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 16:13:39 -0400
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 10:58:41 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>There are other factors too: 5x4 format flat sheet film had and
>>still has, a reference notch to locate the film sheet correctly
>>into the film holders. From this we can deduce which way the
>>camera taking the photograph was held if it were a
>>SpeedGraphic. The Ramey, Ramey/DuBose and Marcel Right images
>>all follow a pattern and indicate the camera was rotated 90
>>degree counter clockwise, yet the Marcel Left would have had to
>>have been taken with the camera rotated 90 degrees in the
>>opposite direction had it been a SpeedGraphic. Photographers
>>even amatuer ones like myself are creatures of habit, it would
>>also be very tricky to operate a SpeedGraphic in that odd
>>position with a handheld flash which is what Bond used.

>Neil, this is not true at all.

>I'm probably one of the few, and maybe the only, person on this
>list who has actually shot a lot of photos with a Speed Graphic
>(two words, not one). I've also worked extensively with a number
>of other 4 X 5 cameras, and spent my share of time in the
>darkroom loading sheet film holders (sometimes called dark
>slides by British photographers).

>The notch has nothing to do with orienting the film in the
>holder. The notches are a way to identify which kind of film you
>have in your hands in the dark, a sort of Braille code if you
>will. No two film brands/types have the same notch code. You can
>"read" the notches by running your fingers over them in the
>dark.

<snip>

Bob,

I knew of the use of the notches for emulsion orientation but
fully accept your further comments and so am happy to withdraw
the point claimed.

Mark one down to informed discussion!

Best Regards,

Neil

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Re: SDI #439 -- 20 Questions! - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 10:15:54 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 08:23:14 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI #439 -- 20 Questions! - Hall

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 14:01:50 -0500
>Subject: SDI #439 -- 20 Questions!

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>20 Questions perplexingly addressed by Dave Furlotte, Stuart
>Miller, and Wendy Connors as washed and combed by Errol Bruce-
>Knapp:

><snip>

>19. Did early ufologist Dr. Ivan P. Sanderson spy on ufology
>for American spy agencies?

Well, I knew Ivan and he used to posture at being an
intelligence agency insider, but anyone who knew him knew that
it was nothing but BS.

- Dick

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Is There A 1-Stop Place For UFO Event News?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 06:52:28 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 08:24:37 -0400
Subject: Is There A 1-Stop Place For UFO Event News?

With all the various UFO events, symposia etc. I was wondering if there was a one-stop place to see what events where, and if that list is online somewhere.

I haven't been going to UFO events as I used to and I'm missing the fun.

Best,

Greg

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'UFO' Taped April 24 2007?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 09:03:08 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 09:03:08 -0400
Subject: 'UFO' Taped April 24 2007?

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Re: 'UFO' Taped April 24 2007? - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 09:19:07 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 09:24:09 -0400
Subject: Re: 'UFO' Taped April 24 2007? - Boone

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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I've seen this vid but hadn't gotten full analysis yet.

I'd asked colleagues in the special effects arena but they aren't calling it either way yet. I'll have to wait.

I do recall several videos of this type that are on YouTube.

Best,

Greg

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Re: The Secrets Of Fatima - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 14:20:47 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 09:25:49 -0400
Subject: Re: The Secrets Of Fatima - Pope

>From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 06:24:38 +0100
>Subject: The Secrets Of Fatima

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>to different social and cultural contexts.

I agree, and think that any experience (mundane, anomalous, or
mundane but perceived as anomalous) will inevitably be
interpreted by the experiencer in the light of their knowledge,
cultural background and belief system.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: The Secrets Of Fatima - Delamarre

From: **Xavier Delamarre** <xavier.delamarre.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 16:48:26 +0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 12:00:01 -0400
Subject: Re: The Secrets Of Fatima - Delamarre

>From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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For those who have the command of French, I recommend the reading of the book by rear-admiral Gilles Pinon "Fatima, un ovni pas comme les autres?", Editions Osmondes, 2002, 293 pp, 20 Euros.

It is a thorough analysis of the event understood as a ufological message under Christian disguise to be decoded by future generations (us). Pinon - a self-declared catholic - points to the weaknesses of the theological interpretations that were the only grid of deciphering of the time.

The message of the Visitors is to prepare mankind to contact. The operation of communication was conceived by them so as to be unforgettable (3 'secrets') and conveyed by a big institution (the Roman Catholic Church).

It was a preparation for the large scale operation of communication initiated since 1947. (see esp. chap. 24).

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Re: The Secrets of Fatima - Watson

From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 14:56:12 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 12:02:29 -0400
Subject: Re: The Secrets of Fatima - Watson

Hi,

I should point out that EcceNova, the original publisher of Heavenly Lights and Celestial Secrets that are mentioned in my article at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2289mh>

is no longer in business. The books will be reprinted by Anomalist Books in the summer of 2007. They will also be publishing the third book in this trilogy, Fatima Revisited, at the end of the year.

See the Anomalist website at:

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

Nigel

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 10:12:12 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 12:05:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Randle

>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 10:58:41 +0100
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 11:09:40 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 26 Apr 2007 10:29:06 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>When Bond took his pictures there was no news story,

>>But in Johnson's original account, he was dispatched because
>>there was a news story. In fact, he said his editor had gotten
>>Ramey's involvement from the AP newswire which is why he was
>>sent to the base. This would suggest around 4:53 p.m. time when
>>AP first mentioned Ramey.

>>>he didn't even take any written copy just the photos.

>>But when Kevin Randle originally interviewed Johnson, several
>>times he claimed to be the author of the AP story. At the very
>>least he would have conveyed to someone at the Star-Telegram
>>what he had been told by Ramey.

>He didn't write any story that night, the journalist who was
>in the ST office that evening confirmed all the "disc" stories
>published in the ST were compiled and written by the city desk
>editor, who's name I would have to dig out of my files, but I do
>have.

Neil, List All -

Just for fun, let's all go around again. First, there would be
no reason to send Johnson out to the base if there was no news
story. This simply defies logic.

Two, Johnson said that he wrote the news story because there was
no one else to write it. He claimed that seven or eight times
over two interviews until I told him that his new claims made no
sense based on last paragraph of the news story... then suddenly
he didn't know who wrote it.

Three, if Johnson took the pictures and was out in Ramey's
office alone, why didn't he make notes for the news story even
if he didn't write it. You've got a reporter in place and then
he doesn't do basic journalism. This simply defies logic...
though it does mean you can now claim that Johnson photographed
some of the real debris.

What this really boils down to is Johnson making multiple
claims. It boils down to a news story in the newspaper that said
plainly that Ramey told him it was a balloon. It boils down to a
time-line that is not based on sun angles and speculation about

daylight savings time or standard time, but on documented fact.

It is clear that Johnson went out there. He took the six photographs he claimed. He took notes about what Ramey said and he returned to the newspaper and developed his film and wrote his story. He knew when he went out that it had to do with flying saucers and he was told immediately that it had been a weather balloon.

KRandle

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Re: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 15:38:41 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 12:07:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Dutch UFO Encounter Pilot Talks to ATC - Shough

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>>>cutting the answers from the trafficcontrolcentre.

>>You speak as though this is definitely established. I posted a
>>request for information about this sound file 10 days ago, both
>>here on UpDates and on Euroufo, to be met with a resounding
>>silence from all sides. Is your solution widely known and
>>accepted?

>I had no time to search for those websites until this week:

><http://www.ufoplaza.nl/viewtopic.php?t=1839>

Hmm. This is a short web forum thread in Dutch, that might contain some explanation of how Bert arrived at his "fake" conclusion, or might not. My extremely patchy Dutch is not up to it (my partner, who is Dutch, is not around at the moment to ask).

><http://ez-files.net/download.php?file=1a5cd14f>

This just goes to a blank page with a header and "invalid download link".

>The transcript here:

><http://www.flabber.nl/archief/016457.php>

This is apparently a transcript of what is on the audio recording. Very useful to have, but it's the history of the recording that's in question, not it's content.

Martin Shough

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Re: 'UFO' Taped April 24 2007? - Groff

From: **Terry Groff** <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 09:57:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 12:12:30 -0400
Subject: Re: 'UFO' Taped April 24 2007? - Groff

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><http://img.youtube.com/vi/3HfLNe8HC08/2.jpg>

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYgdjcUnDm4>

>ebk

ebk, List,

Here's what appears to be the same object from different angles
only this time object moves.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HfLNe8HC08>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pilF_lmeDRA

I wonder why the vids are so short.

[and why the clips end before the 'UFO' passes
behind foreground objects... --ebk]

Terry

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Re: The Secrets Of Fatima - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 17:06:38 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 12:17:11 -0400
Subject: Re: The Secrets Of Fatima - Dickenson

>From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 06:24:38 +0100
>Subject: The Secrets Of Fatima

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>alien visitors or that they saw the Virgin Mary. Their
>experiences were ambiguous and have been interpreted according
>to different social and cultural contexts.

Hello Nigel,

You're right of course, that's a truism - then and now.

Carl Sagan's comments (long after he wrote them) drew my attention to Fatima only fairly recently, and then found that D. Scott Rogo had investigated and, amongst other things, had said "Most writers on Fatima claim that the disc was the sun. But judging by the descriptions we have ... the disc was at the wrong elevation and azimuth to have actually been the sun" - ("Miracles" - 1982). So there were comments from two 'respectable' modern folk.

With new access to Church records, Portuguese historians Joaquim Fernandes and Fina d'Armada have produced two books on Fatima - 'Heavenly Lights: The Apparitions of Fatima and the UFO Phenomenon' 2005, and 'Celestial Secrets: The Hidden History of the Fatima Cover-Up' - July 2006.

Further reading and reviews from Fernandes and d'Armada (or their agent), allowed this broad conclusion:

"Many sources: Press reporters & photographers and priests present, meteorological events witnessed over area of several miles, and massive inquiries made by religious authorities."

For its time, Fatima would seem to stand alone for number of witnesses, spread of expertise and interests of witnesses, and (broad) agreement on events.

Cheers

Ray D

[Past 'Fatima' threads at the UFO UpDates Archive:

<http://tinyurl.com/>

--ebk]

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Re: The Secrets Of Fatima - Fernandes

From: **Joaquim Fernandes** <j.fernand.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 17:08:27 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 12:50:36 -0400
Subject: Re: The Secrets Of Fatima - Fernandes

About the Fatima 1917 Apparitions

I read with interest Nigel Watson's review of our Fatima research and, as co-author of those two books translated into English At EcceNova Editions, I thank him for reading our reaserch.

I must say that those two books resulted from the main text of the original book in Portuguese Extraterrestrial Intervention In Fatima, written at the beginning of the 1980's.

We agree, as our books shows, with the importance of the socio-cultural context of the 1917 apparitions and their political scenario having the atheist First Portuguese Republic in the background, fighting against the Catholic Church and its major historical presence in our country and the clash of the two Institutions.

Therefore, Fatima was a good gift to the Church that took advantage of it and made the events new exclusive territory. Of course, we can say that Fatima 1917, as you know it, only could happen in 1917. Now, any kind of similar events would be investigated from the first moment using our scientific tools, as we try to do with the modern "contactee messages".

Meanwhile, I must say that if the Fatima events do not appear to be linked with modern UFO activity, it mimics very well! It has all the main characteristics of that kind of phenomena, since the psycho-physiological criteria of our modern 'contactees', their altered states of consciousness and the several falls of the so-called 'Angel Hair', which were photographed in the Fatima area during and after the Apparitions phenomena.

If we are dealing with different cultural contexts, it seems, however, that we can propose the same essential core. In Fatima we have not 'spacecraft', as we define them today, with our technological spatial background; but we have "sphere of lights" overing above the little oak, the contact spot, and dozens of other details not sophisticated as we put them in our updated language.

Our consciousness try to give sense to the unknown phenomena looking for its memory, of course. And in Fatima we have a significative evidence of a projection of the local religious culture into the Unknown. We discovered, from the analysis of the original documents and inquiries at the Fatima Sanctuary - we were the first historians to be given access to that stuff - that were a member of Lucia's family that was the first to suggest that the "luminous lady" - as Lucia dos Santos described in its first witness report - MUST be the Virgin Mary. "What else could it be?" -he said. Well, this is the Fatima key. And of course, as Nigel Watson quotes, the importance of the Jesuit enculturation as Lucia's confessors during her stay in the Spanish monasteries (Tuy and Pontevedra). All this is documented. This is not an ideological opposition to Fatima, but simply a matter of History.

And as the ufological references we used, AT LAST, a useful comparative study of discourses/subjective experiences with the

Unknown.

Best regards,

Joaquim Fernandes, PhD
CTEC
University Fernando Pessoa
Porto
Portugal

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 09:40:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 06:47:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Gehrman

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 10:12:12 EDT
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 10:58:41 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions
>>>he didn't even take any written copy just the photos.

>>>But when Kevin Randle originally interviewed Johnson, several
>>>times he claimed to be the author of the AP story. At the very
>>>least he would have conveyed to someone at the Star-Telegram
>>>what he had been told by Ramey.

>>He didn't write any story that night, the journalist who was
>>in the ST office that evening confirmed all the "disc" stories
>>published in the ST were compiled and written by the city desk
>>editor, who's name I would have to dig out of my files, but I do
>>have.

>Neil, List All -

>Just for fun, let's all go around again. First, there would be
>no reason to send Johnson out to the base if there was no news
>story. This simply defies logic.

>Two, Johnson said that he wrote the news story because there was
>no one else to write it. He claimed that seven or eight times
>over two interviews until I told him that his new claims made no
>sense based on last paragraph of the news story... then suddenly
>he didn't know who wrote it.

>Three, if Johnson took the pictures and was out in Ramey's
>office alone, why didn't he make notes for the news story even
>if he didn't write it. You've got a reporter in place and then
>he doesn't do basic journalism. This simply defies logic...
>though it does mean you can now claim that Johnson photographed
>some of the real debris.

>What this really boils down to is Johnson making multiple
>claims. It boils down to a news story in the newspaper that said
>plainly that Ramey told him it was a balloon. It boils down to a
>time-line that is not based on sun angles and speculation about
>daylight savings time or standard time, but on documented fact.

>It is clear that Johnson went out there. He took the six
>photographs he claimed. He took notes about what Ramey said and
>he returned to the newspaper and developed his film and wrote
>his story. He knew when he went out that it had to do with
>flying saucers and he was told immediately that it had been a
>weather balloon.

Hi Kevin,

None of this makes much difference to Neil's main argument which
is that there is other debris, mixed in with the balloon and
reflector debris, which cannot be accounted for as part of an

ML307 or weather balloon. He doesn't need Bond or his version of events to prove his case. His information comes from studying the Seven Roswell photos and understanding how an ML 307 is constructed and the materials used in its construction.

Do you have a good set of Fort Worth photos to examine? Are other List members acquainted with these photos? If you don't, there is no reason to follow this discussion any further.

Ed

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Re: The Secrets Of Fatima - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 14:01:55 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 06:50:41 -0400
Subject: Re: The Secrets Of Fatima - Ledger

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 14:20:47 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Secrets Of Fatima

>>From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 06:24:38 +0100
>>Subject: The Secrets Of Fatima

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>>experiences were ambiguous and have been interpreted according
>>to different social and cultural contexts.

>I agree, and think that any experience (mundane, anomalous, or
>mundane but perceived as anomalous) will inevitably be
>interpreted by the experiencer in the light of their knowledge,
>cultural background and belief system.

Hi Nick,

I don't think that many of us deny that this phenomenon has been reported in the jargon of the day restricted, to the known technology of the day in terms that came readily to mind. The airships of 1896 and onward surely reflect this. In fact the everyday "flying saucer" bears a closer resemblance to the "airship" than it does to later aviation technology i.e. airplanes.

On October 12, 1796 Judge Simeon Perkins recorded in his diary an incident of a day or so before about some people reporting an anomaly over New Minas, Nova Scotia on the Bay of Fundy. They described it as 15 ships in a line in the sky with a man forward apparently leading the way. Again the technology of the day was ship related. Ports were mentioned in relation to these objects by two men and a girl.

Perkins apparently was one of the first debunkers because he credited the sighting to over-active imaginations, clouds at sunset and impressionable witnesses.

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Don ledger

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U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 06:57:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 06:57:58 -0400
Subject: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

Source: U.S. Department of Defense - Washington, DC

<http://www.defenselink.mil/faq/pis/16.html>

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Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)

This issue is no longer being investigated by the Defense Department. As you may know, the United States Air Force began investigating UFOs in 1948 under a program called Project Sign. Later the program's name was changed to Project Grudge, and in 1953 it was changed again to Project Blue Book. On December 17, 1969, the Secretary of the Air Force announced the termination of Project Blue Book.

The decision to discontinue UFO investigations was based on a number of factors, including reports and studies by the University of Colorado and the National Academy of Sciences, as well as past UFO studies and the Air Force's two decades of experience investigating UFO reports.

As a result of these investigations, studies, and experience, the conclusions of Project Blue Book were:

- * No UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security.
- * There has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge.
- * There has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles.

Between 1948 and 1969 the Air Force investigated 12,618 reported UFO sightings. Of these, 11,917 were found to have been caused by material objects such as balloons, satellites, and aircraft; immaterial objects such as lightning, reflections, and other natural phenomena; astronomical objects such as stars, planets, the sun, and the moon; weather conditions; and hoaxes. Only 701 reported sightings remain unexplained.

All documentation regarding the former Blue Book investigation was permanently transferred to the Military Reference Branch, National Archives and Records Administration, 8th and Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20408, and is available for public review. A list of private organizations interested in aerial phenomena can be found in Gale's Encyclopedia of Associations, available in the reference section of many libraries.

Air Force Fact Sheets on this topic may be viewed,

<http://www.af.mil/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=188>

including one about the so-called Roswell Incident.

<http://www.af.mil/library/roswell/>

The Naval Historical Center has compiled a bibliography.

<http://www.history.navy.mil/fags/fag29-1.htm>

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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UFO: The Greatest Story Ever Denied

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 12:28:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 07:01:09 -0400
Subject: UFO: The Greatest Story Ever Denied

UFO: The Greatest Story Ever Denied
A New Film By Jose Escamilla

Hello All:

Regardless of what your opinion is about the 'rod' phenomenon, check this out. It looks like it's going to be really interesting. My DVD is on the way.

Personal note: I've known Jose for a long time. He is an honest, warm and sincere human being who has worked for many years to make important information about UFOs available to the general public. I hope everyone who reads this List will give him and his movie a chance.

Some Viewer Responses: <http://www.theufomovie.com/home.html>

Movie Trailer: <http://www.theufomovie.com/Trailer.html>

Sincerely,

Katharina Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 10:40:10 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 07:06:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 14:11:04 -0700
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 10:58:41 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 11 May 2007 11:09:40 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>mysterious crate to Fort Worth had a flight time of 1 hour 55
>>>minutes). Then Marcel had to get from the B-29 to Ramey's
>>>office. (Robert Porter on the plane with Marcel said a guard was
>>>posted before they were allowed to leave.) Ramey wasn't in his
>>>office at first, said Marcel. When Ramey returned he showed
>>>Ramey some of the samples (laying them out on Ramey's desk, not
>>>the floor), then he and Ramey went to the map room before
>>>returning to Ramey's office. That's when the balloon switch
>>>occurred. The photos were taken afterwards. Thus we are talking
>>>probably around 2-1/2 hours to the photo session from Marcel's
>>>departure time from Roswell. If Shirkey was right about the
>>>time, the photos would likely have been taken around 5:30.

>>>Even if we push back Shirkey's time an hour, it would have been
>>>4:30, or at least at hour after Johnson's imaginary pre-Roswell
>>>story photo shoot.

>>Please note that from our investigation into the complexities of
>>the adoption of Daylight Saving time in the US, back in the 40's
>>we also discovered that the US military adopted and used DST
>>whatever the use of DST was in the local area. This of course
>>could now totally confuse and muddy the timeline waters, which
>>times are actually being reported?. Military times will be DST
>>but civilian times reported will not as NM and TX did not use
>>DST but the bases there would have.

>David,

>You mention Master Sergeant Robert Porter but fail to include
>his most important testimony. First, he's the only person, out
>of all the Roswell witnesses who describes the packages we can
>see on Ramey's office floor: Porter swore he loaded the B-29
>with "the material wrapped in packages with wrapping paper...
>triangle shaped, about 2 1/2 feet across the bottom. The rest
>were in small packages about the size of a shoe box. The brown
>paper was held with tape... extremely light weight... like
>picking up an empty package... could have fit into the trunk
>of a car."

There is again the assumption here that the balloon debris on
Ramey's floor is what was recovered at the Foster Ranch and
brought to Fort Worth. Porter didn't have X-ray vision. He
didn't know what was in the wrapped packages, but was told it
was from a flying saucer and was quite certain it wasn't from a

balloon (though didn't say why he thought this). Porter affidavit at:

<http://www.roswellproof.com/porter.html>

There is also one small, round unwrapped package lying behind the middle chair in the Ramey & Ramey/Dubose photos, but moved against the radiator in the Marcel & Newton photos. My guess is that this one one of Porter's described "shoebox" size wrapped packages.

Some important points:

* Dennis Balthaser has made the interesting observation that the brown paper rolled out on Ramey's rug isn't crinkled (nor has any tape attached). In other words, it was fresh paper rolled out for display, not debris wrapping paper as is usually assumed.

* Marcel in his last interview with Linda Corley said they hid the "real" debris and they weren't so stupid as to show it to reporters.

* Nobody associated any smell with the debris, including Porter, until Fort Worth. That's when Bond Johnson said the balloon stunk up Ramey's office and he was surprised it would be there instead of in some salvage yard. These decaying neoprene balloons have a strong, pungent smell, and therefore I think it notable that no one commented on this before Fort Worth. Smells like this tend to stick in your mind.

I suppose it is possible they also brought in a still weather balloon in addition to the debris from the Foster Ranch. That way they could kill two birds with one stone. But when speaking of "real" Roswell debris, we mean the stuff recovered from the Foster Ranch.

>I agree he made sure that a guard was posted,

Colonel Jennings, the pilot and acting Roswell base commander, made sure a guard was posted, not Porter. (The fact that the acting base commander personally served as the pilot is a good demonstration of the extreme importance attached to the flight.)

>after which, "he could eat lunch" and then mentions coming
>back from lunch. He didn't describe it as breakfast or dinner
>or supper, but lunch.

>Lunch in the Army doesn't usually happen later than two o'clock.
>So if Porter went to and came back from "lunch" then it was much
>earlier than 4:30 or 5:00 PM. when they arrived in FW.

"Lunch" to Porter could have meant nothing more than the lunch they missed in Roswell as they prepped the B-29 for flight to Fort Worth.

David Rudiak

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Re: 'UFO' Taped April 24 2007? - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 13:49:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 07:10:04 -0400
Subject: Re: 'UFO' Taped April 24 2007? - Maccabee

>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 09:57:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: 'UFO' Taped April 24 2007?

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>><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYgdjCUnDm4>

Don't know why there is a big jump in image size as if
"suddenly" got a lot closer. Time breaks in the video (person
walked through creaky fence gate and disappeared)

>ebk, List,

>Here's what appears to be the same object from different angles
>only this time object moves.

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Note the large time difference between the first half with sun
shadows on a railing and blue sky as opposed to the later half
with purplish evening sky and finally large cloud area

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

This video is toooooo short. Obviously the 'best part' clipped
out of a longer video (unless the person only had 8 seconds left
on the battery when he started shooting). Motion seems strange.

Are any of these YouTube videos investigated? The Nanking video
of Aug 17 2006 appears to have been another bogey.

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 11:38:15 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 07:16:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
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>>>Date: Thu, 26 Apr 2007 10:29:06 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>The events of that afternoon in Fort Worth are far more >complex
>>>than it first seems. We now know from our lens analysis that
>>>Bond only took 4 of the 7 known photographs,

>>Not so. This is another of Andrew Lavoie's faulty analyses. He
>>compared the angles between the rug stripes in the Ramey/Dubose
>>photos and one of the Ramey alone photos with one of the Marcel
>>photos (Marcel looking right). Because the stripe angle
>>separation between the Ramey et al photos were similar whereas
>>the Marcel photo stripes were more splayed out, he concluded
>>that two different cameras with two different focal lengths were
>>used.

>>What's wrong with this conclusion? It doesn't take simple
>>perspective into account. Lavoie would only be right if all
>>the photos were taken at the same height. But they weren't. The
>>stripe angles will change with the height of the camera above
>>the rug even if one camera is used. It is very obvious just by
>>eyeballing the photos that the Marcel photo was taken with the
>>cameraman kneeling down at Marcel's level (e.g., the top of the
>>radiator and the chair seats are just barely visible) while all
>>the Ramey photos used were taken with the cameraman standing up
>>(much more of the radiator top and the chair seats are
>>exposed.

>>The higher the camera (Ramey photos), the less skewed the
>>stripes will be. The lower the camera, the more skewed they are.
>>End of story. One camera could have taken all the photos.

>Andrew no longer subscribes to the mailing list but I will
>forward your comments on to him. But from what I recall and
>without checking back (this analysis was done back in 2005)
>perspective was allowed for and not only that I personally
>produced a set of test photographs (taken both in standing and
>crouching heights) at 3 different focal lengths for Andrew to
>test his analysis with. He himself sought out a professional
>large format photographer who was also a camera collector (he
>has several SpeedGraphic's) and between them they produced a
>range of test images to cross check. I can also say that the
>professional photog's first comment about the 4 UTA images were
>that "these were not taken with the same lens" but that's only
>an opinion from a photo professional who still uses 5x4 format
>cameras in his day job.

From what I've seen, test shots had nothing to do with it. Andrew simply measured the angles between rug stripes in several of the photos to arrive at his conclusion of two cameras with two different focal lengths.

But unless you know the height of the camera and also where it is pointed, you cannot conclude two focal lengths were involved simply because there was a difference in stripe angles. E.g., if the camera was pointed straight down at the feet, the stripes would be parallel, but if pointed towards the wall (as in the actual photos), the stripes will converge to a vanishing point. This is true even with the camera at the same height.

In the Ramey/Dubose photos vs. one of the Marcel photos, the camera is also clearly at very different heights. The cameraman is standing for the Ramey/Dubose photos and kneeling down at Marcel's level for the Marcel photo. This will also change the rug stripe convergence angles even using the same camera.

>>There could conceivably be two cameras at work here, but a >>simplistic and erroneous analysis like the one LaVoie used won't >>give us the definitive answer claimed by Lavoie and other >>members of the RPIT (Roswell Photointerpretation) group.

>There are other factors too: 5x4 format flat sheet film had and >still has, a reference notch to locate the film sheet correctly >into the film holders. From this we can deduce which way the >camera taking the photograph was held _if_ it were a >SpeedGraphic. The Ramey, Ramey/DuBose and Marcel Right images >all follow a pattern and indicate the camera was rotated 90 >degree counter clockwise, yet the Marcel Left would have had to >have been taken with the camera rotated 90 degrees in the >opposite direction had it been a SpeedGraphic. Photographers >even amateur ones like myself are creatures of habit, it would >also be _very_ tricky to operate a SpeedGraphic in that odd >position with a handheld flash which is what Bond used.

>There is also the circumstantial evidence that the Ramey and >RameyDuBose images were taken on one batch of film yet the >Marcel images were taken on film from a completely different >production line, as confirmed from the batch coding on the film >itself and also the negative archive coding that indicates the >two sets of negatives were processed and archived at different >times. And though far from conclusive evidence even the film >holders used for the Marcel shots are of a different brand and >style from those used for the Ramey images.

Bob Shell has already addressed these points.

>>>and that these >>>photographs we can time, due to the sun/shadow angle seen >>>through Ramey's office window to _3.15pm_ local >>>time(+/-15mins).

>>This is more of Lavoie's faulty analysis . As Kevin Randle tried >>to point out, we don't know the orientation of the room (and >>thus can't know for sure the position of the sun). Good point. >>Lavoie merely assumed that the sun was coming directly from the >>left, or west, i.e., assuming the walls of the room was laid out >>east/west and north/south.

>If you know _where_ you are ie Fort Worth, you don't need >azimuth information _all_ you need is the elevation angle which >we checked against the US Navy astronomical database for sun >angles for Fort Worth on July 8th 1947.

This is totally untrue. The length of the shadow projected into the plane of the camera has everything to do with the sun's position. E.g., assume a simple sundial stick. If the sun was directly to the left, as assumed by Lavoie, the shadow to the right of the stick would be the longest. But if the sun was directly behind the camera, then the shadow would be on the other side of the stick and have a length of zero from the perspective of the camera. If the sun was at 45 degrees between these two positions, the photographed shadowed would be about 70% of the length if the sun was directly to the left.

>>One indication that this probably isn't right is the fact, >>evident from aerial photographs, that most of the streets and >>building at the Fort Worth base are laid out diagonally, i.e., >>at 45 degrees to the usual north/south/east/west grid. Was this

>>also true of Ramey's office? I don't know, but it easily could
>>have been.

>>A more definite indication is the fact that the bottom edge of
>>the shadow used by LaVoie is obviously slanted upward to the
>>right. In other words, the sun instead of being directly to the
>>left, was instead to the left and behind. At 3:15 p.m. CST,
>>the sun was at azimuth 264 deg., or almost due west (270 deg.)

What this is all getting to, is that if Ramey's office was diagonal to a N/S/E/W grid along with most of Fort Worth base, the sun would have been left and behind the camera, not directly to the left. The photo could have been taken at a later time of day but cast the same length of shadow from the camera's perspective. Again, if the sun was 45 degrees behind and left of the camera, the shadow would be about 70% of the length if the sun were due left. Shadows later in the afternoon will get progressively longer, but will still be foreshortened by the angle of the sun relative to the camera.

>>Lavoie also assumes the shadow was being cast by the bumper of a
>>car and even claims to know the exact make and year
>>(1941 Buick).

>The front fender seen in the image is unique to the Series 60
>Buick.

>>Considering that all we can see of the outside is
>>through a small slit in Ramey's curtain, this is truly amazing.
>>In fact, what is really casting the shadow is entirely open to
>>conjecture, as is the time of day. When I model something like
>>an old 1940s Buick in a 3-D ray-tracer where I can simulate
>>various angles of the sun at different times of day (and
>>assuming different orientations of the car relative to the sun),
>>I can't get anything like the shadow. E.g., assuming, as LaVoie
>>did, that the sun is directly to the left at around 3:15 p.m.,
>>the shadow from the hood and fender of the "Buick" totally
>>obscures the bumper shadow. In other words, LaVoie's sundial
>>"Buick" is more like a "bumper" floating in the air with no car
>>behind it.

>You can actually make out very vaguely more of the same car in
>the other Ramey UTA neg.

Even if one assumes this was a car and was perfectly identified, this still doesn't explain how the bumper could cast the shadow from the sun directly to the left, since sunlight to the bumper would be blocked by the hood (bonnet to Brits) and fender of the car at the time specified by Lavoie.

>>My best guess is that the shadow-caster may be something simple
>>like a concrete curb instead of a car bumper. The recessed
>>"license plate holder" might instead be a drain in the curb.
>>Whatever it is, it is being strongly illuminated by the sun on
>>the top, which wouldn't be possible for a car bumper (rest of
>>car is in the way).

>>When I instead model a simple curb and assume Ramey's office is
>>oriented diagonally (i.e. rotated about 45 degrees to a typical
>>N/S/E/W grid), I get a time closer to two hours later, i.e.,
>>around 5:15 p.m. CST. However given all the uncertainties, I
>>don't have a lot of faith in that shadow time either.

>>At least a later time is consistent with everything else. The
>>story was already out, which is why J. Bond Johnson was
>>dispatched to cover it to begin with. AP was apparently first
>>to break the story on the newswire at 3:26 CST:

>>AP chronology: http://roswellproof.com/AP_Chronology.html

<snip>

>>Another indication that this early photo time is all hokey comes
>>from Robert Shirkey, the assistant operations officer at
>>Roswell, who recalled Marcel's B-29 arriving and being loaded
>>just after he got back from lunch. Shirkey thought it took off
>>at around 2:00 p.m. Roswell time or 3:00 in Fort Worth. Flight
>>time from Roswell to Fort Worth would be 1-1/2 to 2 hours (for
>>comparison, a log of a B-29 flight the next day carrying the
>>mysterious crate to Fort Worth had a flight time of 1 hour 55
>>minutes). Then Marcel had to get from the B-29 to Ramey's

>>office. (Robert Porter on the plane with Marcel said a guard was
>>posted before they were allowed to leave.) Ramey wasn't in his
>>office at first, said Marcel. When Ramey returned he showed
>>Ramey some of the samples (laying them out on Ramey's desk, not
>>the floor), then he and Ramey went to the map room before
>>returning to Ramey's office. That's when the balloon switch
>>occurred. The photos were taken afterwards. Thus we are talking
>>probably around 2-1/2 hours to the photo session from Marcel's
>>departure time from Roswell. If Shirkey was right about the
>>time, the photos would likely have been taken around 5:30. Even
>>if we push back Shirkey's time an hour, it would have been 4:30,
>>or at least at hour after Johnson's imaginary pre-Roswell story
>>photo shoot.

>Please note that from our investigation into the complexities of
>the adoption of Daylight Saving time in the US, back in the 40's
>we also discovered that the US military adopted and used DST
>whatever the use of DST was in the local area. This of course
>could now totally confuse and muddy the timeline waters, which
>times are actually being reported?. Military times will be DST
>but civilian times reported will not as NM and TX did not use
>DST but the bases there would have.

Neil, you are contradicting yourself here. If NM and TX used
Standard Time back then and the military bases adopted the local
convention, then the bases would also have been using Standard
Time.

>David if you want the historical references for all this I can
>probably dig them out for you.

I'd appreciate that. This whole DST vs. Standard Time is another
confounding variable in trying to determine a timeline. However,
it has been firmly established that the base flying disc press
release first hit the AP news at 2:26 p.m. Roswell/Mountain
STANDARD Time or 3:26 in Fort Worth. And various period news
stories have Ramey beginning to change the story to a weather
balloon within an hour of this time and also being on the phone
with the Pentagon and at least one reporter (from the San
Francisco Examiner).

If Robert Shirkey's 2:00 p.m. departure time from Roswell (or
3:00 p.m. Fort Worth time) for Marcel's plane is reasonably
accurate, then Ramey was already changing the story to a weather
balloon before Marcel's plane even arrived in Fort Worth.

Other important times mentioned:

4:53 p.m. Central/Fort Worth Standard time: When Ramey's
involvement was first mentioned in AP bulletins. This is the
likely time when Johnson would have been dispatched for real by
the city editor to cover the story.

5:30 p.m. Central (Standard?) time: When the Dallas Morning News
said they were told by Ramey's operative Kirton that the object
had been definitely identified as a Rawin device and the flight
to Wright Field had been cancelled.

6:17 p.m. Central Standard Time: When the FBI telegram from
Dallas went out saying Kirton told them it was a weather balloon
and attached hexagonal radar reflector, Wright Field disagreed,
and the flight to Wright Field was still on.

>>And remember, it was also around this time (i.e., around 4:30),
>>according to the newspapers, that Ramey was on the phone with
>>the Pentagon and claiming to not having seen the debris yet. So
>>the actual photo shoot must have been later than this. It sure
>>wasn't 3:15 plus or minus 15 minutes.

>>>This puts Bond in Ramey's office before the Roswell Disc story
>>>broke on AP and nearly 3 hours before Newton allegedly came
>>>on duty(6pm) to have his picture taken with his debris.

>>Again, this is total garbage. Given the multitudinous
>>uncertainties, LaVoie's "precise" shadow time is highly
>>questionable at best (it certainly can't be pinned down to
>>within +/- 15 minutes), and all other evidence (including Bond
>>Johnson's original story) points to the photos being taken
>>much later.

>>>When Bond took his pictures there was no news story,

>>But in Johnson's original account, he was dispatched because
>>there was a news story. In fact, he said his editor had gotten
>>Ramey's involvement from the AP newswire which is why he was
>>sent to the base. This would suggest around 4:53 p.m. time when
>>AP first mentioned Ramey.

>>>he didn't even take any written copy just the photos.

>>But when Kevin Randle originally interviewed Johnson, several
>>times he claimed to be the author of the AP story. At the very
>>least he would have conveyed to someone at the Star-Telegram
>>what he had been told by Ramey.

>He didn't write any story that night, the journalist who was
>in the ST office that evening confirmed all the "disc" stories
>published in the ST were compiled and written by the city desk
>editor, who's name I would have to dig out of my files, but I do
>have.

Even if this is true, it still doesn't explain why Johnson
wouldn't have taken notes like a good reporter should have, or
at least have reported back orally to whomever did write the
story.

It also doesn't explain why Johnson was so definite about being
the reporter to write the Star-Telegram/Associated Press article
when first interviewed by Kevin Randle, then later decided to
change this.

However, I suspect it has a lot to do with Johnson later
changing the story to Ramey not knowing what he had on his hands
from Johnson's original story that Ramey told him it was a
weather balloon.

Oddly this is also reflected in the Star-Telegram article
saying that both Ramey and Dubose instantly identified it as a
weather device and later bringing in the weather officer
(Newton) was basically all for show.

David Rudiak

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The Guadalupe Event By Dr. Johannes Fiebag

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 14:09:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 07:36:09 -0400
Subject: The Guadalupe Event By Dr. Johannes Fiebag

In light of the current discussion, I thought this might be of interest to some.

The Guadalupe Event
by Dr. Johannes Fiebag

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/yk2/guadalup.html>

[The Late] Dr. Johannes Fiebag was born in 1956, and was Germany's leading abduction research specialist. He published many books about alien contact in ancient and modern times, and four books specifically about the abduction phenomenon in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

Dr. Fiebag founded the CE-IV-Report, a newsletter for abductees, and he also organized an annual meeting called Project Exchange that allows abductees to network with one another.

In addition to CE-IV-Report and Project Exchange, Dr. Fiebag also formed an interdisciplinary organization of psychiatrists, psychologists and other medical professionals who work to help traumatized abductees.

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Secrecy News - 05/17/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
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Subject: Secrecy News - 05/17/07

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A REVIEW OF THE U.S. HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM DECLARATION

More than five years after it was completed, the Department of Energy last year finally released a landmark historical account of U.S. production of highly enriched uranium (HEU) from 1945 to 1996.

Conceived a decade ago as a bold initiative to set a new standard for international transparency and government accountability, the HEU study was released under pressure as an unwilling concession to the rule of law, i.e. the Freedom of Information Act.

The story of the five year campaign to win public disclosure of the HEU study and an initial assessment of its significance for nuclear nonproliferation policy were presented in a paper by myself and Princeton physicist Frank von Hippel in the latest issue of The Nonproliferation Review.

See "The U.S. Highly Enriched Uranium Declaration: Transparency Deferred but not Denied" by Steven Aftergood and Frank von Hippel, Nonproliferation Review, Vol. 14, No. 1, March 2007:

<http://cns.miis.edu/pubs/npr/vol14/141/141aftergood.pdf>

The paper was discussed at a forum of the Monterey Institute Center for Nonproliferation Studies on May 17, with a response from Tom Blanton of the National Security Archive:

http://cns.miis.edu/cns/activity/070517_nprbriefing/index.htm

The HEU Study itself, "Highly Enriched Uranium: Striking A Balance," is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/heu/index.html>

CRS ON NEW U.S. AFRICA COMMAND

U.S. Government plans to establish a new military command to be known as AFRICOM with responsibility for U.S. military forces in Africa are described in a new report from the Congressional

Research Service.

"As defined by the Department of Defense, AFRICOM's mission will be to promote U.S. strategic objectives by working with African states and regional organizations to help strengthen stability and security in the region through improved security capability, military professionalization, and accountable governance. The command's military operations would aim to deter aggression and respond to crises."

"This report provides a broad overview of U.S. strategic interests in Africa and the role of U.S. military efforts on the continent as they pertain to the creation of a new Africa Command. Although the command is still in the planning phase, a discussion of AFRICOM's potential mission, its coordination with other government agencies, and its basing and manpower requirements is included. This report will be updated as events warrant."

A copy of the new report was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Africa Command: U.S. Strategic Interests and the Role of the U.S. Military in Africa," May 16, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL34003.pdf>

GAO ON CONTRACTOR SECURITY CLEARANCES

Delay and dysfunction in the personnel security clearance system are an old story, and the Government Accountability Office has been describing and updating that story for at least two decades, including new congressional testimony today focusing on Department of Defense (DOD) contractors.

"DOD is responsible for about 2.5 million security clearances issued to servicemembers, DOD civilians, and industry personnel who work on contracts for DOD and 23 other federal agencies."

"GAO's analysis of timeliness data showed that industry personnel contracted to work for the federal government waited more than 1 year on average to receive top secret clearances, longer than OMB- and OPM-produced statistics would suggest."

See "DoD Personnel Clearances: Delays and Inadequate Documentation Found for Industry Personnel," [GAO-07-842T], May 17, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/gao/gao-07-842t.pdf>

VARIOUS DOD RESOURCES

New guidance on declassification marking of documents and materials originating in Department of Defense special access programs was issued by the new Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence) James R. Clapper, Jr. on April 26.

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/dod/usdi042607.pdf>

A Joint Chiefs of Staff publication presents doctrine on "barrier, obstacle, and mine warfare." The document, newly updated, "greatly expands coverage of improvised explosive devices, mines, and other unexploded explosive ordnance." See "Barriers, Obstacles, and Mine Warfare for Joint Operations," Joint Publication 3-15, 26 April 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3_15.pdf

A U.S. Army "smart card" provides soldiers a summary overview of the threat from Improvised Explosive Devices. The unclassified smart card on "The IED and VBIED [vehicle borne IED] Threat" dated January 2004 - not the latest edition - is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/ied-smartcard.pdf>

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UFO Review News Service

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 10:06:06 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 08:03:20 -0400
Subject: UFO Review News Service

As regular visitors to my site will have noticed, I have been experiencing difficulties for the last couple of weeks. These problems are of an extreme technical nature and are taking some time to resolve.

I thank you for your patience and assure you that everything is being done to rectify the problems ASAP.

Stuart Miller

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Re: UFO Review News Service - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 07:21:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 08:45:59 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Review News Service - Lehmborg

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 10:06:06 +0100
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>being done to rectify the problems ASAP.

It's astonishing that a page of such understated simplicity
would be subject to the "extreme technical natures" to which you
allude.

Are you being stepped on (denied service) somehow, or what? If
you are... you ought to report it to us.

The internet is an extreme inconvenience to errant officiators
and any reduction in service needs to be highlighted to keep it
alive, I think, just as a precaution in these tediously
tyrannous times.

Are you "unconfined"?

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Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Christol

From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 07:52:34 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Christol

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Subject: UFO UpDate: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

>Source: U.S. Department of Defense - Washington, DC

><http://www.defenselink.mil/fag/pis/16.html>

>08/08/2006

>Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)

>This issue is no longer being investigated by the Defense
>Department. As you may know, the United States Air Force began
>investigating UFOs in 1948 under a program called Project Sign.
>Later the program's name was changed to Project Grudge, and in
>1953 it was changed again to Project Blue Book. On December 17,
>1969, the Secretary of the Air Force announced the termination
>of Project Blue Book.

>The decision to discontinue UFO investigations was based on a
>number of factors, including reports and studies by the
>University of Colorado and the National Academy of Sciences, as
>well as past UFO studies and the Air Force's two decades of
>experience investigating UFO reports.

>As a result of these investigations, studies, and experience,
>the conclusions of Project Blue Book were:

>* No UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force
>has ever given any indication of threat to our national
>security.

>* There has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the
>Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent
>technological developments or principles beyond the range of
>present-day scientific knowledge.

>* There has been no evidence indicating that sightings
>categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles.

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Many think that the Government and the Air Force have been lying
or at best in constant denial of the UFO reality all these past
years. But, stop and think for a moment. The last two points
above may well have been the correct answer all along.

If UFOs do not "represent technological developments or
principles beyond the range of present-day scientific
knowledge;" and show no indications of being "extraterrestrial
vehicles;" What then does that leave us with?

The only thing I can surmise from this is that UFOs are and have
been for the last 60 years or so, vehicles constructed by some
scientific or military organization on this planet.

If that is the case, then the Air Force report has not been a
lie, or even a denial, but a carefully worded report stating the

truth.

Are we able to accept the probability that some power on this planet has had the technical secrets some 60 years, which could have prevented the environmental crisis which threatens our world today? A technology which would have deprived those who have a choke hold on our very lives by using fossil fuels to further their own personal greed, while concealing the very energy source which could have moved our planet ahead and away from the threats which now hang over it?

Tesla may well have been the social and scientific saviour of the people of this planet, had not those wishing to make large profits stood in his way and locked his knowledge away for use in their own time and for their own purpose.

Mike

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Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 11:14:47 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 07:55:30 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Balaskas

>Source: U.S. Department of Defense - Washington, DC

><http://www.defenselink.mil/fag/pis/16.html>

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>Airborne Terrorist Objects (AROs)

>This issue is no longer being investigated by the Defense
>Department.

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>The decision to discontinue 'ARO' investigations was based on
>a number of factors, including reports and studies by the
>University of Colorado and the National Academy of Science, as
>well as past 'ARO' studies and the Air Force's two decades of
>experience investigating 'ARO' reports.

>As a result of these investigations, studies, and experience,
>the conclusions of Project Blue Book were:

>* No 'ARO' reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air
>Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national
>security.

>* There has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the
>Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent
>technological developments or principles beyond the range of
>present-day scientific knowledge.

>* There has been no evidence indicating that sightings
>categorized as "unidentified" are 'foreign' vehicles.

>Between 1948 and 1969 the Air Force investigated 12,618 reported
>UFO sightings. Of these, 11,917 were found to have been caused
>by material objects such as balloons, satellites, and aircraft;
>immaterial objects such as lightning, reflections, and other
>natural phenomena; astronomical objects such as stars, planets,
>the sun, and the moon; weather conditions; and hoaxes. Only 701
>reported sightings remain unexplained.

>All documentation regarding the former Blue Book investigation
>was permanently transferred to the Military Reference Branch,
>National Archives and Records Administration, 8th and
>Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20408, and is available for
>public review. A list of private organizations interested in
>aerial phenomena can be found in Gale's Encyclopedia of
>Associations, available in the reference section of many
>libraries.

>Air Force Fact Sheets on this topic may be viewed,

><http://www.af.mil/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=188>

<snip>

Hi Everyone!

Of course the U.S. Air Force and other U.S. Government agencies are interested in and continue to investigate UFOs! In fact, every nation in the world is aware of the potential threat posed by UFOs and take this matter very seriously. See the URL below for some facts obtained from Canadian evidence from the archives that suggest this is indeed the case.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/feb/m23-004.shtml>

In the U.S. Air Force fact sheet above, just replace Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) with 'Airborne Terrorist Objects' (AROs) and extraterrestrial with 'foreign' I think you will agree too.

If the U.S. Defense Department is not following up on UFOs reports, then they should be replaced by the some other group such as the French GEIPAN investigative body and the U.S. Air Force be charged for criminal neglect of their primary duty of protecting the U.S. and Americans from all aerial threats!

Nick Balaskas

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Re: UK F-15 UFO Incident - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 17:30:19 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 07:58:47 -0400
Subject: Re: UK F-15 UFO Incident - Shough

Dear List

There has been speculation that the radar-visual object investigated by the two Lakenheath F-15s over the UK on Jan 12 could have been wind-blown. The pilots referred at the time to radar-measured true speeds between 30 and 80 knots, and one later interviewed by DFCIT, RAF, reportedly stated that it seemed to move "with the wind", although it isn't clear that this refers to direction as well as speed. There is no information either in the audio file or in the RAF report as to the direction of movement of the object or the location of the ~ 4.5 min incident, save that it was between 17,000 and 18,000 ft over the UK, neither is there any winds-aloft information or any indication as to whether this was actually checked by the USAF pilot(s) or the DFCIT interviewer.

So, relevant radiosonde observations made at six UK balloon release sites on Jan 12, 2007 were located and are tabulated below. Wind speeds and directions are given in each case for the altitude level closest to 17,500 ft.

	12:0000hr		12:1200hr		13:0000hr	
	kts	degs	kts	degs	kts	degs
Camborne	54	280	55	285	53	246
Albemarle	103	315	77	285	89	270
Castor Bay	90	280	99	270	85	260
Herstm'x	96	310	63	305	52	260
Larkhill	3*	307*	62	294	-	-
Lerwick	76	290	-	-	74	272

To summarise, winds at the flight level were on average from the west over the UK (mean 283 deg, varying between 246-315 deg) with an average speed of 75 knots (varying between 52-103 kts).

Conclusion: Both the mean and maximum reported UFO speeds (55 kts & 80 kts) are within the range of variation of wind speeds and so are not inconsistent with the hypothesis of a windborne object, but without knowing the direction of motion this can't be tested further.

Martin Shough

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Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995 - Ballester Olmos

From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 19:56:34 +0200 (CEST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 08:28:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995 - Ballester Olmos

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 16:11:21 -0400
>Subject: Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995

>>From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 19:28:04 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
>>Subject: Nellis UFO Video May 1995

>>The object in the Nellis UFO video clip below is perhaps the
>>most puzzling image to date. Anyone else care to speculate?

>><http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6821482599776880969>

>We need to know type of video camera. Lens type and focal
>length. How camera was mounted, or was it hand held? Any other
>pertinent data would be helpful.

>It's a very interesting clip, but without backup data it doesn't
>tell us anything.

I understood the Nellis video was taken on November 1994, not
May 1995: is the day and time known for sure?

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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Contact Information?

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 13:36:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 08:31:58 -0400
Subject: Contact Information?

Dear colleagues:

I need contact information, please, to reach the following people. Postal addresses, fax and phone numbers would be good, e-mail addresses would be even better:

USA:

Dr. Peter Sturrock

Dr. Thomas von Flandern

Europe:

Dr. Jean-Jacques Velasco (France)

Col. De Brower (Belgium)

Russia:

Cosmonaut Vladmir Kovalenok

Cosmonaut Musa Maranov

Cosmonaut Pavel Popovich

Thank you very much.

A. J. Gevaerd
Brazilian UFO Magazine
aj.nul

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Re: UFO Review News Service - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 19:49:39 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 08:34:08 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Review News Service - Miller

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 07:21:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Review News Service

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 10:06:06 +0100
>>Subject: UFO Review News Service

>>As regular visitors to my site will have noticed, I have been
>>experiencing difficulties for the last couple of weeks. These
>>problems are of an extreme technical nature and are taking some
>>time to resolve.

>>I thank you for your patience and assure you that everything is
>>being done to rectify the problems ASAP.

>It's astonishing that a page of such understated simplicity
>would be subject to the "extreme technical natures" to which you
>allude.

>Are you being stepped on (denied service) somehow, or what?

Hello Alfred,

While what you suggest is a possibility, I have to say it is unlikely. While the rest of the world can see my web site, on my computer I cannot. All the obvious reasons have been checked including IE bugs, virus and spyware probs and so on, and by better brains than mine.

Stuart

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 13:23:34 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 08:37:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Gehrman

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 10:40:10 -0700
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 14:11:04 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>David,

>>You mention Master Sergeant Robert Porter but fail to include
>>his most important testimony. First, he's the only person, out
>>of all the Roswell witnesses who describes the packages we can
>>see on Ramey's office floor: Porter swore he loaded the B-29
>>with "the material wrapped in packages with wrapping paper...
>>triangle shaped, about 2 1/2 feet across the bottom. The rest
>>were in small packages about the size of a shoe box. The brown
>>paper was held with tape... extremely light weight... like
>>picking up an empty package... could have fit into the trunk
>>of a car."

>There is again the assumption here that the balloon debris on
>Ramey's floor is what was recovered at the Foster Ranch and
>brought to Fort Worth.

David,

No! There isn't an assumption. We know from Porter's testimony
that he carried packages very similar to those seen on Ramey's
floor onto the plane headed to FW. Since these packages were
loaded on the plane in Roswell, we can assume that they had
something to do with the debris found on the Foster ranch but we
have no way of knowing that this is the true debris. I think
these packages were prepared by Army intelligence and were meant
to resemble Mack's revised testimony where he mentions balsa
like sticks and paper foil.

They were not prepared by Marcel. I think the packages consisted
of a torn radar reflector of some kind, not necessarily an
ML307, a weather balloon and some of the real Roswell debris.

>Porter didn't have X-ray vision. He
>didn't know what was in the wrapped packages, but was told it
>was from a flying saucer and was quite certain it wasn't from a
>balloon (though didn't say why he thought this). Porter
>affidavit at:

><http://www.roswellproof.com/porter.html>

>There is also one small, round unwrapped package lying behind
>the middle chair in the Ramey & Ramey/Dubose photos, but moved
>against the radiator in the Marcel & Newton photos. My guess is
>that this one one of Porter's described "shoebox" size wrapped
>packages.

Yes, I agree.

>Some important points:

>* Dennis Balthaser has made the interesting observation that the
>brown paper rolled out on Ramey's rug isn't crinkled (nor has
>any tape attached). In other words, it was fresh paper rolled
>out for display, not debris wrapping paper as is usually
>assumed.

I disagree. This paper can be folded in a way so it wouldn't
crease too much, besides, we don't see enough of the paper to
make a decision one way or the other, and I can see creases.
Look at the Bettmann copy.

>* Marcel in his last interview with Linda Corley said they hid
>the "real" debris and they weren't so stupid as to show it to
>reporters.

I agree, they hid the real debris but only after the Ramey photos.

>* Nobody associated any smell with the debris, including Porter,
>until Fort Worth. That's when Bond Johnson said the balloon
>stunk up Ramey's office and he was surprised it would be there
>instead of in some salvage yard. These decaying neoprene
>balloons have a strong, pungent smell, and therefore I think it
>noteable that no one commented on this before Fort Worth. Smells
>like this tend to stick in your mind.

>I suppose it is possible they also brought in a still weather
>balloon in addition to the debris from the Foster Ranch. That
>way they could kill two birds with one stone. But when speaking
>of "real" Roswell debris, we mean the stuff recovered from the
>Foster Ranch.

Yes they brought a mixture.

>>I agree he made sure that a guard was posted,

>Colonel Jennings, the pilot and acting Roswell base commander,
>made sure a guard was posted, not Porter.

Not the way I read this: "...Jennings told us to take care of
the maintained of the plane and that after a guard was posted,
we could eat lunch.

>(The fact that the
>acting base commander personally served as the pilot is a good
>demonstration of the extreme importance attached to the flight.)

>>after which, "he could eat lunch" and then mentions coming
>>back from lunch. He didn't describe it as breakfast or dinner
>>or supper, but lunch.

>>Lunch in the Army doesn't usually happen later than two o'clock.
>>So if Porter went to and came back from "lunch" then it was much
>>earlier than 4:30 or 5:00 PM. when they arrived in FW.

>"Lunch" to Porter could have meant nothing more than the lunch
>they missed in Roswell as they prepped the B-29 for flight to
>Fort Worth.

I don't think that was the way it was in the Army. You didn't
miss lunch. A meal missed could never be made up. If the plane
left at 2:00 PM then Porter would have had lunch already and be
ready for dinner or supper at FW.

Ed

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Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 17:11:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 08:38:39 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - White

>Source: U.S. Department of Defense - Washington, DC

><http://www.defenselink.mil/fag/pis/16.html>

<snip>

>* No UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force
>has ever given any indication of threat to our national
>security.

I've seen it mentioned on this List that many aircraft and pilots have been lost pursuing and maybe shooting at UFOs. Do the investigators here have evidence of that, or was that just someone's opinion?

Eleanor White

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Re: FO Review News Service - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 17:18:19 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 08:39:28 -0400
Subject: Re: FO Review News Service - White

>As regular visitors to my site will have noticed, I have been
>experiencing difficulties for the last couple of weeks. These
>problems are of an extreme technical nature and are taking some
>time to resolve.

"... extreme technical nature ..."

How familiar!

Eleanor White

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Re: The Secrets Of Fatima - Gottschall

From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 10:00:54 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 08:42:51 -0400
Subject: Re: The Secrets Of Fatima - Gottschall

>From: Joaquim Fernandes <j.fernan.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 17:08:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Secrets Of Fatima

>About the Fatima 1917 Apparitions

>I read with interest Nigel Watson's review of our Fatima
>research and, as co-author of those two books translated into
>English At EcceNova Editions, I thank him for reading our
>reaserch.

Joaquim,

For what it's worth I read your book and found it deeply thought provoking. What struck me most was the children's description of Our Lady and how it was dissimilar to the established religious images grounded in the culture of the day. The children's description of her as 1.1 metres tall with black eyes is in complete opposition to the deeply entrenched religious culture of the time.

I was also impressed by the curious reports accompanying the arrival and departure of the being such as humming, the sound of rockets, booms of thunder, roaring in the air, swishing sounds, buzzing like bees and flashes of lightning, heard by many witnesses again and again.

The various descriptions of the final sighting at Fatima are also intriguing.

There were strange clouds that contained peculiar flashes, a disk with a distinct and lovely border, luminous and lucent; a dull silver disk but more luminous than the Moon; a polished wedge as if it had been cut from a nacre of a conch shell; a disk of polished glass; a metallic disk as if of silver; a disk of steamed up crystal that had been illuminated from behind, a disk of opaque glass. All very specific and difficult to misinterpret as the sun.

Over 60,000 people witnessed the last sighting at Fatima which was accompanied by a range of other anomalous events, yet the bizarre consensus remains that these were ordinary events misinterpreted. How ludicrous, condescending and narrow.

As Vallee states in the foreword, for those who neither choose the religious interpretation of these events or the skeptical scientific path, many important questions remain. Vallee also states that if "detachment and critical analysis of this difficult material" is practised it will do much to drive genuine research forward. I wholeheartedly agree.

Thank you for writing this book.

Sheryl

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2007 Italian & World Crop Circles

From: Robert Morningstar <robert_morningstar.nul>
Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 18:54:05 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 08:44:26 -0400
Subject: 2007 Italian & World Crop Circles

Italian Crop Circles 2007

<http://www.cropcircleconnector.com/inter2007/italy/italy2007.html>

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Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Ally

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 02:01:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 08:51:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon? - Ally

>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 10:10:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon?

>>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 13 May 2007 12:02:00 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Ancient Craft Left On Moon?

>>Terry, that's illogical. If the video was fabricated, the
>>appearance of the 'object' is a moot point. Given that there was
>>no 20th Apollo mission, it certainly appears that that is the
>>case. I thought it was cute, at best.

>What is illogical about illustrating that the object, regardless
>of whether it is real or fabricated, is not a rock as Dick
>suggested. That's all my post was intended to do. There's no
>need to read anything else in to it.

Terry, my apologies for the delay - been away.

What was illogical was suggesting that these images - that may be "real or fabricated" - should be given any credit at all simply because there is "way too much symmetry". If it's fake, what does it matter how 'detailed' the anomaly appears? If it's a hoax (and I think it is) why wouldn't the faker create a model based on the apparent symmetry shown in the Apollo images published by NASA?

The screencaps you posted are of the very portion of the video that lacks any reliable provenance. So what if it's symmetrical? It may be a model based on a fuzzy anomaly[1] found in an Apollo photograph. That it does not appear to be a rock is inconsequential. If it's a fake, that's completely unsurprising.

But, anyway, let's examine the possibility that the 'zoomed-in' portion is legit. The Apollo Image Atlas photo[2] was made from 117 km above the surface using a lens with a 24 inch focal length. The video shows what appears to be the lunar surface as seen from orbit. We see more detail than in the NASA image so, presumably, a lens with a longer focal length was used. So far, so good.

Then we see a (very odd) transition to an even closer view. So we must assume that an even longer lens was being used. At first, I thought this was meant to be video shot from the surface but noticed the transcript during the groovy transition:

"Vandenberg Twenty, roger, I'm focusing on telephoto lens now."

So, presumably, this next sequence was shot from the orbiting spacecraft. But it just doesn't look right at all: the camera shake is all wrong. This appears to be shot at a *very* close range. There's no way - from 117km up - that normal, hand-held shaking would keep the anomaly anywhere inside of the frame. Even if this thing is the size of Manhattan[3] I don't think it would stay in frame. It appears to me that the subject is a model filmed from several metres away.

In any case, i think the notion that the US and the Soviet Union conspired to send joint missions to the moon in secrecy is prepostourous.

Brian

[1] Yes, the NASA photograph *is* quite interesting. It's the video that I found - to be charitable - unimpressive.

[2] <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/resources/apollo/frame/?AS15-P-9630>

[3] I haven't tried to work it out. If anyone has, I'd be interested

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 12:08:20 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 08:53:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Bourdais

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 09:40:04 -0700
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 10:12:12 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>It is clear that Johnson went out there. He took the six
>>photographs he claimed. He took notes about what Ramey said and
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>>his story. He knew when he went out that it had to do with
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>reflector debris, which cannot be accounted for as part of an
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Ed,

Your claim, after Neil Morris, that there was other debris mixed
with the balloon debris, is just another attempt, in my opinion,
to cast more confusion on the Roswell case.

The idea that some real debris from the "flying disk could have
been mixed to the balloon debris photographed in General Ramey's
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Gildas

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From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 09:51:01 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 09:06:18 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Friedman

>From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 08:46:46 -0600
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Spark Of Hope

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 08:13:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 09:22:43 -0400
Subject: Spark Of Hope

"Johnny Ford - still locked away? Still wrenched from freedom's dawn, you say! Still eating tasteless gruel he's served with hapless ladles crusted, lurid..."

More with illustration:

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

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Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 09:52:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 10:23:32 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Maccabee

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 08:46:46 -0600
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When Blue Book closed there were still about 700 unexplained sightings. How do they know that none of these represented something entirely new?

Their argument was that most cases could be explained and so it was probable that with more information these unexplained sightings could also be explained.

How did they know that it was "probable?" They didn't. This was just a cop out to 'explain the unexplainable'.

During the largest statistical study of sightings, published as Special Report #14 in 1955, the analysts made a special effort to separate the cases for which there was insufficient information from those which had enough information for either identification as a known phenomenon - the Knowns - or enough information to indicate that they couldn't be explained - the Unknowns.

That study, which was mostly ignored by the U.S. Air Force after its publication - and completely ignored by the Condon Study in 1967/68 - contradicts the AF official position as stated above.

Information on and analysis of Special Report #14 can now be found at:

<http://www.brumac.8k.com/SSUFOs/>

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Re: UK F-15 UFO Incident - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 15:20:20 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 10:28:03 -0400
Subject: Re: UK F-15 UFO Incident - Shough

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 17:30:19 +0100
>Subject: Re: UK F-15 UFO Incident

>So, relevant radiosonde observations made at six UK balloon
>release sites on Jan 12, 2007 were located and are tabulated
>below. Wind speeds and directions are given in each case for
>the altitude level closest to 17,500 ft.

Just for the record: Somewhere between my outbox and the List a
digit disappeared from the table of speeds and directions. The
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0600) should read "73 kts 307 degs", not "3 kts 307 degs".

MS

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 15:51:05 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 09:27:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995 - Shough

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 19:56:34 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995

>I understood the Nellis video was taken on November 1994, not
>May 1995: is the day and time known for sure?

Hi V-J

As I looked into this quite recently and it's fresh in my mind, perhaps I can answer this.

So far as I'm aware there is no definite record of the date on the video or anywhere else, but the May 1995 date appears to be wrong. The original claimed date was September 1994. However, David Rudiak

http://www.roswellproof.com/Nellis_discussion.html

and Martin Powell

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/mjpowell/Nellis/Part1/Part1.htm>

made two independent estimates of the sun position from a lens flare and altazimuth data on the video, and arrived at two different approximate dates somewhat later in the year (assuming 1994 to be the correct year). These are the beginning of November and the end of November respectively.

David Rudiak then realised that the recorded weather conditions would be a way of narrowing the brackets, and discovered that a rapid temperature drop and accompanying heavy snowfall in the area after Nov 9 should have left Black Mountain (7200ft, reliably identified at the start of the video by its distinctive profile with two radar domes) under snow cover. There is no sign of snow on the video, therefore this favours a date close to David's estimate around Nov 1, 1994.

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My favorite for Earth Excursion Modules is a magnetoaerodynamic
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successfully operated in the mid 1960s by Dr. Way of
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superconducting magnets. One replaces seawater, an electrically
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Also if some Earthlings have succeeded in doing this, where is
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From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 17:20:01 +0200
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August 1608:

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War between aliens in and above the Mediteranean sea witnessed by people of southern France from Marseilles to Genoa. Followed by the involvement of human soldiers.

http://www.inquiring-mines.com/ufo_1608_aerial_battle_france.htm

1608 UFO Aerial Battle

In August of 1608, people of southern France, from Marseilles to Genoa, witnessed a true wave of UFOs, as reported in a chronicle of the time entitled, "Discours des terribles et espouvantables signes apparus sur la mer Gennes."

In the sky over Martigues an aerial battle took place which left an odor of saltpeter (sulfur).

The inhabitants of Nice saw three strange luminous vessels moving at high speed above the city. The vessels stopped close to a fortress then went down into the sea causing the water to boil and release a reddish-colored vapor.

To the amazement of onlookers, two humanoid beings with large heads and large luminous eyes, and reddish scales connected to their vessels by tubes, passed several hours in some kind of strange work.

Also off Genoa an aerial battle took place between flying objects and other craft emerging from the sea.

The soldiers of the fortress delivered eight hundred blows from their guns to drive off the intruders.

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Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 08:48:01 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 09:48:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Gehrman

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 12:08:20 +0200
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 09:40:04 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions
>>Hi Kevin,

>>None of this makes much difference to Neil's main argument which
>>is that there is other debris, mixed in with the balloon and
>>reflector debris, which cannot be accounted for as part of an
>>ML307 or weather balloon. He doesn't need Bond or his version of
>>events to prove his case. His information comes from studying
>>the Seven Roswell photos and understanding how an ML 307 is
>>constructed and the materials used in its construction.

>>Do you have a good set of Fort Worth photos to examine? Are
>>other List members acquainted with these photos? If you don't,
>>there is no reason to follow this discussion any further.

>Ed,

>Your claim, after Neil Morris, that there was other debris mixed
>with the balloon debris, is just another attempt, in my opinion,
>to cast more confusion on the Roswell case.

Hi Gildas,

No, it's an attempt to clear away the confusion that already
exists around the debris. Very few folks have actually taken a
close look at the FW photos. There is debris that can't be
explained by an ML307 or a weather balloon. Take a look for
yourself, especially the Bettmann copy.

>The idea that some real debris from the "flying disk could have
>been mixed to the balloon debris photographed in General Ramey's
>office, is nonsense. How could they have been so stupid?

This was directed by Army intelligence so it's hard to say what
they were thinking.

>I wish that sort of absurd game would be put to an end, now.

This is not a game.

"I wish I was home again, at home in my heart again,
It's been a long time since my heart talked to me;
Wastin' my precious days, wishin' my life away,
If wishes were fishes, we'd all cast nets in the sea."

Ed

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Re: The Secrets Of Fatima - Fernandes

From: Joaquim Fernandes <j.fernan.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 18:34:32 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 10:02:13 -0400
Subject: Re: The Secrets Of Fatima - Fernandes

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 10:00:54 +1000
>Subject: Re: The Secrets Of Fatima

>>From: Joaquim Fernandes <j.fernan.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 17:08:27 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Secrets Of Fatima

>>About the Fatima 1917 Apparitions

>>I read with interest Nigel Watson's review of our Fatima
>>research and, as co-author of those two books translated into
>>English At EcceNova Editions, I thank him for reading our
>>reaserch.

>Joaquim,

>For what it's worth I read your book and found it deeply thought
>provoking. What struck me most was the children's description of
>Our Lady and how it was dissimilar to the established religious
>images grounded in the culture of the day. The childrens
>description of her as 1.1 metres tall with black eyes is in
>complete opposition to the deeply entrenched religious culture
>of the time.

>I was also impressed by the curious reports accompanying the
>arrival and departure of the being such as humming, the sound of
>rockets, booms of thunder, roaring in the air, swishing sounds,
>buzzing like bees and flashes of lightning, heard by many
>witnesses again and again.

>The various descriptions of the final sighting at Fatima are
>also intriguing.

>There were strange clouds that contained peculiar flashes, a
>disk with a distinct and lovely border, luminous and lucent; a
>dull silver disk but more luminous than the Moon; a polished
>wedge as if it had been cut from a nacre of a conch shell; a
>disk of polished glass; a metallic disk as if of silver; a disk
>of steamed up crystal that had been illuminated from behind, a
>disk of opaque glass.All very specific and difficult to
>misinterpret as the sun.

>Over 60,000 people witnessed the last sighting at Fatima which
>was accompanied by a range of other anomalous events, yet the
>bizarre consensus remains that these were ordinary events
>misinterpreted. How ludicrous, condescending and narrow.

>As Vallee states in the foreword, for those who neither choose
>the religious interpretation of these events or the skeptical
>scientific path, many important questions remain. Vallee also
>states that if "detachment and critical analysis of this
>difficult material" is practised it will do much to drive
>genuine research forward. I wholeheartedly agree.

>Thank you for writing this book.

Sheryl,

I agree. The original children=B4s description made by Lucia dos Santos was so "unortodox" to the Catholic authorities that the current VM image one can see at the Fatima Sanctuary was based and designed according a previous image cult of Nossa Senhora da Lapa!

Among such "iconographic deviations" Lucia's first report told that the "luminous lady" had a luminous BALL between her hands. This ball was easily transformed in the Lady's Sacred Heart. Fantastic topic for cultural studies, is'nt it?

The manipulation of the alleged Secret text is also well established in the comparative study of the documents through the years.

The Jesuits confessors ordered Lucia dos Santos to write _another_ text after having read her first draft. It was the first step for the current "Secret" with their parts. We know that Lucia first reprinted that the Secret was only a few words. It seems that it grew in the 1942 late memories of the seer... The reference to Russia is a late Jesuit incorporation, justified in the context of the growing importance of the USSR in that period.

The 1917 context - and the weakness and absence of science at that time - made Fatima was a great case of well succeeded collective rumor which deserves a continuous progress study.

Thank you for your remarks.

Joaquim Fernandes

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 11:04:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 10:06:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 13:23:34 -0700
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 10:40:10 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 14:11:04 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>David,

>>>You mention Master Sergeant Robert Porter but fail to include
>>>his most important testimony. First, he's the only person, out
>>>of all the Roswell witnesses who describes the packages we can
>>>see on Ramey's office floor: Porter swore he loaded the B-29
>>>with "the material wrapped in packages with wrapping paper...
>>>triangle shaped, about 2 1/2 feet across the bottom. The rest
>>>were in small packages about the size of a shoe box. The
>>>paper was held with tape... extremely light weight... like
>>>picking up an empty package... could have fit into the trunk
>>>of a car."

>>There is again the assumption here that the balloon debris on
>>Ramey's floor is what was recovered at the Foster Ranch and
>>brought to Fort Worth.

>No! There isn't an assumption. We know from Porter's testimony
>that he carried packages very similar to those seen on Ramey's
>floor onto the plane headed to FW. Since these packages were
>loaded on the plane in Roswell, we can assume that they had
>something to do with the debris found on the Foster ranch but
>we have no way of knowing that this is the true debris. I think
>these packages were prepared by Army intelligence and were meant
>to resemble Mack's revised testimony where he mentions balsa
>like sticks and paper foil.

>They were not prepared by Marcel. I think the packages consisted
>of a torn radar reflector of some kind, not necessarily an
>ML307, a weather balloon and some of the real Roswell debris.

It is possible that they brought the balloon/target from
Roswell. However, it would be totally idiotic for them to mix
the balloon debris with the "real" debris from the Foster Ranch.
If there was a coverup, then the whole point of the photo
session in Fort Worth would be to show the press what wasn't
recovered. Yet that seems to be the contention of the RPIT
group.

And BTW, it is an ML307 target in shape and dimensions. It had
the very distinctive triangular panels. The other radar target
of the time, the ML306, had rectangular panels and a rectangular
overall shape. Pictures of it can be seen in "The Roswell
Incident," and also over on my website:

http://www.roswellproof.com/SFExaminer_July9.html

http://www.roswellproof.com/Atlanta_July9a.html

http://www.roswellproof.com/LOOK_1967.html

>>Porter didn't have X-ray vision. He
>>didn't know what was in the wrapped packages, but was told it
>>was from a flying saucer and was quite certain it wasn't from
>>a balloon (though didn't say why he thought this). Porter
>>affidavit at:

>><http://www.roswellproof.com/porter.html>

>>There is also one small, round unwrapped package lying behind
>>the middle chair in the Ramey & Ramey/Dubose photos, but moved
>>against the radiator in the Marcel & Newton photos. My guess >is
>>that this one one of Porter's described "shoebox" size wrapped
>>packages.

>Yes, I agree.

>>Some important points:

>>* Dennis Balthaser has made the interesting observation that the
>>brown paper rolled out on Ramey's rug isn't crinkled (nor has
>>any tape attached). In other words, it was fresh paper rolled
>>out for display, not debris wrapping paper as is usually
>>assumed.

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>crease too much, besides, we don't see enough of the paper to
>make a decision one way or the other, and I can see creases.
>Look at the Bettmann copy.

The paper should be crumpled around the edges and have tape
still attached or tears where it has been torn away upon
opening. It doesn't. This is fresh paper from a roll that's been
laid out on the floor so that the radar target debris can be
dumped on top of it.

>>* Marcel in his last interview with Linda Corley said they hid
>>the "real" debris and they weren't so stupid as to show it to
>>reporters.

>I agree, they hid the real debris but only after the Ramey
>photos.

Bunk! So your claim is that after carelessly mixing "real"
debris with radar target debris for the Ramey photos, they had
an "Oops" moment, then carefully picked out the "real" debris
for the subsequent Marcel and Newton photos?

This is another of the ridiculous "sanitizing" claims. The same
radar target debris is present in all the photos and there has
been nothing removed after the Ramey photos. I defy you to point
out a single piece of your so-called real debris in the Ramey
photos that isn't also present in the Marcel/Newton photos.

>>* Nobody associated any smell with the debris, including Porter,
>>until Fort Worth. That's when Bond Johnson said the balloon
>>stunk up Ramey's office and he was surprised it would be there
>>instead of in some salvage yard. These decaying neoprene
>>balloons have a strong, pungent smell, and therefore I think
>>it noteable that no one commented on this before Fort Worth.
>>Smells like this tend to stick in your mind.

>>I suppose it is possible they also brought in a still weather
>>balloon in addition to the debris from the Foster Ranch. That
>>way they could kill two birds with one stone. But when speaking
>>of "real" Roswell debris, we mean the stuff recovered from the
>>Foster Ranch.

>Yes they brought a mixture.

Only if they were drooling idiots. You go through all that
trouble to bring fake debris for press consumption, then
carelessly mix in the top secret "real" debris? Yeah, right!

>>>I agree he made sure that a guard was posted,

>>Colonel Jennings, the pilot and acting Roswell base commander,

>>made sure a guard was posted, not Porter.

>Not the way I read this: "...Jennings told us to take care of
>the maintained of the plane and that after a guard was posted,
>we could eat lunch.

Get real. _Sergeant_ Porter would not have the authority or
means to have a guard posted. _Lieutenant Colonel_ Jennings
would.

>>(The fact that the
>>acting base commander personally served as the pilot is a good
>>demonstration of the extreme importance attached to the
>>flight.)

>>>after which, "he could eat lunch" and then mentions coming
>>>back from lunch. He didn't describe it as breakfast or dinner
>>>or supper, but lunch.

>>>Lunch in the Army doesn't usually happen later than two o'clock.
>>>So if Porter went to and came back from "lunch" then it was
>>>much earlier that 4:30 or 5:00 PM. when they arrived in FW.

>>"Lunch" to Porter could have meant nothing more than the lunch
>>they missed in Roswell as they prepped the B-29 for flight to
>>Fort Worth.

>I don't think that was the way it was in the Army. You didn't
>miss lunch. A meal missed could never be made up. If the plane
>left at 2:00 PM then Porter would have had lunch already and
>be ready for dinner or supper at FW.

It takes a lot of time to prep a B-29 for flight. The crew could
easily have missed a regular lunch in Roswell while they were
doing it, then made up for it when they got to Fort Worth. I
leave it to you, Ed, to play word games as to whether Porter
could properly call such a missed meal "lunch" later in the
afternoon.

Even if we push the clock back two hours, as the RPIT group has
been trying to do, so that J. Bond Johnson could have his photo
shoot at around 3:15, before there even was a story, that would
still make Porter's "lunch" around 3:00 p.m. Do they serve
either "lunch" or "dinner" in the Army at three in the
afternoon?

Either scenario was not a regular "lunch" time. I think Porter
was either referring to a missed lunch meal or simply confused
dinner with lunch.

David Rudiak

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Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 15:07:42 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 10:12:40 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Ledger

>From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 08:46:46 -0600
>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

>>Source: U.S. Department of Defense - Washington, DC

>><http://www.defenselink.mil/fag/pis/16.html>

>>08/08/2006

>>Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)

<snip>

Hi Mike,

I'm sure you know that your supposition that these are Earth based objects built by some country on this planet is not a new one.

It turns out that this is correct and the country is Luxembourg. It is actually the most powerful country on the planet but has been keeping this a secret since the late 1940s.

Most of the people over the age of 18 in Luxembourg are the pilots of these things because their population is so small and their fleet so large just about everyone has to pitch in including their children who often sign on as crew. They are the root cause of the little aliens that re often reported.

Many of these children aren't too fond of flight or acclimated to it, are too young to be given Gravol which gives rise to the gray and green tinge often reported about these little creatures.

The real reason that some of the most powerful countries on the planet deny the existence of the phenomenon and claim that their is no threat to national security is due, frankly, to embarrassment.

Try as they might to get access to Luxembourg's secret they have been rebuffed as incapable and too incompetent to handle such technology. They got the jump on Tesla's smarter brother Tefla - the inventor of Teflon - which as we all know works great on the cooking side of frying pans and to coat politicians so as to make accusations of corruption slide right off.

But Teflon has another purpose, a secret not shared with the world, that it allows treated weather balloons to achieve high Mach numbers despite the direction of the prevailing winds.

Once this was known there was no turning back; the profound, ground- breaking technology of that marvel the weather balloon was tapped into and combined with Teflon and voila, Luxembourg

has never looked back. This added a double beneficial effect that being that weather balloons could always be claimed as the culprits they being identical in shape and size to the oft reported UFO. It's a get-out-of-jail-free card.

Attempts at invading Luxembourg in order to steal the secret have been repeatedly rebuffed by their armed forces who have taken to using an older technology for which the modern armed forces have no defence-crossbows and catapults.

But I've already revealed too much on this List and will be targeted by Luxembourg's secret police - both of them - and will no doubt be targeted by one of its cream pie assassins - or worse an apple pie with no whipped cream - when I least expect it, all of which will be video-taped and released to America's Funniest Home Videos and my reputation destroyed, forever.

Anyway there you have it. The secret is out and I feel the better for it. Now we won't have to peddle around the hidden secrets of the world's most powerful country - which is up for grabs - as the source of the UFO phenomenon.

Don Ledger

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Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995 - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 11:26:37 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 10:14:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995 - Rudiak

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 19:56:34 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995

>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 16:11:21 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995

>>>From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 19:28:04 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
>>>Subject: Nellis UFO Video May 1995

>>>The object in the Nellis UFO video clip below is perhaps the
>>>most puzzling image to date. Anyone else care to speculate?

>>><http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6821482599776880969>

>>We need to know type of video camera. Lens type and focal
>>length. How camera was mounted, or was it hand held? Any other
>>pertinent data would be helpful.

>>It's a very interesting clip, but without backup data it
>>doesn't
>>tell us anything.

>I understood the Nellis video was taken on November 1994, not
>May 1995: is the day and time known for sure?

Sections of the video were already being shown on the American
TV program "Hard Copy" on February 15, 1995. The May 1995 date
is obviously wrong.

When the "Sightings" TV show did a program on the Nellis UFO in
December 1995, they placed the date to November 1994. The
November time frame is born out by the position of the sun in
the video, assuming the overlaid time stamp on the video to be
accurate. The exact date isn't known. I place it to early
November.

I have much more on the Nellis UFO at my website:

http://www.roswellproof.com/Nellis_Main.html

http://www.roswellproof.com/Nellis_discussion.html

David Rudiak

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UFO Researcher Warren Smith

From: **Kevin Randle** <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 17:16:48 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 10:15:31 -0400
Subject: UFO Researcher Warren Smith

List, All,

For those interested, I have posted to my blog an article that deals with the research of Warren Smith which impacts on the Schmirer abduction as well as other UFO tales. Smith, as you'll learn hijacked the name Eric Norman from Brad Steiger. Anyway, the article supplies some insights in to the 1960s and 70s UFO research.

You can find it at:

www.KevinRandle.blogspot.com

Enjoy.

KRandle

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Re: UFO Review News Service

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 10:42:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 10:42:52 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Review News Service

Source: Stuart Miller's UFO Review.Net

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

Problems are now resolved and a normal service will be resumed on Monday. Thanks to you all for your patience.

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

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Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 16:22:05 -0400
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>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

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This package has been opened and in fact seems empty, you can see inside the open end in one of the Marcel images.

>>* Dennis Balthaser has made the interesting observation that the >>brown paper rolled out on Ramey's rug isn't crinkled (nor has >>any tape attached). In other words, it was fresh paper rolled >>out for display, not debris wrapping paper as is usually >>assumed.

Bond described this as ordinary wrapping paper, we are talking 1947 here, lot's of things didn't come pre-packaged and many places where things needed wrapping use to have large rolls of brown wrapping paper to hand, even stores here in the UK up to the 60/70's quite often still had counter fittings with these rolls attached, so lengths could be torn off against an inbuilt blade to wrap goods with. I'm sure even a USAAF base would have normal brown wrapping paper to hand in 1947 to help stop a General's carpet getting soiled.

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Bond's comment that he personally made to me on a couple of our meetings, was that the smell he noticed in Ramey's office reminded him of the smell he had noticed when he had covered building fire stories as a reporter for the ST. I think it's stretching a point to say this positively identified in particular burnt neoprene rubber. We had a major building fire on my route to work just a few weeks back, for a long time there was a distinctive burnt smell around the area, but it wasn't acrid or rubber like, just burnt.

<snip>

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Please also bear in mind that both RAAF and FWAAF would be running on DST but both Roswell and Fort Worth civilians would be running on standard time 1 hour behind. It sounds extremely confusing but that's what the history books tell us was happening back then. The situation went on like this in some places until the Unified Time Act of 1966 was finally passed in the US.

Best Regards

Neil

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 23:13:36 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 16:24:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 12:08:20 +0200
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 09:40:04 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>Hi Kevin,

>>None of this makes much difference to Neil's main argument which
>>is that there is other debris, mixed in with the balloon and
>>reflector debris, which cannot be accounted for as part of an
>>ML307 or weather balloon. He doesn't need Bond or his version of
>>events to prove his case. His information comes from studying
>>the Seven Roswell photos and understanding how an ML 307 is
>>constructed and the materials used in its construction.

>>Do you have a good set of Fort Worth photos to examine? Are
>>other List members acquainted with these photos? If you don't,
>>there is no reason to follow this discussion any further.

>Ed,

>Your claim, after Neil Morris, that there was other debris mixed
>with the balloon debris, is just another attempt, in my opinion,
>to cast more confusion on the Roswell case.

>The idea that some real debris from the "flying disk could have
>been mixed to the balloon debris photographed in General Ramey's
>office, is nonsense. How could they have been so stupid? I wish
>that sort of absurd game would be put to an end ,now.

Gildas,

Where's the confusion? What part of an ML307 or balloon had
heavy gauge metal sheet neatly folded at 90 degrees? or the odd
hollow tube/stick?, even those nice _white_ stripes you see
along the edges of those foil sheets in the pictures are
incorrect and shouldn't be there.

The engineering design drawings for the ML307 _explicitly_ state
no foil-to-foil joints and this is exactly what those white
strips would represent _if_ it were ML307 target debris. I think
David Rudiak's site had a couple of ML307 images on it, go and
have a look if you don't believe me or if you have the USAF
report which reprints the original 1944 Army Signal Corp designs
for the ML307 you can find those actual instructions printed on
it.

Neil

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Re: UFO Review News Service - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 18:38:19 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 16:26:19 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Review News Service - White

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 19:49:39 +0100
>Subject: Re: UFO Review News Service

<snip>

>>Are you being stepped on (denied service) somehow, or what?

<snip>

>While what you suggest is a possibility, I have to say it is
>unlikely. While the rest of the world can see my web site, on my
>computer I cannot.

Those of us in the electronic harassment/organized stalking
community do experience things like that, and it sounds like the
'work' of the same people.

When I worked at a company where they had me doing computer
programming, my programs were sometimes set to simply stop
executing at a not special, not complex, not critical point.
After my own exhaustive debugging, I had a programmer well
advanced beyond my skills do the same.

He could find no error either. In order to get the task carried
out, he had to write very nearly the same program and it worked
fine. In the work environment, the harassers sabotage things
with the clear goal of making the target appear to be
incompetent.

On a simpler plane, I was asked to set up the general manager's
in-house pager (the base station being at reception.) The pager
he was given refused to work.

When I had him program exactly the same code into it, it worked.
He handed back to me, and I again set exactly the same code into
the unit. It refused to work. I handed it back and he again
programmed the exact same code in, and it worked.

The mentality of these harassers is bizarre, and often seemingly
purposeless, and Stuart's experience is at the least a lot like
ours.

Eleanor White

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Re: Is There A 1-Stop Place For UFO Event News? -

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRGLists.nul>
Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 20:30:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 16:28:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Is There A 1-Stop Place For UFO Event News? -

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 06:52:28 EDT
>Subject: Is There A 1-Stop Place For UFO Event News?

>With all the various UFO events, symposia etc. I was wondering
>if there was a one-stop place to see what events where, and if
>that list is online somewhere.

>I haven't been going to UFO events as I used to and I'm missing

<http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/conferences.html>

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 10:23:57 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 16:35:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Boone

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 11:04:43 -0700
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 13:23:34 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

<snip>

Well since this thread wandered into the James Bond Johnson photos I might as well chime in here.

When I started this thread I was questioning the conflict of Ms. Bessie Brazel's accounts of the events of '47 to other witnesses.

Now that it's gone into Rev. Dr. Johnson's photos I do have an account of what the late sir told me via email several years ago. At first I hadn't realized that I had already known Rev. Dr. Johnson until I was doing work with the City of Los Angeles if I recall and he was on one of the boards like the chamber of commerce or something. It was by sheer boo boo we made a connection. He was Methodist and my kin knew his kin. So being respectful when I contacted him about a commerce matter I mentioned to him I worked for the then Parascope Magazine on AOL. That led to Roswell and he told me who he was.

Land O' Goshen!

We got to jawin' a might and he told me then that the debris in Ramey's office was a combination of debris. Some from the crash and some the bogus RAWIN stuff. At the time I thought it was already known of the combination of material. He told me that the stuff had been so rapidly dumped out so that he could take pics he nor the others didn't know what was what. I also recall him telling me that Dubose then rushed in and was worried about something and rushed he, Johnson, out of Ramey's office or he said that Ramey got upset and had Dubose rush him out of the office.

Anyway, now that I see there's a debate about it, I'll go dig through the emails and find the data for clarification.

Hope that helps.

Best,

Greg

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Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Christol

From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 09:00:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 16:42:31 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Christol

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 15:07:42 -0300
>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

>>From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 08:46:46 -0600
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

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>one.

>It turns out that this is correct and the country is Luxembourg.
>It is actually the most powerful country on the planet but has
>been keeping this a secret since the late 1940s.

>Most of the people over the age of 18 in Luxembourg are the
>pilots of these things because their population is so small and
>their fleet so large just about everyone has to pitch in
>including their children who often sign on as crew. They are the
>root cause of the little aliens that re often reported.

<anip>

>Anyway there you have it. The secret is out and I feel the
>better for it. Now we won't have to peddle around the hidden
>secrets of the world's most powerful country - which is up for
>grabs - as the source of the UFO phenomenon.

<G>... Yeah right Don. <LOL>

Don, I am not new to this field. I have been around it since the
1950's. Used to correspond or talk on the phone with several of
Ufology's best known names, before I sort of dropped out of
public investigation back around 2000.

I have a quiet extensive video and audio library, as well as
shelves of books and filing cabinets full of documents.

I have been a part of this discussion for about 20 years, first
on the BBS' using FIDONET and MUFONET. Then the Internet came
along and I participated here, until the same old subjects began
to recycle over and over and over and over... blah, blah,
blah... again to the point that I got tired of expressing my
opinions. So I just turned to lurking... It has been most
interesting.

Regardless of the Scientific Positions argued here daily, I have
not been privy to actual 'hard core proof', that any of the
arguments for non earthly origins are valid. Nor do I have proof
that they are invalid. I think this is a game of 'make your own

call'. My opinion or Your opinion is just as valid as the next persons regardless of position _until_ valid hard physical evidence is presented to the _public_ to support the contention that UFOs are Extraterrestrial Vehicles, or Multidimensional vehicles originating elsewhere.

Hey, I was around when Kenneth Arnold had his sighting. I was impressed by the movie footage of George Adamski, as well. In fact, I am still impressed with that footage. The 'thing' in the video moved like a water bug. It didn't move like conventional air craft. It moved up, down, back, forth, seemingly effortlessly. Not like a model on a string, being suspended and jerked along.

Whether it is of interest or not, I actually wrote to Adamski in 1962 and received a reply from him personally, complete with his hand written signature, which I still possess to this day.

As far as Tesla goes, I was a member of The Tesla Society for a few years and collected information on him and his background.

I mainly got in this discussion with my first reply to "feel the waters." Well, now, I see they are still 'boiling', and any thought of UFOs having originating on this planet is totally rejected!

It is amazing how close the Kenneth Arnold description of the objects he saw, comes to matching the Horton Brothers flying wings designed for Germany during WWII, yet no one, even today wants to consider the possibility that this was what Arnold could have seen.

And the speed? With jet engines, that speed could have been achieved. I know this will be rebuffed, because it will be said jet engines were not capable of those speeds at that time in our technology. But, hey, I don't care! It is just another of my opinions.

I am/was an investigator. I am/was not an _authority_!

Mike

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Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 16:47:36 -0400
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>>From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 07:23:31 -0600
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

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>>Hi Stan. Good to hear from you.

>>I am suggesting that the propulsion system is what would solve
>>the world's energy problems. I am not suggesting that UFOs are
>>using fossil based fuels. Rather a renewable energy source of
>>some type, perhaps based on the work of Tesla.

>>Just my perspective.

>>I am not saying that "some" of the sightings reported over the
>>years are or could not be Extraterrestrial, but again, I just
>>don't know.

>Mike

>I am sorry I didn't make it clear. I didn't mean to imply aliens
>are using fossil fuels, only that more advanced doesn't
>necessarily mean less energy is used.

>My favorite for Earth Excursion Modules is a magnetoaerodynamic
>propulsiojn system similar to the electromagnetic submarine
>successfully operated in the mid 1960s by Dr. Way of
>Wesinghouse, and later a Japanese submarine using
>superconducting magnets. One replaces seawater, an electrically
>conducting fluid with ionized air.

>It is not clear how this would solve the world's energy
>problems.

>Also if some Earthlings have succeeded in doing this, where is
>the military utilization?

That is OK Stan. I knew where you were coming from. I just
wanted to clarify what I said a little bit.

I sort of think electromagnetic drives could very well
revolutionize the way we transport ourselves around this planet,
on land and in the air.

I drive a "hybrid" automobile and the combination of "gas and
electric" more than doubles the efficiency of fuel usage. It is
not a well kept secret how this is done. I think this is and can
be done with aircraft as well. But, this again is just my
opinion.

Mike

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Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Olson

From: **Jeff Olson** <jloolson.nul>
Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 09:44:40 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 16:50:00 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Olson

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 15:07:42 -0300
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what is truly the most powerful country in the world.

Thanks for the heads-up!

Jeff

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 17:40:03 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 17:19:09 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Shough

>From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 17:20:01 +0200
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>>If UFOs do not "represent technological developments or
>>principles beyond the range of present-day scientific
>>knowledge;" and show no indications of being "extraterrestrial
>>vehicles;" What then does that leave us with?

>>The only thing I can surmise from this is that UFOs are and
>>have
>>been for the last 60 years or so, vehicles constructed by some
>>scientific or military organization on this planet.

>-----

>August 1608:

>War between aliens mutually and humans.

>War between aliens in and above the Mediteranean sea witnessed
>by people of southern France from Marseilles to Genoa. Followed
>by the involvement of human soldiers.

>http://www.inquiring-mines.com/ufo_1608_aerial_battle_france.htm

>1608 UFO Aerial Battle

>In August of 1608, people of southern France, from Marseilles to
>Genoa, witnessed a true wave of UFOs, as reported in a chronicle
>of the time entitled, "Discours des terribles et espouvantables
>signes apparus sur la mer Gennes."

At this link a very short description of the events is
accompanied by what appears to be an eye-popping original
engraving of fiery lenticular discs being bombarded from a
castle wall. But there is no attribution whatsoever either for
the story or the image.

In case anyone gets misled it should be pointed out that the
image is apparently neither original nor an engraving, but is
actually "a free pictorial interpretation of the account of
1608", one of a set of 12 colourful saucer paintings, copyright
by GEOS and Gerard Lebat, which can be seen here

<http://tinyurl.com/2ug363>

What appear to be genuine images of a 19thC reprint of one of
the original 17thC documents are shown at

<http://rr0.org/data/1608/Signes/>

with the original text next to a rendering into modern French. From this we discover that for several weeks there were apparitions of giants rising out of the sea brandishing horrible snakes, fighting men and horses, noises like canon fire, flying carriages ("carrosses") pulled by fiery dragons, and deluges of blood. An intriguing "flap" of odd visions. Some of them might be prompted by mirages, or perhaps there was a volcanic eruption associated with disturbed weather and dust washed down in the rain? Hard to say, but there really isn't anything here that justifies talk of "extraterrestrial machines" or "war between aliens and humans"...

Martin Shough

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Nick Pope The Man Who Left The MoD

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Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 21:44:47 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 17:20:42 -0400
Subject: Nick Pope The Man Who Left The MoD

My departure from the MoD last year became an international news story, but much of the media coverage was inaccurate. To set the record straight I gave a number of in-depth interviews, setting out the reasons for my departure, and giving the most detailed information I'd ever revealed about the official research and investigation that I'd carried out while working for the MoD's UFO project. Here's a DVD that gives more information on this:

<http://tinyurl.com/3d6x9t>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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On The Road To Roswell 2007 Parts I & II

From: Tom Horn <raidersnewsupdate.nul>
Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 07:47:41 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 17:25:34 -0400
Subject: On The Road To Roswell 2007 Parts I & II

Part One - On The Road To Roswell 2007: A Discussion With
Nuclear Physicist Stanton T. Friedman

<http://www.raidersnewsnetwork.com/full.php?news=5435>

Part Two - On The Road To Roswell 2007: A Discussion With Col.
Jesse Marcel Jr.

<http://www.raidersnewsnetwork.com/full.php?news=5480>

If anyone on the UFO UpDates List will be speaking (or signing books etc) in Roswell this year and would like to be interviewed, the series is being published through Raiders News Network and the American Chronicle and others. It will receive wide readership, so I encourage anybody that plans to be there and has research material they want to discuss to contact me ASAP.

There is a limited number of interviews we have time/space to do and still have a few openings we are hoping to fill.

Thanks

Tom

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 19:03:09 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 07:31:25 -0400
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Ed?!!

If I ever get piles of money I will take it to Luxembourg just
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Don

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From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 16:26:56 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 07:37:29 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Christol

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 09:52:26 -0400
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

>>From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 08:46:46 -0600
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

<snip>

>Before buying into the Air Force 'propaganda' you have to
>realize that when they say "no UFO" represented tech or
>principles beyond modern understanding, they - Blue Book
>primarily - had already 'thrown away' or ignored the sightings
>that could not be explained.

>Their statements are based on faulty or incomplete or even
>fraudulent analysis of sighting data.

>When Blue Book closed there were still about 700 unexplained
>sightings. How do they know that none of these represented
>something entirely new?

>Their argument was that most cases could be explained and so
>it was probable that with more information these unexplained
>sightings could also be explained.

>How did they know that it was "probable?" They didn't. This was
>just a cop out to 'explain the unexplainable'.

>During the largest statistical study of sightings, published as
>Special Report #14 in 1955, the analysts made a special effort
>to separate the cases for which there was insufficient
>information from those which had enough information for either
>identification as a known phenomenon - the Knowns - or enough
>information to indicate that they couldn't be explained - the
>Unknowns.

>That study, which was mostly ignored by the U.S. Air Force after
>its publication - and completely ignored by the Condon Study in
>1967/68 - contradicts the AF official position as stated above.

>Information on and analysis of Special Report #14 can now be
>found at:

><http://www.brumac.8k.com/SSUFOS/>

>Download Word file. This paper includes a unique reanalysis of
>the original statistical data.

Hey Bruce,

I don't know if you remember me or not, but we have bumped into
each other at various MUFON Conventions. Heck I even came face
to face with Phil Klass in 1991 in Pensacola, Florida at the
MUFON Convention there.

To be honest with you Bruce. Having read the report you mentioned above and countless others, plus the UFO UpDates for several years, I have become tired of all the hype. I just plain have gotten to the point where it doesn't really matter to me, one way or the other what the answer is.

Is this constant back and forth really moving the search for the 'Truth' at the bottom of this phenomenon along any further than it was in the late 80's or early 90's when all the great voices within Ufology swore up and down that the 'Truth' was about to be released?

Isn't it convenient how every time the real story was about to be released some major event seemed to occur that kept pushing it back?

I have devoted over 50 years of my live reading, researching, and doing on site investigations of this and related phenomena. What do I have to show for it? Just a filing cabinet full of reports from good, honest people, willing to share a special event with myself and others.

The main reason I posted my original message was to test the waters again. Nothing has changed! It is just as it was when I was on here in the late 1990's.

I think I will just continue to rock in my rocker, grow old gracefully, and watch young people grow up and grow old rehashing these and all the historic cases, as we did. I don't think the final results will be any different then than it is now. Some things just don't change. Yet, there will always be some of the old timers who will cling to a hope that something they say or do will make a different and at last the truth will be made clear.

It won't.

Good Luck.

Mike

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Re: On The Road To Roswell 2007 Parts I & II -

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 19:49:15 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 07:41:50 -0400
Subject: Re: On The Road To Roswell 2007 Parts I & II -

>From: Tom Horn <raidersnewsupdate.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 07:47:41 -0700
>Subject: On The Road To Roswell 2007 Parts I & II

>Part One - On The Road To Roswell 2007: A Discussion With
>Nuclear Physicist Stanton T. Friedman

><http://www.raidersnewsnetwork.com/full.php?news=5435>

>Part Two - On The Road To Roswell 2007: A Discussion With Col.
>Jesse Marcel Jr.

><http://www.raidersnewsnetwork.com/full.php?news=5480>

>If anyone on the UFO UpDates List will be speaking (or signing
>books etc) in Roswell this year and would like to be
>interviewed, the series is being published through Raiders News
>Network and the American Chronicle and others. It will receive
>wide readership, so I encourage anybody that plans to be there
>and has research material they want to discuss to contact me
>ASAP.

>There is a limited number of interviews we have time/space to do
>and still have a few openings we are hoping to fill.

It should be noted that there are basically two different
anniversary programs being offered at Roswell. Dr. Marcel and I
will be speaking and signing at the International UFO Museum and
Research Center at 114 N. Main St. The website with a complete
program is

<http://roswellufomuseum.com/festival.htm>

The city's program will be mostly at the Civic Center

I am told that room bookings are getting very tight, so, if you
plan on going, better make your reservations very soon. It was
kind of a mad house for the 50th anniversary celebration.

Stan Friedman

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Best Evidence Screening In Halifax May 30th

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 19:56:38 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 07:44:10 -0400
Subject: Best Evidence Screening In Halifax May 30th

All:

For any List members who might be in the vicinity of Halifax, Nova Scotia on May 30, the Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation is sponsoring a screening of Best Evidence: Top 10 UFO Sightings.

It will double-bill with Famous Monster, Mike MacDonald's new film about sci-fi legend Forrest Ackerman.

For those who might not be familiar with Mike's previous work, it includes The Shag Harbour Incident and Northern Lights, a history of UFOs in Canada. Famous Monster features interviews with such sci-fi icons as Ray Bradbury, Roger Corman, and Joe Dante. Should be a lot of fun.

Show time is 7 pm. Admission is free. It's at the Oxford Theatre, corner of Oxford Street and Quinpool Road.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
<http://www.bestevidence.blogspot.com>
<http://www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com>

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Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Ledger

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Fwd Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 07:52:37 -0400
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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 09:00:43 -0600
>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 15:07:42 -0300
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

>>Hi Mike,

>>I'm sure you know that your supposition that these are Earth
>>based objects built by some country on this planet is not a new
>>one.

>>It turns out that this is correct and the country is Luxembourg.
>>It is actually the most powerful country on the planet but has
>>been keeping this a secret since the late 1940s.

>>Most of the people over the age of 18 in Luxembourg are the
>>pilots of these things because their population is so small and
>>their fleet so large just about everyone has to pitch in
>>including their children who often sign on as crew. They are the
>>root cause of the little aliens that re often reported.

><anip>

>>Anyway there you have it. The secret is out and I feel the
>>better for it. Now we won't have to peddle around the hidden
>>secrets of the world's most powerful country - which is up for
>>grabs - as the source of the UFO phenomenon.

><G>... Yeah right Don. <LOL>

>Don, I am not new to this field. I have been around it since the
>1950's.

Hi Mike,

Me too, but in the aviation side of it, not so much UFOs. I've
been around airplanes since 1949. Fortunately my Father worked
at Fairey Aviation near where we lived, so I got a thorough
grounding in it from the age of 4.

I'll skip to the bottom of your remarks.

<snip>

>Hey, I was around when Kenneth Arnold had his sighting. I was
>impressed by the movie footage of George Adamski, as well. In
>fact, I am still impressed with that footage. The 'thing' in the
>video moved like a water bug. It didn't move like conventional
>air craft. It moved up, down, back, forth, seemingly
>effortlessly. Not like a model on a string, being suspended and
>jerked along.

<snip>

>I mainly got in this discussion with my first reply to "feel the
>waters." Well, now, I see they are still 'boiling', and any
>thought of UFOs having originating on this planet is totally
>rejected!

I don't want to get into that argument again. But I won't buy into the secret military aircraft as the source of UFO sightings either. There's no history of it, no

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>objects he saw, comes to matching the Horton Brothers flying
>wings designed for Germany during WWII, yet no one, even today
>wants to consider the possibility that this was what Arnold
>could have seen.

Aw Mike, come on. This is another thing that has been gone over ad nauseum off and on for the last 10 years on this List.

Where I come from that has as much credibility as the the B-2 bomber explaining away supersonic UFOs. It's not supersonic and there's a good reason for that, the drag coefficient is too high for it to get supersonic. It suffers the same problem as the bi-plane fighters of the 1930s, built in drag. They couldn't get them to go over about 225 mph because of the built in drag of that design.

The same holds true of the B-2 and the Hortons. To sustain a lifting body, like a flying wing, the box cross section of the wings has to be so thick it just can't ram itself through the air due to compressibility fast enough to exceed the speed of sound.

Basically it would need an engine or a rocket so large to push it to the limit that it would be ludicrous; but that wouldn't make any difference because it would tear itself apart which would mean you would have to build it stronger and heavier which would require an even bigger engine which would then tear the thing apart.

>And the speed? With jet engines, that speed could have been
>achieved. I know this will be rebuffed, because it will be said
>jet engines were not capable of those speeds at that time in our
>technology.

Well you have answered that one for me. Back then there were no big jet engines. The United States was developing their jets but using British engines for the first couple of years. The US spent all of its resources on developing the A-bomb. Other endeavors suffered as a consequence.

It's not the date that matters it's the R&D time leading up to the development of these engines. It's just too much of a stretch to think that the United States had grabbed a dozen or so of these Hortons, which they didn't, developed them, built far superior engines. They hadn't done any real research on jets and had little expertise, if any, on the technology.

The Germans and the British were the jet engine leaders at war's end.

For the US that would push the unpushable through the sound barrier while spending valuable post war funding using a manned rocket to break the sound barrier later that year in October. And again, why bother giving Chuck Yeager months of fun riding the Bell X-1 up to and through the compressibility zone and through the sound barrier when you had the technology already.

Check the wings on the Bell X-1 against the wings on the Hortons. The X-1 was a controllable rocket with little front plate drag as it's called. The wings on it are to support control surfaces. The fuselage was shaped like a .50 caliber bullet, the only bullet that was known to exceed the speed of sound.

If you can't prove the viability of 1947 to 2007 technology as the culprit for the UFO then you don't have that to support your argument. But you and others can't claim year in and year out that we have the capability or had it then when there's absolutely no aero-space science to support it and no aircraft to support it-anywhere.

I could really get into this but it would likely bore the hell out of everybody. It has in the past.

The little piece I wrote was meant to be cheeky while not getting off on a rant.

Don Ledger

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Bourdais

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Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 11:19:48 +0200
Fwd Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 07:56:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Bourdais

>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 23:13:36 +0100
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 12:08:20 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

<snip>

>>Your claim, after Neil Morris, that there was other debris
>>mixed with the balloon debris, is just another attempt, in my
>>opinion, to cast more confusion on the Roswell case.

>>The idea that some real debris from the "flying disk could have
>>been mixed to the balloon debris photographed in General Ramey's
>>office, is nonsense. How could they have been so stupid? I wish
>>that sort of absurd game would be put to an end ,now.

>Gildas,

>>Where's the confusion? What part of an ML307 or balloon had
>heavy guage metal sheet neatly folded at 90 degrees? or the odd
>_hollow_ tube/stick?, even those nice _white_ stripes you see
>along the edges of those foil sheets in the pictures are
>_incorrect_ and shouldn't be there.

>The engineering design drawings for the ML307 _explicitly_ state
>_no_ foil-to-foil joints and this is exactly what those white
>strips would represent _if_ it were ML307 target debris. I think
>David Rudiak's site had a couple of ML307 images on it, go and
>have a look if you don't believe me or if you have the USAF
>report which reprints the original 1944 Army Signal Corp designs
>for the ML307 you can find those actual instructions printed on
>it.

Neil,

What exactly are you trying to prove?

That real debris of the crash was mixed with a weather balloon
and target, when the purpose of the Fort Worth operation was to
show a weather balloon with radar target, and nothing else?

Is that your idea?

Sorry, this is total nonsense to me.

Let me offer a new subject of endless conversation. The clean,
brown wrapping paper was in fact extraterrestrial wrapping
paper, which went back to its original shape after having been
creased!

Cheers,

Gildas Bourdais

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More MoD UFO Information

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 10:56:25 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 07:57:47 -0400
Subject: More MoD UFO Information

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<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/DisclosureLog>

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There are some interesting papers in relation to last month's incident where a pilot reported a UFO near the Channel Islands. The MoD undertook an "investigation" - a word the Department is normally reluctant to use in relation to UFOs. The outcome was a conclusion that the incident occurred in French airspace and that it is therefore a matter for the French authorities.

In response to a question about aircraft being scrambled to intercept UFOs, the MoD state "We have no record of the UK ever trying to bring down a UFO".

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Ben Bova: God, Man Smart ETs And Images

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Fwd Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 08:12:00 -0400
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Source: The Bonita Daily News - Bonita Springs, Florida, USA

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Saturday, May 19, 2007

Ben Bova: God, Man Smart ETs And Images
By Ben Bova

"The rash assertion that 'God made man in His own image' is ticking like a time bomb at the foundations of many faiths."

Arthur C. Clarke wrote those words some 40 years ago, when considering the possibilities that we might one day find intelligent extraterrestrial beings.

I thought of Clarke's statement a couple of weeks ago, when astronomers from the Geneva Observatory in Switzerland announced that they had found an "Earth-like" planet orbiting a star some 20 light years away from us.

"Earth-like" doesn't mean that the newly found planet is a duplicate of our world. It's about five times more massive than Earth, but still that makes it the smallest and =97 yes, most Earth-like =97 exoplanet yet discovered.

A couple of definitions need to be explained. Exoplanet means a planet orbiting a star other than our sun. And a light year is a measure of distance, not time: it's the distance that light travels in one year, which is roughly six trillion miles. Using light years as a yardstick instead of miles saves astronomers from writing down a lot of zeroes. (The speed of light, incidentally, is 186,000 miles per second; nothing in the universe goes faster.)

Until 1995 astronomers weren't sure that other stars have planets orbiting around them. There was a chance that our solar system was very rare in the universe, perhaps even unique. Astronomers talked about the "firefly and the searchlight problem." Stars are very bright, like searchlights. Planets are very dim, like fireflies. What are the chances of finding a firefly dancing around a searchlight when they're both so far away?

But scientists have a knack for solving such problems, and they did with exoplanets. With very sensitive spectographs, they could detect the slight back-and-forth wobbles in a star's motion that are caused by one or more planets orbiting around it.

Although a star is much more massive than any planet, planets do exert a slight gravitational pull on their parent stars. In some cases, that pull can be measured, and the planet's presence discovered even though the planet itself cannot be directly seen.

The technique hit the jackpot in 1995, when the first exoplanet was discovered. Since then more than 225 planets have been found orbiting stars as far as 50 light years away.

Realize that this technique works best for very heavy planets that are orbiting very close to their parent stars. Up until a few weeks ago, almost all the exoplanets discovered were much heftier than Jupiter, the giant of our solar system. And most of them orbited dangerously close to their stars, whizzing around them in a few days or weeks.

Jupiter is more than 300 times more massive than Earth. The closest planet to our Sun is tiny Mercury, which whirls around the Sun in a "year" of merely 88 Earth days.

So the search for exoplanets was like a classic good news, bad news joke. The good news was that there are indeed plenty of stars with planets going around them. The bad news was that these planets were huge, completely unlike Earth, and most of them were scorchingly close to their stars. Not good places to expect to find life.

Until the announcement from Geneva a few weeks ago.

The "Earth-like" planet orbits a star called Gliese 581. It is officially known as Gliese 581c, because there are two other planets orbiting that tiny star.

Gliese 581 is a red dwarf star, only one-third the mass of our Sun, and hundreds of times dimmer. The closest of its three planets is some 15 to 20 times Earth's mass, and whips around the dwarf star every 5.3 days. The farthest is almost 10 times larger than Jupiter, and is so far from the star that it is probably a frozen world of ice.

But Gliese 581c may very well be a "Goldilocks" world, at just the right distance from its star so that it is not too hot and not too cold for life to exist on it. The planet revolves around the star in 13 days, which puts it at a distance from the dim red dwarf where it would be warm enough to have liquid water on its surface.

On Earth, liquid water is essential to life. Gliese 581c is about five times more massive than Earth; its diameter is probably about 1.5 times larger than our world's. It could be a life-bearing planet.

Until very recently, many astronomers thought that red dwarf stars were too dim and cool to be considered as possible sites for life. Yet Alan Boss of the Carnegie Institution in Washington, D.C. has said flatly that Gliese 581c is "arguably the first habitable planet" to be discovered.

"Habitable" does not necessarily mean "inhabited." The fact that the planet is in the right temperature range for liquid water to exist on its surface doesn't mean that living creatures actually are present there. Nor does it mean that intelligent creatures might be there.

But what if they are? Would they point their telescopes at our Sun and wonder if living creatures could exist on a planet orbiting such a hot, massive star? If we someday make contact with them, or some other intelligent race, how will we feel if they look nothing like us, if they are utterly different from our own form?

Remember, our vision of God's appearance is based totally on ourselves. It's not so much that God made us in His image: We made Him in ours.

What happens when we finally meet intelligent aliens and they neither look nor behave nor think as we do? And what happens if they're smarter than we are?

Naples resident Ben Bova is the author of more than 115 books, including *Faint Echoes*, *Distant Stars*, a nonfiction study of the search for extraterrestrial life. Dr. Bova's web site address is www.benbova.com

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Nick:

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point us, to at least facilitate the beginning of our research?

Also, are there documents which describe any CE data?

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>sound.

<snip>

>It's not the date that matters it's the R&D time leading up to
>the development of these engines. It's just too much of a
>stretch to think that the United States had grabbed a dozen or
>so of these Hortons, which they didn't, developed them, built
>far superior engines. They hadn't done any real research on jets
>and had little expertise, if any, on the technology.

Hi Mike & Don

One can always make that argument that *if* the objects reported
by Arnold *did* strongly resemble the Horten wings in shape (and
I suppose nobody can argue with that - they did), and if there
was some chance that Horten designs might have been flown in the
US in June 1947, then probability favours the conclusion that
Arnold must have misjudged the speed/distance of unfamiliar
aeroforms by a factor 3 or something. But that depends on it
being likely that Horten designs were in use in the US at that
date.

I've often read that there was no US Horten-style program. The
British had the Horten bros and some of their work in the UK in
summer 1945 and tried to get them to cooperate in further

development but they seem to have failed in this. There doesn't seem to be any evidence that the US got hold of a bunch of Hortens. But it seems some Horten hardware did go to the US at this time.

The quote below is from The Horten Flying Wing in World War II: The History & Development of the Ho 229, by H. P. Dabrowski, translated from the German by David Johnson. (Schiffer Military History Vol. 47, ISBN 0-88740-357-3) according to

<http://greyfalcon.us/restored/A%20few%20items%20here%20don.htm>

"Construction of the H IX V3 was nearly complete when the Gotha Works at Friederichsroda were overrun by troops of the American 3rd Army's VII Corps on April 14, 1945. The aircraft was assigned the number T2-490 by the Americans. The aircraft's official RLM designation is uncertain, as it was referred to as the Ho 229 as well as the Go 229. Also found in the destroyed and abandoned works were several other prototypes in various stages of construction, including a two-seat version The V3 was sent to the United States by ship, along with other captured aircraft, and finally ended up in the H.H. "Hap" Arnold collection of the Air Force Technical Museum. The wing aircraft was to have been brought to flying status at Park Ridge, Illinois, but budget cuts in the late forties and early fifties brought these plans to an end. The V3 was handed over to the present-day National Air and Space Museum (NASM) in Washington D.C"

This account doesn't rule out the possibility that some working versions were constructed and flown before those budget cuts closed the programme. The problem though is that there is no sign in any of the once secret documents - which presumably no one ever imagined might become public - that anyone in the US military was aware of any connection between these designs and the "flying discs". That doesn't make sense, unless the Horten work was a "deep black" programme classified away even from AMC and the USAF Dir of Intel. It's true that Gen Twining did suggest some such possibility to explain the UFOs in 1947, but why would a Horten flying wing attract such fantastic security?

Dont forget whilst focusing on the Hortens that Jack Northrop in the US had been building and demonstrating flying wings since 1929! He was contracted to develop long range flying wing bombers by the US Army Air Corps in 1941 and the XB-35 first flew on June 25 1946 - almost exactly a year before the Arnold sighting. The US poured huge money into this, going 4x over budget, but still the programme was blighted with problems and 11 production aircraft were left unfinished and unflown when the design evolved into the YB-49 jet-powered wing in summer 1948. But this too had unresolvable problems with stability and proved hopeless for its designed strike role, so the AF poured another \$88 million into a redesigned reconnaissance version, the YRB-49. They ordered 30 of these, but again the thing was a flop and petered out in 1949. The one flying version was finally airborne in 1950 and flown as far as its graveyard in California.

If there was a secret underground programme of successful jet Hortens flying in numbers before June 1947 then a heck of a lot of money and effort was wasted on Northrop.

See:

<http://www.dau.mil/pubs/arg/2001arg/Baker.pdf>

Martin Shough

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PRG Update - X-Conference 2007/2008

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 19:56:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 08:30:41 -0400
Subject: PRG Update - X-Conference 2007/2008

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Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - May 20, 2007
X-Conference 2007 & 2008

Washington, DC - Paradigm Research Group is pleased to announce the dates for the next two X-Conferences: September 14-16, 2007 and April 18-20, 2008 at the Hilton Hotel, Gaithersburg, MD. Speakers and schedule will be developed and placed at: www.x-conference.com.

The generous contributions from a number of PRG supporters allowed PRG to clear all outstanding balances from the first two events. The final tally for all speaker fees for both events came to \$51,000 - likely the largest honoraria ever paid out for this genre.

While the business model which resulted in past financial losses will not be repeated again, PRG has no regrets over the outcome. It is the researchers and activists working for nearly six decades who have made possible the exopolitical movement toward resolution of the ET truth embargo. They proved the core premise and deserve all the support and acknowledgement possible.

The next two X-Conferences have been scheduled during the heart of the presidential campaign. As in 2004 they will be designed to impact the election process and the candidates seeking the highest office in the land.

PRG sincerely hopes X-Conference 2007--The Insiders I and X-Conference 2008--The Insiders II will be unprecedented, and invitations to attend - and speak - will go out to all members of Congress and presidential candidates. The political press in Washington, DC will be heavily lobbied to cover the event.

In 2004 750 attendees, speakers, VIPs and media came to the X-Conference. If that number can be repeated, it will have an impact. By attending you will be making a statement that you want the government's attention.

Important Notice

Regardless of when you think you might sign up for the conferences, it is extremely helpful to PRG if you book your hotel rooms immediately for both events. This makes it much easier to maintain the hotel room block and ensure as many as possible can stay at the conference hotel. [There is no risk as you can cancel your room reservation at any time.]

The Hilton Hotel Gaithersburg recently underwent \$7 million in new renovations. Rooms are going as high as \$249/night. PRG has a special conference rate of \$89/night - single or double!! This rate applies to the dates: September 10-19, 2007 and April 16-23, 2008. You can discount an extended stay in the Washington, DC area during the best weather of the year.

Call 301-977-8900 to reserve your rooms now for the next two

X-Conferences.

Note: if you do not need two beds, please ask for a single-bed room. This will leave as many double-bed rooms as possible for those sharing rooms with friends.

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MSN Rates 'Alien Autopsy' As Web-Hoax #13

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 14:32:13 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 08:51:05 -0400
Subject: MSN Rates 'Alien Autopsy' As Web-Hoax #13

MSN has placed the Alien Autopsy Hoax as Number 13 in their top 25 web hoaxes of all time!

See:

<http://tinyurl.com/347m6o>

Roy

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 10:04:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 08:52:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Shell

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
To: ufoupdates.nul
Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 11:19:48 +0200
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>Let me offer a new subject of endless conversation. The clean,
>brown wrapping paper was in fact extraterrestrial wrapping
>paper, which went back to its original shape after having been
>creased!

Actually, I've been considering that the angle of some of the photos has been interpreted as showing that Bond Johnson was crouching down when he took them. Isn't it far more likely that he handed the camera to one of the surviving aliens, who was standing fully erect when he took the photos?

Bob

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Re: On The Road To Roswell 2007 Parts I & II -

From: **Dennis Balthaser** <truthskr.nul>
Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 08:11:04 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 08:55:17 -0400
Subject: Re: On The Road To Roswell 2007 Parts I & II -

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 19:49:15 -0300
>Subject: Re: On The Road To Roswell 2007 Parts I & II

>>From: Tom Horn <raidersnewsupdate.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 07:47:41 -0700
>>Subject: On The Road To Roswell 2007 Parts I & II

<snip>

>It should be noted that there are basically two different
>anniversary programs being offered at Roswell. Dr. Marcel and I
>will be speaking and signing at the International UFO Museum and
>Research Center at 114 N. Main St. The website with a complete
>program is

><http://roswellufomuseum.com/festival.htm>

>The city's program will be mostly at the Civic Center

<snip>

The website for the City of Roswell UFO Festival is:

www.roswellufofestival.com

Dennis

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 11:31:59 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 08:58:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Randle

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 10:23:57 EDT
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 11:04:43 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 13:23:34 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

><snip>

>Now that it's gone into Rev. Dr. Johnson's photos I do have an
>account of what the late sir told me via email several years
>ago. At first I hadn't realized that I had already known Rev.
>Dr. Johnson until I was doing work with the City of Los Angeles
>if I recall and he was on one of the boards like the chamber of
>commerce or something. It was by sheer boo boo we made a
>connection. He was Methodist and my kin knew his kin. So being
>respectful when I contacted him about a commerce matter I
>mentioned to him I worked for the then Parascope Magazine on
>AOL. That led to Roswell and he told me who he was.

>Land O' Goshen!

>We got to jawin' a might and he told me then that the debris in
>Ramey's office was a combination of debris. Some from the crash
>and some the bogus RAWIN stuff. At the time I thought it was
>already known of the combination of material. He told me that
>the stuff had been so rapidly dumped out so that he could take
>pics he nor the others didn't know what was what. I also recall
>him telling me that Dubose then rushed in and was worried about
>something and rushed he, Johnson, out of Ramey's office or he
>said that Ramey got upset and had Dubose rush him out of the
>office.

>Anyway, now that I see there's a debate about it, I'll go dig
>through the emails and find the data for clarification.
>Hope that helps.

Good Morning Greg, List, All -

Not really. All it does is provide another version of what
happened in Ramey's office. In the first version, the one he
gave to me, he arrived, the stuff was on the floor and he took
the pictures. At first he claimed two, then four, and finally
six. He said that the stuff smelled and that Ramey told him it
was a weather balloon. He said he returned to the newspaper,
developed his pictures and then wrote the story that appeared in
the newspaper the next day. In the interviews with me, he said a
number of times that he wrote the story.

Later he said that Ramey didn't know what it was when he got
there and that he didn't write the story. He said he was in

Ramey's office, saw the wrapped packages and unwrapped them. When I asked if he rifled the desk as well, he said that he and DuBose were in Ramey's office and they unwrapped the packages. Now we have a different version, one that allows for some "real" debris to be mixed in with the balloon and target.

So, no, this doesn't help, other than supply a different version to the already confused record. I think we can say, safely, that Johnson was out there and he took pictures. I believe that he took six, but others with some rather flakey analysis, seem to believe he took only four... so now we need a third cameraman to take two pictures of Marcel... not to mention the guy who took the picture of Newton. I think we can safely say that the debris in all the pictures is the same, though the angles of the photographs change and some of the debris is moved around as people handled it.

Johnson's legacy is a confusion about what he saw and did because he offered so many versions of it. When we reduce this to the known facts as opposed to the speculations, we have Johnson photographing a balloon and target with the cover story already in place. We have no "real" debris in those pictures and an explanation handed out to the press as quickly as possible.

KRandle

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 17:40:46 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 09:08:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 10:12:12 EDT
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 10:58:41 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>Neil, List All -

>Just for fun, let's all go around again. First, there would be
>no reason to send Johnson out to the base if there was no news
>story. This simply defies logic.

Kevin,

This point as I recall was put to Bond on several occasions to which he responded that the "story" itself was not expected to break in Fort Worth itself but elsewhere ie, Roswell or infact Washington. He was just tasked with getting the pictures and we know from our other reporter he did not gather any news info while he was out there. Using your own argument if the story had broken at that time why didn't he gather any copy?, yet we know he didn't because our ST journalist told us who did write all the ST's "disc" stories later that evening.

Doesn't this infact indicate that the information to hand at that time at the ST was extreamly fragmentory, as Bond said they were waiting for the main story to arrive and expected it to come in from elsewhere. You also have to put yourself into the 1947 mindset too, journalists were not thick on the ground and relied heavily on news feeds from the wireservices, they were also by all accounts not quite the rabbit pack hounds in chase of a story that we seem to have today.

Our timing of Bond in Ramey's office at 3.15pm'ish indicates he must have been leaving the ST office around 2.30'ish. 2.30pm FW time preceeds the 1st national AP wire release at 3.26pm FW time by almost an hour. There was certainly no national "story" out there at that time, there could have been early "wire chatter" on the newswires similar to what we see in the UP wires from Roswell and this could have prompted an early call to Ramey's office to clarify things and which in turn prompted Bond's trip out to the base.

>Two, Johnson said that he wrote the news story because there was
>no one else to write it. He claimed that seven or eight times
>over two interviews until I told him that his new claims made no
>sense based on last paragraph of the news story... then suddenly
>he didn't know who wrote it.

As I said in an earlier post Bond made some wrong assumptions, he usually did write the copy for his picture stories. But we know from an independant witness in the ST newsroom who was there after Bond left that the night's "disc story" copy was handled by the city desk editor.

Bond simply assumed it was just like any one of the many other stories he did write.

>Three, if Johnson took the pictures and was out in Ramey's
>office alone, why didn't he make notes for the news story even
>if he didn't write it. You've got a reporter in place and then
>he doesn't do basic journalism. This simply defies logic...
>though it does mean you can now claim that Johnson photographed
>some of the real debris.

Because he was tasked as a photographer and told to take the pictures, not write up a story, it (the story details) were expected to come in over the wire from Roswell or elsewhere. After all the guys at Fort Worth hadn't been the ones who discovered or recovered the "disc" those guys out at Roswell had done that, wouldn't they be the ones with all the details?.

>What this really boils down to is Johnson making multiple
>claims. It boils down to a news story in the newspaper that said
>plainly that Ramey told him it was a balloon. It boils down to a
>time-line that is not based on sun angles and speculation about
>daylight savings time or standard time, but on documented fact.

>It is clear that Johnson went out there. He took the six
>photographs he claimed. He took notes about what Ramey said and
>he returned to the newspaper and developed his film and wrote
>his story. He knew when he went out that it had to do with
>flying saucers and he was told immediately that it had been a
>weather balloon.

Kevin, you can take away Bond's testimony completely should you wish.

The analysis of the photo's does not depend on it. They stand on evidence gathered from within the photo's themselves.

What would you rather have as evidence?, 60 year old memories acknowledged as being fragmentary or physical evidence within a proven historical photograph that can tell you exactly(+/-10mins) when that photograph was taken? As an Intelligence Officer do you not see the worth of this? Memories fade, memories can be mistaken and assumptions wrongly made from them. But those 4 negatives are a little bit of living history frozen at the moment they were taken and hold far more real historical detail than any memory could ever recall after 60 years.

Neil

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Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - van Buuren

From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 19:04:52 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 09:13:50 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - van Buuren

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 17:40:03 +0100
>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

>>From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 17:20:01 +0200
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

>>>From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 08:46:46 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

><snip>

>>>If UFOs do not "represent technological developments or
>>>principles beyond the range of present-day scientific
>>>knowledge;" and show no indications of being "extraterrestrial
>>>vehicles;" What then does that leave us with?

>>>The only thing I can surmise from this is that UFOs are and have
>>>been for the last 60 years or so, vehicles constructed by some
>>>scientific or military organization on this planet.

>>-----

>>August 1608:

>>War between aliens mutually and humans.

>>War between aliens in and above the Mediteranean sea witnessed
>>by people of southern France from Marseilles to Genoa. Followed
>>by the involvement of human soldiers.

>>http://www.inquiring-mines.com/ufo_1608_aerial_battle_france.htm

>>1608 UFO Aerial Battle

>>In August of 1608, people of southern France, from Marseilles to
>>Genoa, witnessed a true wave of UFOs, as reported in a chronicle
>>of the time entitled, "Discours des terribles et espouvantables
>>signes apparatus sur la mer Gennes."

>>At this link a very short description of the events is
>>accompanied by what appears to be an eye-popping original
>>engraving of fiery lenticular discs being bombarded from a
>>castle wall. But there is no attribution whatsoever either for
>>the story or the image.

>>In case anyone gets misled it should be pointed out that the
>>image is apparently neither original nor an engraving, but is
>>actually "a free pictorial interpretation of the account of
>>1608", one of a set of 12 colourful saucer paintings, copyright
>>by GEOS and Gerard Lebat, which can be seen here

>><http://tinyurl.com/2ug363>

>What appear to be genuine images of a 19thC reprint of one of
>the original 17thC documents are shown at

><http://rr0.org/data/1608/Signes/>

>with the original text next to a rendering into modern French.

>From this we discover that for several weeks there were
>apparitions of giants rising out of the sea brandishing horrible
>snakes, fighting men and horses, noises like canon fire, flying
>carriages ("carrosses") pulled by fiery dragons, and deluges of
>blood. An intriguing "flap" of odd visions. Some of them might
>be prompted by mirages, or perhaps there was a volcanic eruption
>associated with disturbed weather and dust washed down in the
>rain? Hard to say, but there really isn't anything here that
>justifies talk of "extraterrestrial machines" or "war between
>aliens and humans"...

I believe that those flying objects seen in 1608 were flying saucers.

In Vianen near the river Lek in the Netherlands around 1980 - 1990 a small flying saucer, as seen in one of those paintings, hovered between two large blocks of flats. My parents lived in Vianen.

I believe those small craft are from Iarga:

<http://www.rjrsnvbrn.nl/ufos/iarga/index.html>

The whole story, the faces of the Iargans are not as perfect as should be:

<http://www.rjrsnvbrn.nl/ufos/iarga/index.html>

The large Iargan spaceships do have smaller flying saucers docked up and below the middle of the spaceships.

The formule for making spaceships:

```
x = ( c + 1 - y ) y
y =>0 AND Y =< c + 1With this you can see the points that makes that
formula:for i = 1 to 999      for j = 1 to 999      if i mod j =false then
pset(j*3,i*13),color      endif      next
next
```

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Mars Rover Unearths Surprise Evidence of Wetter

From: NASA News <hgnews.nsl>
Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 15:44:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 09:16:01 -0400
Subject: Mars Rover Unearths Surprise Evidence of Wetter

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MARS ROVER SPIRIT UNEARTH'S SURPRISE EVIDENCE OF WETTER PAST

PASADENA, Calif. - A patch of Martian soil analyzed by NASA's rover Spirit is so rich in silica that it may provide some of the strongest evidence yet that ancient Mars was much wetter than it is now. The processes that could have produced such a concentrated deposit of silica require the presence of water.

Members of the rover science team heard from a colleague during a recent teleconference that the alpha particle X-ray spectrometer, a chemical analyzer at the end of Spirit's arm, had measured a composition of about 90 percent pure silica for this soil.

"You could hear people gasp in astonishment," said Steve Squyres of Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., principal investigator for the Mars rovers' science instruments. "This is a remarkable discovery. And the fact that we found something this new and different after nearly 1,200 days on Mars makes it even more remarkable. It makes you wonder what else is still out there."

Spirit's miniature thermal emission spectrometer observed the patch, and Steve Ruff of Arizona State University, Tempe, noticed that its spectrum showed a high silica content. The team has laid out plans for further study of the soil patch and surrounding deposits.

Exploring a low range of hills inside a Connecticut-sized basin named Gusev Crater, Spirit had previously found other indicators of long-ago water at the site, such as patches of water-bearing, sulfur-rich soil; alteration of minerals; and evidence of explosive volcanism.

"This is some of the best evidence Spirit has found for water at Gusev," said Albert Yen, a geochemist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif. One possible origin for the silica could have been interaction of soil with acid vapors produced by volcanic activity in the presence of water. Another could have been from water in a hot spring environment. The latest discovery adds compelling new evidence for ancient conditions that might have been favorable for life, according to members of the rover science team.

David Des Marais, an astrobiologist at NASA's Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif., said, "What's so exciting is that this could tell us about environments that have similarities to places on Earth that are clement for organisms."

Spirit and its twin rover Opportunity completed their original three-month prime missions in April 2004. Both are still operating, though showing signs of age. One of Spirit's six wheels no longer rotates, so it leaves a deep track as it drags through soil. That churning has exposed several patches of bright soil, leading to some of Spirit's biggest discoveries at Gusev, including this recent discovery.

Doug McCuiston, director of NASA's Mars Exploration Program, said, "This unexpected new discovery is a reminder that Spirit and Opportunity are still doing cutting-edge exploration more than three years into their extended missions. It also reinforces the fact that significant amounts of water were present in Mars' past, which continues to spur the hope that we can show that Mars was once habitable and possibly supported life."

The newly discovered patch of soil has been given the informal name "Gertrude Weise," after a player in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, according to Ray Arvidson of Washington University in St. Louis, deputy principal investigator for the rovers.

"We've looked at dozens of disturbed soil targets in the rover tracks, and this is the first one that shows a high silica signature," said Ruff, who last month proposed using Spirit's miniature thermal emission spectrometer to observe this soil. That instrument provides mineral composition information about targets viewed from a distance. The indications it found for silica in the overturned soil prompted a decision this month to drive Spirit close enough to touch the soil with the alpha particle X-ray spectrometer. Silica commonly occurs on Earth as the crystalline mineral quartz and is the main ingredient in window glass. The Martian silica at the Gertrude Weise patch is non-crystalline, with no detectable quartz.

Spirit worked within about 50 yards of the Gertrude Weise area for more than 18 months before the discovery was made. "This discovery has driven home to me the value of in-depth, careful exploration," Squyres said. "This is a target-rich environment, and it is a good thing we didn't go hurrying through it."

Meanwhile, on the other side of the planet, Opportunity has been exploring Victoria Crater for about eight months. "Opportunity has completed the initial survey of the crater's rim and is now headed back to the area called Duck Bay, which may provide a safe path down into the crater," said John Callas, project manager for the rovers at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

For images and information about the rovers, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/rovers>

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Re: More MoD UFO Information - Ledger

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Fwd Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 09:18:13 -0400
Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information - Ledger

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 10:56:25 +0100
>Subject: More MoD UFO Information

>The MoD recently placed more responses to UFO-related FOI
>requests on its website. They can be viewed in the Disclosure
>Log:

><http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/DisclosureLog>

>Most responses do little more than state the MoD's official
>position on the subject, but there are one or two more
>interesting snippets.

>There are some interesting papers in relation to last month's
>incident where a pilot reported a UFO near the Channel Islands.
>The MoD undertook an "investigation" - a word the Department is
>normally reluctant to use in relation to UFOs. The outcome was a
>conclusion that the incident occurred in French airspace and
>that it is therefore a matter for the French authorities.

>In response to a question about aircraft being scrambled to
>intercept UFOs, the MoD state "We have no record of the UK ever
>trying to bring down a UFO".

Hi Nick,

Just finished looking at the PDF report on the Channel Islands case. As you say the MOD sloughed it off on France. Did anyone request an FOI re communications with the French civil Aviation Authority or their military defence authority about this possibility of an airspace violation. Who submitted this most recent request?

Despite the names being deleted there's much more to chew on than previously.

I've always thought that it was more beneficial to the government than to the witnesses to have these names deleted. Of no military interest or significance is absurd. FYI this altitude of 2,000 to 2,500 feet seems to be popular with these huge craft. That might be significant.

Thanks for the heads-up.

Don Ledger

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

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Fwd Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 09:48:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
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>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 23:13:36 +0100
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 12:08:20 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 09:40:04 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>Hi Kevin,

>>>None of this makes much difference to Neil's main argument which
>>>is that there is other debris, mixed in with the balloon and
>>>reflector debris, which cannot be accounted for as part of an
>>>ML307 or weather balloon. He doesn't need Bond or his version of
>>>events to prove his case. His information comes from studying
>>>the Seven Roswell photos and understanding how an ML 307 is
>>>constructed and the materials used in its construction.

>>>Do you have a good set of Fort Worth photos to examine? Are
>>>other List members acquainted with these photos? If you
>>>don't,
>>>there is no reason to follow this discussion any further.

>>Ed,

>>Your claim, after Neil Morris, that there was other debris mixed
>>with the balloon debris, is just another attempt, in my >opinion,
>>to cast more confusion on the Roswell case.

>>The idea that some real debris from the "flying disk could have
>>been mixed to the balloon debris photographed in General Ramey's
>>office, is nonsense. How could they have been so stupid? I wish
>>that sort of absurd game would be put to an end ,now.

>Gildas,

>Where's the confusion? What part of an ML307 or balloon had
>heavy guage metal sheet neatly folded at 90 degrees?

Which I pointed out to Neil years ago could in part have been
delamination of the white paper foil backing from the foil plus
shadowing from the camera flash between the double layer, giving
a thick appearance. In several instances, I marked up a blow-up
he emailed me showing some areas of appeared to be such
delamination. Delamination often occurs when you shred
paper/foil, as you can demonstrate for yourself by taking
paper/foil wrappers from chewing gum or candy bars and tearing
them up.

However another thought occurred to me. Paper/foil is very
lightweight and could possibly have moved a little bit during
the shot. E.g., perhaps someone opened the door to the office at

just that moment and breeze blew in. Or maybe a roomfan blew in that direction and some of the foil fluttered. This would create a motion artifact and appear to thicken any foil in motion.

In any event, it is a photo artifact since the only shot that the so-called thick metal shows up is in the Ramey/Dubose "grim" photo. The same pieces in the other photos look like simple thin foil.

>or the odd hollow tube/stick?,

Let me hazard a wild guess - one of the hollow edge sheaths holding the edge balsa sticks where the paper/foil was folded back on itself?

>even those nice white stripes you see
>along the edges of those foil sheets in the pictures are
>incorrect and shouldn't be there.

Total nonsense Neil. This a perfect example of the absolutely off-the-wall arguments that keep coming out from your camp. Again, for the thousandth time, the white stripes are nothing more than the white paper/foil folded back at the edges to form sheaths for the edge sticks of the radar targets or reinforced edges. They were a perfectly normal feature of the targets. And yes, they would form hollow "tubes" - nothing to get excited about.

>The engineering design drawings for the ML307 explicitly
>state no foil-to-foil joints

What it actually says is "there shall be no foil-to-foil CEMENTED joints," which you guys have instead totally misrepresented as "no foil-to-foil joints." This instruction obviously does not forbid foil-to-foil joints, which instead of being cemented can easily be taped. In fact, if you read the schematic more carefully, it specifically notes that common Scotch acetate tape (labeled as component "22") was to be used along various such joints.

In addition, this foil-to-foil note is clearly indicated on that schematic as being added in 1953, which means it doesn't even apply to how the targets were being made circa 1947, unless you want to invoke another debunking time-travel theory like crash dummies, again from 1953, being mistaken for aliens back in 1947.

>and this is exactly what those white
>strips would represent if it were ML307 target debris. I think
>David Rudiak's site had a couple of ML307 images on it, go and
>have a look if you don't believe me

Yes, Neil, please have a look where these white strips do appear on genuine ML307 radar targets:

http://www.roswellproof.com/Oxford_Ohio.html

http://www.roswellproof.com/rawin_construction.html

<http://www.roswellproof.com/files/320x240.mpg>

>or if you have the USAF report which reprints the original
>1944 Army Signal Corp designs for the ML307 you can
>find those actual instructions printed on it.

The instruction dates from 1953 and you have totally misrepresented what it actually says.

Are you people quite finished yet with your junk arguments trying to turn what is basically a toy balsa kite into exotic debris?

David Rudiak

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The Incredible Saga Of Joao Prestes

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Subject: The Incredible Saga Of Joao Prestes

The Incredible Saga of Joao Prestes
by Pablo Villarubia Mauso

Translated by Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology

In 1946, almost a year prior to the famous incident at Mt. Rainier (USA) which heralded the start of the modern UFO age, a farmer died in a most hideous fashion in Brazil's back country. Within a matter of hours, a strange light had brought about the death of Joao Prestes Filho by intense burns, according to some witnesses, or as a result of his flesh falling off from the bones, leaving bones and tendons exposed - as others would claim.

The answer to one of the most disconcerting and horrifying cases in the history of ufology started in the small, noisome "Minas Gerais" hotel where historian/ufologist Claudio Tsuyoshi Suenaga and I had lodged in order to research several alleged Chupacabras attacks in the region. We were in the town of Sao Roque - 47 kilometers away from the city of Sao Paulo (Brazil) when my roommate called my attention, breaking the silence of night, to the pages of a newspaper he had found in the room's grimy bathroom.

With a mixture of ecstasy and emotion, stumbling over words, the young Japanese-Brazilian read out the paper's contents, dated April 12, 1997: "The esteemed Roque Prestes died at 91 years of age on April 6th, at his home in this city... he was the brother of Joao Prestes (deceased)..." To our astonishment, we had stumbled onto the trail of the parents of Joao Prestes Filho, the man who died a terrible death on March 4th, 1946: after having been attacked by an unexplained light, his flesh began to fall off his bones in chunks, especially off his jaw, chest, hands, fingers, and feet, dooming him to die within a matter of hours. To the horror and helplessness of onlookers, some pieces of flesh remained dangling from his tendons.

The Hotel Minas Gerais was the mute witness to our insomnia and restlessness until dawn, when we contacted a son of the late Roque Prestes by phone. In a matter of minutes and at brisk pace, we reached the modest home of sixty year-old Luis Prestes on the outskirts of Sao Roque. Luis was still in mourning for the recent death of his father, Roque - a former soldier of the constitutionalist revolution of 1932.

"Up to very recently, shortly before his death, my father recalled his brother's tragic passing on that distant year 1946. I was small - some 9 years old - but I clearly remember what happened to my uncle Joao. It was carnival week and Joao, who loathed such festivities, decided to go fishing and drove off in his cart. He lived in Aracariguama, a little village only 7 kilometers away from San Roque and a hitherto isolated and quiet community. My aunt went off to the festivities with the children and left Joao's supper already made at home." Luis Prestes would explain as we looked on attentively.

"I was in Aracariguama when I learned that my uncle was dying at a relative's house. I wanted to go in, but it was forbidden,

since I was too young and Joao's physical condition could have caused a traumatic impression. My father did see him, and Joao told him that upon returning home and opening the window, something resembling fire or a "fiery torch" entered the room in which he was standing. He fell to the floor and felt that his body was on fire. Wrapping himself in a blanket, he walked over two kilometers into the village. My father said that Joao was only burned from the waist up, with the exception of the hair on his head. I managed to see my uncle when they removed him from the house to take him to Santana do Parna=EDba by truck, where the nearest hospital was located. I remember that the sheets covering him were blackened, perhaps by the burns on his body. Joao died shortly before being admitted to the hospital." Prestes related as we caught his account on tape.

"A number of books published in English, Japanese and even Russian have said tha Joao Prestes died in a hideous manner, with pieces of his body, such as his ears or parts of his face, melting off. Is this true?" I asked.

"No. His appearance, according to my father, who escorted him to the hospital, was truly ruinous, but it wasn't that extreme. He had serious burns all over his body. His flesh was dark and he presented no bodily injuries," explained our interviewee, making partial changes to the story which had appeared in books and hundreds of articles published on the case. "My father was a deputy policeman at Santana de Parna=EDba and requested the assistance of the forensic unit to research the case, but I don't know anything about the results. The fact is that nothing burned in the room where Jose was when the fire appeared. He had no enemies or anyone who'd be interested in doing such a thing to him. Even as he died, he repeated that the light had attacked him and that it was "otherworldly"," explained our interviewee. The following item of information brought us back to reality with a start. " Back then, people would constantly see fireballs known as "assombracoes" (ghosts) in Aracariguama and its vicinity. Some believed they came from the gold mine that's now closed. Other weird things would happen, too. My late father told us that around 1922 he was able to see a lobisomem (wolf-man) while with my grandfather and an uncle. My uncle apparently threw a rock at it and hit its hand. The next day, a neighbor turned up with his hand bandaged. Other people told similar stories," Luis Prestes informed us. The idea that that the Sao Roque area could be some fantastic "window area" through which an astonishing variety and quantity of anomalous phenomena jelled in our minds.

The theory seemed to match the following data imparted by our informer. "Something equally scary happened to Emiliano Prestes, my uncle and Joao Prestes' brother. A few months after his brother's tragic death, Emiliano was walking through an Aracariguama forest, in Agua Podre - the same one from which the lobisomen appeared in 1922 and where the light burned Joao. A fiery torch appeared above him, causing the terrified Emiliano to run to a canyon's edge when the thing fell on him. All he could do was kneel and pray for his life. He told us that he felt an intense heat, but luckily, the fiery torch moved away and vanished." Luis's account added even further mysteries to the area.

The "fiery torch" or "fireball" was also seen on several occasions by Luis's father. The object would frighten horses and riders alike as they made their way through Aracariguama's dark nights to reach their humble abodes. "The lights were seen most frequently between 3 and 4 in the morning, and were three or four times larger than the Moon. People would feel their heat even at a distance, and they were able to move amazingly fast. My father stopped going to parties at night because of these lights," Luis Prestes recalled.

Further Aggressions

Before ending our interview, feeling satisfied by the new information shedding light on the Joao Prestes case, just as we were thinking to add nothing further to the proceedings, Luis Prestes gave us a valuable clue: the possible existence of the last witness have seen Joao's dying moments. "He's an elderly gentleman, but very lucid and strong. He lives close to my neighborhood in San Roque. This is his address."

We immediately headed toward the residence of Verg=EDlio Francisco Alves. Upon reaching it, his daughter advised us that her father was working in the fields in front of the house, clearing vegetation with a scythe. After some time had elapsed, Verg=EDlio appeared. To our surprise, he produced his identity card proving his 92 years of existence in full health.

Seated on a threadbare sofa in his modest home, Verg=EDlio explained that he was Joao Prestes's second cousin. "I was born and raised in Aracariguama. That's where I began working in the Morro Velho gold mine at the age of 15 or 16. There was a British engineer who couldn't write my name and called me garoto de ouro ("golden boy"). But I'll tell you what I know about the horrible death of Joao Prestes. It was in 1946 during the carnival season. He went fishing in the nearby Tiet=E9 River, riding in his cart, while the wife and children went to the festivities. It was the dry season and there was no rain. When he got back, he stabled his horse and fed it some corn. He put the fish in a pot and heated some water with firewood to take a bath. When he changed clothing, a sort of beam of light or yellow light had appeared in his room. He felt his body burning and that his beard, while short, was burning. Panicked, and unable to move his hands, Joao raised the door latch using his teeth and ran into the street barefoot, since he never wore shoes. He ran screaming to his sister Mar=EDa's house, near the Aracariguama church. He dropped on a bed and said he'd been burned. The police chief, Joao Malaqu=EDas, went over immediately, who told him there was no one to blame for what had happened, because his attacker "had not been of this world". This was followed by lightning and thunder, and a powerful rainstorm..."

This part of Verg=EDlio's story reminded me of the Varghina case, which occurred in 1997 in Minas Gerais. A rainstorm the likes of which had never been seen in Varghina occurred after the appearance and alleged capture of one or more supposedly alien creatures. Significant atmospheric changes tend to occur in "fortean" cases.

"So, you were able to see Joao Prestes on his deathbed?" Claudio Suegana asked Verg=EDlio Alves.

"Yes. My cousin Emiliano Prestes, who was my neighbor, called me over. When I got to Mar=EDa's house, I found Joao Malaqu=EDas, the sheriff, speaking with Joao. He was in bed and having problems using his tongue. His skin, which was fair, was toasted, reddish, as if he'd been roasted. His hands and face had the worst burns. The hands were twisted. His hair didn't burn, nor did his feet nor clothing. He was only burned from the waist up. His feet were torn up from running barefoot on sharp rocks.

"Did you see Joao's flesh falling off in pieces at any time?" I inquired.

"No, no. His skin was burned, but it wasn't falling off. I think that the boitata was to blame, since it had attacked him once before," Verg=EDlio told us. Claudio and I exchanged looks of stupefaction as the lucid nonogenarian imparted his information.

"Please tell us about this other incident," we said, almost in unison.

"Well, when Joao was a tropero (cattle driver), he was still young and lived with his father in Aracariguama. One day at sundown, as he lead the donkeys over a hill, he saw a fire that fell from the sky - a fireball. He was near a chapel that had a cross, and he could feel the fireball passing him, almost knocking him down. Joao would tell me that at that spot you could sometimes see ten or twelve balls emerging from the sky. Some of them were red, others Moon-colored. Sometimes five or six of them would fall to the ground and explode. People would call them the boitata lights..." Verg=EDlio explained.

I would like to digress to explain that the word "boitata" is of native origin and designated mysterious lights that would pursue and even kill the native indians, according to Portuguese colonial chronicles and the stories of Canarian priest Jos=E9 de Anchieta in the 16th century.

Verg=EDlio himself witnessed the apparition of one of these lights, which emerged from behind the mountain where the gold mine was and landed on Mt.Sabao, another hill where strange

lights always appear. "We also called those fireballs maes do ouro (mothers of gold). There was also the "golden lizard", an elongated tongue of flame that moved in a straight line, slowly, without making a sound."

The mysterious Morro Velho gold mine is currently abandoned. Canadian general George Raston, who founded the mine in 1926, lived there until it was closed in the late 1930's.

While we ate some delicious plantains grown by Verg=EDlio on his own farm, he told us that wolf-men had also been seen in Aracariguama, thus confirming the information provided by Luis Prestes.

"Who took Joao to the hospital?" I asked Verg=EDlio in order to resume and finish our interview on the case.

"Malaqu=EDas, the sheriff, wanted to take him to a hospital in Sao Paulo, but the road was in bad shape and they went to Santana do Parna=EDba. An investigation was requested from the police but no answer was found for the case. They only said that nothing had burned in Joao's house, since some had said that he had burned himself with a candlestick.

Road to Aracariguama

Still stunned by the new information in our possession about the Prestes case, we got on the only bus that makes the trip between Sao Roque and Aracariguama. Since 1946, when it was a village without electricity, running water and sewerage, Aracariguama hadn't grown much and poisonous snakes were still abundant. It is one of the region's oldest towns and has 7000 residents. It was founded some 350 years ago, and was home to the bandeirantes, the conquerors of Brazil's vast interior.

According to a report published in the 1960's by the late Dr. Walter B=FChler, the police condemned Joao Prestes's house and it was later demolished, since his family was apparently afraid to return to the house, perhaps considered an accursed location.

In Aracariguama we met with Fabiana Matias de Oliveira, head press secretary for the small township, and she led us to her uncle Hermes de Fonseca, nearly 70 years old and deeply knowledgeable about the history of the region and its occupants. As is the case with many Brazilians of his age, he continued working to earn a living, making small improvements to a farm close to the Town Hall. Hermes sat on a tree stump and told us about his life, his arrival in Aracariguama in 1945 and the fact that a rattlesnake had bitten his ankle - a scar he showed us proudly.

"I knew Joao Prestes. I remember the date of his death perfectly - it was March 5th, 1946. He left behind five or six children and a widow. I never got to see the body - only a few people did. But they said that it was burned. The press would later say that his body had melted, fallen to pieces," the septuagenarian told us.

"Weird things have always occurred here. A year after Joao's death, his brother Emiliano Prestes saw two fireballs rising and striking each other, rising again and repeating the same action, close to the cemetery. Suddenly the lights encircled him and he felt intense heat. He knelt and prayed until the lights left. Even today you can still see these lights, but with less innsity, over at Ibat=E9, between Aracariguama and Sao Roque. When they strike each other they let sparks fly, but don't disintegrate. Giomar Gouveia, a champion jockey and owner of some stables at Ibat=E9, saw a light hovering over his animals, giving off orange beams of light. This was in 1995." Hermes da Fonseca recalled.

Enthused by our interest, Hermes continued, remembering dates and details worthy of his appointment as the "official chronicler" of Aracariguama. "In 1960, Celso Gomide, a bus driver, was on his way from Sao Roque when he saw a red light that caused him to stop the vehicle. The light approached the cabin and Gomide, frightened, began to pray. The passengers were stunned by the uncanny light, which encircled them for some 20 minutes."

"In 1955," he continued, "I worked on the construction of a cable car in the Santa Rita cement factory. It was supposed to be used to transport rock from a local quarry. It was August 24th of that year and the heat was unbearable when myself and other workers saw an object drifting in the blue sky as large as a truck tire, very tall, aluminum-colored, spinning and giving off smoke - circles of white smoke. We saw it at a quarter past eleven, and by twelve o'clock, five or six FAB (Brazilian Air Force) airplanes arrived. They were smaller than the flying wheel, which distanced itself easily from the planes. On the following day, the "Folha de Sao Paulo" newspaper published an article about the fact that thousands of people in Osasco (near Aracariguama) had seen a flying saucer with the same characteristics."

Less than a kilometer away from the town is the graveyard. We found the local gravedigger, 53 year old Nelson Oliveira, who led us to the tomb where the mortal remains of Joao Prestes lay. On the cement box covered by earth there rose a crudely carved cross and an identification number. Claudio and I felt knots in our throats as we thought about the last moments of Joao Prestes' agony. Regaining our composure, we asked Nelson, who had been a gravedigger since 1976, if he had seen anything strange in the area.

"Around 1989 I saw something weird, round, flying over the cemetery. It was like an upside-down hat made of aluminum, shining when it moved in a straight line and balancing. It was headed toward Sao Paulo," the gravedigger told us, using his own hat as an example.

During a personal interview with ufologist Antonio Ribera in Barcelona, he expressed the belief that Joao Prestes could have been burned by an alien ship's propulsion system. "I don't think the aliens wanted to harm or kill the farmer. They simply didn't know what would happen if they came too close to human beings," Ribera said.

We had much time to reflect upon the tragic death of Joao Prestes Filho as a ramshackle bus took us away from Aracariguama. "What do you think the light that killed Prestes was?" I asked Claudio. "Maybe ball lightning," he replied. "But, how can one explain the other lights and creatures in the region?" I insisted.

Claudio Suenaga said nothing. He shrugged and cast a last glance on the church tower of that accursed village.

The Prestes Case: A Study in UFO Intrigue

The Joao Prestes Case only became known internationally as of September 1971, when ufologist Irineu Silveira announced the possible connection between the farmer's death and the UFO phenomenon during the 2nd Symposium on Extraterrestrial Life, held in Sao Paulo.

A number of investigators examined the case. Walter Buhler, one of Brazil's best known ufologists, believed that Prestes' burns were attributable to a candlestick. However, the majority begged to differ, accusing B=FChler of belonging to the "angelical" party of ufology - the side that preaches that ETs have come to Earth to do good rather than harm. Others, such as premier ufologist Fernando Grossman, were able to interview direct witnesses to the case in 1974, such as former apprentice orderly Aracy Gomide. Based on information supplied by Gomide, Grossman and physician Luiz Braga reached the conclusion that Prestes' burns resembled "the indirect effects of a nuclear explosion, as occurred with certain victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Radiation affected living cells but not the dead ones, such as hair and the fabric of clothing. But, who in 1946 would have had a directed beam of powerful atomic particles anywhere near Aracariguama?"

"It's not an isolated case," Grossman commented during an interview he granted me in Sao Paulo. "There are many parallels between his death and others which occurred in the state of Para (Brazilian Amazonia) in the late '70s and early '80s. The researcher pointed out that on the day of Prestes' death, an Aracariguama councilman named Alencar Martins Goncalves saw a "fireball" near the cemetery.

Gomide's statements were internationally echoed and the majority of the articles appearing in books, magazines and bulletins based the Prestes Case on this witness exclusively. Much of the information provided by the former orderly does not appear to coincide with the recollections of Luis and Roque Prestes and Verg=EDlio Francisco Alves. According to Gomide, Joao, upon returning from fishing, jumped through a window to get into his house, given that his wife had locked the door upon leaving. It was at that moment that he would have seen the intense light that burned him. Gomide, who had worked as an Army orderly, was asked to care for Joao Prestes, with whom he held conversations during the latter's 6 to 9 hour agony.

The orderly disclosed that the flesh fell off the victim's arms, leaving exposed bones and tendons without any indication of pain. The most affected bodily parts were the face and arms, but without presenting any darkening - rather decomposition, an explanation that doesn't jibe with the ones given by Luis Prestes and Virgilio. On the other hand, all three accounts coincide in that Joao's shirt and trousers, as well as his hair, remained intact.

Claudio Suenaga managed to recover Joao Prestes' death certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics and Notary of Santana de Parna=EDba. Gomide stated that Prestes had died between three and four o'clock in the morning on March 6, when in fact, the event occurred on March 4 at 22:00 hours and not on the 5th as was hitherto believed. Physician Luiz Caligiuri indicated the cause of death in the document as "cardiac collapse, generalized 1st and 2nd degree burns." Joao's age was believed to be 39, but the document indicates 44 years of age at the time of death.

Sao Roque, Santana do Parnaiba y Aracariguama: Window Areas?

The region surrounding Sao Roque, Santana do Parna=EDba, Aracariguama and other towns neighboring one of the most densely populated cities on Earth (Sao Paulo, with its 18 million inhabitants) has been the scene of unusual phenomena for many years.

The "Supysaua" Newsletter (March '95), published by the Grupo Ufol=F3gico de Guaruja reported that three children had witnessed a glowing UFO on January 4, 1994 in Santana de Parna=EDba, where Joao Prestes died. The object approached the backyard of the home in question and floated less than 15 meters over the witnesses. Its color was largely yellow and it possessed sparkling green and red lights. What was remarkable was that within the yellow light, the children could make out a semi-circular shape resembling a dome. The children were startled by the UFOs abrupt, zigzagging movements as it departed at high speed.

In that same year and region, a married couple witnessed from the "Lila" ranch on Km 41 of Castelo Branco highway a spherical object measuring three meters in diameter which floated between the trees and made no sound whatsoever. It was red in color and was darker at its core. Its periphery was surrounded by several smaller, blinking lights, alternating between blue and red.

In 1993, a 12-year old girl named Regiane Barbosa da Silva witnessed on the same ranch a spherical object measuring some 5 meters in diameter. The UFO suddenly fired a beam of yellow light that covered the girl's body and lit the surrounding area. After the event, Regiane experienced headaches and eye irritation. Three months later, another witness spotted the same object at the same spot. The watchmen of the "Lila" ranch claim having seen two humanoids floating over a brook on the ranch's property.

An elderly Japanese woman who spent her youth in Santana de Parna=EDba told Suenaga that she had seen a half-wolfman, half-centaur being in the vicinity of S=EDtio do Morro. San Roque has also experienced one of the most intense waves of Chupacabras activity in all of South America.

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http://www.dni.gov/press_releases/20070521_release.pdf

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New Post On Alien Abduction Accounts

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 16:36:21 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 10:34:22 -0400
Subject: New Post On Alien Abduction Accounts

There is a new account posted on Alien Abduction Accounts.
It is titled:

"Two Dreams On the Same Night"

You can view it at Alien Abduction Accounts by clicking on the
link below:

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

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Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 12:02:31 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 10:37:52 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Bourdais

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 01:46:32 -0300
>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

>>From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 09:00:43 -0600
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

<snip>

>If you can't prove the viability of 1947 to 2007 technology as
>the culprit for the UFO then you don't have that to support your
>argument. But you and others can't claim year in and year out
>that we have the capability or had it then when there's
>absolutely no aero-space science to support it and no aircraft
>to support it-anywhere.

>I could really get into this but it would likely bore the hell
>out of everybody. It has in the past.

>The little piece I wrote was meant to be cheeky while not
>getting off on a rant.

Don,

This is not boring at all to me. On the contrary, it is the kind
of sensible technical data that we badly need in ufology. We are
plagued, in France too, with a lot o fancy speculation about the
nazi saucers, etc.

Recently, Jean-Pierre Petit claimed that there is a secret,
hypersonic version (mach 10) of the B-2 propelled by MHD! I was
invited, next to him, when he explained that, with a model in
hands, on the first French TV network, TF1, a couple of years
ago. I was petrified.

It's in his best selling book entitled "UFOs and secret American
Weapons" (OVNIS et armes secretes americaines), published in
2003 and still on the tables of book stores. There seems to be
no end to that sort on nonsense.

Thanks a lot.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: More MoD UFO Information - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 15:16:33 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 10:40:38 -0400
Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information - Pope

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 05:38:20 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 10:56:25 +0100
>>Subject: More MoD UFO Information

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>>position on the subject, but there are one or two more
>>interesting snippets.

>Is there a short list of disclosed documents, to which you could
>point us, to at least facilitate the beginning of our research?

With regard to the material online at the MoD's website, I'm
afraid it's a bit laborious. You need to start here:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/>

You then need to search both the Publication Scheme and the
Disclosure Log, using the keyword UFO (and UAP) and setting the
dates so as to search the entire archive.

>Also, are there documents which describe any CE data?

Yes, but they're not yet available online and they're not
separated out from UFO reports:

<http://tinyurl.com/334jpc>

[a .pdf]

During my tour of duty I placed around half a dozen CE reports
onto a separate file and released redacted versions to a number
of UFO groups and researchers, as an early exercise in open
government. But my successors clearly chose not to separate CE
reports from UFO reports, which makes things tricky for
researchers.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope
<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Fwd Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 08:11:38 -0400
Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information - Pope

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 14:39:53 -0300
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>>There are some interesting papers in relation to last month's
>>incident where a pilot reported a UFO near the Channel Islands.
>>The MoD undertook an "investigation" - a word the Department is
>>normally reluctant to use in relation to UFOs. The outcome was a
>>conclusion that the incident occurred in French airspace and
>>that it is therefore a matter for the French authorities.

>>In response to a question about aircraft being scrambled to
>>intercept UFOs, the MoD state "We have no record of the UK ever
>>trying to bring down a UFO".

>Just finished looking at the PDF report on the Channel Islands
>case. As you say the MOD sloughed it off on France. Did anyone
>request an FOI re communications with the French civil Aviation
>Authority or their military defence authority about this
>possibility of an airspace violation. Who submitted this most
>recent request?

I'm not sure. People like Steve Johnson at UFO DATA Magazine and
Chris Rolfe from UFO Monitors East Kent have been doing a lot of
work on the recent F-15 encounter and I think they may be
researching this one too.

>Despite the names being deleted there's much more to chew on
>than previously.

>I've always thought that it was more beneficial to the
>government than to the witnesses to have these names deleted. Of
>no military interest or significance is absurd. FYI this
>altitude of 2,000 to 2,500 feet seems to be popular with these
>huge craft. That might be significant.

Here are two quotes from the MoD's April 30 email that I find
disappointing:

"We had no reports from the French that the object was seen or
detected on radar". But did they ask?

"We believe the ATC radar at Jersey is secondary only and

therefore unable to achieve a primary radar contact". We
believe? Didn't they check?

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Detailed UFO Caught On Camera

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Fwd Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 08:18:42 -0400
Subject: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera

Source: NowPublic.Com - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/23st9r>

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[Images at site]

Posted by DanB

UFO - Another Similar Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - What's Going On?

"This week I was visting my fiance's parents in Capitola (we were actually there to tell them about our engagement, in fact). We were eating dinner on the back porch when we noticed this 'object' sort of hovering in the sky. The camera was still out from earlier so I grabbed it and tried to get some clear shots of it. It took off over the roof shortly after, so I ran into the street in front of the house to follow, trying to get more shots without wobbling around too much (which was harder than it sounds). It then came in lower over a telephone pole, where I was able to get a few more pictures, before it finally took off into the distance pretty fast. I thought it was gone but noticed it was still visible, so I grabbed a few more pictures.

At one point a car stopped to look as well. No one had any idea what this thing was but everyone in the car was visibly freaked out by it. Once it was gone they told me to call the news and drove off. :) I'm not sure who else saw it in the neighborhood since I don't live down there, but I'm sure at least a few others must have noticed it. It was way too werid and way too close to go unnoticed. Once it was gone and I caught my breath I could barely stop my hands from shaking for the next hour or so. Needless to say, this is all we talked about for the rest of the night. None of us can figure out what it was (and that's saying something, because my fiance's dad is a mechanical engineer).

We sent a copy of the photos to their newspaper but haven't heard back yet. I dunno how long that kind of thing takes.

There's also some writing on this thing, which I didn't recognize (and I read both English and Hindi). You can see it in a few of the pictures.

Anyway, I created this Flickr account for the best of these pictures. I have no clue what this thing is so I'm putting it out there to see if anyone else saw it."

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

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Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Friedman

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 17:40:03 +0100
>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

>>From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 17:20:01 +0200
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

>>>From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 18 May 2007 08:46:46 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

><snip>

>>>If UFOs do not "represent technological developments or
>>>principles beyond the range of present-day scientific
>>>knowledge;" and show no indications of being "extraterrestrial
>>>vehicles;" What then does that leave us with?

>>>The only thing I can surmise from this is that UFOs are and have
>>>been for the last 60 years or so, vehicles constructed by some
>>>scientific or military organization on this planet.

>>-----

>>August 1608:

>>War between aliens mutually and humans.

>>War between aliens in and above the Mediteranean sea witnessed
>>by people of southern France from Marseilles to Genoa. Followed
>>by the involvement of human soldiers.

>>http://www.inquiring-mines.com/ufo_1608_aerial_battle_france.htm

>>1608 UFO Aerial Battle

>>In August of 1608, people of southern France, from Marseilles to
>>Genoa, witnessed a true wave of UFOs, as reported in a chronicle
>>of the time entitled, "Discours des terribles et espouvantables
>>signes apparatus sur la mer Gennes."

>>At this link a very short description of the events is
>>accompanied by what appears to be an eye-popping original
>>engraving of fiery lenticular discs being bombarded from a
>>castle wall. But there is no attribution whatsoever either for
>>the story or the image.

>>In case anyone gets misled it should be pointed out that the
>>image is apparently neither original nor an engraving, but is
>>actually "a free pictorial interpretation of the account of
>>1608", one of a set of 12 colourful saucer paintings, copyright
>>by GEOS and Gerard Lebat, which can be seen here

>><http://tinyurl.com/2ug363>

>What appear to be genuine images of a 19thC reprint of one of
>the original 17thC documents are shown at

><http://rr0.org/data/1608/Signes/>

>with the original text next to a rendering into modern French.

>From this we discover that for several weeks there were
>apparitions of giants rising out of the sea brandishing horrible
>snakes, fighting men and horses, noises like canon fire, flying
>carriages ("carrosses") pulled by fiery dragons, and deluges of
>blood. An intriguing "flap" of odd visions. Some of them might
>be prompted by mirages, or perhaps there was a volcanic eruption
>associated with disturbed weather and dust washed down in the
>rain? Hard to say, but there really isn't anything here that
>justifies talk of "extraterrestrial machines" or "war between
>aliens and humans"...

Please note that the phrase "not beyond our technical knowledge"
is a typical misleading USAF comment.

I worked for Westinghouse on real nuclear rocket Engines which
were actually ground tested in the late 1960s. They aren't
beyond our knowledge. I worked on a study of nuclear fusion
rockets in the early 1960s. They weren't beyond our knowledge.

This does not mean we are operating fleets of fission or fusion
rockets. I discussed magnetoaerodynamic propulsions systems for
use in the atmosphere in my congressional testimony in 1968.
That doesn't mean we are flying them.

It takes a huge effort to go into serial production. It cost 10
billion dollars to develop the Stealth Fighter and it was used.

Stan Friedman

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Ralph & Judy Blum?

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <sanchezocejo.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 11:36:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 08:23:50 -0400
Subject: Ralph & Judy Blum?

Dear all:

I need to contact Ralph and Judy Blum, authors of Beyond Earth:
Man's Contact With UFOs.

Any information on how to reach them is appreciated.

Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

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Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 11:42:34 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 08:26:35 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Tarbell

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 14:10:47 +0100
>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 01:46:32 -0300
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

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>One can always make that argument that if the objects reported
>by Arnold *did* strongly resemble the Horten wings in shape (and
>I suppose nobody can argue with that - they did), and if there
>was some chance that Horten designs might have been flown in the
>US in June 1947, then probability favours the conclusion that
>Arnold must have misjudged the speed/distance of unfamiliar
>aeroforms by a factor 3 or something. But that depends on it
>being likely that Horten designs were in use in the US at that
>date.

<snip>

>Don't forget whilst focusing on the Hortens that Jack Northrop in
>the US had been building and demonstrating flying wings since
>1929! He was contracted to develop long range flying wing
>bombers by the US Army Air Corps in 1941 and the XB-35 first
>>flew on June 25 1946 - almost exactly a year before the Arnold
>sighting. The US poured huge money into this, going 4x over
>budget, but still the programme was blighted with problems and
>11 production aircraft were left unfinished and unflown when the
>design evolved into the YB-49 jet-powered wing in summer 1948.
>But this too had unresolvable problems with stability and proved
>hopeless for its designed strike role, so the AF poured another
>\$88 million into a redesigned reconnaissance version, the YRB-
>49. They ordered 30 of these, but again the thing was a flop
>and petered out in 1949. The one flying version was finally
>airborne in 1950 and flown as far as its graveyard in
>California.

>If there was a secret underground programme of successful jet
>Hortens flying in numbers before June 1947 then a heck of a lot
>of money and effort was wasted on Northrop.

Quite. And if such a black program were underway in 1947, you
can be sure that Northrop would have been the prime contractor.
For better or worse, Northrop's work was the U.S. state of the
art in flying wing design (and still is, for that matter).

As it happens, my father had a prominent role in the B-2
program, particularly with regard to flight test engineering. I
haven't pressed him on the details, but it obviously continued
to be a problematic design concept. Indeed, without continuous
on-board computer monitoring and intervention, it probably
couldn't fly at all (he described it, quite seriously, as
unstable on all three axes). To be fair, some of this is
attributable to the 'stealth' constraints on the geometry,
rather than the flying wing design per se.

I am quite unable to believe that the U.S. had a near-supersonic flying wing aircraft that was stable and maneuverable *without* computer assistance in 1947. And if we had, surely that technology would have been employed in the subsequent 60 years of DoD development programs, both public and black.

An historical aside: at the very time of the Kenneth Arnold and Roswell incidents, Walter Horton was corresponding with Jack Northrop regarding employment in the U.S. to support the flying wing program.

Mike

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On The Road To Roswell 2007 Part III

From: Tom Horn <raidersnewsupdate.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 09:26:37 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 08:27:57 -0400
Subject: On The Road To Roswell 2007 Part III

Part Three - On The Road To Roswell 2007: A Discussion With
Dennis G. Balthaser

<http://www.raidersnewsnetwork.com/full.php?news=5506>

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Re: More MoD UFO Information - Redfern

From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 12:49:48 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 08:35:36 -0400
Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information - Redfern

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 15:16:33 +0100
>Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 05:38:20 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information

>>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 10:56:25 +0100
>>>Subject: More MoD UFO Information

>>>The MoD recently placed more responses to UFO-related FOI
>>>requests on its website. They can be viewed in the Disclosure
>>>Log:

>>><http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/DisclosureLog>

>>>Most responses do little more than state the MoD's official
>>>position on the subject, but there are one or two more
>>>interesting snippets.

>>Is there a short list of disclosed documents, to which you could
>>point us, to at least facilitate the beginning of our research?

>With regard to the material online at the MoD's website, I'm
>afraid it's a bit laborious. You need to start here:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/>

>You then need to search both the Publication Scheme and the
>Disclosure Log, using the keyword UFO (and UAP) and setting the
>dates so as to search the entire archive.

>>Also, are there documents which describe any CE data?

>Yes, but they're not yet available online and they're not
>separated out from UFO reports:

><http://tinyurl.com/334jpc>

>[a .pdf]

>During my tour of duty I placed around half a dozen CE reports
>onto a separate file and released redacted versions to a number
>of UFO groups and researchers, as an early exercise in open
>government. But my successors clearly chose not to separate CE
>reports from UFO reports, which makes things tricky for
>researchers.

List:

A couple of months ago, I wrote an article for the British Daily
Express newspaper on official British Government files on weird
phenomena that had surfaced into the public domain - UFOs, "Big

Cat" sightings, official files on the Loch Ness Monster, etc.

One of the files concerned a British "vehicle interference" case from the 1960s that was investigated by the Royal Air Force and that could be considered a very strong CE event. The extract from the newspaper article reads as follows:

The hope and assumption of many is that if aliens are visiting us, they mean us no harm. But that may not be the case.

Classified for decades and now available to the public is a three-page Royal Air Force document that relates the disturbing facts of a UFO encounter reported to the RAF in 1966 by a young lady named Diane Foulkes.

She had been driving towards her Shrewsbury home late on the night of 8 November 1966 when, according to the RAF's archives, a circular-shaped UFO loomed into view as she neared the River Severn.

Corporal R.A. Rickwood of the RAF's Provost and Security Services wrote in his report: "...she could see rays of light shooting from the object which appeared to keep station with her car until she arrived home. At one time during the journey the object travelled near her and the rays seemed to come towards the right hand side of her car. She felt a bump against that side as if they had struck it."

Corporal Rickwood continued: "At this moment she felt as if she had received an electric shock and had felt a severe pain in her neck. The left-hand side headlight of the car also went out. This made her extremely frightened. When she got home she felt very ill and had complained to her parents."

After completing his investigation, Corporal Rickwood came to a conclusion: "There is no evidence to associate the incidents complained of with the Royal Air Force and the complainant Miss Foulkes is now satisfied that the incidents are unexplainable and in no way connected with the Armed Forces."

And, as a result, the investigation of this strange case was quietly closed.

There is an intriguing footnote to all this: namely that the official report also referred to a "Mr. Griffin" who lived in the area and who had allegedly made contact with the occupants of the UFO.

Of course, many alleged abduction type accounts are said to begin with a "vehicle interference" angle; and the fact that this CE case resulted in a personal visit to the home of the witness by a representative of the Royal Air Force's Provost & Security Services is interesting.

There are several MoD "vehicle interference" files at the National Archives outside London; and so perhaps it might be worth looking further into some of these to determine a possible abduction/CE link.

Nick Redfern
<http://www.ufomystic.com>

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 16:24:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 08:37:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Gehrman

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 11:31:59 EDT
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

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Kevin,

>So, no, this doesn't help, other than supply a different version
>to the already confused record. I think we can say, safely, that
>Johnson was out there and he took pictures. I believe that he
>took six, but others with some rather flakey analysis, seem to
>believe he took only four...

"Flakey analysis"? Both Neil and Andrew have used scientific methods to arrive at their conclusions. If you have a problem with their results, you need to make it clear in a scientific way or you can just say "I believe David, and David thinks it's BS so I'll call it 'flakey'." I think you can do better than that. You have a responsibility to your readers to at least make an attempt to understand Neil's evidence and comment intelligently. "Flakey" is a crude and unintelligent judgement.

>so now we need a third cameraman

Yes, we do.

>take two pictures of Marcel... not to mention the guy who took
>the picture of Newton.

Yes that is correct.

>I think we can safely say that the debris
>in all the pictures is the same,

No you better take a closer look. Examine the Bettmann.
If you don't have it, I'm sure Neil can send it to you.

>though the angles of the
>photographs change and some of the debris is moved around as
>people handled it.

Parts of the debris have been hidden or rearranged for no
apparent reason.

>Johnson's legacy is a confusion about what he saw and did
>because he offered so many versions of it. When we reduce this
>to the known facts as opposed to the speculations, we have
>Johnson photographing a balloon and target with the cover story
>already in place.

Well yes, the cover story had been in place since the Army Intelligence decided on these tactics: bait and switch. It was a drama concocted to deceive the public. But for some reason they left some of the debris in Bond's photos and it's there for all to see who care to examine the evidence. Maybe they thought we were too dumb to realize the difference.

>We have no "real" debris in those pictures

Yes we do see real debris, but that's not the only question. We must also decide if the radar reflector is a ML306 or an ML 307. They were not the same in design or construction and so had different parts. I'm putting my money on an ML306.

That rules out Mogul. So you might begin to realize how important our disagreements could become. I think everyone on the list should follow our discussions carefully.

>and an explanation handed out to the press as quickly as >possible.

Whatever that means.

Ed

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Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 18:06:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 08:42:56 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Kaeser

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 14:10:47 +0100
>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

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>Arnold must have misjudged the speed/distance of unfamiliar
>aeroforms by a factor 3 or something. But that depends on it
>being likely that Horten designs were in use in the US at that
>date.

The Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, Don Berliner, wanted to respond:

Martin Shough thinks that "nobody can argue with" the claim that "the objects reported by (Kenneth) Arnold 'did' strongly resemble the Horton (flying) wings...."

I can argue and am doing so.

The description in Kenneth Arnold's initial written report to the U.S. Army Air Forces, a few weeks after his 6/24/47 experience, is of objects "longer than wide" and his simple sketch shows an oval with its tail end slightly pointed, and bearing no similarity to the Ho.IX, which was a slightly-swept flying wing with a wingspan of 55' and length of 24' 6".

The idea that the objects were crescent-shaped did not appear until 1952, when an article in Fate magazine included a photo of Arnold with a model of a crescent-shaped airplane or UFO.

Don B.

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 17:11:26 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 09:41:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Rudiak

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 11:06:17 -0700
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 23:13:36 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 12:08:20 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 09:40:04 -0700
>>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

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>>even those nice _white_ stripes you see
>>along the edges of those foil sheets in the pictures are
>>_incorrect_ and shouldn't be there.

>Total nonsense Neil. This a perfect example of the absolutely
>off-the-wall arguments that keep coming out from your camp.
>Again, for the thousandth time, the white stripes are nothing
>more than the white paper/foil folded back at the edges to form
>sheaths for the edge sticks of the radar targets or reinforced
>edges. They were a perfectly normal feature of the targets.
>And yes, they would form hollow "tubes" - nothing to get excited
>about.

<snip>

>>I think
>>David Rudiak's site had a couple of ML307 images on it, go and
>>have a look if you don't believe me

>Yes, Neil, please have a look where these white strips _do_
>appear on genuine ML307 radar targets:

>http://www.roswellproof.com/Oxford_Ohio.html

>http://www.roswellproof.com/rawin_construction.html

><http://www.roswellproof.com/files/320x240.mpg>

Here's another link from my website that I had forgotten about
showing a Mogul flight in preparation from 1948. A white strip
on foil is very obviously visible on one of the radar target.
(This photo was used in the 1995 Air Force Roswell report.)

http://www.roswellproof.com/Mogul_launch_July1948.html

One reason you can't always see the white strips in the photos
is that both the strips and foil are brightly reflecting, In

photos, particularly more exposed ones and where both materials are directly illuminated by bright light (such as in direct sunlight), there is often no contrast between the two in the final print. The print doesn't have enough dynamic range to pick it up and the contrast between the two gets washed out. Both simply look white on the photo, including the foil. In indirect illumination or shadow, the white strip is often very obvious, as in the above photo.

Incidentally, this bogus "white strip can't be there on a radar target" has been argued here before clear back in 2003. The whole foolish notion seems to come from Andrew Lavoie and been taken up by Neil Morris, both of whom seem to ignore even photographic proof that they are wrong. See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/oct/m11-002.shtml>

Other bogus arguments from Lavoie still trumped here by Neil and other RPIT groupees are their "definitive" 3:15 photo time for the Fort Worth photos by J. Bond Johnson (based on a faulty analysis of an exterior shadow) and there being more than one photographer for the six FW Star Telegram photos that day (based on another faulty analysis of rug stripe angles).

This all started with an aging Johnson trying to turn his photos of a balsa wood/foil/paper radar kite into exotic Roswell debris of a flying saucer. Thus an obvious radar target had to be turned into something other than a radar target through absurd magical thinking.

David Rudiak

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Re: The Incredible Saga Of Joao Prestes - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 01:04:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 09:57:45 -0400
Subject: Re: The Incredible Saga Of Joao Prestes - Maccabee

>From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 15:35:24 -0400
>Subject: The Incredible Saga Of Joao Prestes

>The Incredible Saga of Joao Prestes
>by Pablo Villarubia Mauso

>Translated by Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology

>In 1946, almost a year prior to the famous incident at Mt.
>Rainier (USA) which heralded the start of the modern UFO age, a
>farmer died in a most hideous fashion in Brazil's back country.
>Within a matter of hours, a strange light had brought about the
>death of Joao Prestes Filho by intense burns, according to some
>witnesses, or as a result of his flesh falling off from the
>bones, leaving bones and tendons exposed - as others would claim.

A very interesting but disturbing story. I guess this was before
the years of "chupa" attacks on the inhabitants of rural Brazil.

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Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 01:04:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 10:00:19 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Maccabee

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 14:10:47 +0100
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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>>From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 09:00:43 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

<snip>

>>>It is amazing how close the Kenneth Arnold description of the
>>>objects he saw, comes to matching the Horton Brothers flying
>>>>wings designed for Germany during WWII, yet no one, even today
>>>>wants to consider the possibility that this was what Arnold
>>>could have seen.

>>Aw Mike, come on. This is another thing that has been gone over
>>ad nauseum off and on for the last 10 years on this List.

<snip>

>>The same holds true of the B-2 and the Hortons. To sustain a
>>lifting body, like a flying wing, the box cross section of the
>>wings has to be so thick it just can't ram itself through the
>>air due to compressibility fast enough to exceed the speed of
>>sound.

<snip>

>>It's not the date that matters it's the R&D time leading up to
>>the development of these engines. It's just too much of a
>>stretch to think that the United States had grabbed a dozen or
>>so of these Hortons, which they didn't, developed them, built
>>far superior engines. They hadn't done any real research on jets
>>and had little expertise, if any, on the technology.>

>Hi Mike & Don

>One can always make that argument that *if* the objects reported
>by Arnold *did* strongly resemble the Horten wings in shape (and
>I suppose nobody can argue with that - they did), and if there
>was some chance that Horten designs might have been flown in the
>US in June 1947, then probability favours the conclusion that
>Arnold must have misjudged the speed/distance of unfamiliar
>aeroforms by a factor 3 or something. But that depends on it
>being likely that Horten designs were in use in the US at that
>date.

>If there was a secret underground programme of successful jet
>Hortens flying in numbers before June 1947 then a heck of a lot
>of money and effort was wasted on Northrop.

As you pointed out, it was not only the shape but also the speed that set Arnold's discs "apart" from the "mundance Horton" craft.

Arnold would have had to be off by a factor 3 or more to be consistent with the jet capability of the day. Yeager with the "Right Stuff" exceeded the sound "barrier" 4 months after Arnold's sighting, and that speed was about 700 mph, about 1000 less than Arnold's report implies.

Of course this has all be argued up down and sideways in recent years since there are those who claim that Arnold saw pelicans, or geese, and for those few who remember, the ultimate challenge as to... draw a map!!

So let's not get into that argument again.

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Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 12:23:00 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 10:05:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions - Morris

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 11:06:17 -0700
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 23:13:36 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 19 May 2007 12:08:20 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 09:40:04 -0700
>>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

<snip>

>>>Your claim, after Neil Morris, that there was other debris mixed
>>>with the balloon debris, is just another attempt, in my >opinion,
>>>to cast more confusion on the Roswell case.

>>>The idea that some real debris from the "flying disk could have
>>>been mixed to the balloon debris photographed in General Ramey's
>>>office, is nonsense. How could they have been so stupid? I wish
>>>that sort of absurd game would be put to an end ,now.

>>Gildas,

>>Where's the confusion? What part of an ML307 or balloon had
>>heavy guage metal sheet neatly folded at 90 degrees?

>Which I pointed out to Neil years ago could in part have been
>delamination of the white paper foil backing from the foil plus
>shadowing from the camera flash between the double layer, giving
>a thick appearance. In several instances, I marked up a blow-up
>he emailed me showing some areas of appeared to be such
>delamination. Delamination often occurs when you shred
>paper/foil, as you can demonstrate for yourself by taking
>paper/foil wrappers from chewing gum or candy bars and tearing
>them up.

Nope. I was refering to this piece of debris

<http://voyagemedia.ath.cx/images/fig-7a.jpg>

Marker C points to the well defined fold and if you judge that
edge also pointed to by C against the sheet slightly behind you
can see this folded sheet is far thicker in guage. It also has a
twist which allows both sides to be seen, _no_paper_. There's
also some embossed edges marked at B' and B'', this shows _both_
sides of the same embossing due to the twist.

Marker D points to some _clearly_ defined symbols embossed on

another sheet close by.

>However another thought occurred to me. Paper/foil is very
>lightweight and could possibly have moved a little bit during
>the shot. E.g., perhaps someone opened the door to the office at
>just that moment and breeze blew in. Or maybe a roomfan blew in
>that direction and some of the foil fluttered. This would create
>a motion artifact and appear to thicken any foil in motion.

>In any event, it is a photo artifact since the only shot that
>the so-called thick metal shows up is in the Ramey/Dubose "grim"
>photo. The same pieces in the other photos look like simple
>thin foil.

>>or the odd hollow tube/stick?,

>Let me hazard a wild guess - one of the hollow edge sheaths
>holding the edge balsa sticks where the paper/foil was folded
>back on itself?

Nope again, here's a couple of images demonstrating what I mean:

<http://voyagemedia.ath.cx/images/fig-7e.jpg>

The upper image may be a little tricky to visualise as the item
marker 1 points to is actually almost pointing at the camera and
as you can see has a hollow end.

The lower image shows what appears to be surface damage to a
hollow stick structure,

>>even those nice white stripes you see
>>along the edges of those foil sheets in the pictures are
>>incorrect and shouldn't be there.

>Total nonsense Neil. This a perfect example of the absolutely
>off-the-wall arguments that keep coming out from your camp.
>Again, for the thousandth time, the white stripes are nothing
>more than the white paper/foil folded back at the edges to form
>sheaths for the edge sticks of the radar targets or reinforced
>edges. They were a perfectly normal feature of the targets. And
>yes, they would form hollow "tubes" - nothing to get excited
>about.

>>The engineering design drawings for the ML307 explicitly
>>state no foil-to-foil joints

>What it actually says is "there shall be no foil-to-foil
>cemented joints," which you guys have instead totally
>misrepresented as "no foil-to-foil joints." This instruction
>obviously does not forbid foil-to-foil joints, which instead
>of being cemented can easily be taped. In fact, if you read
>the schematic more carefully, it specifically notes that common
>Scotch acetate tape (labeled as component "22") was to be used
>along various such joints.

>In addition, this foil-to-foil note is clearly indicated on that
>schematic as being added in 1953, which means it doesn't even
>apply to how the targets were being made circa 1947, unless you
>>want to invoke another debunking time-travel theory like crash
>dummies, again from 1953, being mistaken for aliens back in
>1947.

>>and this is exactly what those white
>>strips would represent if it were ML307 target debris. I think
>>David Rudiak's site had a couple of ML307 images on it, go and
>>have a look if you don't believe me

>Yes, Neil, please have a look where these white strips do
>appear on genuine ML307 radar targets:

>http://www.roswellproof.com/Oxford_Ohio.html

>

>http://www.roswellproof.com/rawin_construction.html

><http://www.roswellproof.com/files/320x240.mpg>

Could I suggest that what you may be seeing as "white" edges in
you web image may just be the reinforcing tape over the foil
altering the flash reflection?.

>>or if you have the USAF report which reprints the original
>>1944 Army Signal Corp designs for the ML307 you can
>>find those actual instructions printed on it.

>The instruction dates from 1953 and you have totally
>misrepresented what it actually says.

This ML307 was launched from FWAAF 9th July 1947, the full picture was printed in the Star Telegram, this is an enlargement from a negative scan showing the target itself.

<http://voyagemedia.ath.cx/images/fig-2c.jpg>

You can clearly see it follows the Signal Corp drawing in that the edge "stick sacks" are folded over so as to effect a _paper/paper_ joint.

>Are you people quite finished yet with your junk arguments
>trying to turn what is basically a toy balsa kite into exotic
>debris?

David, please look at this image

<http://voyagemedia.ath.cx/images/fig-7d.jpg>

This is an enlargement of part of the Marcel Right image, it's what _looks_ like in the original, just a tattered end of one of those "white stripes" but look closely at the area I've circled.

Here you can see, quite clearly on the level shifted version, that the _tattered_ piece is in fact some sort of "tab" attached to a "buckle-bar" fitting _on_ the white material, I've included some modern examples of these fittings in the image, You should be able to spot the resemblance.

A couple of simple questions,

Where on the ML307 drawings does this appear?.

And, have you ever spotted _any_ of these on _any_ photograph of the ML307?.

There are none to be seen on the ML307 image from July 9th 1947 that I reference above.

While I'm posting links to images, for those interested in the "Buick Series 60 Fender Sundial", here's the view through Ramey's window.

<http://voyagemedia.ath.cx/images/fig-3a.jpg>

And an example of the Series 60 in use as a staff car

<http://voyagemedia.ath.cx/images/fig-3b.jpg>

Neil

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Re: More MoD UFO Information - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 15:37:10 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 10:09:39 -0400
Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information - Shough

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 15:55:41 +0100
>Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 14:39:53 -0300
>>Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information

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>Chris Rolfe from UFO Monitors East Kent have been doing a lot >of
>work on the recent F-15 encounter and I think they may be
>researching this one too.

I think a number of people submitted MoD requests. I did myself,
asking for the original pilot report referenced in the CAA
Mandatory Occurrence Report together with documents and
materials relating to any other aircrew, ATC or radar facility
involvement. I have received no personal response. Instead the
documents were uploaded, so perhaps my request is considered as
part of a "class action" and now redundant in practice (although
I doubt the strict legality of doing this).

A French member of the ufology-in-UK List has offered to
translate and deliver inquiries to the appropriate French
authorities. I think this may be being followed up.

>Here are two quotes from the MoD's April 30 email that I find
>disappointing:

>"We had no reports from the French that the object was seen or
>detected on radar". But did they ask?

I seriously doubt it.

>"We believe the ATC radar at Jersey is secondary only and
>therefore unable to achieve a primary radar contact". We
>believe? Didn't they check?

Clearly not. Capt Bowyer's report explicitly states that he was
informed by Jersey ATC of a primary radar contact. And if you
read the Jersey Air Traffic Controller's report this is
explicitly confirmed. The controller also describes this
contact as possible "anaprop" - secondary radar obviously
doesn't "see" anomalous propagation echoes, only transponders.
So not only did they not check with Jersey they didn't read
their own file.

Martin Shough

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Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 10:36:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 10:20:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Maccabee

>Source: NowPublic.Com - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

><http://tinyurl.com/23st9r>

>May 21, 2007

>[Images at site]

>Posted by DanB

>UFO - Another Similar Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - What's
>Going On?

<snip>

This object has changed from the initial photos posted over a week ago. The spike on the 'right side' (viewed from above, 'handle' or 'tail' behind) has changed into 'brackets' of some sort, each with 3 short spikes.

The central part with the hole reminds me of a gas burner. The 'wires' the 'flow' upward are in the shape of the glass chimney of a kerosene lamp.

Getting pictures of this is apparently easy. Getting close to it is also easy. so why not get a telephoto lens and get some real closeup pictures? Hmrrrrrrrr.....

[And where, exactly, were the images taken? --ebk]

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Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 09:42:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 10:21:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Groff

>Source: NowPublic.Com - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

><http://tinyurl.com/23st9r>

>May 21, 2007

>[Images at site]

>Posted by DanB

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>Going On?

List,

C2C posted some pics of apparently the same object including some closeups.

<http://tinyurl.com/37nh9y>

On one close up there is some fairly legible characters some of which resemble Japanese kata kana.

If this thing is home grown then it seems someone may have developed a very interesting propulsion system.

Terry Groff
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Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs - Shough

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Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 10:22:41 -0400
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>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 11:42:34 -0600
>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 14:10:47 +0100
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

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>>If there was a secret underground programme of successful jet
>>Hortens flying in numbers before June 1947 then a heck of a lot
>>of money and effort was wasted om Northrop.

>Quite. And if such a black program were underway in 1947, you
>can be sure that Northrop would have been the prime contractor.
>For better or worse, Northrop's work was the U.S. state of the
>art in flying wing design (and still is, for that matter).

<snip>

>An historical aside: at the very time of the Kenneth Arnold and
>Roswell incidents, Walter Horton was corresponding with Jack
>Northrop regarding employment in the U.S. to support the flying
>wing program.

Really? Well that compounds the implausibility of the idea that
Horten technology was being independently and secretly developed
in the US. This would be like having a US rocketry program but
leaving Von Braun out in the cold writing begging letters to
commercial sponsors.

Martin Shough

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 10:27:32 -0400
Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information - Ledger

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 15:55:41 +0100
>Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 14:39:53 -0300
>>Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information

>>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 10:56:25 +0100
>>>Subject: More MoD UFO Information

>>>The MoD recently placed more responses to UFO-related FOI
>>>requests on its website. They can be viewed in the Disclosure
>>>Log:

>>><http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/DisclosureLog>

>>>Most responses do little more than state the MoD's official
>>>position on the subject, but there are one or two more
>>>interesting snippets.

>>>There are some interesting papers in relation to last month's
>>>incident where a pilot reported a UFO near the Channel Islands.
>>>The MoD undertook an "investigation" - a word the Department is
>>>normally reluctant to use in relation to UFOs. The outcome was a
>>>conclusion that the incident occurred in French airspace and
>>>that it is therefore a matter for the French authorities.

>>>In response to a question about aircraft being scrambled to
>>>intercept UFOs, the MoD state "We have no record of the UK ever
>>>trying to bring down a UFO".

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>>>case. As you say the MOD sloughed it off on France. Did anyone
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>>>Chris Rolfe from UFO Monitors East Kent have been doing a lot of
>>>work on the recent F-15 encounter and I think they may be
>>>researching this one too.

>>>Despite the names being deleted there's much more to chew on
>>>than previously.

>>>I've always thought that it was more beneficial to the
>>>government than to the witnesses to have these names deleted. Of
>>>no military interest or significance is absurd. FYI this
>>>altitude of 2,000 to 2,500 feet seems to be popular with these
>>>huge craft. That might be significant.

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>>>disappointing:

>"We had no reports from the French that the object was seen or
>detected on radar". But did they _ask_?

>"We believe the ATC radar at Jersey is secondary only and
>therefore unable to achieve a primary radar contact". We
>_believe_? Didn't they check?

Hi Nick,

This apathy on the part of the government - We _believe_? Didn't they check? - the MoD, DND [Canada] DoD {U.S.} and that of the commercial/government controlled agencies responsible for airspace security and safety is frankly astounding.

On my end as a pilot and researcher of pilot sightings, principally in these three countries, it's is criminal how reports of near misses and interference by these things are sloughed off by the aforementioned. A report is made, some comments are passed about nearly hitting one of these things for example-regular routine is suspended-then its back to enforcement of the regulations.

Example; There was a report a couple of years back of a Commuter Jet flying from Montreal to Calgary, Canada. The Commuter was at 23K and was in Toronto's airspace. It reported [daylight] that a brilliantly lit object was coming right at it [opposite direction] which then went under the commuter about 500-1,000 feet below it. That's a clear violation of the air regs. Toronto Center didn't have the thing on radar [no surprise there] and asked what the aircraft type was. The pilot reported back that it wasn't an "aircraft". It was left at that.

This was controlled airspace. The whole report took up three lines in the daily occurrence report. That same day two American Airliners were flying the air routes from JFK and Boston to Prestwick and Heathrow which at the time of their occurrence was in Oceanic Control [Canada's sector-west] having just been handed off from Moncton Center. Since both airliners were assigned the same flight level and Victor Airway they had to be at 125 nautical miles separation. The leading airliner a United 767 out of Logan-Boston, climbed to and slotted himself in at 123 NM rather than the 125 NM as prescribed in the air regulations. Oceanic Control was immediately on him like a hungry coyote on a day old carcass. Exchanges were made and the offending airliner had to increase speed until it was at the regulated 125 NM. The report went on for three paragraphs and under course of action it was noted that further action would be required, meaning the pilot of that United 767 was going to hear about it later. No action was suggested or required during the near miss in the Toronto Sector. Just a big yawn. But it's a hell of a lot more congested in the Toronto sector than it is in Western Oceanic

If you compare these two you see how unbalanced the system is. They don't seem to care though I suspect that they do and have SOPs that restrain them from acting upon the reports. I think a point was reached back in the 1970s where it became obvious to the various Air Forces of the world just what they were dealing with and the apathy seen so frequently reflects that. I now work from that position.

Best,

Don Ledger

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>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 12:02:31 +0200
>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 01:46:32 -0300
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

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>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 20 May 2007 09:00:43 -0600
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>>If you can't prove the viability of 1947 to 2007 technology as
>>the culprit for the UFO then you don't have that to support your
>>argument. But you and others can't claim year in and year out
>>that we have the capability or had it then when there's
>>absolutely no aero-space science to support it and no aircraft
>>to support it-anywhere.

>>I could really get into this but it would likely bore the hell
>>out of everybody. It has in the past.

>>The little piece I wrote was meant to be cheeky while not
>>getting off on a rant.

>Don,

>This is not boring at all to me. On the contrary, it is the kind
>of sensible technical data that we badly need in ufology. We are
>plagued, in France too, with a lot o fancy speculation about the
>nazi saucers, etc.

>Recently, Jean-Pierre Petit claimed that there is a secret,
>hypersonic version (mach 10) of the B-2 propelled by MHD! I was
>invited, next to him, when he explained that, with a model in
>hands, on the first French TV network, TF1, a couple of years
>ago. I was petrified.

>It's in his best selling book entitled "UFOs and secret American
>Weapons" (OVNIS et armes secretes americaines), published in
>2003 and still on the tables of book stores. There seems to be
>no end to that sort on nonsense.

Hi Gildas,

Thanks. I don't doubt there is a replacement for the SR-71
possibly a Mach 5 or 6 vehicle of terrific 'dash' capability
most probably utilizing scram-jet [supersonic ram-jet]
technology at altitudes above 60,000 feet.

A French aerodynamicist first began working on ram-jet
technology back in the late 1930s so it's not new. This type of
aircraft is exotic in relation to it's speed and heat resistant

construction but none of it is new technology which is - in fact - quite old. But there's apparently a need to have this aircraft as a one off or two off production that will of course cost hundreds of millions of dollars to research then produce.

Stan Friedman mentioned, in another post, the cost associated problem with serial production of aircraft. It's time consuming and expensive.

For example the new Boeing 787 design is an aircraft built from scratch and this first aircraft will be sold once tested rather than just being a prototype to help keep down cost.

The F-117As are all hand built and no two are identical. The B-2s are handbuilt but are uniformly jiggged up and cost nearly a billion a copy.

This cost problem would have been the same for the Hortons that some claim flew near Mt. Rainer not even a full two years after the end of the war.

It's fiction anyway.

The Hortons were in preliminary stages, one was a one third scale model which was to be tested and the full scale version wasn't ever flown.

Take one look at the intakes on the Hortons and that pretty much trashes any supersonic theories. The intakes stalled the airflow at faster speeds stalling the compressors a probelm that went on for years until AVRO solved it with variable geometry inlets on the Arrow's intakes.

Best,

Don Ledger

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UFO "Leakiness"

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Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 10:42:41 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 10:33:30 -0400
Subject: UFO "Leakiness"

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This, below, just in from David Clarke.

Note the fact that highly intriguing internal documentation from the Ministry of Defence demonstrates that there was a reluctance to provide the MoD's public UFO Desk with a copy of the Defense Intelligence Staff's secret UFO study: Project Condign. The reason for this is particularly interesting, as you will see.

Nick Redfern

Two months ago Norman Baker, Lib Dem MP for Lewes, tabled a written question in Parliament on the Defence Intelligence Staff report on UFOs "Project Condign."

He wanted to know how much public money was spent on producing the report, along with the name of the author, his qualifications, to whom the report was circulated and what actions were taken on the recommendations.

The reply he received from Rt Hon Adam Ingram MP revealed that the report cost an estimated =A350,000 and was produced by a contractor employed by the DIS on a long term contract. The MOD refused to name him, citing the Data Protection Act, but said the report had been circulated within the DIS and to other branches of the MoD and RAF.

Mr Ingram's reply did not say if a copy of the report - produced by the intelligence services - had been sent to the Defence Secretariat, or DAS - formerly Sec(AS), and often referred to as 'the UFO desk' - which the MoD maintains is the single and only focus for UFO matters at Whitehall.

As a result Mr Baker has tabled a further Parliamentary Question to be answered on 4 June, specifically asking if the Defence & Overseas Secretariat received a copy of the UAP report, see:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmordbk2/70524o02.htm>

Question 48 in the list.

Mr Ingram's reply will be of great interest. As I have already demonstrated, see:

<http://www.uk-ufo.org/condign/condbg6.htm>

(Section 6: Was the UFO desk, Nick Pope's former post at Sec AS, made aware of the existence and conclusions of the Condign study?)

The Defence Secretariat were specifically excluded from the distribution list of the intelligence report, despite the fact that in 1995-96, when the study was commissioned, they were cited by DI55 as "the main customer" for the report's

conclusions and recommendations. Why was that?

Internal DIS documents recently obtained by Joe McGonagle under the FOIA provide an indication of the reasons why, by 2000, the intelligence services deemed the completed report could not be trusted with the "UFO desk."

In an email dated 17 December 1999 from DI55 to DIST an intelligence officer says:

"No positive purpose would be served in sending the report to... Sec AS [Nick Pope's former branch]...in view of the 'leakiness' of Sec AS we would advocate only releasing the report to them on request, in order to discourage further discussion."

It will be interesting to compare Mr Ingram's Parliamentary reply with this quotation from a contemporary document. In the meantime Mr Baker intends to pursue the question of the identity and qualifications of the report's author directly with the Defence Ministry. I will keep you updated on the results.

Dave Clarke

<http://www.drdavidclarke.co.uk/>

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Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Ally

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 13:51:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 10:40:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Ally

>Source: NowPublic.Com - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

><http://tinyurl.com/23st9r>

>May 21, 2007

>[Images at site]

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Very curious. My first impression was that it has a similar fuselage to a ducted-fan type of UAV. However, these sorts of aircraft typically utilise some sort of wing to reduce the load on the lift rotor. Those appendages do not look as if they'd generate much lift. Also, there doesn't appear to be anything to provide forward/lateral movement. In any case, the "core" of the object doesn't seem to have a rotor (of, course, this would be spinning quite fast, if it was there).

I'm interested in seeing input from any radio-controlled model enthusiasts.

It certainly bears more than a passing resemblance to the Tahoe object. Interesting, too, that it was photographed above a utility pole. That's a behaviour we've all seen described on many occasions. And, if it *is* a model, the perpetrators took quite a chance in flying/suspending the thing so close to those wires.

Brian

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Horten Wings [was: U.S. Department Of Defense On

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Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 10:44:27 -0400
Subject: Horten Wings [was: U.S. Department Of Defense On

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
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>Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 18:06:28 -0400
>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 14:10:47 +0100
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Department Of Defense On UFOs

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>>One can always make that argument that *if* the objects reported
>>by Arnold *did* strongly resemble the Horten wings in shape (and
>>I suppose nobody can argue with that - they did), and if there
>>was some chance that Horten designs might have been flown in the
>>US in June 1947, then probability favours the conclusion that
>>Arnold must have misjudged the speed/distance of unfamiliar
>>aeroforms by a factor 3 or something. But that depends on it
>>being likely that Horten designs were in use in the US at that
>>date.

>The Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, Don Berliner, wanted
>to respond:

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>Martin Shough thinks that "nobody can argue with" the claim that
>"the objects reported by (Kenneth) Arnold 'did' strongly
>resemble the Horton (flying) wings...."

>I can argue and am doing so.

>The description in Kenneth Arnold's initial written report to
>the U.S. Army Air Forces, a few weeks after his 6/24/47
>experience, is of objects "longer than wide" and his simple
>sketch shows an oval with its tail end slightly pointed, and
>bearing no similarity to the Ho.IX, which was a slightly-swept
>flying wing with a wingspan of 55' and length of 24' 6".

>The idea that the objects were crescent-shaped did not appear
>until 1952, when an article in Fate magazine included a photo
>of Arnold with a model of a crescent-shaped airplane or UFO.

>Don B.

Hi Don

Well yes, I've already been mildly taken to task off-List by
Brad Sparks for this and I've conceded that saying "strongly
resemble" was overstating the case. But I still think a case can
be made for a resemblance (not that I'm strongly motivated to do
so). More importantly I think the whole question of Arnold's
various descriptions is complicated and problematical.

To adapt and expand on what I've already said to Brad, yes it's
true that Arnold's fully-developed Horten-like batwing or
crescent with the pointy bit on the back dates from a few years
later. In fact in his book - perhaps we should say "Palmer's

book" in this context - it appears in the picture section as "a photo of a model" of what Arnold saw, which isn't even attributed directly to Arnold. But still, by implication he is endorsing it, and there is a photograph on P1947 at

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/1947ka.htm>

of Arnold holding an enlargement of this same picture and pointing at it with, I would say, great definiteness. Later still he said that one of the objects was "...a very wraith-like looking thing, but it wasn't round at all" and referred to its "wingspan" (whilst the others had a "little peak at the rear" that made him think of tadpoles).

But it's also true that his July 1947 letter to the AF has a sketch that looks more nearly disc-like. Did Arnold change his story in this rather basic particular between 1947 and 1952? If Don is right, then he must have done. But why, I wonder? Had someone exposed him to the Horten design in the meantime and convinced him he must have been mistaken?

Maybe, but in his radio interview on June 26 1947 two days after the sighting he already described "half a pie plate with a convex triangle at the rear":

"I kept looking for their tails, and they didn't have any tail. . . . I could see them only plainly when they seemed to tip their wing, or whatever it was, and the sun flashed on them. They looked something like a pie plate that was cut in half with a sort of a convex triangle in the rear. Now, I thought, well, that maybe they're jet planes with just the tails painted green or brown or something..."

I accept that this can easily be interpreted as matching the sketch in his AF letter that July, showing a semi-circular leading edge with the trailing edge cut to a rounded "V", but I fancy it can also be read as having some of the characteristics of the Horten-style wing he endorsed later. And in early statements he repeatedly described "wings", he said he looked for the "tails" that ought to have gone with the wings but was never able to see tails, convincing him that they were not the shape of normal aircraft. Together with the "batwing" model later endorsed by him, and the "pecking" flight characteristic, all this suggests some resemblance to a Horten-style craft with the innate pitch instability of a flying wing.

I admit his early sketch shows a much lower aspect ratio wing and if the trailing-edge "V" has any relation to the vestigial "V" fuselage on a Horten then it's a stretch. But my feeling is that these shapes are kind of topologically related, i.e. his planform can be transformed from a Horten shape in a continuous operation and retains the basic clean leading swept edge and two "bites" out of the trailing edge leaving a tail point - as though the ghost of a Horten is in there somewhere, perhaps inside an evolved design and/or a corrupted observation. How good an artist was Arnold? I don't know. And as Brad Sparks points out there is internal evidence in Arnold's report that the visual resolution was (being generous) probably not as good as his account suggest it was. Maybe the best he could do was a very bad sketch of a shape only vaguely perceived?

I'm not really convinced by the "bad artist" theory, though, and Brad would argue that Arnold couldn't have made out any shape at all and so must have improvised all descriptions of object shape. Yet he did explicitly describe object shape from the start. He repeatedly says that he was able to make out shape "clearly" and "quite plainly", especially as the objects passed in front of the snow, and underlines that by saying that towards the end of the sighting they dwindled until he wasn't able to make out shape any more. This adds up to a strong qualitative fact, a structural part of his narrative. But in order to preserve consistency in his various quantitative estimates of distance, speed, angular size and rate we are apparently required to dump this fact, because of minimum angular resolution. So we have a choice. I would normally prefer to reject one or more quantitative estimates (explicit or implicit) rather than a qualitative feature which is strongly structurally embedded in the narrative. Of course this may have consequences for other parts of the report - like estimated size, speed etc.

Allowing that he did see some shape(s) as he insisted he did,

then which shape was it? Arnold's July 1947 sketch must have been drawn after the United Airlines case which is referenced in the letter, so it was after July 4 but before his July 12 message expressing "disappointment" with the official reaction. By July 4 the "flying saucer" or "flying disc" stereotype is firmly established everywhere, and Capt Smith - with whom Arnold closely allied himself in his appeals to the AF to take him seriously - had described 9 "circular" discs. So here's a theory: Perhaps in Arnold's post-July 4 sketch an original more ideosyncratic impression of a tail-less flying wing was morphing towards a "flying disc" because this stereotype was taking over and he wanted his description to be acceptable? I don't think this suggestion seems in character with Arnold's rather forthright personality as he was described at the time (although he is rather deferential to "Big Smithy" in his book), but then if he didn't adapt his story at this time, well he must have done so later - mustn't he?

I wish it was all clearer. No doubt it is clearer to others than it is to me. I don't think I'm looking to make problems, but I do think that the status of the Arnold description vis a vis the "saucers" is historically awkward. I can sympathise with cynics who conclude that decades of "saucer" sightings surely must be a myth that stemmed from a misunderstanding (I just can't agree with it on a case-by-case evidence basis). Yes, there are quotes from the very first publicity that seem to favour a more disc-like appearance: June 25 East Oregonian: "nine saucer-like aircraft"; June 26 Chicago Daily Tribune: "They were silvery and shiny and seemed to be shaped like a pie plate [not a half pie plate with a "V" on the back]". But these are ambiguous, and Arnold himself is on record as distancing himself from claims that he described disks. The politically-correct psychosocial narrative today is that saucers would not exist had not East Oregonian reporter Bill Bequette's phrase "saucer-like" gone out on the AP wire as "flying saucers". I still wonder - how much of this is itself just a re-copied urban legend? Can we really be clear about what Arnold described, never mind what he saw?

Martin Shough

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>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
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>Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 16:24:04 -0700
>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 11:31:59 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

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>an attempt to understand Neil's evidence and comment
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>judgement.

This is something I doubt you will ever understand Ed, but there is nothing scientific about either Neil or Andrew's methods. I'm sorry to say it because I know they and you all mean well, but it has instead been complete amateur hour. I feel like I'm arguing with the Three Stooges. All you do is further muddy the waters and waste people's time.

E.g., the repeated claims that an ML307 radar target could not possible have white strips on foil is utter nonsense by people who don't have a clue as to what they are talking about much less being "scientific" about it. In addition, you and Neil and Andrew repeatedly ignore the photographic evidence I point you to of ML307 targets clearly showing these very same white strips. Andrew was so far out of it he even claimed at one point several years ago that the Air Force altered the photos and engineering schematic to make it only seem that the white strips were there. No kidding.

Recently Neil again misquoted the engineering schematic, claiming it actually forbids such strips, when what it really said (in a [_1953_](#) note) was that there were to be no foil-to-foil CEMENTED joints. Neil left out the word "cemented" and like Andrew before him doesn't seem to have enough sense that such joints can easily be made using simple Scotch tape, as is actually specified in the schematic. Maybe you guys have never made toy kites before.

>>so now we need a third cameraman

>Yes, we do.

And Ed, I doubt you will understand this either, but this claim is based on another faulty analysis of Andrew Lavoie by measuring rug stripe angles. All he did was do a simple measurement of the stripe angles in several of the photos, but failed to take into account the height of the camera or where it was pointed, both of which affect the stripe angles. In other words, he ignored simple perspective and his methodology was completely flawed. The analysis was overly simplistic and again not "scientific," even if he made graphs out of the measured angles. Garbage in, garbage out, as they say in the trade.

>>take two pictures of Marcel... not to mention the guy who took
>>the picture of Newton.

>Yes that is correct.

No, that is something you cannot conclude, because the analysis was botched.

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>>in all the pictures is the same,

>No you better take a closer look. Examine the Bettmann.
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Oh yes, Neil's "thick metal." You can compare these same pieces in the other photos and they are obviously thin foil/paper in the other photos. The thickness in the Bettman photo is probably an artifact. I suggested motion of some of the lightweight foil pieces (by air currents) in the Bettman photo as a possible explanation for the "thickening."

>>though the angles of the
>>photographs change and some of the debris is moved around as
>>people handled it.

>Parts of the debris have been hidden or rearranged for no
>apparent reason.

Really? Why don't you be more specific about what has "been hidden or rearranged for no apparent reason." Some of the debris got moved around. So what? Maybe a piece of foil or stick in one photo can't be completely see in another because of the angle. So what? Unless you can actually demonstrate that some piece of debris had something highly unusual about it and was clearly removed, you are again just spouting a lot of hot air.

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>a drama concocted to deceive the public. But for some reason
>they left some of the debris in Bond's photos and it's there for
>all to see who care to examine the evidence. Maybe they thought we
>were too dumb to realize the difference.

What we have are some people who can't read engineering schematics, can't think straight, who are trying to make a name for themselves in the field, and who have very overheated imaginations taking an obvious balsa wood and foil radar target kite and trying to spin it into exotic flying saucer debris.

>>We have no "real" debris in those pictures

>Yes we do see real debris,

Only in your overheated imaginations Ed.

>but that's not the only question. We must also decide if the
>radar reflector is a ML306 or an ML 307. They were not the
>same in design or construction and so had different parts. I'm
>putting my money on an ML306.

Oh, good grief! ML306: rectangular panels. ML307: triangular panels. Photos in Fort Worth: triangular panels. End of story. It's an ML307.

>That rules out Mogul.

Even if it were an ML306 (which it isn't), it's just another type of radar target. This doesn't somehow prove that there is exotic saucer debris mixed in with the radar target debris.

>important our disagreements could become. I think everyone on >the list should follow our discussions carefully.

The problem is that you guys have been putting forward the same crap arguments for years and no matter how thoroughly they are disproven, you never seem to learn a thing. Four years ago I was arguing with Andrew Lavoie over his bogus "no white strips" claim, and four years later Neil is trotting it out again. None of you seems to have a clue what you are talking about and are a total waste of time.

David Rudiak

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>an attempt to understand Neil's evidence and comment
>intelligently. "Flakey" is a crude and unintelligent judgement.

Yes, flakey. I think David explained the trouble in rational and
compelling terms. He makes it clear that Johnson took six of the
pictures. The composition suggests that. I see no reason to
restate the very cogent and intelligent arguments made by David.
And, I don't need a lecture from you on how we need to further
examine evidence (or flakey conjecture) when it is well
established that Johnson took the pictures.

At some point you or Neil or someone else is going to have to
realize that Johnson changed his story as the mood moved him,
said that I misquoted him when all the quotes were on tape, and
invented scenarios so that he could say he photographed the real
debris.

Sometime you are just going to have to listen to someone else.

Sometime you are going to have to dispassionately examine the
evidence rather than telling everyone else to do it.

>>so now we need a third cameraman

>Yes, we do.

But we know of only two... you invent a third based on an
analysis that has been refuted by Rudiak. There doesn't need to
be a third at all.

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>>the picture of Newton.

>Yes that is correct.

Actually, it isn't correct. We have Johnson photographing Marcel, Ramey, and Ramey and DuBose. We have someone else photographing Newton. You can't just invent things because you want them to be.

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>>in all the pictures is the same,

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Excuse me, but I found the connection to Bettmann before any of you even knew the name or about Johnson. Bettmann was also credited with the copy of the Newton photograph. I have a set of 16 x 20 blow ups and a number of 8 x 10s of specific areas of the pictures. So, I've taken a good, deep look at the prints, at scans from the negatives, and I don't need more of the same.

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No, the balloon debris was simply moved as people handled it for the pictures.

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You don't know it was Army Intelligence... we do know that SAC, in Washington, D.C. was calling the shots based on testimony. The CIC was involved to some extent, but that's not really the same as Army Intelligence. Yes, that's splitting a hair but not a very fine one. Army Intelligence has one mission and CIC has another.

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I'm not going to engage in a yes, we do, no, we don't argument here.

>That rules out Mogul. So you might begin to realize how
>important our disagreements could become. I think everyone on
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>>and an explanation handed out to the press as quickly as
>>possible.

>Whatever that means.

It means that the explanation was in place before Johnson got there.

KRandle

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>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 10:12:12 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>>From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 16 May 2007 10:58:41 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Just A Few Roswell Questions

>>Just for fun, let's all go around again. First, there would be
>>no reason to send Johnson out to the base if there was no news
>>story. This simply defies logic.

>This point as I recall was put to Bond on several occasions to
>which he responded that the "story" itself was not expected
>to break in Fort Worth itself but elsewhere ie, Roswell or
>infact Washington. He was just tasked with getting the
>pictures

Every time another hole in Johnson's story or the RPIT version
was brought up, he or his RPIT group would alter it again,
spinning some new account try to fix things. In this version,
Johnson is the inept reporter who fails to cover his own story.
The weird logic from Neil offered here is that the story was
supposed to come from elsewhere?

Huh? Did I miss something in my high school journalism class
about basic journalism?

Historically what happened, from actual news dispatches, is it
came out that Marcel and the "disk" had been dispatched to
"higher headquarters" in Fort Worth to see Ramey. Hence the
center of gravity shifted to Fort Worth & Ramey instead of
Roswell and Washington, which is why Johnson, in his original
story said he was dispatched to Ramey's office to begin with.
And of course he was going to cover the story, not just cover
his ears, take photos, then leave.

>and we know from our other reporter

Who has never been named. I've been hearing about this this
person for years now. For all I know, this reporter is
imaginary, and even if he is not, there is no reason to believe
this person's recollections of what happened are necessarily
accurate, particularly when they conflict with a lot of other
evidence, such as news stories of the day.

>he did not gather any news
>info while he was out there.

Yet Johnson claimed multiple times that he did write the story
when originally interviewed. You can read the quotes here from
1999 when I took him to task about his ever changing story and

his accusations that Kevin Randle had misquoted him:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2000/apr/m29-028.shtml>

Just a few days before I wrote that post, Johnson was again claiming to be the source of the story, in fact being the only reporter to interview Ramey. To quote from the above post where Johnson said this on Updates, Apr. 25, 2000:

"...I also know that there is no evidence that any [other] reporters ever arrived since ****no one else filed any direct quotes as the result of a personal interview of Ramey.****"

So this is Johnson again definitely claiming to be more than just a photographer and also acting as a reporter who WAS gathering news while he out there, totally contrary to Neil's statement.

>Using your own argument _if_ the
>story _had_ broken at that time why _didn't_ he gather any
>copy?, yet we know he didn't because our ST journalist told us
>who did write all the ST's "disc" stories later that evening.

Even if your perpetually anonymous "source" is correct about someone else writing the story, how does this somehow disprove that Johnson didn't supply him with the information? For sure Johnson was claiming that he DID collect the information, which only stands to reason.

>Doesn't this infact indicate that the information to hand at
>that time at the ST was _extreamly_ fragmentory, as Bond said
>they were waiting for the main story to arrive and expected it
>to come in from elsewhere. You also have to put yourself into
>the1947 mindset too, journalists were not thick on the ground and
>relied heavily on news feeds from the wireservices, they were
>also by all accounts not quite the rabbit pack hounds in chase
>of a story that we seem to have today.

And what does this have to do with anything?

>Our timing of Bond in Ramey's office at 3.15pm'ish indicates
>he must have been leaving the ST office around 2.30'ish.
>2.30pm FW time preceeds the 1st national AP wire release
>at 3.26pm FW time by almost an hour. There was certainly
>no national "story" out there at that time, there _could_ have
>been early "wire chatter" on the newswires similar to what we
>see in the UP wires from Roswell and this could have prompted
>an early call to Ramey's office to clarify things and which in
>turn prompted Bond's trip out to the base.

What I see here is endless speculation and no facts. I also see Neil again trotting out the 3:15 time, which is based on a highly questionable analysis of an outside shadow through a slit in Ramey's curtain, as I've pointed out ad nauseum in prior posts.

This ridiculous early time scenario is another manipulation of the story by Johnson to make himself of the big hero there in Ramey's office before anyone else got the story. Originally his account was that he arrived at the office during the shift change, there was no one else available, and that's why he got sent. This, of course, also begs the question as to whether there would a shift change at 2:30.

Also ponder this quote from Ramey from a United Press story:

http://www.roswellproof.com/UP_NYPM_July9.html

Ramey said he couldn't let anybody look at the thing or photograph it because Washington had clamped a 'security lid' on all but the sketchiest details .

"'The object,' he said, 'is in my office right now and as far as I can see there is nothing to get excited about. It looks to me like the remnant of a weather balloon and a radar reflector.'"

This quote came _after_ the national AP story hit the wire at 3:26 Fort Worth time. We also know from various newspapers such as the New York Times and San Francisco Examiner that Ramey began changing the story an hour after this, or around 4:30 and was at that time speaking to the Army Air Force press room at

the Pentagon, with Gen. Vandenberg directing the phone calls.

In fact, in the Washington Post account, Ramey when first called said he hadn't seen the debris yet, though it was sitting in his office, then he went to take a look:

<http://www.roswellproof.com/Washington Post July9.html>

Ramey also spoke to a reporter from the San Francisco Examiner at this time and was likewise identifying the "disc" as a weather balloon and radar target:

<http://www.roswellproof.com/SFExaminer July9.html>

Now note the New York P.M. UP account establishes that at around 4:30 p.m. in Fort Worth, Ramey was saying that nobody had been allowed to "look at the thing or photograph it" because of the security. And the Washington Post similarly has Ramey saying he hadn't seen it yet before going to take a look. Yet you are again claiming that Bond Johnson was allowed to both see and photograph it over an hour before this.

I've pointed these little historical factoids out before in prior debates, and like everything else from the RPIT side, it is just ignored because it conflicts with their revisionist dogma.

>>Two, Johnson said that he wrote the news story because there >>was no one else to write it. He claimed that seven or eight times >>over two interviews until I told him that his new claims made >>no sense based on last paragraph of the news story... then >>suddenly he didn't know who wrote it.

>As I said in an earlier post Bond made some wrong >assumptions, he usually did write the copy for his picture >stories. But we know from an independant witness in the ST >newsroom who was there after Bond left that the night's >"disc story" copy was handled by the city desk editor.

>Bond simply assumed it was just like any one of the many other >stories he did write.

More rationalization and spin. No, it wasn't "wrong assumptions." Originally (1989) he definitely claimed to be the author, i.e., that was his memory of it. As recently as 2000 he was again claiming to be the sole source of the story from Ramey.

Why all this spin from the RPIT side? Because Johnson also originally said he walked into Ramey's office, the debris was already laid out there, and Ramey told him it was from a balloon, which is exactly what is reflected in the Star-Telegram story the next day. Then Johnson got it into his head that he photographed the real Roswell saucer debris and changed his story. Suddenly Ramey didn't know what it was, didn't tell him it was from a balloon, so if the newspapers like the Star-Telegram or the S.F. Examiner or UP have Ramey IDing it as a balloon early on before Newton the weather officer was brought in, then this must have happened after Johnson was there, not before.

The story from Johnson and his gullible RPIT group kept getting more and more elaborate. Instead of Johnson being sent to Ramey's during the shift change and when AP first mentioned Ramey's involvement on the newswire at shortly before 5 p.m., they had to move the time way back to when Ramey had real saucer debris on display and didn't know what it was. Johnson even claimed to open the packages of debris while Ramey was out of his office and arranged it on the floor for pictures. Then it got elaborated even more into the "real" saucer debris getting mixed in with radar target debris which was later "sanitized" to remove the real debris. It just goes on and on like this, nonsense piled upon nonsense.

>>Three, if Johnson took the pictures and was out in Ramey's >>office alone, why didn't he make notes for the news story even >>if he didn't write it. You've got a reporter in place and then >>he doesn't do basic journalism. This simply defies logic... >>though it does mean you can now claim that Johnson >>photographed some of the real debris.

>Because he was tasked as a photographer and told to take the
>pictures, not write up a story, it (the story details) were
>expected to come in over the wire from Roswell or elsewhere.
>After all the guys at Fort Worth hadn't been the ones who
>discovered or recovered the "disc" those guys out at Roswell
>had done that, wouldn't they be the ones with all the
>details?.

And yet Johnson, even in 2000, right here on UpDates, was still claiming to be the guy who got the exclusive story from Ramey. This would also mean that the Star-Telegram story, regardless of who wrote it, quoting Ramey as saying he instantly identified it as a weather device came from Johnson. But since this conflicts with the RPIT revisionist story that Ramey didn't know what it was when Johnson was there, Johnson has to be turned into a ventriloquist dummy of reporter who doesn't even bother to cover the story he has been sent to cover.

>>What this really boils down to is Johnson making multiple
>>claims. It boils down to a news story in the newspaper that
>>said plainly that Ramey told him it was a balloon. It boils
>>down to a time-line that is not based on sun angles and
>>speculation about daylight savings time or standard time,
>>but on documented fact.

>>It is clear that Johnson went out there. He took the six
>>photographs he claimed. He took notes about what Ramey said
>>and he returned to the newspaper and developed his film and
>>wrote his story. He knew when he went out that it had to do
>>with flying saucers and he was told immediately that it had
>>been
>>a weather balloon.

>Kevin, you can take away Bond's testimony completely should
>you wish.

>The analysis of the photo's does not depend on it. They
>stand on evidence gathered from within the photo's themselves.

Which is about 99% flawed if not totally inane. It's like Alice in Wonderland with you guys. I've seen you guys even argue that it wasn't even a radar target there, because some of the sticks were shorter than intact, unbroken sticks, or that the radar targets didn't have white strips when they did.

>What would you rather have as evidence?, 60 year old memories
>acknowledged as being fragmentary or physical evidence within
>a proven historical photograph that can tell you
>exactly(+/-10mins) when that photograph was taken?

And there you go again, Neil, just repeating the RPIT party line, ignoring all the points I've made why you can't possibly determine the time to such accuracy from an obviously flawed shadow analysis. Nope, the time is definite to within 10 minutes.

>As an Intelligence Officer do
>you not see the worth of this? Memories fade, memories can be
>mistaken and assumptions wrongly made from them.

How about those contemporary news stories that have nothing to do with memory, the ones you keep ignoring, like Ramey saying he hadn't let anybody see or photograph the debris yet? (UP) Or Ramey saying the debris was in his office but he hadn't seen it yet? (Washington Post) Yet these statements from the news accounts were made by Ramey an hour or so after the Roswell press release, or over an hour after your claimed "definitive" photoanalysis time when Johnson was supposed to have already photographed the debris with Ramey. How does that work? Did Ramey time travel back an hour after making those statements?

>But those 4
>negatives are a little bit of living history frozen at the
>moment they were taken and hold far more real historical
>detail than any memory could ever recall after 60 years.

Yes, and they can tell us a great deal, but not in the hands of people who don't know what they are doing.

David Rudiak

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SDI #440 - 20 Questions

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 07:16:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 11:04:10 -0400
Subject: SDI #440 - 20 Questions

SDI #440

20 Questions respectfully addressed by Dave Furlotte, Paul Kimball, and Alfred Lehmborg, hull caulked, sealed, or made generally ship-shape by Errol Bruce-Knapp:

Note: More questions when it is answers which are preferred?

Consider. Answers restrict themselves to the questions provoking them, folks. If one wants the most useful and productive answer available one must first ask the correct question.

I should think that this makes questions more important than answers by an order of cosmic magnitude. This will be true, I suspect, even when the answers are not forthcoming - as they often are not as it is the questions which have always been enough, friends, to buoy an invested intellectuality until that answer is forthcoming. Reach must exceed grasp or what's a heaven for, eh?

Besides, what does that boon answer do, actually, but provoke the next appropriate question! Verily, the bigger we build the fire the more shadows are revealed! This is a benefit of subscribing to Strange Days... Indeed folks. Shadows are regularly revealed.

It's too bad, really, that many times these shadows are revealed finally, only as 'revealed shadows'. Still, at least they might be the shadow of a puzzle piece and valuable for even that. We sail on.

More benefit? There are fewer and fewer programmed activities available willing to ask those buoying questions to which I allude and provoking the answers thought desired. Conversely, there is an abundance in programmed activity willing to continue to ask the less than productive questions, those of a singular serial insentience, as described by Dave Furlotte this week, extant.

Its the rare flower should get a little water, eh? Good is interred with bones, no? Evil lives on and on, right? We begin:

1. Was a "quarter mile reached" or 440 volts of power incited?
2. Stars, Sputniks and Suffering Zots! [choke!] The Alien Autopsy was a hoax?!? [Swoon!]
3. What do Billy Meier, Rich Presley, Kal K. Korff, Alfred Webre, Steven Greer, Billy Jean King, Sergio Mendez, ACC, and Brazil 66 have in common?
4. With regard to Roswell in 1947, would you rather walk to work or carry your lunch?
5. What compelled Dave Furlotte to remove his socks?
6. Is that same question asked and abundantly answered... but

than asked again a different way... a real question, or is it possibly a manipulative foil to facilitate an un-admitted and so errant agenda?

7. How can the ranking and combat tested intelligence officer concerned with the security of the world's only atomic bomb be a credulous fool?

8. Why did the top-kick officer in charge at Roswell issue orders for a press release outlining a captured UFO in Army possession... as a practical joke or a senseless ruse to keep the press away from a genuine flying saucer issue?

9. How much shame is required for becoming known as a "UFO filmmaker"?

10. How does a card-carrying rational person come to make a serious documentary film about UFOs?

11. How does an "officialdom" continue to degrade the intellectual qualities of its most qualified employees while expecting the rest of us to maintain the required confidence with that same officialdom?

12. Can one be expected to know the difference between a reasonable examination of the facts on the one hand and an uninformed, deliberately canted, and out and out hatchet-job, on the other?

13. Is it "OK" to be as entertaining as one can be if one is informing at the same time?

14. What is really important about Kimball's top ten approach to UFOs?

15. Why are some (most) UFO Experts "Sub Rosa"?

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sub_rosa)

16. How much history does the "UFO" really have?

17. How decidedly weird is Rendlesham Forest? What happened to the "missing footage"? Who flight-trains in hard to see unmarked and unlighted helicopters?

18. What is a "Linda Moulten Howe moment"?

19. Is "one" enough?

20. Why is Dr. Seth Shostak (SETI) ufologically irrelevant? Does he help science, and is he being scientific?

Whew! 37 minutes 44 seconds remain regaling much ufological merriment and informational bonhomie with the substantive (if shy and understated) Paul Kimball... rocking to his continuing roll... then I explore our program's 'tuck' and roll, plus the potentialities of a reasoned detente as regards issues shared... Sorry, Don... if I went a little opaque there for you. Not.

Ufological sensibilities empowered are the listener's own! Subscribe like the hounds of a klasskurtxian hell are panting at worried heels! Grab the tail of the Phoenix... reader! Soar, cleave, and read on!

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Death Of A Thread

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 11:13:08 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 11:13:08 -0400
Subject: Death Of A Thread

'Just A Few Roswell Questions' has turned into far too many and most of them ill-considered or repeats of those already responded to and archived.

This List is not for the fervent true-believer nor those who cannot bring themselves to: a) accept the already massive record from those who have already completed the leg-work or b) to do minimal research at the UFO UpDates Archive.

There are hundreds of newer cases that merit thorough investigation.

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Re: More MoD UFO Information - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 15:46:35 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 11:14:25 -0400
Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information - Pope

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 15:37:10 +0100
>Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 15:55:41 +0100
>>Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 14:39:53 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information

>>>Just finished looking at the PDF report on the Channel Islands
>>>case. As you say the MOD sloughed it off on France. Did anyone
>>>request an FOI re communications with the French civil Aviation
>>>Authority or their military defence authority about this
>>>possibility of an airspace violation. Who submitted this most
>>>recent request?

<snip>

>I think a number of people submitted MoD requests. I did myself,
>asking for the original pilot report referenced in the CAA
>Mandatory Occurrence Report together with documents and
>materials relating to any other aircrew, ATC or radar facility
>involvement. I have received no personal response. Instead the
>documents were uploaded, so perhaps my request is considered as
>part of a "class action" and now redundant in practice (although
>I doubt the strict legality of doing this).

I think it's OK legally, though my understanding is that you
should have had a response before the upload, alerting you to
it, or very shortly thereafter, sending you a hyperlink.

>>Here are two quotes from the MoD's April 30 email that I find
>>disappointing:

>>"We had no reports from the French that the object was seen or
>>detected on radar". But did they ask?

>I seriously doubt it.

>>"We believe the ATC radar at Jersey is secondary only and
>>therefore unable to achieve a primary radar contact". We
>>believe? Didn't they check?

>Clearly not. Capt Bowyer's report explicitly states that he was
>informed by Jersey ATC of a primary radar contact. And if you
>read the Jersey Air Traffic Controller's report this is
>explicitly confirmed. The controller also describes this
>contact as possible "anaprop" - secondary radar obviously
>doesn't "see" anomalous propagation echoes, only transponders.
>So not only did they not check with Jersey they didn't read
>their own file.

Disappointing. But unless more resources are made available,

dealing with UFO-related FOI requests can only be done at the expense of meaningful investigations, as the same staff are involved. And in relation to FOI, MoD has a legal duty to comply, so this is clearly taking the priority.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: UFO "Leakiness" - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 16:43:30 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 11:49:42 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Leakiness" - Pope

>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 10:42:41 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: UFO "Leakiness"

<snip>

>Two months ago Norman Baker, Lib Dem MP for Lewes, tabled a
>written question in Parliament on the Defence Intelligence Staff
>report on UFOs "Project Condign."

>He wanted to know how much public money was spent on producing
>the report, along with the name of the author, his
>qualifications, to whom the report was circulated and what
>actions were taken on the recommendations.

>The reply he received from Rt Hon Adam Ingram MP revealed that
>the report cost an estimated =A350,000 and was produced by a
>contractor employed by the DIS on a long term contract. The MOD
>refused to name him, citing the Data Protection Act, but said
>the report had been circulated within the DIS and to other
>branches of the MoD and RAF.

>Mr Ingram's reply did not say if a copy of the report - produced
>by the intelligence services - had been sent to the Defence
>Secretariat, or DAS - formerly Sec(AS), and often referred to as
>'the UFO desk' - which the MoD maintains is the single and only
>focus for UFO matters at Whitehall.

So far as I'm aware, DAS didn't get a copy.

>The Defence Secretariat were specifically excluded from the
>distribution list of the intelligence report, despite the fact
>that in 1995-96, when the study was commissioned, they were
>cited by DI55 as "the main customer" for the report's
>conclusions and recommendations. Why was that?

Because there had been what amounted to a fundamental breakdown
in the working relationship between Sec(AS) and DI55, over
handling of the UFO issue. Matters came to a head in 1997. DI55
were pressing ahead with the work that was to lead to the
drawing up of the Condign Report, but DAS were concerned that
such work was inconsistent with the 'we don't investigate UFOs'
line on the subject that they were taking with Parliament, the
media and the public.

<snip>

>In an email dated 17 December 1999 from DI55 to DIST an
>intelligence officer says:

>"No positive purpose would be served in sending the report to...
>Sec AS [Nick Pope's former branch]...in view of the 'leakiness'
>of Sec AS we would advocate only releasing the report to them on
>request, in order to discourage further discussion."

The 'leakiness' comment results from two Sec(AS) actions, again
dating back to 1997. In a document dated 14 January 1997 they
named the individual who had been contracted to undertake the

work, and copied the document to another MoD division, earning a thinly-veiled rebuke from the individual concerned. Then on 27 January 1997 they again copied a document relating to this project to other areas of the Department, and also attached a DI55 document. To anyone in the Defence Intelligence Staff (DIS), these are cardinal sins. Details of DIS projects and copies of DIS documents should only be communicated to a third party with the prior consent of the DIS.

I hasten to add that I'd left Sec(AS) by then. I'd had a very good working relationship with the DIS, not least because we agreed on the need for a proper study into the UFO phenomenon. My successors didn't share this view and clearly didn't develop the same working relationship that I'd enjoyed. Had I been there, I would have counselled very strongly against briefing third parties on DIS projects, or passing DIS documents to others, without their prior consent. This is what led to my successors being cut out of the loop, when they should have been regarded as the major stakeholder, and treated as such.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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On The Road To Roswell 2007 Part IV

From: Tom Horn <raidersnewsupdate.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 12:01:19 -0400
Subject: On The Road To Roswell 2007 Part IV

Part Four - On The Road To Roswell 2007: A Discussion With
Donald R. Burleson

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Secrecy News -- 05/24/07

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** AIR FORCE HANDBOOK 2007
** SELECTED CRS REPORTS

JUDGE WALTON NAMED TO FOREIGN INTEL SURVEILLANCE COURT

Judge Reggie B. Walton was appointed to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court by the Chief Justice of the United States effective May 19, Secrecy News has learned.

The FIS Court, established by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, is composed of eleven District Court judges who are responsible for authorizing government requests for electronic surveillance and physical search of suspected foreign agents or terrorists within the United States.

Judge Walton has been a U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia since 2001, having been appointed by President George W. Bush.

He replaces Judge Claude M. Hilton of the Eastern District of Virginia, whose term on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court expired on May 18.

His appointment to the Court was confirmed for Secrecy News by Mr. Sheldon Snook, media liaison and assistant to the chief district judge of the D.C. District Court.

An updated list of members of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/fisa/court2007.html>

A biography of Judge Walton is here:

<http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/walton-bio.html>

Judge Walton has gained prominence lately as the presiding judge in the trial of former Vice Presidential aide Lewis "Scooter" Libby.

Last year he ruled in favor of the Federation of American Scientists in a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against the National Reconnaissance Office.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/nro-cbjb/rbw072406.pdf>

LOS ALAMOS SAYS LAB ARCHIVES NOW AVAILABLE TO RESEARCHERS

Historians and other researchers may continue to access archival records at Los Alamos National Laboratory, officials said last week. But they also affirmed strict new limits on such access.

A story in Secrecy News (May 3) describing new restrictions on researchers was based on a misunderstanding by Lab personnel, Department of Energy and Lab officials said last week. Although there was a technical change in policy, access to the archives remains unaffected, the officials asserted.

The technical change occurred because Los Alamos National Security (LANS), the contractor that replaced the University of California as Lab manager, is not subject to the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

But "the actual practices at the [LANL] archives have not changed substantially due to this situation with CPRA," officials said, particularly since the California law did not affect federal records.

Despite the new assertions, however, the current access policy for private researchers at Los Alamos is significantly constrained compared to the recent past. And the latest statement of policy is crafted in such a way as to limit direct access to unclassified records to those that have been specifically marked for public release.

In the past, Lab archivists would assist researchers by looking for relevant materials and making them available if they were unclassified. If the materials were classified, the archivists would assist with processing the records for review. That is apparently no longer the case.

Priscilla McMillan, author of the 2005 book "The Ruin of J. Robert Oppenheimer," recalled that she had requested and received numerous archival records from Los Alamos over a period of two decades beginning in 1983 without ever filing a Freedom of Information Act request. She also performed research in the archive itself (usually but not always under supervision), a practice that is no longer permitted.

Today, according to an official statement, only records that are "clearly marked 'Approved for Public Release' may be released by the Lab archives without a FOIA request."

"When anyone requests something from the archives that has a classification issue, FOIA has always been required," the statement said, inaccurately.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2007/05/lanl-access.html>

It is of course understandable that some kind of formal review would be required prior to release of any classified records. But the wording of the current policy now requires researchers to file a FOIA request for any document -- even an unclassified or previously declassified document -- that is not "clearly marked 'Approved for Public Release'."

Notwithstanding official insistence that the current restricted access policy is "not new," this is a departure from past practice that does not correspond to the recent experience of Ms. McMillan or other scholars and researchers.

AIR FORCE HANDBOOK 2007

An unclassified catalog of U.S. Air Force aircraft, weapons, and other systems -- from the A-10 Thunderbolt to the Wind Corrected Munitions Dispenser -- is presented in a new Air Force publication.

See The Air Force Handbook 2007 (326 pages, 17 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/usaf/handbook.pdf>

SELECTED CRS REPORTS

Some noteworthy new (or newly acquired) reports of the Congressional Research Service include the following.

"Homeland Security Department: FY2008 Request for Appropriations," May 17, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/homesecc/RL34004.pdf>

"U.S.-Funded Assistance Programs in China," May 18, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RS22663.pdf>

"North Korean Provocative Actions, 1950-2007," updated April 20, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL30004.pdf>

"North Korea: Terrorism List Removal?," updated April 6, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL30613.pdf>

"The North Korean Economy: Overview and Policy Analysis," updated April 18, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL32493.pdf>

"Presidential Directives: Background and Overview," updated April 23, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/98-611.pdf>

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Jeez, another one of those dragged on 'til it's death UFO
mysteries.

Are we now into our second week of this thing? How's about just
going to the site with a video camera and taking some shots.

Oh, how about submitting them to the local newspapers and law
enforcement for their analysis.

I know, because the perps would get arrested.

Any object that close to power lines is supposed to be
immediately reported. So where're the cops?

Best,

Greg

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Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 10:33:07 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 25 May 2007 07:50:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Tarbell

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
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>This object has changed from the initial photos posted over a
>week ago. The spike on the 'right side' (viewed from above,
>'handle' or 'tail' behind) has changed into 'brackets' of some
>sort, each with 3 short spikes.

>The central part with the hole reminds me of a gas burner. The
>'wires' the 'flow' upward are in the shape of the glass chimney
>of a kerosene lamp.

>Getting pictures of this is apparently easy. Getting close to
>it is also easy. so why not get a telephoto lens and get some
>real closeup pictures? Hmmmmm....

>[And where, exactly, were the images taken? --ebk]

The Open Minds Forum has a lengthy and ongoing discussion of
these images:

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

There are now three ostensibly independent sets of them obtained
from different locations. Not sure if the location of the first
set is known, the second and third sets are from Lake Tahoe and
Capitola CA, respectively. The "witnesses"/photographers for the
first two sets remain anonymous; the third has recently updated
his Flickr profile and provided the full name Rajinder
Satyanarayana.

An interesting twist is that all three objects are different
configurations of a single basic design (a central ring with
vertical curving rods forming a shape like a lamp chimney, with
interchangeable horizontal 'spikey' appendages).

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out of hand, but I have a certain grudging admiration for these,
as their clarity and realism is striking. I think what puts them
a little too far over the top are the 'heiroglyphics' (Roswell

notwithstanding). The witness accounts are also pretty fishy.

Nevertheless, I tip my hat to the hoaxer(s), who are getting a good ride out of this one. If eventually proven to be genuine ET, everyone will forget I said that.

Mike

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Re: More MoD UFO Information - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 19:01:49 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 25 May 2007 08:08:17 -0400
Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information - Pope

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 13:25:25 -0300
>Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 22 May 2007 15:55:41 +0100
>>Subject: Re: More MoD UFO Information

>>>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Mon, 21 May 2007 10:56:25 +0100
>>>>Subject: More MoD UFO Information

>>>>The MoD recently placed more responses to UFO-related FOI
>>>>requests on its website. They can be viewed in the Disclosure
>>>>Log:

<snip>

>>Here are two quotes from the MoD's April 30 email that I find
>>disappointing:

>>"We had no reports from the French that the object was seen or
>>detected on radar". But did they ask?

>>"We believe the ATC radar at Jersey is secondary only and
>>therefore unable to achieve a primary radar contact". We
>>believe? Didn't they check?

>>This apathy on the part of the government - We believe? Didn't
>>they check? - the MoD, DND [Canada] DoD {U.S.] and that of the
>>commercial/government controlled agencies responsible for
>>airspace security and safety is frankly astounding.

I agree. The MoD's 'no defence significance' assessment of UFO
sightings is only meaningful if based on proper investigations.
Otherwise, it's nothing more than guesswork and assumption.

>>On my end as a pilot and researcher of pilot sightings,
>>principally in these three countries, it's is criminal how
>>reports of near misses and interference by these things are
>>sloughed off by the aforementioned. A report is made, some
>>comments are passed about nearly hitting one of these things for
>>example-regular routine is suspended-then its back to
>>enforcement of the regulations.

Again, I agree. The flight safety issue should be of interest
and concern to everyone, whatever their beliefs on UFOs.

One of Project Condign's most intriguing recommendations reads
"No attempt should be made to out-manoeuvre a UAP during
interception". Another recommendation states "At higher
altitudes, although UAP appear to be benign to civil air-
traffic, pilots should be advised not to manoeuvre, other than
to place the object astern, if possible".

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Wingfield

From: George Wingfield <momusone.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 17:58:59 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 25 May 2007 08:17:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Wingfield

>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 23 May 2007 09:42:39 -0500
>Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera

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>which resemble Japanese kata kana.

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>developed a very interesting propulsion system.

Dave,

Yeah - I'd seen that. For whoever is asking "What's going on?"
the answer is quite simple: It's just another sly attempt to
hoodwink the UFO community and in particular those who want to
believe. The way to do this nowadays is to send such hoaxes to
Coast-to-Coast or else to Linda Howe's Earthfiles.

If this contraption is not man-made (or woman-made) I will quite
gladly eat my hat. It seems to be a piece of modern artwork
suspended in the woods - maybe in Canada. It has no propulsion
system and therefore doesn't have to actually fly.

Photoshop (or similar) has most likely been used to remove the
suspension wire(s) from these pictures. The lettering on the
'wings' has been altered by the same method and katakana
characters or some rather uninspired 'alien script' has been
substituted. It probably does have some electrical system to
produce an ionized discharge with resulting color effects.

If there was even the faintest hope that this was genuine, don't
you think 'Chad' would have given his full name or real name? I
know Chad Deetken who lives in Vancouver, B.C. He disclaimed any
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Date: Fri, 25 May 2007 12:10:10 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 May 2007 08:35:24 -0400
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Good for you George!

I could scream at the way some of these stories get tossed out
there and just linger on and on and on.

They usually run the gambit of turning into a video or book and
then somehow Atlantis and the Mayan Calendar 2012 along with the
illuminati get tied in.

Had this been 10 years or more ago sure we could be interested.
Yet with today's technology and information infrastructure we
dare not spend our time on dragged out mysteries when it's more
important to get the real UFO research done by pros into the
hands of the people.

Best ,

Greg

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Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Ally

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 25 May 2007 13:43:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 May 2007 08:37:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Ally

>From: George Wingfield <momusone.nul>
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Yup, on further examination, this does appear to be a hoax. I'd
been away the week before last, and I haven't had much browsing
time this week, so I had no idea that this was all over the
place already (funny that it took so long to reach the List).
The going theory seems to be that this is all part of a 'viral
marketing' campaign for something (the upcoming Transformers
movie is a favourite).

I wish these people would drop dead. (Is that too harsh?)

b

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 25 May 2007 08:30:08 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 May 2007 08:41:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Boone

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>ET, everyone will forget I said that.

ET? Mike we know you're joking.

First question I had was why would ETs need to use 1 inch bolts.

With nothing verifiable of merit this scenario goes into the
joke bin.

Diversions from far more important issues like getting research
papers and books from ufologists into the hands of the public
instead of the rubbish tossed around these days.

My new goal is to make sure people get a library of the good
stuff from the various ufologists. It will save them time and
headache.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - O'Connell

From: Jay O'Connell <ejayo.nul>
Date: Fri, 25 May 2007 08:32:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 May 2007 08:45:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - O'Connell

A font-designer friend of mine said the markings on the craft remind him of the gibberish markings (some of it left right reversed Kata-Kana) on 'transformers' toys. There's a fair amount of conjecture that these images are part of a viral marketing campaign for the release of a new Transformers CGI epic.

<http://tinyurl.com/2sbj6w>

The quality of the imagery in the Transformers film does make it seem like creating these images would be trivial.

I was excited about the images myself, though they looked earth-made to me.

He told me I was an idiot to fall for such obviously bogus content.

Jay O'Connell

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Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Wilson

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Fri, 25 May 2007 14:13:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 May 2007 08:50:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Wilson

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>Detailed UFO Caught On Camera

I've read three different blogs (with pics) regarding this object. On a couple of them they said they had done an analysis of one of the enlargements and they believed that it was PhotoShop-ped. Just an FYI.

To me, a lot of the parts on the craft look like familiar objects. And for what it's worth, I've never seen anything like this 'craft' in any of my experiences and I do not know of any other abductee who has described anything like this either.

Here's an interesting comment from a 'KenOz': "This supposed Unidentified Flying Object is a man made Drone using the Hutchison Effect and the principles of the Great Tesla."

Hmmm, need to check out my books on Tesla now.

Here's another pic that looks like it was posted by the same DanB person. This looks terrestrial as well.

<http://tinyurl.com/2et3zw>

Katharina
www.alienjigsaw.com

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Roswell Considers Building Alien Theme Park

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 26 May 2007 08:54:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 May 2007 08:54:55 -0400
Subject: Roswell Considers Building Alien Theme Park

Source: KOB-TV - Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA

<http://kob.com/article/stories/S95391.shtml?cat=520>

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Roswell Considers Building Alien Theme Park

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) - Only in Roswell: City officials want to build a UFO-themed amusement park that would be dubbed the Alien Apex Resort.

The officials envision an indoor roller coaster that would take passengers on a simulated alien abduction.

City planner Zach Montgomery says the park would cost several hundred millions of dollars and could open as early as 2010.

Roswell has received a \$245,000 legislative appropriation for initial planning.

Requests for proposals will be advertised next month, with the top three proposals will be considered later this summer.

The so-called Roswell Incident has brought Roswell worldwide fame.

It centers on a purported UFO crash in July 1947, which the military later contended was a top-secret weather balloon.

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ANONYMOUS SENATOR BLOCKS FOIA REFORM BILL

An unidentified Republican Senator placed a secret hold on the Open Government Act, a bipartisan bill to strengthen the Freedom of Information Act, thereby preventing the Senate from acting on the bill this week.

"Regrettably, an anonymous Republican hold is stalling this important Freedom of Information Act legislation, needlessly delaying long-overdue reforms to strengthen FOIA and to protect the public's right to know," said Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT), a co-sponsor of the bill along with Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX).

"It is both unfortunate and ironic that this bipartisan bill, which promotes sunshine and openness in our government, is being hindered by a secret and anonymous hold. This is a good government bill that Democrats and Republicans alike, can and should work together to enact," Sen. Leahy said in a May 24 floor statement.

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2007/s052407.html>

"I hope that the Senator placing the secret hold on this bill will come forward, so that we can resolve any legitimate concerns, and the full Senate can promptly act on this legislation," he said.

DOD ISSUES POLICY ON CONDUCT AT RAVEN ROCK MOUNTAIN

The Department of Defense has issued a new statement of security policy for the Raven Rock Mountain Complex, also known as Site R, which is one of the U.S. government's emergency command centers and relocation sites.

Although it is located in Pennsylvania, not Virginia, Raven Rock was legally designated in 2003 as part of the Pentagon Reservation, and the new policy reflects that change.

Among other things, the policy dictates that "it shall be unlawful to make any photograph, sketch, picture, drawing, map or graphical representation of the ... Raven Rock Mountain Complex without first obtaining the necessary permission."

The policy was published in the Federal Register on May 25.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2007/05/fr052507.html>

CRS ON TERRORIST PRECURSOR CRIMES

The role of domestic criminal activity in generating financial and operational support for terrorism is considered in a new report from the Congressional Research Service.

So-called "terrorist precursor crimes" may include various types of fraud, counterfeiting, narcotics trade, and illegal weapons procurement.

"This report provides an overview of the types of terrorist precursor crimes known, and/or alleged, to have been employed by individuals and/or groups in the United States. The report highlights issues related to the breadth of this activity in the United States, as well as the opportunities for intelligence collection and law enforcement-related countermeasures."

But it is not immediately clear that "terrorist precursor crime" is a useful analytical construct since only "a very small percentage of individuals engaged in such activity" are likely to have any "nexus to terrorism."

A copy of the new CRS report was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Terrorist Precursor Crimes: Issues and Options for Congress," May 24, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RL34014.pdf>

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Source: The Press Telegram - Long Beach, California, USA

http://www.presstelegram.com/news/ci_5992069

05/25/2007

Roswell May Cash In On Fame With UFO Theme Park

Park would feature alien abduction coaster.
By Tim Korte
Associated Press

ROSWELL, N.M. - It could happen only in Roswell. City officials want to help build a UFO-themed amusement park, complete with an indoor roller coaster that would take passengers on a simulated alien abduction.

"Nobody will be harmed and everybody will be returned, hopefully, in the same shape," concept designer Bryan Temmer said Friday.

The park could open as early as 2010. The city has received a \$245,000 legislative appropriation for initial planning but the park would be privately built and managed. Requests for proposals will be advertised next month.

City Planner Zach Montgomery said the project will cost "several hundred millions of dollars," but a more accurate figure hasn't been determined.

A roller coaster similar to the one proposed by Temmer is currently under construction at another theme park for almost \$100 million, Montgomery said.

The proposed park, dubbed the Alien Apex Resort, initially will cover 60 to 80 acres with room to expand to 150 acres. It will feature other rides and attractions, including an exhibit hall with information on scientific exploration of the universe.

"Definitely, there will be a part of the park devoted to space exploration," Temmer said.

"It's not just about the Roswell Incident and did it happen?"

The Roswell Incident, of course, has brought the southeastern New Mexico city worldwide acclaim. It centers on a purported UFO crash on a nearby ranch in July 1947, which the military later claimed was a top-secret weather balloon.

Temmer, of Land O' Lakes, Fla., pitched the Alien Apex concept to city leaders two years ago. He describes himself as a fan of theme parks and a science fiction buff, saying the Roswell idea was a natural for him.

"I knew there was only one place on the planet, probably in the

universe, where this idea would work," he said.

Montgomery said the city is considering six potential sites but declined to identify them, other than to say each is within city limits or could be annexed. He also wouldn't name potential operators.

"At least four major corporations have been approached and all of them are excited about this project," he said. "Everyone would probably know and recognize the names of these major corporations."

Roswell has been cashing in on the UFO craze for years. Paintings and replicas of UFOs and space aliens adorn several downtown businesses, and even the McDonald's and Wal-Mart are UFO- and space-themed.

The theme park would take that concept to another level, one that some business owners believe is necessary to keep tourists returning.

Sharon Welz is a co-owner of the Roswell Space Center, a T-shirt and souvenir shop just off Main Street. She said visitors often complain they'd like to see and do more during trips to the town of about 50,000.

"We would welcome something like an alien roller coaster or a theme park, absolutely," she said. "How can it hurt us? It would help everybody all the way around if there was something bigger to bring more people in."

Montgomery agrees, saying the top complaint by tourists during the city's annual UFO festival each summer is that there's not enough to do.

The town's biggest tourism attraction is the International UFO Museum and Research Center, which has drawn 2.5 million visitors since opening in 1992.

"We're still in the infancy of our UFO-related economic development," Montgomery said.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Stimson

From: Michael Stimson <Michael001.nul>
Date: Sat, 26 May 2007 14:31:37 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 May 2007 09:44:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Stimson

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 25 May 2007 14:13:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera

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>Hmmm, need to check out my books on Tesla now.

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Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lflaming6.nul>
Date: Sat, 26 May 2007 11:57:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 27 May 2007 11:07:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Fleming

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 26 May 2007 13:15:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 27 May 2007 11:09:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Maccabee

>From: Michael Stimson <Michael001.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>,
>Date: Sat, 26 May 2007 14:31:37 +0100
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Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Anderson

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 26 May 2007 11:27:54 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 27 May 2007 11:11:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Anderson

>From: George Wingfield <momusone.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 17:58:59 +0100
>Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera

>If this contraption is not man-made (or woman-made) I will quite
>gladly eat my hat. It seems to be a piece of modern artwork
>suspended in the woods - maybe in Canada. It has no propulsion
>system and therefore doesn't have to actually fly.

>If there was even the faintest hope that this was genuine, don't
>you think 'Chad' would have given his full name or real name? I
>know Chad Deetken who lives in Vancouver, B.C. He disclaimed any
>knowledge of this 'Chad' and laughed at the idea that it could
>in any way be genuine.

For what its worth, there are supposed to be two additional
eyewitnesses now (including a radio interview with one of them
on both Dreamland and C2C):

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news.php?ID=1253&category=Environment>
<http://www.unknowncountry.com/dreamland/?id=343>
<http://www.coasttocoastam.com/shows/2007/05/25.html#recap>

Not all the photos are in wooded areas, if you look at the
different reports (and why Canada necessarily?). There are
supposedly four different locations/witnesses listed so far.
Could this be a hoax (perhaps computer-rendered CGI instead of a
"contraption" as some have suggested)?

Sure, I just think it is still a bit premature to assume that
outright. And quoting Chad Deetken's opinion doesn't prove
anything either (simply because he neither a photography expert
or ufologist).

Paul

Canadian Crop Circle Research Network
<http://www.cccrn.ca>

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Legacy Of A UFO Story

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 28 May 2007 07:38:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 May 2007 07:38:40 -0400
Subject: Legacy Of A UFO Story

Source: The Helena Independent Record - Helena, Montana, USA

http://www.helenair.com/articles/2007/05/27/helena_life/000week.txt

27 May 2007

Martin's Week That Was
By Martin J. Kidston - IR Staff Writer

Legacy Of A UFO Story

His yard was manicured and the big green trees planted outside his mobile home in the Helena Valley soaked up the summer sun.

Leo Dworshak, the man who lived there, had invited me over for a story. I accepted on a lark =97 a call from a person who knew a person who new him.

"You've gotta meet Leo," the caller insisted. "He's got a fascinating story."

"Yeah?" I asked. "What's it about?"

"UFOs..."

The silence that followed was as long and deep as my skepticism. I'd been duped before, most recently by a man who told me he was a therapist with a novel new concept to healing. Yet when I met him, he turned out to be a zealot, and by healing he meant his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ the almighty God.

Sitting at Dworshak's table, I tried not to grin. After all, he was telling me how he'd boarded a UFO in 1938 with his brother. He had a conversation with the aliens. They told him the future. They had already seen it.

"Yeah," I asked. "But what did they want?"

"Water," he said. "They wanted water."

"Water? Like drinking water?"

"Hydrogen, more precisely. It's what propelled their ship."

Leo wore big glasses that magnified his eyes three times their actual size. Whenever he said "ship", his eyes grew big and he tapped his cigarette into the ashtray. My own eyes burned from the smoke. Perhaps the aliens wanted tobacco while they were here?

Leo wrote a book on his experience, UFOs Are With Us: Take My Word. He gave me a signed copy on April 24, 2003. I took his picture and ran it in the paper with his story: "Helena man true believer in UFOs." That's when it all began.

Timothy Good, author of the Sunday Times bestseller, Beyond Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Security Threat, was the first to call. The UFO investigator and author phoned me from England, wanting to know more about Dworshak before traveling to Helena to meet him.

During his visit, Good also gave me a signed copy of his book. I took his picture, too, and ran it in the paper: "Author researches stories of alien encounters."

That's when Art Bell's producer called from Coast to Coast Radio. I used to listen to Bell's show as a kid, scared half to death sitting in the dark, wondering if the things he talked about could actually be true.

"How can I find this Timothy Good?" the producer asked.

"I don't know," I said. "He lives in the United Kingdom."

"How about Dworshak?"

"That's a little easier..."

Just last week, Dworshak's legacy continued when UFO researcher Warren Aston phoned from Australia, wanting to know more about Helena's now-famous UFO witness. Unfortunately, Dworshak had passed away two weeks earlier, leaving his book as his only testimony.

"Was he credible?" Aston asked.

"He believed what he said", I told him. "He believed it happened. In that sense, I guess I do believe him."

Dworshak was born July 16, 1920, in Flasher, N.D., to Egnats and Josephine Dworshak. He was 86 when he passed, leaving behind 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

"There are relatively few people who know what's going on, and those who know don't talk," Good told me in his visit. "I found Leo's story one of the most compelling contact stories I've investigated."

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Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sun, 27 May 2007 16:54:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 May 2007 08:18:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - White

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Looks like a totally faked model whatever to me.

Probably someone seeking 'kicks' from having ufologists
wring their hands over his/her photo.

Eleanor White

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Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Sun, 27 May 2007 22:03:44 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 May 2007 08:23:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Tarbell

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It has been interesting observing the reactions to these images on various UFO websites/forums. It often takes the form of open ridicule, not only of the images themselves, but of anyone who would take them seriously. But curiously, none of these responses have included any convincing evidence of fakery or inconsistency in the images themselves. The closest I've heard to an objective argument along these lines is a possible depth of field anomaly in one of the early "Chad" images.

I reiterate my belief that these are hoaxed images, and I agree with both Michael's and Bruce's points above. Nevertheless I suspect that most of my (and many others) basis for this belief is subjective at best, and at worst indicative of an inherent bias that is filtering out data that is too 'weird'. If the O'Hare object had been described as looking like a giant electric toaster, would that case have been taken as seriously? And if not, why not?

Another lesson from this 'incident' -or a previous lesson made more clear- is that digital images and video have essentially zero evidentiary value. Posters cold off the street were able, in the space of a single afternoon, to generate quite believable *video*, never mind still images, of 'craft' that were virtually indistinguishable from the originals above, using tools *less* capable than top-shelf rendering engines such as Maya and 3DS. Is it not time to acknowledge that the UFO imagery 'banking' system is awash in virtually flawless counterfeit currency?

Mike

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Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Carrion

From: James Carrion <jcarrion.nul>
Date: Sun, 27 May 2007 22:13:31 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 May 2007 08:28:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Detailed UFO Caught On Camera - Carrion

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 26 May 2007 11:57:04 -0500
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One of MUFON's message board members:

<http://mufonmembers.proboards55.com/>

was kind enough to point out the resemblance between the Gaston
UFO and this toy robot's missile arm.

<http://i191.photobucket.com/albums/z9/jamescarrion/ray1.jpg>

I emailed 'Gaston' with this observation and did not receive a
reply.

James Carrion
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'Superman' Reveals UFO Roots

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 28 May 2007 09:34:15 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 29 May 2007 07:30:30 -0400
Subject: 'Superman' Reveals UFO Roots

<http://www.mramericas.com/biography.htm>

Actually his nickname is The Phantom.

I'm talking about legendary bodybuilder and artist Steve Michalik.

Steve Michalik's life story is astounding enough. He was abused as a kid, came back from a horrid car accident, won all three of the top bodybuilding championships including Mr. America, Mr. Universe and Mr. USA to name a few, he's a multi-award winning artist, author, heads several charitable groups, sponsors events, represents governmental agendas for physical fitness and on and on.

The one thing however that makes this man of interest to us is this:

As a child, his uncle, a physicist for Area 51 showed him lots of photographs and explained fully to him about alien activities there.

What's this? A witness to the government goings on in the top secret facility?

Holy X-Files Batman!

Yes, Steve sent me an email confirming this story which he actually admits on his website!

I'm a bodybuilder and weight trainer myself and in all these years didn't know this about Steve Michalik. How it escaped me is beyond me.

I've asked Steve to elaborate more and he did. What he's got to say will knock your socks off.

He's been such an inspiration to the sick and athletes and artists the world over for 30 years and more I'm hoping this aspect of his amazing adventures will inspire others to come forward.

Hopefully good ol' George Noory and Titanic Tom Danheiser will have him on their program. If anyone has ever interviewed him please send a link.

Best,

Greg

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On The Road To Roswell 2007 Part V

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Date: Mon, 28 May 2007 07:02:41 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 29 May 2007 07:33:51 -0400
Subject: On The Road To Roswell 2007 Part V

Part Five - On The Road To Roswell 2007: A Discussion With
Nick Pope

<http://www.officialdisclosure.com/lead-story1.htm>

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Flatwoods Monster 55th Anniversary

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Subject: Flatwoods Monster 55th Anniversary

Source: The Beckley Register-Herald - West Virginia, USA

http://www.register-herald.com/local/local_story_148224601.html

Published: May 28, 2007

UFO Buffs Plan Summer Summit In Charleston
By Mannix Porterfield
Register-Herald Reporter

Is the truth really out there?

For the answer to that and more questions that have persisted after the landmark Roswell episode, make plans to attend a UFO summit in late summer at Charleston's old Capitol Theater.

Billed as the Flatwoods Monster 55th Anniversary And A Flying Saucer Extravaganza, the two-day event promises to be more than the usual fare surrounding the issue.

Headlining the event will be author-illustrator Frank Feschino, who penned "The Braxton County Monster: The Cover-Up of The Flatwoods Monster," and has a follow-up book in publication, titled "Shoot Them Down," detailing aerial combat he says was waged in 1952 between U.S. aircraft and alien ships.

Joining Feschino will be world-renown UFO investigator Staton Friedman, a nuclear physicist who took the lead in ferreting out information on hold in the alleged government cover-up of the Roswell incident in 1947.

Added to the mix will be Freddie May, an eyewitness to the Braxton County's own special "monster."

Skeptics could be in for more than just a couple of days of amusement.

"I believe if you come to this show you'll see some hard evidence," says promoter Larry Bailey, himself a believer that alien spacecraft have been scoping out this planet for quite some time.

"You're going to see some hard evidence. That's a promise. That's not just promotional talk."

Bailey, who promotes a series of automotive shows, says his belief in aliens has been reinforced since he began drawing up plans for the Sept. 7-8 event, even though he has never actually witnessed an unidentified flying object or anyone on board them.

Besides actual physical evidence, doubters often ask the faithful why aliens with the intelligence to navigate craft through the galaxy always pick a lonely wheat field in Kansas for maneuvers, but never land in downtown Chicago or, say, the Rose Garden at the White House to meet the leader of the free world.

"Maybe where they were coming from when they landed in Braxton County in 1952, they were superior at that time," Bailey said.

Bailey says he cannot rule out the prospects of life on other, unexplored and unknown planets, far beyond man's ability to investigate, and that some inhabitants of other worlds have been paying Earth some visits in recent decades.

"I can't say for sure," he said.

"I've never seen them. But being a believer of God, I think He's the Supreme Being. How could this (earth) be the only thing? I'm not closing the door on it. If it flew down in front of me, I wouldn't say, 'Oh, my gosh, I couldn't believe that.' I would say, 'that's proof, evidence, right there.'"

Friedman, likewise a believer, has taken his message on hundreds of radio and television programs, among them, Nightline, Larry King Live and Unsolved Mysteries, while preparing some 80 papers and poring over records stashed in 20 government document archives.

Based on nearly half a century of research after the 1947 incident in Roswell, N.M., the nuclear physicist is convinced some UFOs are genuine, and that the government has been aware of this since Roswell but covered up evidence in what he terms a "cosmic Watergate" and considers the biggest event in a millennium.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Roswell incident, still a source of controversy amid growing suspicion the military covered up the landing of a spacecraft and hid the hard evidence =97 fragments of the ship and the bodies of tiny aliens.

In preparing his Braxton County book, Feschino invested 14 years of research into the 12-foot oddity in Flatwoods. He plans to present a 53-minute documentary on his findings, joined by May.

Bailey is anticipating a large turnout in the 660-seat theater for the UFO summit.

"We're getting a lot of response from out of state," he said. "The Midwest. Up in New England. It's really being pushed."

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'UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Sun, 27 May 2007 23:43:39 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 29 May 2007 07:47:34 -0400
Subject: 'UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru

Just got this link from my Peruvian friend.

This is video from ATV Channel News in Lima on May 21, 2007:

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

Will be good to have translation. It appears to be Portuguese.

Sergey Shpakovsky

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Sightings In Entre Rios Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Tue, 29 May 2007 09:08:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 30 May 2007 07:27:12 -0400
Subject: Sightings In Entre Rios Argentina

Sightings in Gualeguay and Colon - Entre Rios Province,
Argentina
by Daniel Ubaldo Padilla

Source: Grupo COLOVNI
Date: May 25, 2007

It is public knowledge that heavenly bolides have been seen in concomitance with alleged UFO sightings. It is precisely that the print and television media - the latter with images - have turned it into a concern at the level of society as a whole, beyond the strictly ufological thinking of a handful of people who have made known their public and personal commitment to making case histories known. My intention here is to compile information aimed at covering a broader spectrum of the events recorded with these mass sightings, and my commitment is to retell specific events in areas to which I have access to investigate.

Mario Navarro, an employee at the Colon terminal, told me about his concern at seeing - in the company of his brother - a light in the island area facing the Port of Colon on Tuesday May 22 (2007) around 20:00 hours. He was able to see a light, first as a distant luminous point similar to a flashlight, but it was a powerful point that varied in size according to its intensity with regard to an imaginary central dot. They could also see that it traveled at a prodigious rate of speed, noting that what they were seeing was probably occurring in the mainland territory of the Republic of Uruguay, beyond the islands. Using the shadow of the treetops of a eucalyptus plantation in the horizon as a point of reference, they realized that the light suddenly began rising toward the treetops, and that its brilliance magnified at that time, exceeding the 12 meter height of the trees in that plantation, with a size comparable to that of the moon when it appears on the horizon. Its color ranged from intense blue at its core, expanding to white in its periphery. The total observation lasted 20 minutes. After that time, says Mario Daniel Navarro: "...it sort of turned off. Everything was left dark again..."

This isn't the first time that this phenomenon has occurred toward the islands and one Uruguayan territory in that direction. Other eyewitness accounts are completely related to this one, with witnesses describing similar manifestations.

Another Incredible event in Gualeguay
By Ramon Morgante

Last night on the Enigma Virtual program hosted by Julio Degeneve on FM Melody 103.5, transmitted Thursdays at 22:00 hrs., Ramon Morgante, a UFO researcher who lives in the city of Gualeguay, Entre Rios, told listeners that: "...only a moments ago, around 19:25 hours, I was able to see and record a luminous object crossing the skies at high speed in a southeasterly direction from the city of Gualeguay. The object was moving from north to south at more or less 20 degrees toward the horizon. At that trajectory, and at 80 degrees, from my standpoint, the object incredibly changed course toward the east. It looked like a bluish-to-white sphere, like the flame of a kitchen burner. At

that time several [objects] of this type began to appear from various directions and toward the same side. I was able to see a total of nine unidentified luminous objects with characteristics identical to the first one. I became aware, during these sightings, of what seemed to me a large star with an intensity comparable to that of Rigel, located 85 degrees to the south. It's color varied between orange to dark red. My surprise was that when I aimed the camera in that direction in order to record it, the alleged star turned off. It simply was no longer there..." Ramon also motioned that the observation lasted until 21:40 hours, approximately, including Flash-type phenomena. The entire observation was documented with a video camera.

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Re: 'Superman' Reveals UFO Roots - Decker

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Date: Tue, 29 May 2007 09:48:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 30 May 2007 07:30:51 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Superman' Reveals UFO Roots - Decker

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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<snip>

>I've asked Steve to elaborate more and he did. What he's got to
>say will knock your socks off.

Greg,

Okay; I'll bite. I even put on an extra pair of socks in case
the first get trashed.

Will Mr. Michalik allow you to share the contents of your
correspondences? If so, please do so here (with the kind
permission of our esteemed Moderator); I'd love to see them.

Very best regards,

Ron Decker

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Secrecy News - 05/29/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Tue, 29 May 2007 15:00:01 -0400
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Subject: Secrecy News - 05/29/07

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As frequently mentioned, the Congressional Research Service does not make its products directly available to the public. Some noteworthy new CRS reports obtained by Secrecy News and not readily accessible elsewhere include the following.

"Nuclear Weapons: Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty," updated May 24, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL33548.pdf>

"Access to Government Information in the United States," updated April 23, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/97-71.pdf>

"Security Classified and Controlled Information: History, Status, and Emerging Management Issues," March 8, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RL33494.pdf>

"Security Classification Policy and Procedure: E.O. 12958, as Amended," updated April 23, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/97-771.pdf>

"Central Asia's Security: Issues and Implications for U.S. Interests," updated April 26, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL30294.pdf>

"Detection of Explosives on Airline Passengers: Recommendation of the 9/11 Commission and Related Issues," updated April 26, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homesec/RS21920.pdf>

"Treatment of 'Battlefield Detainees' in the War on Terrorism," updated January 23, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RL31367.pdf>

"The International Space Station and the Space Shuttle," updated

April 26, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/space/RL33568.pdf>

"Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Education: Status and Issues," updated April 23, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/98-871.pdf>

"Intelligence Issues for Congress," updated May 16, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL33539.pdf>

"National Science Foundation: Major Research Equipment and Facility Construction," updated May 4, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RS21267.pdf>

"Crime and Forfeiture," updated May 9, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/97-139.pdf>

"The War Powers Resolution: After Thirty-Three Years," updated May 1, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL32267.pdf>

DEPLOYMENT AND REDEPLOYMENT OF US FORCES

A new Joint Chiefs of Staff publication describes operational principles for executing deployment and redeployment - meaning transfer or withdrawal - of U.S. military forces.

"Redeployment operations, particularly for combat units, ... should be identified and planned as early as possible," the document instructs. "The operation or campaign is concluded when the national strategy end state is achieved and redeployment operations are complete."

"Although the emphasis of this publication is on overseas deployments and redeployments, deployments within the homeland are possible in support of homeland defense and civil support."

See "Deployment and Redeployment Operations," Joint Publication 3-35, 7 May 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3_35.pdf

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Re: 'UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru - de Barros

From: **Mario A. P. de Barros** <marioweb.nul>
Date: Tue, 29 May 2007 16:13:52 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 30 May 2007 07:36:13 -0400
Subject: Re: 'UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru - de Barros

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 27 May 2007 23:43:39 -0400 (EDT)
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>Will be good to have translation. It appears to be Portuguese.

Very interesting video! And it=B4s not Portuguese, it=B4s Spanish. I also found this video from YouTube, it was recently filmed in Santiago, Chile.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DWWg8HUs1048>

Mario Barros

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Fwd Date: Wed, 30 May 2007 07:42:17 -0400
Subject: UFO Sighting Doesn't Add Up For Accountant

Source: The Chilliwack Progress - British Columbia, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/3dfzb6>

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UFO Sighting Doesn't Add Up For Accountant

By Robert Freeman The Progressr
freeman.nul

Lisa McCubbin doesn't believe in alien visitations from other planets.

But for a sober-minded tax accountant, what she saw just after midnight Sunday doesn't add up.

It looked like a very big hang-glider, she says, "at least as big as a small aircraft, maybe larger" lit up by the city lights in the night sky just below cloud level.

But instead of slowly descending like a hang-glider must, it circled over the UCFV campus in downtown Chilliwack long enough for McCubbin to run back into the house for her video camera.

"Then, quite quickly... it moved away, rising up and to the west from us into the darkness," she says. "There's no way a hang-glider has that kind of control."

McCubbin says she's heard of drug smugglers using hang-gliders to deliver their illegal goods, which would at least be a "rational" explanation, but this was not a hang-glider.

"Hang-gliders can't do tight circles - and this thing went up," which hang-gliders also can't do, she says. Unfortunately, her video camera didn't capture any images of the mysterious object.

Paul Greenhalgh, president of the Fraser Valley Astronomers' Society, says one "plausible" explanation is that someone was flying a remote-controlled stunt kite, which are usually triangular in shape and translucent.

"I can see where this might be a possibility, that someone might think it's a UFO from their vantage point," he says. Although an RC kite's lines are at best 180 feet in length "at night a person seeing this from a distance would not have the depth perception as they would during daylight hours."

"This is only one possible answer mind you," he adds. "But it's a very plausible one."

Another explanation might be one of the aircraft the Canadian military has brought to the Fraser Valley to monitor Fraser River water levels, but officials could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Chilliwack RCMP Const. Bert Paquet says there were no other reports of UFO sightings, but people don't normally like to talk about these things anyway.

But McCubbin is positive others saw what she did, and she's hoping they will come forward.

It was three young people on the street Sunday night, one of them shouting "Oh, god, it's coming back!" that made her look out her window in the first place.

"I don't believe in UFOs," says the 36-year-old tax accountant. "I would like to believe it was something explicable."

A similar report of a large, triangular-shaped object was made May 4 on the ufoinfo.com website.

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Source: This Is Guernsey - Channel Islands, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2jbu8s>

29/5/2007

UFO Spotter Shocked By Worldwide Interest

by Joel de Woolfson

Captain Ray Bowyer is shocked that his UFO sighting has made news around the world.

The Aurigny pilot's story was featured in The Sun and The Independent, which dedicated a whole page.

The internet took the sighting global, with hundreds of UFO websites featuring it.

But the biggest surprise for Captain Bowyer was a small article in the New Zealand Herald, that country's largest paper.

"My mum lives in Auckland and said she saw it in the paper there," he said.

"The story has gone all over the world. I didn't think it would ever get further than Alderney or Guernsey, so it's unbelievable how much attention it has got."

The 50-year-old said he had been overwhelmed by the response.

"I have had about 50 people speak to me and all told me of sightings within the islands," he said.

"There appear to have been so many around the triangle of Alderney, Guernsey and Jersey. It's really strange that there seem to have been so many in that area."

Captain Bowyer believed that by coming forward, he had made it more acceptable for other people to talk about their experiences.

"I have been really impressed with the quality of reporting and I wanted to thank the press for that because I know it could have been sensationalised."

"Many people have told me their stories and I would like to collate them.

"The amount of people who have had similar sightings in a similar area has made me want to investigate what has been happening in the Channel Islands."

* UFO sighting details can be passed to Captain Bowyer, by letter at La Croix Guerin Cafe, St Martin's.

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

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Source: The Daily Lobo - University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2vswy4>

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White Sands UFO Crash Footage May Have Been Concocted By Hoax
Artist

Mike Smith

In the last My Strange New Mexico, we examined a mysterious film that many believe shows a UFO crashing in the desert of the White Sands Missile Range in 1997. In the film, a white, football-shaped craft plummets from the sky, skips violently across the ground and explodes. Where the film came from, who shot it, or even when it was first viewed, has remained uncertain.

After the column about this unusual film appeared in print and online, a number of intriguing e-mails have arrived at the top-secret "My Strange New Mexico" lair, printed out and delivered, of course, by a trained staff of flightless, 5-foot-tall owls.

One such e-mail, from someone calling himself Light Eye, read simply, "This video was made by Ted Loman. It's not a UFO crash."

Another, by Peter Gersten, former director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), stated, "Ted Loman produced the video on UFO crashes and created the opening scene of the skipping UFO."

Loman is a well-known UFO researcher. In 1973, Loman became convinced he needed to travel to a mountain in Baja, Mexico, where aliens were going to land, pick him up and return him to his home planet. Instead, his family forced him to go to a psychiatrist, and for the most part, he filed the incident away in his mind for around 17 years. Then, in 1989, he suffered a severe injury while melting silver in a laboratory - an injury that cost him his left eyesight, left him wearing a pirate-style eye patch and gave his father plenty of time to read to him about UFOs.

This led to 1997, when Loman began hosting and producing a weekly cable access show in Tucson, Arizona - UFOAZ Talks, a live, one-hour show that examined the reported presence of UFOs in the West. In 1997, the show, by then widely syndicated, changed its name to Off The Record, and in 2002, the show went off the air.

Loman moved to northern Idaho and finished work on a documentary about UFO crashes, entitled It Fell From the Sky. It was as the opening scene for that hard-to-find documentary that the footage of the alleged White Sands crash may have first appeared.

Loman is currently on vacation in Mexico and unavailable for comment, but Gersten, who served with Loman on CAUS's board of directors, said, "The only thing that isn't real about (It Fell From the Sky) is that opening scene. That is not real ... I don't remember if it was actually CGI or some sort of computer enhancement."

In an undated online clip from UFO Connections, a Sacramento, Calif., cable-access show, Loman played the video of the crash, said the footage had not yet been professionally analyzed and claimed he didn't know when it was made.

Of the film, he said, "That came to me through Jaime Maussan. Right. And, uh, uh, I don't know where Jaime got it. Well, I just don't know where... it's best to say I don't know where Jaime got this. But, I, uh, I believe it to be at White Sands. But I cannot, and I will not, confirm or deny that it is, uh, I'll leave it up to the viewers to, to, see it and watch it, and decide for themselves."

Bringing Maussan into the story, unfortunately, does not improve the film's credibility. Maussan is a popular Mexican television host - the self-proclaimed "Mike Wallace of Mexico" - and has a reputation as a recklessly gullible and even dishonest promoter of UFO hoaxes. His Web site is loaded with the sort of footage almost anyone with a trash can lid and a camcorder could produce, and he has inspired such online articles as UFOWatchDog.com's Jaime Maussan: Damaging Serious Ufology One Hoax at a Time.

The film of the White Sands crash either came from Maussan or was made by Loman for his documentary. The absolute truth still remains to be learned, but unless Loman tries and succeeds at a little interstellar hitchhiking while in Mexico, the truth will come out eventually.

Mike Smith is a UNM history major, and the author of the regionally bestselling Towns of the Sandia Mountains. E-mail him suggestions for future columns at AntarcticSuburbs.nul

Check out the controversial crash video at:

www.MyStrangeNewMexico.com

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May 30, 2007

Experts 'Pessimistic' About Aliens

By Mike Loewe

THE search for extraterrestrial intelligence is giving way to a search to keep the human race from extinguishing itself, says Rhodes physics and electronics professor Eddie Baart.

He was addressing about 100 academics, students and residents who braved the wild weather to pack Grahamstown's Library Hall recently.

Baart, guest speaker for the Friends of the Library group, said the use of space travel in the search should be given up because distances were too great. "Even if a spaceship could reach one per cent of the speed of light (which would require an enormous amount of energy), it would still take us 400 years to reach the nearest star and a million years to traverse our galaxy, the Milky Way," he said.

"The only viable method of determining the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence is to look for radio signals which are not naturally caused."

He said the only way of estimating the number of other civilisations in our galaxy which were capable of communicating with us, was to use astrophysicist Frank Drake's Equation.

"It is only two million years ago that humans appeared on earth, a time one two-thousandth of the life of our planet. The dinosaurs dominated the earth for 140 million years, but never developed any technology," he said.

"Civilisation is threatened by natural disasters. It has come to be realised that collision with an asteroid is not impossible. Such a collision probably caused the moon to be torn out of the earth. Global warming and pollution may also cause the collapse of civilisation."

Baart said most experts were "generally pessimistic" about finding extraterrestrial intelligence.

"I'm not optimistic. We might be alone in the universe," Baart said.

And even worse, he said, "We are in imminent danger of extinction."

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Re: UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru - Christol

From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
Date: Wed, 30 May 2007 08:47:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 08:29:09 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru - Christol

>From: Mario A. P. de Barros <marioweb.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 29 May 2007 16:13:52 -0300
>Subject: Re: 'UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru

>>Just got this link from my Peruvian friend.

>>This is video from ATV Channel News in Lima on May 21, 2007:

>><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DdkNdXncScmY>

>>Will be good to have translation. It appears to be Portuguese.

>Very interesting video! And it=B4s not Portuguese, it=B4s Spanish. I
>also found this video from YouTube, it was recently filmed in
>Santiago, Chile.

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DWWg8HUs1048>

Don't quote me on this, but a friend of mine from New York City says what we are looking at here is a flotilla of Russian Cosmospheres.

He claims the Russians started developing these spheres back in the 1950's, initially using a hybrid propulsion system which consisted of a rocket booster beneath it, like the LEM of the American Moon Program. Once they were 'up' then they used so called magnetic thrusters to move in the direction they wanted to go.

In the late 1970's, they supposedly perfected their 'magnetic drive', and no longer needed the booster.

My friend claims that these Russian Cosmospheres can hover in one spot over the surface of the earth indefinitely.

What to look for according to my friend is a large sphere with small spheres attached around its circumference.

According to my friend, these are the objects seen in the Mexico footage back in the 90's up to today.

Now, let me state categorically that I personally have no knowledge as to the truth of this claim. I am only using this opportunity to pass his story along to the reader.

He claims that if you look closely, you will see these small spheres as small black dots around the central white object. He also says that the plasma field generated by these objects creates the shimmering effect seen in the daylight and the glow seen at night.

Again, I am not responsible for this claim. I'm just passing it on...

Mike C.

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Paul Kimball's Best Evidence

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
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Subject: Paul Kimball's Best Evidence

List,

I have just had the great pleasure of watching Paul Kimball's Best Evidence UFO documentary (not shown in the UK yet) and at the end of it, I find I am experiencing an emotion I did not expect to feel; immense anger.

This List, along with others, has used up copious volumes of bandwidth in the past berating the quality and moral integrity of previous UFO documentaries and the people who have produced them. Oh how we love to complain about how we've been stabbed in the back, lied to, been victims of dishonest editing, etc., etc.

Here at last is a documentary produced not only by someone who knows what he's talking about but who has also delivered a fact driven, objective piece of work featuring people who also know what they're talking about.

Simple, clear, unensational, to the point; an outstanding piece of work and a piece of work we can use to point others to as a perfect example of what the subject of UAPs/UFOs is all about.

Well done Paul and thank you.

Stuart Miller

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UFORQ May 2007 Update

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UFO Research Queensland Inc, Brisbane, Australia

All the Latest News
Compiled by Sheryl Gottschall

A report on the activities of UFO Research Queensland Inc.

May 2007 Update:

<http://www.uforg.asn.au/about/happening.html>

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Weird? Yes. Cover-up? No
Billy Cox

The official biography of the late Lt. Gen. Laurence C. Craigie on the Air Force Web site describes him as the first American military pilot to fly a jet, and that he ended his distinguished career as commander of Allied Air Forces in Southern Europe in the 1950s.

But there's no mention of what he did in December 1947 =96 issued an order establishing the first Air Force study of UFOs.

Craigie was USAF director of research and development when he authorized Project Sign, which ended in 1948, not long after Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg reportedly rejected analysts' suggestions that the phenomena had extraterrestrial origins.

In January, 82-year-old Ellenton resident Ben Games told a UFO Group of Manatee audience that for a six-month period in 1947, he was Craigie's personal pilot. And that in the summer of that year, Craigie had been dispatched by then-Deputy Chief of Air Staff for Research and Development Gen. Curtis LeMay to Roswell, N.M., to investigate what was being reported in the media as the crash of a flying saucer.

Although Games said the tight-lipped Craigie volunteered nothing to him about what he'd learned during his overnight stay in Roswell, and that Craigie met with President Harry Truman immediately afterwards, the military never deceived the public about what happened.

"There was never any conspiracy to cover anything up", Games told listeners. "But conspiracies sell newspapers, and that's all anybody talks about."

Games, who has 22 DD-214 discharge papers to show for his eclectic, 44-year military career, also possesses personal flight logs dating back to 1942.

But records from early July 1947, when he says he ferried Craigie from Bolling Field in Washington, D.C., to New Mexico, are missing. He can't explain that.

However, Games says he "wouldn't be surprised" if something weird had crashed near Roswell; after all, he says the 35th Fighter Squadron he was assigned to in occupied Japan routinely tracked UFOs on radar at 60,000 feet during 1945-46.

They pulled 90-degree turns at gut-splashing speeds of 1,000 mph

Weird? Yes. Cover-up? No

at a time when state-of-the-art American warplanes struggled to reach 40,000 feet. Pilots even scrambled stripped-down P-51s and P-61s to get a visual lock on the bogies - to no avail.

"But there was no secrecy about any of this stuff, nobody ever told me to shut up about it", Games says. "So I wish people would just get off this conspiracy kick."

OK.

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MoD's DI-55 & Remote Viewing

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"Observations about Remote Viewing, being Psychic and how the universe has mixed all this together in a blender called life!"

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

[Links & image at site]

UK MOD Looks Through The Stargate Remote Viewing Program For UFOs

Earlier this year (February) it was revealed through FOIA (Freedom of information act) documents that the UK MOD previously conducted secret tests into remote viewing in 2002. The MOD study concluded that even though they used complete novices with very shaky project structure and a 28% accuracy rate that 'remote viewing' was of little value.

Yet this doesn't actually seem to be the first time the British MOD investigated remote viewing, and it seems that certain branches of the MOD actually already had a closer relationship with remote viewing.

Hidden amongst the confusion of the 89,901 CIA/DIA Stargate FOIA documents was a standard run of the mill report of the monthly activities of the current Stargate project manager circa June 1994. In this document he details an upcoming meeting with a secret arm of the UK MOD - DI-55.

Why is this interesting? Firstly because it seems the MOD interest in remote viewing actually started well before the 2002 study (eight years before) and secondly, DI-55 is the branch of the MOD that allegedly deals with UFOs. So yet again we have two intelligence services across the pond from each other and another UFO connection to American remote viewing projects.

A note from DI55 to the public UFO desk on 5th July 1995 said:

"I see no reason for continuing to deny that the [Defence Intelligence Service] has an interest in UFOs. However, if the association is formally made public then the MoD will no doubt be pressured to state what the intelligence role/interest is".

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Theological Implications Of Fermi And Drake

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Theological Implications Of Fermi's Paradox And The Drake Equation

I am an avid science fiction fan. I was talking to some friends the other day around a game of Diplomacy, and the topic of Star Trek came up. It quickly became apparent to many that I was perhaps the biggest Star Trek geek at the table. After leaving, I started to wonder some things about the implications extraterrestrial life on theology. This is by no means scholarly and will probably sound just as much like science fiction as Star Trek, but these are my musings nevertheless.

When considering Star Trek, Star Wars and other science fiction franchises, we usually get a galaxy teeming with intelligent extraterrestrial life. Encountering a new species make a good story line and opens the door for endless imagination and possibilities for character creation, varying species, and many other things, as such. Science fiction as such has often influenced the minds thinkers and has certainly played a part in attempts to discover alien life in reality. Two things that are very familiar to the search for extraterrestrial intelligence are Fermi's Paradox and the Drake Equation. Any casual science fiction fan has probably at least heard of these things, but I will assume you haven't and explain them according. Fermi's paradox, simply put is the apparent contradiction between the seeming possibilities of thousands of sentient species in the galaxy, yet to date, there has been no conclusive proof that any other intelligent species exist other than our own. With this in mind, there are perhaps two possibilities we can come up with: either they do not exist, or we have not made contact yet. There have been a number of suggestions that have attempted to reconcile the paradox, but generally speaking, most of these fall under the second of the two possibilities, in that for whatever reason we haven't made contact yet.

On the other hand, there is the possibility that human beings are a unique occurrence in the universe, and against all odds have come into existence. Theologically speaking, human beings are the special and unique creation of God, such that there is nothing else like them in all creation. This would seem to rule out the possibility of other sentient life forms in the universe from a theological standpoint. But we are not speaking theologically, but more (or less!) scientifically, and thus there is a need to substantiate such things.

In 1961, Frank Drake came up with the Drake Equation, a proposed way of estimating the number of sentient species capable of transmitting radio communication into space. The Drake Equation is a type of Fermi equation, which are used in physics and other science to identify key aspects of a given situation in order to predict possible outcomes. Here is a summary of the key aspects

of the Drake equation:

$$N = R * fp * ne * fl * fi * fc * fL$$

N: the number of communicating intelligent species at this time

R: Number of "suns" that develop in the galaxy per year

fp: the percentage of R with planets

ne: number of planets capable of sustaining life

fl: fraction of ne on which life would evolve

fi: fraction of fl on which intelligent life would evolve

fc: fraction of fi of which the intelligent life would learn to communicate with radios

fL: the number of years such civilizations would exist

Here are my assumptions:

R: 1 - Scientist estimate that 1 'sun' develops in the galaxy per year.

fp: 75% - Recent evidence shows that planets are not a rare occurrence as they once thought. There have been a number of exoplanets, planets outside our solar system, discovered in the past 15 or so years.

ne: 50% - This is a guess. It is suggested that every star has what is called a habitable zone. This region surrounding a star where water can exist on a planet as liquid, thus providing the bedrock for life to form as we know it. The discovery of life around hydrothermal vents at the bottom of the ocean and in near boiling temperatures around geysers suggest that the habitable zone is rather large, rather than narrow as it was once thought to be. About the only kind of stars that would not be habitable are those that produce dangerous radiation. Even if planets formed in the habitable zone with liquid water, life is unlikely to form because of the radioactivity of the nearby star.

fl: 100% - fraction of ne on which life would evolve - I tend to think that if life can evolve, it will.

fi: .0000001% - Now here is the catch: Although life may be abundant, intelligent life perhaps is not. What seems to be true is that higher-order life has a narrower band of existence, such that the ranges required for sustaining intelligent life are narrower than those required to sustain lower-order life such as bacteria. Such things would be temperature variation, the existence of lower-order life for the survival of high order life, and the necessarily resources (tool making materials, etc) needed to sustain life among other requirements.

fc: 50% - I tend to think that if intelligent life evolves, then it is highly probable that such life will develop the technology to use the eltro-magnetic spectrum to communicate.

fL: 200,000 - Our civilization has only been using radio communication for about 100 years, and our civilization is estimated to only be about 10,000 years old. Our species is relatively young too: an estimated 200,000 years old. This means humans existed for 190,000 years prior to developing civilization and 199,900 years prior to developing eltro-magnetic communication. Given the resilience of the human race, I'd would at least say humans will exist another 200,000 years a species if they don't destroy themselves or face destruction by some other means.

N: .00375 communicating civilizations

If I go based on my guess, then human beings are the only communicating civilization at this time, and that only happened by a .375% chance. Accordingly the human species is indeed rare.

But here are a few problems:

The equation doesn't take into account the possibility of life

in other galaxies. There are an estimated 100,000,000,000 galaxies in the which would drastically increase the probability of intelligent life forming.

The equation does take into account the possibility of an intelligent species who can't communicate via radio. If civilizations are anything like humans, then they have only been able to communicate via radios .05% of their entire existence. We don't know however how long humans will continue to exist with this ability. We don't know if we are at the apex of our technological achievements, or if radio communications is just a baby step in technological development.

The equation doesn't take into account the possibility of all civilizations for all time. Scientists estimate that the universe has existed for some 15,000,000,000 years. Taken that into consideration, we could estimate that life began to evolve around 10 billion years ago. If we consider this, then it is possible that intelligent life has existed for 6 billion years ago, taking into account that is perhaps how long it took life on earth to evolve.

With these considerations, we could modify the Drake Equation with these values:

R: 100,000,000,000 - 1 new "sun" per day per galaxy

fp: 75% - unchanged

ne: 50% - unchanged

fl: 100% - unchanged

fi: .0000001% - unchanged

fc: - remove this from the equation to take into consideration aliens that don't develop radio communication

fL: 6,000,000,000 for all time; 200,000 for current civilizations;

N: 225,000,000,000 for all time; 7,500,000 for current civilizations;

With these new assumptions, there even with the low probability that life evolves into intelligent species, it is still very likely that there are a number of intelligent species in the known universe.

Now consider Fermi's paradox: In spite of the significantly large number of possible civilization, we have no conclusive evidence that such civilizations exist. While this is merely speculative, I think that we can at least consider the possibility with some degree of certainty that perhaps humanity is a unique occurrence in the universe. Going back to the two original possibilities, either aliens don't exist, or we made contact them yet, I think we can rule out that we haven't made contact with them yet, and conclude that they don't exist. This doesn't show the theological implications to be true, but certainly leans towards such a thing.

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UFO In Bangalore Airspace

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Thursday, May 31, 2007

[Images at site]

Spotted: UFO In Bangalore Airspace!
ibnlive.com

New Delhi: First it was unusual sightings in the skyspace of Prime Minister's 7, RCR residence in Capital, and now "flying objects" spotted in Bangalore - the UFO theory seems to be gaining credence.

IBNLive reader Afzal Khan sent us pictures and a first-hand account:

Today (Monday) at around 9 pm (IST), I and my brothers saw a bright, slow-moving object which looked like a group of lights moving in a triangular formation in the sky towards west/north-west direction.

This object was definitely not an aeroplane as it was moving very slowly.

We observed the object from around 9 pm until 9.30 pm before it disappeared into the distance.

During this time we managed to take some pictures with my camera.

The astronomical/space/science departments of any activity in the sky during the above time can be confirmed.

We live in Jayanagar area of Bangalore.

Another thing that we noticed during this time was an aircraft that took-off from Bangalore Airport was flying very close to this object.

It is possible that the pilot of that aircraft could have spotted this object as well.

Srinivasa Rao writes:

My Name is Srinivasa Rao, working as a software engineer in Lifetree Convergence. Yesterday when we are coming home (with my borther) on a bike, I saw the special bluish colour object traveling at a high speed towards the earth. I told to my brother.

Sujith says:

I live in BTM first stage. Just thought to share the info that I

was able to spot this couple of times too, but wasn't successful in taking pictures as the object was traveling really really fast and in quiet good heights. The second time I spotted it, I inferred that no human made object can fly so fast in the sky.

Well my friends used to make fun of me when I told them so. But now I have proved them wrong.

Ramani from West Mambalam, Chennai:

I live in Chennai and I spotted a similar object during the same time above my residence. It was green in colour. It appeared like the Diwali fireworks and I did not take it seriously until I saw this report on IBNLive.com.

Animesh writes:

I and some of my friends had seen this on Thursday night at around 09:30 pm. There was a bunch of glowing lights in the northwest direction with an elevation of 35-40 degrees. At first glance, I thought it was mere reflection aircraft lights. But after careful observation, we saw that the light was moving in like a swinging pendulum. We observed it for almost one-and-a-half hour.

Thursday night was a bit cloudy, yet it was quite easy to make out the streak of light moving here and there. It was peak time for flights to land and take off. I am sure some of the pilots must have spotted it. I stay in HSR layout and after encountering this, I called up two of my friends who stay in BTM and Bannerghatta respectively. Even they spotted the same.

I have taken the pics of almost 20 shots with my old camera. As soon as the print comes, I'll share them with you people.

Got similar experiences? Mail pictures, videos to citizen.nul

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Animator's UFO Adventure

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 04:13:47 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 10:34:02 -0400
Subject: Animator's UFO Adventure

<http://www.animatress.blogspot.com/>

<http://tinyurl.com/yrjr6z>

That's the link to an animated cartoon in progress by Soleil Smile is an animator. One of the few women in the business who is independent and doing her own 'toons.

She chose the music to Rocketboom's 1959 album Space Songs as the score.

I chose her work as a post as UFOs are such a big part of the animation industry. As far back as we go we see how aliens have been part of the animation industry.

Before Roswell and Kenneth Arnold's sightings ETs have been part of this amazing art form. Of course the most famous alien being Superman. His exploits reached animation via the Max Fleischer studios. Those animated episodes then are still considered unequalled masterpieces to this day.

Best,

Greg

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Re: 'UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 08:49:43 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 10:36:56 -0400
Subject: Re: 'UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru - Boone

>From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 27 May 2007 23:43:39 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: 'UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru

>Just got this link from my Peruvian friend.

>This is video from ATV Channel News in Lima on May 21, 2007:

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

>Will be good to have translation. It appears to be Portuguese.

Thanks Sergey,

Well another video of lights in the sky. No one in the entire city of Lima had cameras with advanced zoom features, again.

Somehow, whenever a Chupacabras or UFO shows up, the zoom functions of cameras in Central and South America don't work.

Especially when someone is shooting a video of a Chupacabras.

Best,

Greg

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Re: UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 09:19:31 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 10:38:51 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru - Maccabee

>From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 30 May 2007 08:47:24 -0600
>Subject: Re: 'UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru

>>From: Mario A. P. de Barros <marioweb.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 29 May 2007 16:13:52 -0300
>>Subject: Re: 'UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru

>>>Just got this link from my Peruvian friend.

>>>This is video from ATV Channel News in Lima on May 21, 2007:

>><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWg8HUs1048>

>Don't quote me on this, but a friend of mine from New York City
>says what we are looking at here is a flotilla of Russian
>Cosmospheres.

>He claims the Russians started developing these spheres back in
>the 1950's, initially using a hybrid propulsion system which
>consisted of a rocket booster beneath it, like the LEM of the
>American Moon Program. Once they were 'up' then they used so
>called magnetic thrusters to move in the direction they wanted
>to go.

Once they are up... what keeps them up? Magnetic fields provide
little force and that is circular; it tends to make an object
rotate in the field until the north and south poles are aligned
in a certain way that depends upon the surrounding field (e.g.,
the earth's field). After the rotation occurs (as with a compass
needle) the object (e.g., needle) stops moving. For a magnetic
field only the gradient of the field is unidirectional and could
be used for propulsion. But the gradient provides a force even
waker than the field itself. Hence I doubt this "magnetic
thrusters" claim.

>In the late 1970's, they supposedly perfected their 'magnetic
>drive', and no longer needed the booster.

Don't buy that.

>My friend claims that these Russian Cosmospheres can hover in
>one spot over the surface of the earth indefinitely.

Don't buy that.

>What to look for according to my friend is a large sphere with
>small spheres attached around its circumference.

????
>According to my friend, these are the objects seen in the Mexico
>footage back in the 90's up to today.

>Now, let me state categorically that I personally have no
>knowledge as to the truth of this claim. I am only using this
>opportunity to pass his story along to the reader.

>He claims that if you look closely, you will see these small
>spheres as small black dots around the central white object. He
>also says that the plasma field generated by these objects
>creates the shimmering effect seen in the daylight and the glow
>seen at night.

Dark areas around the central white could be a result of the
video electronics (overshoot while scanning a bright area can
cause "undershoot" or darkening beyond the edge of the area).

"Cosmospheres" sounds like a crock to me.

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Re: UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 09:55:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 10:44:01 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru - Shell

>From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 30 May 2007 08:47:24 -0600
>Subject: Re: 'UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru

>Don't quote me on this, but a friend of mine from New York City
>says what we are looking at here is a flotilla of Russian
>Cosmospheres.

Yeah, sure...

How about a flock of white birds reflecting the sunlight? Yes,
my explanation involves nothing exotic and is rather boring
compared to "Cosmospheres".

Bob Shell

"A democracy is nothing more than mob rule, where fifty-one
percent of the people may take away the rights of the other
forty-nine." --Thomas Jefferson

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Re: MoD's DI-55 & Remote Viewing - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 15:51:41 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 11:08:11 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD's DI-55 & Remote Viewing - Pope

>Source: The Cosmic Spoon Blog

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

>"Observations about Remote Viewing, being Psychic and how the
>universe has mixed all this together in a blender called life!"

>Wednesday, May 30, 2007

>[Links & image at site]

>UK MOD Looks Through The Stargate Remote Viewing Program For
>UFOs

>Earlier this year (February) it was revealed through FOIA
>(Freedom of information act) documents that the UK MOD
>previously conducted secret tests into remote viewing in 2002.
>The MOD study concluded that even though they used complete
>novices with very shaky project structure and a 28% accuracy
>rate that 'remote viewing' was of little value.

>Yet this doesn't actually seem to be the first time the British
>MOD investigated remote viewing, and it seems that certain
>branches of the MOD actually already had a closer relationship
>with remote viewing.

>Hidden amongst the confusion of the 89,901 CIA/DIA Stargate FOIA
>documents was a standard run of the mill report of the monthly
>activities of the current Stargate project manager circa June
>1994. In this document he details an upcoming meeting with a
>secret arm of the UK MOD - DI-55.

>Why is this interesting? - Firstly because it seems the MOD
>interest in remote viewing actually started well before the 2002
>study (eight years before) and secondly, DI-55 is the branch of
>the MOD that allegedly deals with UFO's. So yet again we have
>two intelligence services across the pond from each other and
>another UFO connection to American remote viewing projects.

I recall telling colleagues in DI55 about people who contacted
me claiming to be able to remote view, and volunteering their
services as psychic spies. See Latest News section on my
website, 4 items down:

http://www.nickpope.net/latest_news.htm

It looks as if this was acted on quicker than I realised.

Co-incidentally, I'm discussing the MoD's remote viewing study
on James Whale's show on Talksport Radio tonight at around 11pm.
Talksport broadcasts at 1089/1053 AM and there is the facility
to listen to the show online:

<http://www2.talksport.net/index.asp>

>A note from DI55 to the public UFO desk on 5th July 1995 said:

>"I see no reason for continuing to deny that the [Defence

>Intelligence Service] has an interest in UFOs. However, if the
>association is formally made public then the MoD will no doubt
>be pressured to state what the intelligence role/interest is".

The secret was out years before that. One of my predecessors had released a UFO sighting report, but redacted it incorrectly, forgetting to remove the distribution list. It didn't take a genius to work out what DI stood for.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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